The greatest of our university libraries are in a way beyond envy. They are such astonishing institutions with such enormous resources that a smaller institution would no more envy the libraries at Harvard or Yale or Berkeley than Greylock would envy Everest. These giants command respect and a certain awe, and everyone wishes them well as they face their special problems.

Thus the news that James E. Skipper will become director of libraries at the University of California at Berkeley when Donald Coney retires this summer has been received with satisfaction and pleasure that one of the most distinguished librarians of recent decades will be succeeded by one of the most able of the younger men. At Princeton, where he earned friendship and respect of both staff and faculty in a short year as associate university librarian, regret at his announced departure has been tempered by the obvious rightness of the appointment.

Now forty-seven, Skipper received his undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina, where thirty hours a week as a student assistant in the library nurtured rather than stifled his decision to become a librarian. After receiving his BS and his MS in library science at Michigan, he took his first regular professional post in 1949 as assistant librarian at Washington and Jefferson College. Then followed through the 1950's appointments of increasing importance at Ohio State and Michigan State in technical services, that admirable area for a firm foundation in librarianship. During this same period he did some teaching and completed work for a PhD in library science at the University of Michigan, awarded in 1960. In 1959 he went to the University of Connecticut as director of libraries.

In 1962 the Association of Research Libraries decided to enlarge its membership, to open a regular office, and to engage a full-time executive secretary. To the first chairman of the ARL under the new constitution fell the task of recruiting the executive secretary. He remembers the initial worries of the Executive Board lest no outstanding librarian would risk a post of unknown potential with an essentially new organization and their eventual pleasure when Skipper, their first choice, was willing to accept the risk. The success of the ARL in its new incarnation has been to a considerable extent the result of Skipper’s clear vision and his quick grasp of the special world of Washington. In four years he made the ARL secretariat a post which can attract the most able members of the profession. Having achieved this, he resigned to return to the campus, accepting appointment as associate university librarian at Princeton, where he took up his duties in the spring of 1967.

Throughout his career he has been actively involved in the essential technical details of librarianship, serving as chairman and member of a variety of committees of state, national, and international professional associations. In 1963-64 he was president of the Resources and Technical Services Division of ALA, and he is now chairman of the important ARL Committee on Automation. At ARL he broadened his international contacts and experience as a delegate to IFLA conferences in Sofia, Rome, Helsinki, The Hague, and Toronto, and as a participant in other international gatherings. He has been active as a consultant on library buildings and administration, working with more than a dozen institutions.

This is a course of study and experience, added to his native imagination, energy, integrity, and scholarly tastes, which seems to have been admirably designed to equip James E. Skipper to direct one of the great libraries of the world.—William S. Dix, Princeton University.

APPOINTMENTS

Rodney E. Christensen is a new member of the social science library staff in the University of Oregon.

George A. Colton has been appointed chief of the general information and circulation department, in the John Crerar library, Chicago.

Diane Cothren was appointed cataloger in the medical library of the University of Virginia.

Matthew Cullen joined the staff of the Southern Oregon College library on January 2, as documents and reference librarian.

Eleanore Dowling is the new music librarian of the State University of New York, Stonybrook.

Frances A. Eubank is now documents librarian, University of West Florida.

Barbara G. Fisher is university archivist in the University of Oregon library.
Maria Gallo has been appointed librarian of the Kenosha County Center library, the University of Wisconsin, Kenosha.

Cheong-Chor Gan has joined the cataloging staff of the library at State University College, Fredonia, New York.

Norman F. Graham has recently been appointed associate director for public services, University of West Florida libraries.

J. Richard Heinze is the recently appointed humanities librarian in the University of Oregon.

Eugene A. Hoerauf has joined the staff of the University of Oregon library as map room assistant.

Paul Jackson has been appointed to the position of performing arts librarian, Kresge library, Oakland University, Rochester, Mich.

Robert T. Jordan joined the staff of the new Federal City College, Washington, D.C., as director of media services. His initial work will involve the establishment of a library for the college, which was established by Congressional action in 1966.

Mrs. M. Heather Keate has joined the science library staff in the University of Oregon.

Charles P. Kimball, Jr., is assistant reference librarian, University of West Florida.

Mrs. Gertrude Lee joined the library staff in the State University of New York at Stonybrook as assistant cataloger, in January.

Heather MacAlpine, assistant librarian in the physical sciences division, Oklahoma State University, has been promoted to head of the general reference department.

Joyce Elizabeth Mobley was appointed, effective February 5, the assistant cataloging librarian of the University of South Alabama, Mobile.

Thomas J. Morrison, Jr., is periodicals librarian in University of West Florida.

James N. Myers has been appointed acquisitions librarian, Kresge library, Oakland University, Rochester, Mich.

Mrs. Ella J. Newberg is catalog librarian in the University of Oregon.

Ronald J. Nimmer has become head acquisitions librarian, Center System library, the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Orr is a recently appointed catalog librarian in the University of Oregon.

Elizabeth H. Peeler has been named as-
associate director for technical services, University of West Florida libraries.

Constance Penta has become assistant librarian in charge of technical services at Siena College.

Fred M. Peterson has been named assistant to the director, Iowa State University library, effective Feb. 1.

Lucy Anne Poucher has been appointed head cataloger of Southern Oregon College library.

Judith Proctor is serials cataloger in Ohio University libraries.

Felice R. (Hahn) Reisler has become librarian of the Fox Valley Center library, the University of Wisconsin, Menasha.

Joanne V. Rhodes is a new science library staff member in the University of Oregon.

Murray Rogofsky has been appointed special assistant for technical information systems at the Naval Oceanographic Office, Suitland, Md.

Adam Sebestyen is acquisitions librarian, Ohio University.

Mrs. Lana Warren Stanley is cataloging librarian in the University of West Florida.

Lian Hwa Noethe is Southeast Asia librarian at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

Gerhard M. Vasco has joined the staff of the library of the State University of New York at Stonybrook, as a subject specialist.

Marion Viccars is now assistant reference librarian in the University of West Florida.

Mrs. Nola L. Wolf is assistant documents librarian in the University of Oregon.

Bill M. Woods has been named executive director of Engineering Index. Mr. Woods was executive director of the Special Libraries Association from 1959 to 1967.

Mrs. Hui-tze Wang Yan is reference room librarian in the University of Oregon.

Mrs. Dorothy D. S. Yu has received appointment as serials cataloger, Drexel Institute of Technology libraries, effective January 16.

RETIEMENTS

Henry E. Coleman, Jr., is retiring after serving as head librarian of Washington and Lee University for the past twenty years.

NECROLOGY

Celia Hauck, associate director of libraries in Marquette University, died on January 31.

Mrs. Walter Hausdorfer, retired librarian of the school of nursing in the University of Pennsylvania, died on January 31.

Stanley Parcellis, librarian of Newberry library in Chicago for twenty years before his retirement in 1962, died on January 7.
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