$45,000 PURCHASE

Rice Library Acquires Civil War Collection

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An important addition was made to the history collection of Fondren Library when Rice purchased the Civil War Collection of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

The $45,000 purchase was made after Dr. Frank Vandiver, Civil War historian and writer and Chairman of the Department of History, learned that the Massachusetts society was breaking up its library and offering its various collections for sale. Dr. Vandiver recommended the purchase to President Pitzer, who approved it immediately.

THE COLLECTION consists of bound books, pamphlets, broadsides, state and C.S.A. laws, ordinances and regulations, military manuals, political dissertations, and items classified as “Confederate Imprints”: school books, novels, translated works, maps, tracts, and sermons.

General works included are histories of the war, campaigns, battles, spy, prison and hospital sketches, memoirs, maps, biographies, and autobiographies, state regimental histories, specific towns in the war, county war histories, commercial affairs, women and the war, and veterans’ organizations.

IN ADDITION to works on the Confederacy, there are general and special works on nearly every Union state and territory. The Union section includes army and navy regulations, muster rolls, maps, sketches, hymns, music, political tracts, abolitionist tracts and speeches, and others.

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The collection was shipped to Rice last week. It came in 64 large cartons which are now being opened as the material is sorted and taken to the fifth floor of the library for cataloguing.

GENERALLY, the collection is in good physical condition, although very little has been done with it since 1933, when it was considered the most distinguished of its type in the nation.