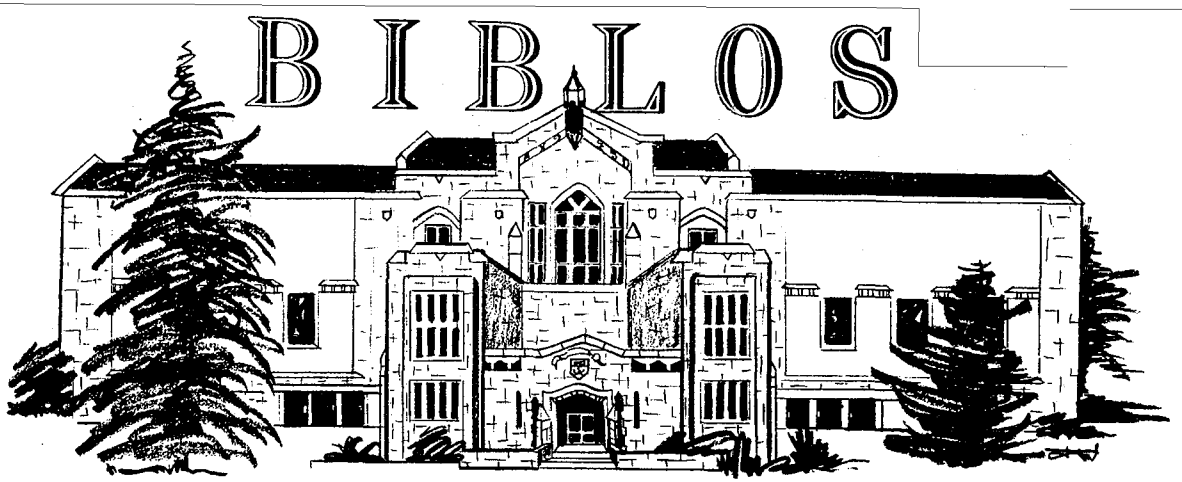

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February, and for ten whole days Spring appeared to have sprung in B.O.C. Since break-up, students have been able to throw people into ponds again, an amenity sadly missed during the frost. The Contemporary Arts Festival bloomed and your Ed. has learned to view piles of junk with a new eye. Education Week drew little comment from Biblos reporters, although the Display Case outside SSD shows that some librarians at least have not given up. Signs of Spring were noted. A dove (well, alright, a pigeon) visited the Catalogue Maintenance section, but went away again. A black cat appeared in Circulation, and a grey one in Sedgewick; what do we deduce from that? Serials automated their Kardex on St. Valentine's Day; your Ed. tried for a press release but could only get "No comment. We are just good friends." The midterm break was enjoyed vicariously, though the absence of cinnamon buns during the preceding week caused serious withdrawal symptoms in some cases. The Winter Olympic reports were a primary source of much interest, especially to one librarian who brought in a transistor; swing with the Pepsi generation! Nearer home, there were riots in Moncton, birthplace of librarians, but no statement was forthcoming from BSS. And here in Vancouver, there was candy all round to celebrate the arrival of Doug McInnes' daughter, on St. Valentine's Day. How's that for coordinated planning?

FRONT-END REPORTS

La Nouvelle Vague: The Library enters the audio-visual era, à la Expo. To help explain the Library to users, new equipment is being acquired: slide projectors, tape recorders, even closed-circuit TV and Videotape production facilities. McInnes Productions will be inaugurated this spring. Anyone for an underground library film? Apply to Casting Division.

Everyone is wondering how the universities will fare in the 1968 Social Credit Co-prosperity Sphere. No elated cries were heard from the direction of the Administration Office when the Minister of Finance broke the news. It bodes ill.

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COFFEE BREAKS:

Staff members are reminded that coffee breaks are fifteen minutes long, no longer. This period of time permits a sufficient turnover in the Coffee Room to give everyone a chance to sit. Staying longer complicates matters.

Moreover, nine out of ten doctors say that extended coffee breaks cause vascular disease, lordosis and the vapours.

Please note that it is not compulsory that individuals use fifteen minutes, if they are in a hurry to get back to work.

