

SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARIES

IRWIN, Raymond, ed. The libraries of London: seventeen lectures delivered at the University of London School of Librarianship in April, 1948. London, The Library Association, 1949. iv, 234p. 13s. 6d (10s. 6d. to members).

Those of us who have used RYE: *Students' guide to the libraries of London* may have been wondering in what ways this new book differs from that standard work. The Director of the School of Librarianship tells us in his introduction:

"This present work will supplement Rye's book and bring it up to date in some respects. There is no intention that it should replace Rye. Such an aim would indeed be inappropriate. *The students' guide* might well be revised again, but it does not need to be superseded at this early stage."

The book is, in fact, a collection of seventeen essays on a selection of representative libraries or groups of libraries in London. Each is by the chief or a prominent official of the institution: the Keeper in the department of printed books writes on the British Museum, the Deputy Keeper of the Records on the Public Record Office, J. H. Pafford on the University of London Library and some other libraries of the university, and the Deputy Librarian on the National Central Library.

Each essay outlines the history of the library concerned, and treats of its general scope, its terms of admission, its catalogue, its classification and its internal administration. The chapter on Government Departmental Libraries, although short, deals with some thirty specialist libraries whose resources are too little known. Mr. Irwin himself, in his introduction, sketches the history and present position of the School of Librarianship and of the Library Association.

The work is devoted almost exclusively to special libraries of various kinds. The twenty-nine library authorities of the London boroughs with their 124 buildings and total stock of 4,000,000 volumes receive attention in only nine pages out of the two hundred and eighteen. Library facilities for collections of material other than books in a wide sense are rather ignored—there seems to be no mention of, for example, the collection of photographs in the Central Office of Information, the collection of films in the British Film Institute or the collections of the various schools of music.

But for the librarian interested in the profession there is a very great deal of useful information in this volume, which has a full bibliography and a very adequate index.

A. A.

EVANS, Luther H. Bibliography by co-operation. (*Bull. Med. Libr. Ass.* 37 (3) 197-212, July 1949.)

In this paper read to the 48. annual meeting of the [American] Medical Library Association, the Librarian of Congress "depicts the problem in a somewhat larger setting than that in which it appears from the point of view of [medical] interests, and suggests methods of attack . . . in the broadest possible terms". Dr. Evans indicates that the bibliographic activity of the future must be co-ordinated; that bibliography will be either co-operative or chaotic. We can take our choice. A very important paper concluding: "I also see, under the bibliographic leadership of librarians, the professionals of all disciplines of the mind contributing . . . to the totality of necessary bibliographic controls of the world's output of scholarly resources, so that research may build . . . on its own achievements, knowledge be more systematically communicated, and the arduous journeys of the race be made by better lighted paths."

P. F.

NEW Zealand library association. *Proceedings of the seventeenth conference and report of the Twentieth annual meeting held at Napier, 17-20 May, 1948.* Wellington, New Zealand library association, 1948. 93p.

It is always a pleasure to look through publications issued by the New Zealand Library Association—they are invariably pleasantly written and pleasantly produced. This account of the

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Proceedings of their 1948 annual conference is no exception; it also most handily includes lists of the Association's Officers, Branches, Committees, etc. The number of people registering at the Napier Conference was 128 and the papers covered such subjects as fiction policy, library legislation, the work of Unesco, etc. Two displays attracted attention at the conference. "One was of French children's books, lent by the French legation, Wellington. The other was examples of books which at some period in their history had been banned or censored; some of the titles, innocuous enough to-day, caused a few raised eyebrows." An interesting innovation was the following: "For the first time the consultation of experts was put on an organized basis. People wanting problems answered were met by experts in such subjects as Book selection and ordering, School libraries, Hospital libraries, Library buildings, the use of Newspapers and periodicals. The consultations, although informal, were useful and stimulating."

LYNRAVN, Norman. *Libraries in Australia.* Melbourne, F. W. Cheshire Pty., 1948 (Quest series) 58p. 3s. 6d.

This is a very interesting little book. It begins with the Munn Pitt Survey of 1934, then returns to the story up to 1934, followed by the story since 1934, ending with a survey of Australian libraries and librarianship to-day and with some conclusions that are of particular interest to us in South Africa. The following quotation indicates Mr Lynravn's line of thought:

"Every community should obviously have its free library, a library whose contents would be cultural, informational and recreational. If it cannot justify maintaining a trained full-time librarian, the answer is not a part-time, unqualified local 'librarian' but its State-provided adult education officer.

Such an officer would be formally trained, among other things, in librarianship. In a small community his headquarters and responsibility would be the community library, but his services in the district would be of the diverse and utilitarian character of his counterpart in the Forces. Introduce this element into our society and I believe that the very small town library problem would be largely solved, and also that the way would be paved towards overcoming many deficiencies that have been obvious in our social framework for long enough."

