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NEXT MEETING OF THE FRIENDS:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 8 P.M., FONDREN LIBRARY

Dillon Anderson, author of the recently published I and Claudie, will speak to us. The meeting is open to the public.

A bookworm of Kennebunk, Me.,
Found pleasure in reading Monte.,
He also liked Poe,
And Daniel Defoe,
But the telephone book caused him pe.*

*Quoted from Peter Pauper's Limerick Book, a recent gift to the Library from the Peter Pauper Press together with other of their publications which will be placed on exhibit.

THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR

If our want list is longer and higher than usual this time, consider that it is almost five months since we last went on record.

We should like to dispel the notion that we are concerned merely with pretty books, editions de luxe, the delights of the bibliophile. Here are some solid workaday things that will be used from hour to hour:

Collier's Encyclopedia (some of the articles contributed by members of the Rice faculty), the new 1950-51 edition in 20 vols., at a reduced price of \$149.00 to libraries;

Annals of Science, "A Quarterly Review of the History of Science since the Renaissance," current subscription rate \$5.60 per annum, and we can get a complete back file, 6 vols. since 1936, at the same rate, covering a very important area in which scientific and humanistic studies overlap, or, better still cannot be separated;

the first two volumes of a definitive edition of the Correspondence and Works of David Ricardo, the classical economist, have just appeared, prepared by the Royal Economic Society, at \$3.60 a volume, we don't know as yet how many in all.

A great file of importance for several departments, especially Mathematics, is the Proceedings of the Finnish Academy of Science, 1909-1946, 60 vols., \$485.00.

For current politics in the deep and significant sense we need a standing subscription to the remarkable Hoover Institute Studies now beginning to appear at Stanford in three elaborate series -- "General Studies," "Elite Studies" (a study of ruling classes), "Symbol Studies" (a study of controlling words and ideas). We do not know what an annual subscription to these remarkable sequences should come to, but \$50.00 a year should do it.

Early dictionaries are of great value both for cultural and linguistic history, as the recent researches of our former colleague D. T. Starnes, now at the University of Texas, have demonstrated. A San Francisco dealer will sell us a copy of the fourth edition of Edward Phillips, The New World of Words (1678), for \$17.50.

The same dealer has Bishop Burnet's History of His Own Times (1724), 2 vols. folio, an exceptionally fine copy of the first edition of this important work, \$42.50.

Illustrated books. Not crassly utilitarian but some of these are irresistible. Thornton's Temple of Flora is a monumental volume of flower engravings published in 1807, now being excellently reprinted in England for \$24.00. Marshall B. Davidson's Life in America, "a fascinating word-and-picture record of the American way," produced in collaboration with the Metropolitan Museum, is available to us now at a pre-publication price of \$17.50. A type of illustrated book that is both choice and popular: Paris Enchanted, photographs by Isis Bidermanas, about \$9.00; Literary England, photographed by Bill Brandt, about \$6.00.

To continue our set, we should have Vols. II and IV of Douglas Southall Freeman's George Washington, the two for \$15.00.

A somewhat unusual item is a complete file of Transition (or did they call it transition?), from 1927 to 1938, the most famous of the "advanced" magazines of the Left Bank in the period between the wars, for \$110.00

In view of the importance of India in current affairs and the need for an understanding of Oriental thought, the Library should develop a collection of the contemporary

philosophers of India. The Librarian has a list of their available works, and fifty or a hundred dollars would go a long way in this direction.

REACH SHOULD EXCEED GRASP DEPARTMENT

On glancing at this sub-heading, you are entitled to make the remark that the New Yorker does it better. The intention is to convey the idea that we have some unfinished business. There are rare and desirable books that must be bought when we have the opportunity to get them or when they are offered at a reasonable price. This is what we have done with some of the titles mentioned in preceding numbers of the FLYLEAF and with some others. All of the following are on hand and will be exhibited at our next meeting. We should like if possible to use sums especially and individually designated for these books.