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FRONT OFFICE PUBLICATION:

The University of British Columbia Library Classification and Job Description Manual: non-professional staff, 1967, has appeared. It contains an organizational chart of the Library and details of the Establishment in terms of professional and non-professional positions. Full descriptions of responsibility, supervision and duties of all non-professional positions by divisions follows. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11, and a full inch thick, weighing a good two pounds; we cannot recommend it for reading in bed.

LIBRARY ASSISTANT ASSOCIATION NEWS

As of July 1st there will be a "sick bay" for use of the staff. Through the co-operation of Mr. B. Bell and the approval of Mr. Stuart-Stubbs a location will become available on that date. It is hoped that by then arrangements will be completed to equip the room adequately for the comfort and convenience of the staff.

STAFF CHANGES

A Warm Welcome to -

Phoebe Nahanni	Clerk I	Administration
Fran Brafman	L.A. I	Cataloguing
Bernard Olson	L.A. I	Circulation
James Jones	L.A. I	Cataloguing

Congratulations to -

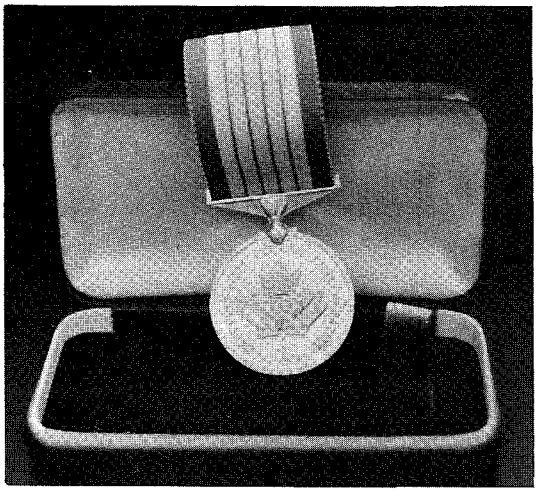
Marlene Pereverseff	L.A. I to L.A. II Cataloguing
Lynne MacIver	Sec. II to Administrative Assistant
Dawn Anderson	L.A. I Social Work to L.A. II Math.
Pat McArthur	Sec. I to Sec. II Administration
Jean Dutton	KPO Systems to Senior KPO Systems
Rick Crowe	L.A. I to L.A. II Cataloguing
Ian Lee	L.A. III Systems to Assistant Programmer
Shirley Ilic	L.A. II to Sec. II Acquisitions

We Say Good-bye to -

Judy MacDermot	Sec. II	Acquisitions
Priscilla Harrington	L.A. II	Cataloguing
Roger Ten-Trey	L.A. I	Sedgewick

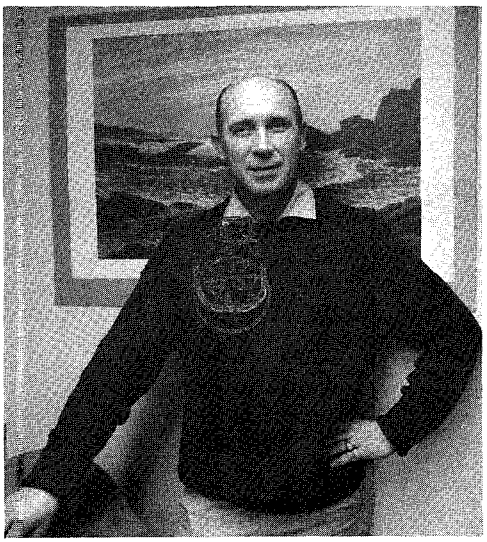
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Doug McInnes, on the arrival of a daughter, born on St. Valentine's Day! Latest report is that the name will be Alison.

CENTENNIAL MEDALS.

