Campaign for Wayne

Anthony Wayne fought his last campaign in the Old Northwest in 1794. But early this fall another campaign, this time on his behalf, was equally successful.

Two years ago the Library acquired some of Wayne's correspondence relating to his post-Revolutionary career in Georgia as a planter and in the Old Northwest as commander-in-chief of the U.S. Army. McGregor Fund of Detroit made the purchase possible. To our annoyance and embarrassment, another lot of Wayne's correspondence covering the same period and dovetailing with ours turned up in the hands of a dealer. We felt obliged to buy it despite the high price. The Associates' Board of Governors agreed to bear the major part of the cost and solicit contributions from part of the membership.

The response was overwhelming and gratifying. Grants of $2000 each from the Joy Foundation and the George Foundation in Detroit gave us a strong start. Then from individuals came two gifts of $1000 each, 13 contributions of $200 or more, 20 of $100 each, and 18 of $50 or less. Altogether, something more than $13,000 was sent in. The additional manuscripts are now ours, giving us a most respectable total of 900 letters and documents to and from Gen. Wayne in this significant part of his career.

The chairman of the Board, Mr. Wheat, wrote the persuasive letter and he is to be thanked along with the individual donors:

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Season's Greetings

The Director and Staff of The Clements Library take this means of conveying to Associates their warmest wishes for a merry Christmas and happy New Year! The year that is closing has been an especially fruitful one, made so in large part by the interest and generosity of our Associates.

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Board Meeting

The Board of Governors of the Associates held its fall meeting at the Library on October 21. After hearing a report on the highly successful campaign to raise funds for purchase of the
The Board anticipates benefiting from the counsel of these two able additions.

The Board also discussed a leaflet the Library proposes to issue regarding gifts, memorials, and bequests. They offered several suggestions that were immediately incorporated. Associates will see the final version when it is printed.

Ideas were sounded for ultimate publication of the Adams Memorial Lectures and for possible annual meetings of the Associates in conjunction with a fall lecture or other program. The business year of the Associates is being altered to correspond with the fiscal year, from October to October, so that the Board meeting in the fall will inaugurate a new year.

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American Law

The current exhibition displays selected rarities relating to early laws, treaties, jurisprudence, and legal documents available in the Library. It was arranged to honor the centennial of the Law School.

The items illuminate steps taken by men to govern their own behavior, the balancing of order with freedom. Even the trial cases help define the demands of society against the anarchistic individual for the common good. There is a distinctive American flavor to all these regulations, decisions, and assertions of principle.

A printed guide to the exhibition was mailed to Associates along with the Library's annual report.

We caught a glimpse of our American style during the recent meeting of the International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic studies in our Library. To our astonishment the secretariat had to devote considerable attention to placing the delegates around the hollow square of tables. The president and vice presidents were at one end, and most of the other delegates seemed to feel that prestige determined how near to the officers one might sit; those delegates farthest away were of least importance. The secretariat was both relieved and surprised by the fact that the American delegates didn't care where they sat; to them distance had no correlation with prestige, which could be earned only by one's contribution to the discussion.

Adams Lecture

The eighth annual Randolph G. Adams Memorial Lecture was held at the Library on October 14, with Paul M. Angle, director of the Chicago Historical Society, speaking on changing perspectives toward rare books. He called attention to important books which had not yet attracted the attention of collectors and libraries that still focused on the accepted, “standard rarities.” It was a stimulating talk, full of exciting ideas, and was followed by the usual pleasant social hour.

Mr. Angle gave a public lecture the next night on attitudes toward Abraham Lincoln in Japan, where he lectured recently on the Civil War President for the United States Information Service.

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WLC and RGA

The Grolier Club (New York), exclusive collectors' organization, has observed its seventy-fifth anniversary by publishing a book about its eminent deceased members. It is entitled Grolier 75. Biographical sketches of both William L. Clements and Randolph G. Adams are included.
To the Barricades!
Being acquainted with the Rev. John Lathrop through a sermon he preached in 1812 on the war then beginning which he called The Present War Unexpected, Unnecessary and Ruinous, we assumed that here was a pacifist, a man slow to anger and merciful, a pastor repelled by conflict and aggression. Therefore it was something of a shock recently to acquire a sermon from his younger days. In 1771 he was a rip-snorting fire-eater, enraged by the Boston “massacre” and calling for resistance to such civil force. His sermon is called Innocent Blood Crying to God from the Streets of Boston, a title hardly designed to quell the passion of the populace. He stops short of advocating revenge, but certainly threw the weight of the pulpit against the “bloodthirsty” tyranny of British oppression.

The book was purchased from the Harper Fund.

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Feverish Verse
The outbreak of yellow fever in Philadelphia in the summer of 1799 occasioned several publications then and later. This is the same disease that delayed construction of the Panama Canal until its cause and treatment were discovered. It created panic in Philadelphia because of the very mystery of its transmission, and subsided only with the onset of cold weather.