INTERNATIONAL federation for documentation. *List of current specialized abstracting and indexing services. . . prepared. . . for the International conference on science abstracting, Unesco house, Paris, 20 to 25 June, 1949.* The Hague, F.I.D., 1949 (F.I.D. publication 235) 23p. Typescript reproduced by photolithography (reduced size).

This useful list is a classified one, the scheme being the Universal Decimal Classification. In most cases the price of the abstracting journal is given.

BRITISH federation of master printers. *Works libraries in the printing industry.* (Reviewed from C.S.I.R. Library copy: no review copy received.) London, The British federation of master printers, 1949. price 9d.

The British Federation of Master Printers has issued this little illustrated booklet "to interest small and medium sized printing firms in the advantages and possibilities in providing technical literature for their employees both on the administrative and craft sides". It also indicates how a small library can be established and gives some guidance in its running. One particularly interesting illustration is of a book "wheelbarrow" for journals, which is evidently taken round the works to display the "wares" of the library.

LIBRARY of Congress. Legislative reference service. . . *The Atlantic pact; by Halford L. Hoskins.* Washington, Library of Congress, 1949. (Public affairs bulletin no. 69) 89p. map. Typescript reproduced by Multilith (Copies obtainable from Card Division Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C. price 60 cents.)

This study was originally prepared for the Members of the U.S. Congress as an aid to understanding the origins, character and purpose of the North Atlantic Pact.

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LIBRARY of Congress. Legislative reference service. . . *Participation of water-borne carriers in air transportation*; by Merwin Shurberg. Washington, Library of Congress, 1949 (Public affairs bulletin no. 68.) 52p. Typescript reproduced by Multilith. (Copies obtainable from the Card Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C., price 35 cents.)

This report "is designed to be a concise statement of the facts in the case of the sea-air controversy". The problem is dealt with under the following headings :- Sea-Air Policies of the United States; Sea-Air Policies of Other Nations; Arguments For and Against Steamship Participation in Air Transportation; Statements of Three Governmental Investigatory Bodies Concerning Steamship Participation in Air Transportation.

LIBRARY of Congress. General reference and bibliography division. *Presidential inaugurations; a selected list of references.* Washington, Library of Congress, 1949. 58p. (Copies obtainable from the Card Division, The Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C., price 40 cents.)

The 456 entries are arranged under the following headings :- General; Inaugural balls; Bibles; Inaugural music; Weather; Change of inauguration day; Inaugurations. (George Washington to Harry S. Truman.)

LIBRARY of Congress. Prints and photographs division. *Selective checklist of prints and photographs recently cataloged and made available for reference, lots 2,280-2,984.* Washington, Library of Congress, 1949. 58p. Typescript reproduced by Multilith. (Copies obtainable on request from Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C.)

This new checklist "is designed to inform interested persons concerning the availability of groups of pictures, particularly photographs, as they are currently prepared for use. Checklists will be published several times a year in issues of 50-60 pages each."

LIBRARY of Congress. *Catalog of the seventh National exhibition of prints made during the current year. . .* Washington, Library of Congress, 1949. 23p. 2pls. (Copies obtainable free on application to the Publications Section, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C.)

DONUM GRAPEANUM: festskrift tillägnad överbibliotekarien Anders Grape på sextiofemarsdagen den 7 mars 1945. . . Uppsala, Almqvist and Wiksells boktryckeri, 1945. (Acta bibliothecae R. Universitatis Upsaliensis, vol. V) 640p. pls. port.

GRAPE, ANDERS, comp. *Ihreska handskriftssamlingen i Uppsala Universitets bibliotek. . .* Uppsala, Almqvist and Wiksells boktryckeri, 1949. (Acta bibliothecae R. Universitatis Upsaliensis, vols. VI and VII) 2 vols.
vol. 1: Samlingens tillkomst och öden personoch Lärdomshistoriska studier över dess innehåll
vol. 2: Kommenterande katalog.

LIBRARY HYMN

The National Library of Panama (La Biblioteca Nacional de Panamá) has a library hymn, a "song of love and devotion to books". This hymn is a prize song that came as a result of a contest open to everyone in the country. The winners, a poet and a composer, received their prizes from the hands of the President of the Panama Republic at a library celebration during which the library staff sang the hymn.

Library of Congress Information Bulletin, July 5-11, 1949.

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 9. *The African as Suckling and as Adult*. A psychological study. J. F. RITCHIE. 1943. 61 pp. 2s. (2d.)
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 11. *Some Aspects of Marriage and the Family among the Nuer*. E. E. EVANS-PRITCHARD. In the press. 2s. (1d.)
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