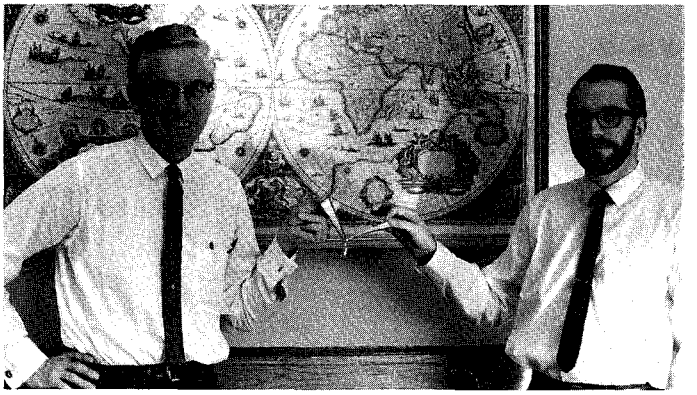


20,000 Canadians have received Centennial Medals to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Confederation. The medals are "a token acknowledgement of meritorious service by a Canadian in a certain field, and nominations are limited to various levels of government, their agencies, the professions, arts, science, welfare and charitable organizations, and other bodies." A fairly generous limitation, you will agree.

About one in every 1,000 Canadians will have received a medal; which means there are about four to five hundred in greater Vancouver. And the U.B.C. Library has cornered three Basil Stuart-Stubbs, Robert M. Hamilton and Les Kalinski are the chosen ones. They have been remarkably modest in admitting which of their many services to the nation won them this honour, (indeed, Mr. Hamilton is not even sure which nation he may have served!), but we did pry a few facts out of them.



Les, after an exciting career as an escaped POW in Poland, service in the Polish Army attached to the British 8th Army, a wound in Tobruk and participation in the North African and Italian campaigns, came to Canada 11 years ago and joined the Reserves. He is now the longest-serving Polish Canadian in the Reserve Army and is troup sergeant in No. 3 Area Signal Squadron of the Royal Canadian Signals. During 1967 he worked for the Tattoo, across B.C., in charge of communications. He will add the Centennial Award to his previous collection of twelve medals, three of which are Polish and the rest British There is tri-culturalism for you.



The picture gives the impression that RMH and BSS had to share a medal. We hasten to reassure you that they got one apiece.

Mr. Hamilton was head of the Library of Parliament from 1946-1961, during which time he rebuilt much of the collection after a serious fire. He was also president of CLA for 1961-62 and largely responsible for starting the Canadian newspaper microfilming project. However, rumour has it that the medal was actually given for his part in breeding a large, red and white, bi-lingual, maple-leaf-shaped orchid.

BSS, of course, primarily won his medal for putting up with us. But in addition he is on the Council of CLA and the Advisory Board for the National Library, plus a host of other worthy causes designed to improve university libraries throughout Canada. What more meritorious service?

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LIBRARY SCHOOL LECTURE:

Contrasts between European and North American University libraries were emphasized in a lecture given to Library School students and members of the Library staff, by Dr. J. Periam Danton of U.C. Berkeley. European university libraries typically have higher educational requirements for their professional staff, especially bibliographers; small collections, without duplication; closed stack systems; and minimal reference service. This type of library service accords with the European university. The North American campus has no exact counterpart in Europe and has evolved library systems of a very different nature.

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VEKUA, Ilia Nestorovich
New methods for solving elliptic equations by I.N. Vekua; tr. from Russian by D.E. Brown. Amsterdam, New Holland Pub. Co., 1967. xii, 358 p., 23 cm. Tr. of (womanized) Nove metody resheniia ellipticheskikh urayenii.

"Stop calling me J.B.! My name is Jumping Bear."

BIOGRAPHY - Rein Brongers, Head of Science Division

Wilder Penfield has suggested that every man should have a "second career" to be started after retirement at sixty-five.

Why wait for Fall? Do it now! Rein Brongers chose to start his second career not quite in Spring but at least in Summer and, if life begins at forty, he can claim to have been born a Librarian--produced after the usual nine months in the UBC Library School at just about that age.

Prior to this he was born, more conventionally, in Rotterdam; after which it took him some twenty-five years to become a Civil Engineer--labelled "Delft". A label which proved acceptable to the New Zealand government and got him a free passage to the antipodes in return for a promise to stay at least three years.

Three years became five. He saw New Zealand at Her Majesty's expense and, one long glorious summer, circled the world at his own. Perhaps it was this trip which re-kindled a longing for other shores, found in 1957 in British Columbia.

More years of engineering in Vancouver where--who says engineers don't read?--he found a Library and took out a Librarian, later to take her in--permanently. Eventually he in turn--wifely warnings notwithstanding--was taken in by Librarianship...

