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News from the Field

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• The Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts, has acquired the largest and most comprehensive collection ever assembled of books and manuscripts by and about novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804–1864). This collection of over 8,000 books, pamphlets, periodicals, prints, photographs, and manuscripts was gathered over a period of 30 years by C.E. Frazer Clark of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, editor of the Nathaniel Hawthorne Journal. Included are rare first editions, limited editions, popular modern editions, books inscribed by the author or owned by him, and Hawthorne's very rare first book, Fanshawe, published anonymously in 1828. Another treasure is a large glass-plate photographic negative of the novelist taken by Civil War photographer Matthew Brady.

• Ohio State University, Columbus, has acquired the Jack London Collection assembled by George H. Tweney, of Seattle. Among its 900 items are 237 book printings of London’s writings and 111 issues of various magazines containing first appearances of his stories. Of the 73 first editions and variants, 14 are signed, presentation or association copies, and many are complete with very rare dust jackets. The collection also has 83 bibliographies, biographies and critical works; over 230 pamphlets, broadsides, or other ephemeral pieces; many photographs; and additional materials, including a typescript of Jack London: A Bibliography, compiled by Hensley C. Woodbridge, John London, and Tweney. It was the Tweney Collection, gathered over a period of 50 years, that served as the basis for many of the entries in that bibliography.

• The University of Illinois has been given a private collection of books on Chinese library administration once owned by Alfred Kaimang Chiu, the first librarian of the Harvard-Yenching Library at Harvard University, 1931–1965. The books, 240 volumes in Chinese, 170 volumes in English, as well as manuscripts, pamphlets, and copies of essays on Chinese economics, were donated by Chiu's widow.

GRANTS

• Cornell University’s Martin P. Catherwood Library of Industrial and Labor Relations has received an HEA Title II-C grant of $240,000 to convert all its catalog records to machine-readable form and add them to the RLIN and OCLC databases.