AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER

Financial Assistance for Library Education, a list of fellowships, scholarships and grants-in-aid which will be available for the academic year 1969/70 has been prepared by the Office for Recruitment and will be available from that office late in October. Price is 50 cents for a single copy; 10 copies—$4.75; 25—$11.25; and 100—$42.00. 

that LC, which since 1961 has been supplying (on contract) subject headings for doctoral dissertations, has stated that because of the great increase in the work and the shortage of catalogers, it can no longer continue this activity without impairing the library’s effectiveness in other programs. University Microfilms, meanwhile, has developed the DATRIX (key-word-in-title) system. This system leaves something to be desired, said Mr. Buckman, but LC headings for some subjects did also, and earlier efforts to have each institution assign subject headings to its own dissertations had proved even less satisfactory. A choice, however, must be made. University Microfilms will provide money for an analysis of the suitability of DATRIX descriptors, and, meanwhile, LC will be asked to continue the contract for a year until this investigation can be completed. Directors of ARL libraries were asked to give this matter their personal attention. Mr. Buckman will try to have remedied the six to eight week delays in the delivery of microfilms already mentioned, as well as six to eight month delays in getting dissertations microfilmed by University Microfilms, another serious problem for academic libraries.

G. F. Shepherd (Cornell University libraries) reported that The New York Times would replace any substandard microfilm of the newspaper supplied between September 1, 1967, and April 1, 1968. A team from the Eastman Kodak Company has found that the film now meets archival standards.

Dr. Logsdon “told it like it was” at Columbia during the student sit-in there, and librarians of other universities spoke of some of the consequences for libraries of campus demonstrations, for instance, in regard to insurance.

L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress, who distributed a summary—but fairly lengthy—report on the library, described the status of appropriations to LC, of the bill to amend and extend the Higher Education Act, including the amendments to Title II-C of that Act requested by LC, and of appropriations for Title II-C. He pointed out that the $2.8-million item in the budget of the Architect of the Capitol for the Library of Congress James Madison memorial library building had been “deferred without prejudice” by the House Appropriations Committee (as later it also was by the Senate), and he spoke of the library’s increasingly dire need for space and the adverse effect that this may have on national programs.

President Eaton, after noting that other reports had been filed, announced that the next ARL meeting would be on January 26, 1969, in Washington, D.C. The Association will spend Saturday, January 25, at LC inspecting activities and being briefed on programs and developments of interest to ARL. After some graceful words of thanks by Benjamin Powell (Duke University library) to the Linda Hall library and its Director Joe Shipman, for “extraordinary hospitality,” the meeting adjourned.—Elizabeth E. Hamer.

PERSONNEL

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RETIREMENTS

Philip Hofer, collector and bibliographer, has retired after 30 years of service as curator of the department of printing and graphic arts in the Harvard College library. Mr. Hofer founded this department, the first of its kind in a university library, with his own collection of 10,000 books and manuscripts in 1938.

NECROLOGY

Miss Ruby E. Dare, librarian of Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois, succumbed to a massive stroke on August 8, 1968 at the age of 63.

IN MEMORIAM

Contributions to a Rudolph H. Gjelsness Scholarship Fund are being received by the University of Michigan department of library science.

The New York public library has established an Archibald P. De Weese Memorial Book Fund.