All first editions:

Ann Radcliffe, The Mysteries Of Udolpho, (1794)
4 vols., \$25.00

Walter Scott, Rob Roy, (1818), 3 vols., \$2.24

Henry Fielding, Amelia, (1752), 4 vols., \$28.00

Pierce Egan, Life in London, (1821), 2 vols.,
with Cruikshank illustrations. This book
is the source of the famous Tom and Jerry.
\$63.00

Tobias Smolett, The Expedition of Humphry Clinker
(1771), 3 vols., \$64.93

Horace Walpole, Essay On Modern Gardening,
(1785), \$14.00

Robert Browning, Men and Women, (1855), 2 vols.,
\$28.00

Robert Browning, The Ring and the Book, (1868),
4 vols., \$19.60

William Wordsworth, The Excursion, (1814), \$14.00

Not a first, but a fine example of modern
printing: The Iliad and Odyssey of Homer with
Pope's translation, 2 vols., 1931, \$25.56.

Daniel Defoe, Tour thro' London about the year
1725, etc., a modern reproduction of the
original text with contemporary prints,
maps, drawings, etc., 1929, \$21.63.

Hon. John Byron, Narrative containing the
account of the great distresses suffered
by himself and his companions on the coast
of Patagonia from 1740..., 2nd edition,
1768. Readers of the currently popular
novel, Jenkins Ear, will find this source
material fascinating. \$12.60

ON THE CONDITION OF BOOKS

English booksellers are very precise in
describing the condition of their wares, and
readers of their catalogues see such phrases
as these over and over again: "trifle worn" --
"cracked at joints" -- "spine dull" --
"shaken in covers". We were shaken ourselves
the other day, though, when a dealer in Tun-
bridge Wells catalogued a copy of the Ingolds-
by Legends and conscientiously added, "Upper
side and first 20 pp. chewed by dog at top,
not affecting text."

TWO RECENT BOOKS ON RESEARCH AND COLLECTING

The purposes served by highly specialized collections of books and manuscripts, and the equally specialized searches that must be made before such collections are assembled, are not always self-evident or self-explanatory. Two recent books may enlighten and entertain the general reader on these matters -- Richard Altick's Scholar Adventurers (Macmillan), and Wilmarth S. Lewis's Collector's Progress (Knopf). Written from somewhat different points of view, both these works dwell on what we may call the fascination of the primary material, on getting at it and operating with it. Though both are concerned largely with the tracking down of literary manuscripts, they are good background for the friends of any library.

RECENT GIFTS

In spite of the excessively hot summer gifts continued to pour in. The first Houston City Directory (1866), was presented by G. L. Blair. Two books of Confederate imprint, Wheeler's A Revised System of Cavalry Tactics (1863), and Hardee's Rifle and Infantry Tactics (1861), came from Dr. E. D. Embree. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Witt donated an eight volume set, Lee Ming-Chung, Designs and Chinese Arts of Architecture. Allan's Lone Star Ballads (1874), was given by Mrs. Alan Leslie.

Our file of U.S. Temporary National Economic Committee Reports was completed by J. B. Giles. Rice Hillel contributed fifty volumes representing Jewish culture. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton gave the scores of several Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Mrs. Frank

D. Jones presented a collection of books and records together with some gay and interesting French theatrical posters which will be exhibited during the year.

Other appreciated gifts came from Victor Alessandro, Mrs. Mark Andrews, Mrs. C. C. Averill, Mrs. Whit Boyd, J. H. Branard, Jr., Hubert E. Bray, Ted Brown, N. D. Canterbury, James Chillman, Jr., William P. Crouch, Alice C. Dean, Mrs. Alice Powell Green, E. F. Kalb, Mr. and Mrs. Karl M. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Koehl, E. M. Lansford, Jr., James P. Lawler, W. F. Lovejoy, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. McFarland, Alan D. McKillop, Nellie Mills, Thomas W. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Perkins, Mrs. E. A. Peden, Mrs. Edward Pearson, Rice Hillel, Mary Elizabeth Riley, Rolle, Jewett, & Beck, A. A. Roth, Mrs. O. A. Schumann, Mrs. W. G. Smiley, Charles F. Squire, A. H. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Temerson, Mrs. George Westfeldt, James L. Whitcomb, and Mrs. James D. Witte.

The magnificent new globe donated by the Elizabeth Baldwin Literary Society Alumnae last year has now arrived and may be seen in the Liberal Arts room in the Library. The Pallas Athena Literary Society Alumnae added \$680.00 to their fund for the purchase of books and material on current affairs. The Owen Wister Literary Society Alumnae added \$100.00 for the purchase of current fiction.

