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THE FIRST YEAR

We claim too much, no doubt, for Brown had good friends long before this organization took shape, but it is interesting to look over the shelves that hold "new accessions" in the University Library. Many of these books, perhaps, would have come to the University anyway, but many more certainly may be credited to active Friends of the Library. If we have counted correctly, there are just over three thousand items from sixty-nine donors. It is hardly possible to find a common denominator in gifts that include photographs, picture postcards, scrap-books, newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, sheet music, phonograph records, autograph letters, manuscripts, documents, and books of all kinds, old and new. The books show an amazing range of interests. Here are volumes as old as New England and books hot off the press, books printed in Shanghai and Hanoi and Warsaw; books in half a dozen languages; the works of Plato cheek by jowl with *The Baby's Opera*! Only in one respect are they alike. Each of them adds to the scholarly resources of Brown. Some of them fill immediate needs and plug gaps in our lists of wanted books. Others join the reserves to wait until some student requires them to complete a thesis.

Without more ado, we introduce some Friends of the Library of Brown University and note briefly their contributions.

From Professor James P. Adams, four titles in his field of Economics and volume 17 (1938) of the *Transactions* of the Newcomen Society for the Study of the History of Engineering and Technology, one of the most important and interesting serial publications in this phase of the history of civilization.

From Major Philip L. Alger, *The Application of Tensors to the Analysis of Rotating Electrical Machinery*, by Gabriel Kron.

From Professor Raymond C. Archibald, ten titles for the Mathematics library. In addition there has been received from other sources but through his efforts a constant stream of mathematical items.

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- From Mr. Valentine Bjorkman, for the Lincoln Collection, *Lincoln's Birthday Exercises, Newark Athletic Club, February 12, 1938*. This is an example of the individual collector's sharing with the Library not only his bibliographical knowledge of the existence of special items but also the results of his enterprise in acquiring them.
- From Dr. G. Alder Blumer, Litt. D. '05, volumes 1-12 of the *Publications* of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne Records Committee, five volumes of their *Proceedings*, and *Chorographia Britanniae*, by Thomas Badeslade (1742). This is a good example of local history publications, these in particular being of value to students of British history.
- From Rabbi William G. Braude, A.M. '34, several volumes on Jewish history. Rabbi Braude's gifts, advice in book selection, and good offices in arranging exchanges for material in the Jewish and general Semitic and Near Eastern fields have been much appreciated.
- From Mr. Clarence S. Brigham, '99, several volumes for the Harris Collection of American Poetry and Plays, including *The Baby's Opera*, by Walter Crane. Mr. Brigham has always been a constant help in adding to our American poetry collection, both by his own gifts and by the exchanges he has arranged with the American Antiquarian Society.
- From Mr. Herbert O. Brigham, '99n, several volumes of state documents, bibliography, and poetry. Both during his term of office as State Librarian and now as Librarian of the Newport Historical Society, Mr. Brigham has been a valuable scout for material of local and general interest and as a source of "exchange."
- From Dr. Hermon C. Bumpus, '84, about a dozen items for the Harris Collection of American Poetry and Plays and one item for the Lincoln Collection.
- From Dr. William Randolph Burgess, '12, for the Archives Collection, a copy of his *Reserve Banks and the Money Market*. This gift illustrates a line of gift in which every alumnus should be 100 per cent. perfect, i.e. his own writings.
- From Mr. Zechariah Chafee, '80, several volumes on miscellaneous subjects, and \$75.00 for assistance in cataloguing an accumulation of arrears in the Archives Collection.
- From Dr. Charles V. Chapin, '76, *Snow on Cholera, being a Reprint of Two Papers . . .* by John Snow. This is a single recent example of Dr. Chapin's long years of interest in the Biological section of the Library, particularly as medical works enter into biological research and the pre-medical training of the undergraduate.
- From Mr. Eugene A. Clauss, two examples of his creative work in the field of fine printing—*The John Carter Brown Library in Brown University*, by L. C. Wroth, and *The Providence Public Library, an Experiment in Education*, by C. E. Sherman.
- From Mr. Edwin C. Frost, '90, four volumes of folk tales by his brother, William H. Frost, class of 1886. The Archives Collection needs alumni help in collecting publications of other alumni, particularly those of earlier generations.
- From Miss Margaret A. Gardner, several published and unpublished works of her sister, Miss Lillian Lee Gardner, A.M. '95; also typewritten manuscripts containing Civil War letters of Alfred Gray Gardner and other