No regrets so far, but then--if life does begin at forty--he is only one year old.

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CATALOGUER COMMENTS:

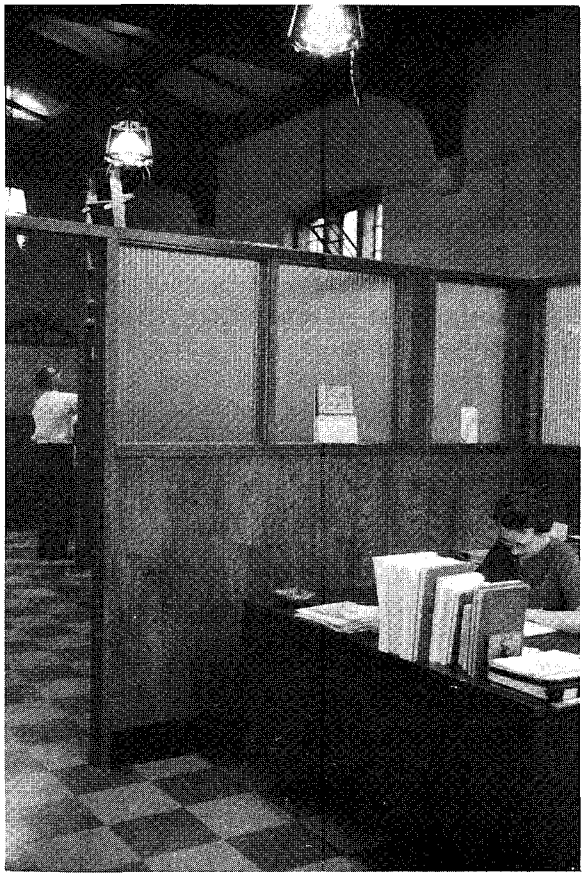
Cataloguers have always longed to make use of the L.C. subject heading:

Plants - Irritability and movements.

Could this be their opportunity?

SYMPOSIUM ON THE MECHANICAL BARKING OF TIMBER.

NEW OFFICES



Resplendant in beamed ceiling, oak panelling and ten-foot windows, a new suite of offices has come into being in the north wing off the main concourse.

Housed there - reading clockwise from the doorway - are the Catalogue Maintenance group, the secretary, Doug McInnes, Gerry Dobbin, Bob MacDonald, Bill Watson, and the programmers.

Lighting, which was not satisfactory when the new quarters were first occupied, is now at a good level. In the photo at the left, a member of the maintenance staff is seen in the background about to mount a ladder to deal with one of the fixtures.

Remaining as something of a problem is the noise-level of the suite. The baronial beamed ceiling has been discovered to provide marvelous accoustical effects. A paper clip dropped in one room can be heard ringing throughout the wing. Private conversations are best held elsewhere.

Noise aside, all occupants agree that they are well accommodated, thank you.

Demosthenes Button.

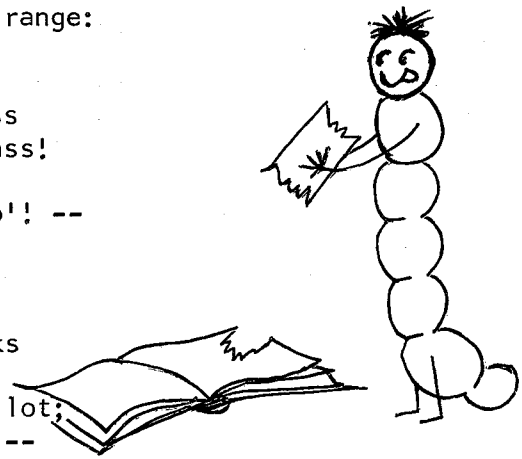
Penny Damm was recently given the Demosthenes Society award "for literary, artistic or governmental contributions to student life." She is the first non-student to achieve these heights. Penny attributes it to her student work with AMS and to two 'Philippics' to Ubyssey which were, in the words of the scroll citation, "of outstanding literary achievement over and above the call of duty."

So if you see Penny down on the beach with a pebble in her mouth, declaiming to the waves, you'll know why!

"I suggest you take a few weeks away from your office. You have data poisoning."