The Fondren Library Book Fund was made the annual project of District 18, Tyler Area Alumni Club who donated \$56.00, and of District 12, Austin Area Alumni Club, who presented \$259.00 as a memorial to Dr. Charles F. Arrowood.

Other gifts to the Book Fund were made by Emmett L. Hudspeth, Mrs. Edward W. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. J. Dawson, and Mr. and Mrs. Stayton Nunn.

Maps and related books made possible through the generous contribution of Mr. and Mrs. J. Newton Rayzor continue to come in. These include early maps of various Southern states, the Southern Division of the United States (1843), the United States of North America (1841), The Compleat Geographer (1723), Morse's American Gazeteer (1795), A Complete System of Geography, 2 vols. (1747), and Fischer's facsimiles of World Maps of Waldseemuller.

Mrs. Elva Kalb Dumas purchased Milton's Paradise Lost (Baskerville Press), requested in the last issue of FLYLEAF. A first edition of Doyle's Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Red.

Several hundred volumes were presented by Mrs. James M. Greenwood in memory of her husband, including some American first editions and a variety of excellent books. Mrs. Thomas H. Shartle gave Publii Vergilii Maronis (Baskerville Press 1757) in memory of Mary Shirley Helm. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCants gave Percy's Reliques of Ancient English Poetry, 3 vols., in memory of Charles F. Arrowood. Glascock, Dreams of an Empire was given in memory of Captain Henry Austin by Estelle Hebert Neblett Folk.

The Memorial Book Fund has been increased by donations for the purchase of books by Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. DeLange and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hudspeth in memory of Herbert B. Bisbey; in memory of Mrs. Lilly Bundy by Roberta Donnelly; in memory of Helen Fay Dawes by Mr. and Mrs. William Ward Watkin; in memory of Captain H. K. Fenn by Mr. and Mrs. Fred V. Shelton; in memory of Mrs. Ivy H. Fitch by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson; in memory of Stanley Harold Gill by W. H. Winn; in

memory of E. T. Gregg by H. O. Nicholas; in memory of A. C. Hogge by Mr. and Mrs. Weed Peterson, Palma Rekdahl and A. L. Stanchfield.

Other gifts were made in memory of Frank D. Jones by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. C. Geldert, Lt. Col. and Mrs. L. F. Lawson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Noble; in memory of Helen MacMaster by Anne Wheeler, Pender Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. Alan McKillop; and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hoskins Gregg and sons; in memory of Clifford B. Morcom by Mrs. W. A. Kuhleman, Mrs. W. A. Matthaei, Mrs. L. C. Bolton and Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Crump; in memory of Mrs. Vance Muse by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Floeter, Jr.; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Muse by Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Sims; in memory of Katharine Red Parker by Pender Turnbull and Anne Wheeler; in memory of George Edwin B. Peddy by W. H. Winn; in memory of Robert Perkins by Lorraine Gresham; in memory of H. G. Safford by his wife; in memory of Dr. Walter H. Scherer by Gertrude Levy; in memory of John Virgil Scott, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. John Cashman; in memory of Peter Fondren Underwood by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Cashman and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton.

Gifts in memory of Lee Whitcomb were made by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson, Bernard J. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Bayless, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crites, Mr. and Mrs. J. Keith Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Johnston, Mrs. Edward W. Kelley, Harvey L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Irwin Morris, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. G. Lloyd Webb, W. L. Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Winner, and Dr. and Mrs. John O. Wynn.

THE TREASURER IS HAPPY TO REPORT

Last year we took in altogether \$3009.20. Of this we spent \$383.32. That includes publishing four issues of FLYLEAF, printing a supply of our own bookplates, everything. We turned over \$2500.00 to the Library for the Book Fund. The remaining \$125.88 is our backlog in the bank to start the fall.

This looks like a fine record for the first year. We have had no high pressure campaign for funds or membership, but the group has grown through the spreading interest of the Friends themselves. Our policy is to pay all running expenses out of the two dollar minimum annual memberships so that larger donations may be kept intact for the Book Fund. Any donation earmarked for a special purpose will be spent according to the donor's wishes.

Of course the figures quoted do not take into account the value of several rare collections and many individual books which came to the Library during the past year directly through the interest and efforts of Friends.

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