biographical material collected by his daughters; *Papers on Prison Life among the Rebels*, written in 1864 by H. S. White, Chaplain of the Rhode Island Heavy Artillery.

From Mrs. R. H. I. Goddard, a number of volumes of miscellaneous interest.

From Mr. Charles E. Goodspeed, A.M. '35, for the Archives Collection, an autographed copy of a special limited edition of his *Yankee Bookseller*.

From Mr. Edward R. Granniss, '24sp, for the Archives Collection, a number of volumes and pamphlets by him on vocational safety training.

From Senator Theodore Francis Green, '87, for the Archives Collection, printed and typewritten copies of his speeches, adding to his writings already in the Library. Senator Green has for many years "spared" to the Library from his own current accessions, and given assistance in getting official publications through official channels.

From Miss Olive L. Guild, daughter of Reuben A. Guild, Librarian of Brown University from 1848-1893, *The Sunday Book of Poetry*, edited by C. F. Alexander.

From Mr. Alfred H. Gurney, '07, Cornell University *Alumni Directory 1868-1931*, and several other college publications. Mr. Gurney, as Secretary of the Alumni Association, is in a position to secure for the Library much material of this sort.

From Mr. John W. Haley, '19, a typed manuscript of his radio address on Abraham Lincoln over station WJAR on October 11, 1937. Mr. Haley, as "The Rhode Island Historian," naturally has spoken and written a good deal on Rhode Island history, and always keeps the Library in mind to receive his writings.

From Mr. Clarence L. Hay, on deposit, 32 manuscript poems and 2 printed poems by his father, John Hay, class of 1858. Needless to say, the John Hay Library Building is most happy to preserve the poems of John Hay.

From Mr. Jacob Hayman, '94, "Prayer," a sacred song written and composed by Mr. Hayman, and of interest to both the Harris Collection and the Archives Collection.

From Mr. Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., '09, 12 volumes of the *Reports* of the New York State Constitutional Convention Committee. This gift was really from the Committee, but was due to the initiative and arrangements of Mr. Hughes.

From Mr. James W. Johnson, '84, for the Archives Collection, two of his writings, *Idolatry in America* and *The Great Awakening*.

From Mr. Matt B. Jones, Litt.D. '36, a broadside poem (1815) by Thomas Shaw, of Standish, Maine, "the down east Homer."

From Dr. William Vail Kellen, '72, 20 volumes of various periodicals and continuations in the field of international law and foreign relations, the subscriptions for which Dr. Kellen has been carrying for some thirty years.

From Mrs. Bella C. Landauer, four volumes of English printing, from 1690 to 1800; and a manuscript document of 1738 signed by several Rhode Island people. Mrs. Landauer, an antiquarian, collector, and writer, from time to time has given us her own writings, spared us items from her own collection, and picked up items for us outside her own field.

From Mr. Henry Goddard Leach, two titles for the Harris Collection. Mr. Leach, editor of *The Forum* and President of the American-Scandinavian

Foundation, has assisted us both in American literature (especially poetry) and in Scandinavian literature.

From Miss Grace F. Leonard, '03, for the Archives Collection. *The Star and Crescent*, published by the Brunonian Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi; for the Lincoln Collection, four pamphlets, several leaflets, broadsides, and prints, and a statistical chart. In the past Miss Leonard has supplied us with many items "on exchange" from the Providence Athenaeum as well as items from her own home library.