A Book-Worms's Eye View

You'd scarce believe the diet strange
Th-o' which the Bookworm now must range:
Cotton paper was plaguy stuff,
And linen rag was bad enough,
But things have come to such a pass
That paper's made of straw and grass!
Espartom Ramie, young Bamboo,
All these and more I've eaten thro'! --
But soft; for now I must relate
Th' apotheosis of my fate:
Dyspeptic 'mid these modern books,
I sought old haunts and shady nooks
Intent on ancient tomes forgot
That oft had been knocked down by lot;
But mov'd - by what I cannot tell --
Unless its most unusual smell --
I tried a book of goodly size,
The hardest it of all my tries!
Away I bored, but I was floored,
Ye Gods! the thing was made of BOARD!
Yes, Wood must now their paper give --
Stuff that ye may not eat, and live!
In fearful pain I lay me down, *
And dreamt as people do who drown:

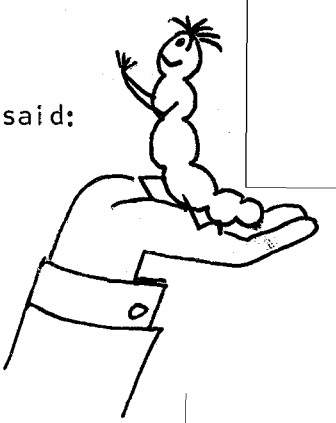


I dreamt of Egypt's sunny clime,
The Bookworm's ancient halcyon time,
Of modern ink the first time quaffed,
And once more rued the fiery draught. **
This strange admixture seems to be
Much like the mortal's Eau de Vie;
It makes one gay and feel so queer,
I oft have crow'd like chanticleer!

* It is of course possible that woody fibre would cause acute dyspepsia in the worm; but we incline to think the effect was due to the adulterants employed in latter-day paper-making.

** Ignorant as we are of the exact physiological nature of the insect book-worm, we have no positive reason to doubt the alleged effect produced by it upon that organism.

Once more 'mid cobwebs, dry-rot, dust,
I bored thro' Gutenberg & Fust,
On Caxton fed and Pynson too,
And many an Elzevir drilled thro';
So dreaming, I quite vainly tried
To rouse myself - I nearly died!
For SOMETHING held me in its thrall
That made me grow both stout and tall!
Then I awoke, and with a shock -
It was the hand of Basil Stubbs;
I rubb'd my eyes and gaz'd around!
Books lin'd the walls from ceil to ground!
Thro' many I had bor'd my way!
You'll scarce believe me when I say
The knowledge I had eaten thro'
Straight to my brain now upward flew!
New life and purpose thro' me ran -
I found myself a living man!
Stubbs moved his hand, and, smiling, said:
"Interpret now the mighty dead!
"The world we live in disbelieves
"In ancient books and yellow leaves:
"Arise! unlock the Bookworm's store,
"And tell us of the books of yore!"
He gave me paper, pens, and ink,
While I could only stare and blink;
Command and will were in Basil's eye,
As he resum'd, without reply:
"Once foe of books, as friend now live!
"To all who need, good book-lore give!
"Then you we'll hail as chief book-lover,
"And place your portrait on the Biblos cover!"