The scourge was even commemorated in contemporary verse, as a pamphlet by Samuel Stearns testifies. His “Poetical Lines” begin:
From Philadelphia comes a doleful sound,
Of thousands slain, and buried in the ground!
Who were alive and well three months ago;

Last Minute Shopping?
For the person who “has everything,” for the relative who is always difficult to buy for, and for the school child whose interest might be caught, may we suggest for Christmas the new Clements Library phonograph record of “Voices of the American Revolution” at $4, postpaid. It is a dramatic and different kind of lesson in history, a contemporary reconstruction of our heritage. You do not simply hear, but overhear—as if you were standing near—the words of participants in the stirring episodes of the American Revolution.

But of their fate at that time did not know.
This predecessor of Michigan's own Julia Moore goes on:
Some who were seiz'd, had on the first attack
Cold chills, and pains, both in the head and back,
And in their limbs, and also in their bones,
Exciting horror, gloom, and dismal groans!
We pass over graphic description of further symptoms. The poem has a hero, too, in the person of Dr. Benjamin Rush, whose methods the poet acclaims:
But antiseptics often were employ'd,
Till putrefaction was thereby destroy'd.
For my own part, I do applaud his plan,
And, with esteem, call him a skilful man.

Northwest Coast
Additions to the Library's impressive collection of voyages to the Northwest Coast of America were made during the summer. Capt. James Colnett of the Royal Navy was sent out in 1793 to help make things easier for British whalers in the Pacific. He nosed his ship into various ports up the coasts of South America, Mexico, and modern California, seeking suitable bays and harbors where the whalers might refit or cut up their whales. What he saw and found he wrote up in a book, A Voyage to the South Atlantic (London 1798). The title is much longer, but there is no indication in it that he sailed up to California. You have to know that first.

Joseph Billings, who sailed with Capt. Cook as a seaman, afterward entered the Russian Navy as an officer. In 1785 he was chosen by Catherine the Great to explore the northeast coast of Siberia “and the opposite coast of America.” He took along Martin Sauer as secretary of the expedition, besides various Russian officials. Several years were spent in explorations, and the Russians wrote them up. Sauer also issued An Account of a Geographical and Astronomical Expedition to the Northern Parts of Russia (London 1802). Although Sauer despised his commander, he rendered a pretty good account of what was seen and accomplished. Another misleading title.

Having established themselves in Alaska, the Russians continued to explore the area. G. I. Davydov, Secretary, Clements Library Associates
The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

... Count me as an Associate. Here is my contribution ($5 minimum) for 1959. As a bonus I shall receive a reproduction copy of the Columbus Letter (1493) in Latin and English. (over)
made two voyages along southern Alaska in 1802 and 1804, but was slow in writing them up. His two-volume work was printed in St. Petersburg in 1810 and 1812—in Russian, which is why we don't bother to give the title. But we like it because it is true source material by a participant on Kodiak, Sitka, Cook's Inlet, and the Russian-American Fur Company.

Then we picked up a little known book, The Life, Voyages and Travels of Capt. John Myers (London 1817). During four voyages around the world he visited the Northwest Coast more than once. With an eye to trade he found out and listed the articles most in demand in California, Oregon and posts farther north.

More Color
A few years ago Dr. J. William Hinton of New York presented the Library with a series of Civil War battle prints issued by the lithographic firm of Kurz and Allison in Chicago from 1867 to 1892. They are astonishing pieces of art and indicative of the appetite for reminders of the war at the height of G.A.R. activity.

We knew that K & A must have turned out other prints, but we knew not what. Now we have a glimpse of their other interests. From a dealer we have just acquired three views of the War of 1812 period: the Battle of Tippecanoe, Perry's Victory on Lake Erie, and the Battle of New Orleans. They are just as colorful as the Civil War scenes. In addition we could not resist the print of the Johnstown Flood, a contemporary event for K & A.

Extramural Service
We have never hesitated to point out that a Library like this one is an asset and resource for the whole state of Michigan, not just for the University where it is located. Occasional classes from nearby junior colleges have paid us visits. Of more particular note, geography classes from Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University are making regular semester visits to the map division to study examples of early cartography and catch a glimpse of how the known world appeared to the European as his horizon began to lift.

How to Do It
Sometime after the first of the year, Associates will receive a folder that answers questions about gifts and bequests to the Library. It is not a solicitation or even an advertising piece, but simply information—about the kinds of gifts that are wanted and how to make them, encompassing memorial funds, materials, furnishings, etc.

Attorneys have asked these questions, and the folder is designed primarily for them in advising their clients. It simply brings together in convenient form our thoughts and the university regulations on this general subject. The idea is not new with us; certain other libraries have issued similar leaflets.

Christmas Coffee
The Clements Library entertained members of the History Department and their wives at a Christmas Coffee on December 4. The occasion, besides emphasizing the relationship of the two departments, serves to introduce the staff to new members appointed to the History Department.

Send information about membership to