From Dr. Augustus M. Lord, D.D. '06, about thirty titles, mostly in the field of religion, but some poetry, and one of his own writings for the Archives Collection.

From Mr. W. Easton Louttit, Jr., '25, a dozen items, manuscript and otherwise, for the Archives, Harris and Lincoln Collections; and also the portfolio of Columbia phonograph records, *American Song Album*, for which Professor S. Foster Damon's *Series of Old American Songs* was used.

From Mr. Albert E. Lowmes, '20, 21 volumes in the field of literature and art, mostly first editions and limited editions, the titles and dates ranging from *Epitome de Los Senores de Vizcaya*, by Antonio Navarro de Larrategui (Turin, 1620) to "Cap'n George Fred" *Himself*, by G. F. Tilton (Garden City, 1938).

From Dr. Marcus Ward Lyon, Jr., '97, for the Archives Collection, his *Mammals of Indiana*, an addition to the almost complete collection of his writings already in the Library.

From Professor Thomas O. Mabbott, several of his original contributions to the study of American literature. Professor Mabbott was a member of our English Department ten years ago.

From Mr. William S. Marsh, several numbers of *Boletin Latino-Americano de Música*, adding to our growing collection of material on the study of music and of Spanish civilization.

From Mr. Frank Mauran, Jr., and Mrs. John O. Ames, over twelve hundred volumes, a "family library" of varied content and date, with many useful items of Rhode Island history, general history, juveniles, lawn tennis, etc.

From Mr. Wallace G. Maxon, a dozen fine books on art, literature, classics, and biography.

From Mr. Edwin B. Mayer, '09, 15 volumes of *Harper's Magazine*, to fill a gap in our file.

From Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, *A Catalog of the Epstean Collection on the History and Science of Photography* . . . Columbia University Library.

From Mrs. I. Harris Metcalf, 228 volumes, to be added to her special collection on the peace movement, the Isabel Harris Metcalf Collection of Peaceana.

From Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Metcalf, twenty volumes or more on all sorts of subjects, and many current numbers of popular magazines and special magazines, such as *Old-time New England*, published by the Society for the Preservation of Antiquities in New England, and the *Yearbook* of the American Federation of Garden Clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf must regularly cull their library and we are the grateful recipients of the things they do not find room for.

From Mr. George L. Miner, '97, an almost complete file of the *Manual* of the Providence Art Club. The Library now lacks only the volumes for 1904-11,

1920-21, 1923-26, 1933 to date. This gift prompts the question: Does any organization with which you are connected have available material useful for the Library's collections in art, local history, etc.?

From Mr. Carleton D. Morse, '13, a dozen good books in the field of art—among them *The Book of Kells*, by Sir Edward Sullivan, *John Singleton Copley American Portraits*, by B. N. Parker and A. B. Wheeler, half a dozen publications of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts—7 old broadsides for the Harris Collection, and aid in purchasing some manuscript and printed material of William Russell Smith, an American poet of the 1860's.

From Dr. William M. Muncy, several volumes of periodicals in the field of homeopathy, the subscriptions to which he and Dr. Dudley A. Williams have carried for about ten years.

From Mr. Charles Nagel, LL.D. '11, *Texas 1844-1845*, by Carl, Prince of Solms-Braunfels, a history translated from the German and issued in a limited edition.

From Mr. Frederick S. Peck, over 600 volumes on the history of The West, a very fine collection; also a number of other volumes of history and literature, including two volumes of *The Syrian World*, a rather scarce periodical.

From Mr. Albert H. Poland, '09, about 300 photographs of paintings, sculpture, etc., from the collection of his father, the late Professor William Carey Poland, '68. This is a continuation of Mr. Poland's interest in the Library as evidenced by his gift a year ago of a \$500 work needed for graduate study in Archaeology.

From Dr. Otis E. Randall, '84, *Proceedings* of the American Student Health Association for 1934, 1935, 1937.

From Mr. William J. Reed, '13, a hundred volumes of literature, history, music, poetry, textbooks.

From Dean R. G. D. Richardson, volumes 1-3 of the *Duke Mathematical Journal*.

From Professor Charles A. Robinson, Jr., *A Political History of Parthia*, by N. C. Debevoise.

From Mr. William G. Roelker, *Harvard Club of Rhode Island*, 1882-1932.

From Dr. Arthur H. Ruggles, Sc.D. '29, eight volumes on ships and the sea, an excellent and interesting selection.

From Mr. Henry S. Saunders, 18 manuscripts of Walt Whitman interest, and his own compilation on Whitman music. Mr. Saunders adds every year new clippings, compilations, notes for the Whitman Index, etc., to the Walt Whitman collection which we acquired from him in 1931.

From Mr. Henry D. Sharpe, '94, five recent books of economic interest, and a photostat copy of a little known poem by James DeMille, class of 1854, entitled *Sweet Maiden of Quoddy*.

From Miss Grace M. Sherwood, '06, a broadside poem for the Harris Collection, published by a local Rhode Island society about 1859.

From Professor Jacob D. Tamarkin, volume 1 of *Fundamenta Mathematicae*, volumes 8-9 of *Zentralblatt für Mechanik*, and the current numbers of *Towarzystwo naukowerażawskie*—three unusual Slavic items in the mathematical field.

From Colonel G. A. Taylor, '01, *The Crown Anthology of Verse*, volume 2, containing a poem by Col. Taylor, and two manuscripts.

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- From Mr. Benjamin F. Thurston, '80, for the Archives Collection, more pages to be added to his typewritten manuscript of *Brown Men in the Work of the World*. We now have two thick portfolios of this very useful index to the occupations of Brown alumni.
- From Mr. James A. Tyson, eight miscellaneous volumes, two manuscript lecture books for the Archives Collection, nine volumes of music, seven volumes for the Harris Collection, plus a broadside and seven manuscripts, and 35 pieces of sheet music.
- From Mrs. Maurice K. Washburn, volume 17 (1844) of *Courrier des États-Unis*, a weekly newspaper, of which we had previously volumes 18-20.
- From Mr. Richard B. Watrous, a volume each for the Archives Collection, the Harris Collection, and the Main Library.
- From Mrs. George H. Webb, for the Archives Collection, a Scrapbook of Samuel Penniman Bates, of the class of 1851, containing college catalogs, programs, fraternity notices, alumni notices, notes, etc.
- From Mr. W. Chesley Worthington, '23, 16 volumes of recent printing—fiction, economics, local history, such as *Waltham as a Precinct of Watertown and as a Town, 1630-1884*, by E. L. Sanderson, and reference, such as *Postal Uniforms of the World*, by F. G. Blakeslee, issued in Hollywood, 1937.
- From President H. M. Wriston, 20 volumes culled from the many on a variety of subjects that pass through his office.
- From Dr. Frederick R. Wulsin, 25 volumes, mostly in the field of science, anthropology, and mid-Asian archaeology.

MEETINGS

The first meeting of the current academic year on October 26th fittingly was in commemoration of the centennial of John Hay's birth. Mr. W. Easton Louttit, Jr. arranged an important exhibit of material by and about Hay and brief addresses by members of the Faculty illuminated phases of his many-sided career. We were glad to have Mr. Clarence L. Hay with us.

On November 29th the Friends met at the home of Mr. Frederick S. Peck in Barrington. Dr. George Parker Winship spoke entertainingly on *First Editions* and the members had an opportunity to inspect the many treasures in Mr. Peck's library.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will probably be held early in February at John Hay Library. Notice will be sent later.

By the end of 1938, the Friends had 198 members. This is a fine record. The Secretary would welcome suggestions for membership. If you know someone who would be interested in the organization, please let him know.

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