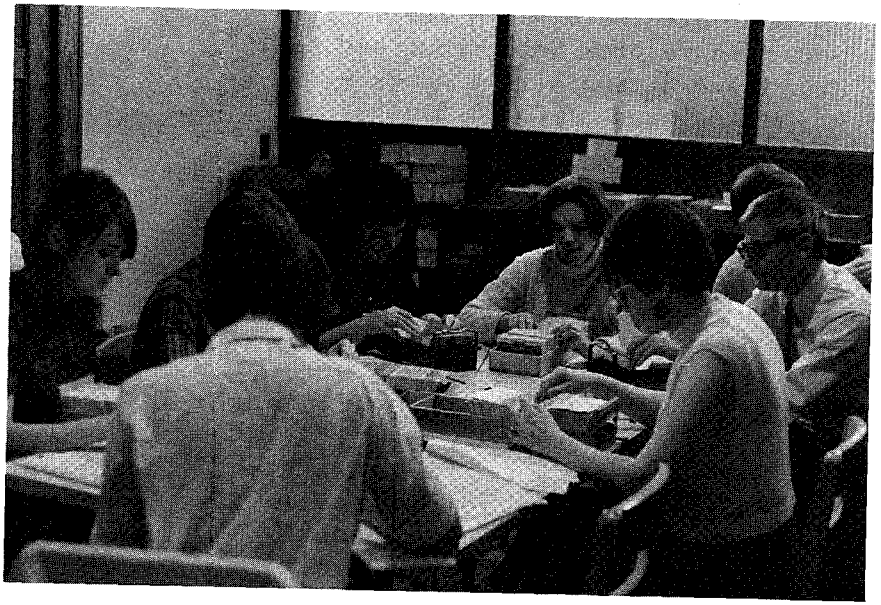


So here the BOOKWORM toiling spins,
to expiate his many sins.

Anon. & Trad.

"SOUR POWER" HOUR

Cataloguing maintenance is a serious business.



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SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION READING ROOM

A portrait of Justice Nathan T. Nemetz, Chairman of the Board of Governors at U.B.C. since 1965, has been added to the collection of paintings in the Ridington Room.

DISPLAY ON LEVEL 5

Jennifer Gallup and Linda Kwong have constructed a valuable and informative display on the PRIMARY SOURCE, in the display case on Level 5.

Jennifer feels, and many will agree with her, that a display of this sort could well be shown each year, because the problem of explaining to students just what is a primary literature source comes up again and again. The display is self-explanatory, but Jennifer would like to point out that it is not easy to define the term and she feels there may still be room for misunderstanding. For instance, records are often transmitted orally from generation to generation until someone finally writes them down; this someone is obviously not an eye-witness to all he records, and yet we may call his account a "primary source" in the sense that it is the first available source. This is brought out in the "Evidences of History" chart.

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A DOUKHOBOR BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Part 1, books and periodical articles, of Maria Horvath's Doukhobor Bibliography has now been published as Reference Publication No. 22. All the material cited is available here in the Library and the bibliography gives call numbers. Part 2 will be a listing of further contents of the Special Collections "Doukhobor File".

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SAD SPRING

Recently, in the course of conversation with an East Indian grad. student a librarian asked, "How can you study in all this sunshine weather?" He replied, "Without a friend, this is no lovely weather for me."

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We finally got one! LETTER TO THE ED.

Dear Ed.

A short time ago miniskirted girls were criticised for showing their garters when they bent over, and a suggestion was made that skirts be worn a little longer. The sight of a prettily underweared mini-skirter is really not too bad compared with some of the displays in the staff lunch room when feet are put up onto tables. Apart from the fact that I dislike putting my lunch bag on the coffee tables after dirty feet have been on them, I object to having to view these sights; I do not know how the boys feel, or anyone else for that matter.

So how about a bit more finess, gals?

"That's a fairly new degree. It's a doctorate in Consciousness Expansion."

BLUEPRINT FOR A BIBLOS COMMITTEE MEMBER

The following editorial advertisement was published by an Illinois journalist, on assuming the duties of chief of the staff in the mid 1800's. It gives you an idea of the abilities required of all journalists, including your untiring Biblos Staff.

Sensational, distressing details of revolting murders and shocking suicides respectfully solicited. Bible class presentations and ministerial donation parties will be "done" with promptness and despatch. Keno banks and their operations made a speciality. Accurate reports of Sunday School anniversaries guaranteed. The local editor will cheerfully walk 17 miles after Sunday school to see and report a prize fight. Funerals and all other melancholy occasions written up in a manner to challenge admiration. Horse races reported in the highest style of the reportorial art. Domestic broils and conjugal felicities sought for with untiring avidity. Police court proceedings and sermons reported in a manner well calculated to astonish the prisoner, magistrate, and preacher.

From: Sutphen, Dick
Mad old ads.
McGraw, 1967 p. 65

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JUST OUT WITH THE BOYS

It's strange
How
In theraucous company
Of a few
Card playing friends
You can
Prostitute
Your most quiet thought
For a laugh

And sometimes
Not even regret it
afterwards.

B.W. Stephenson

THE WELLCOME LIBRARY ON THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE.

On Wednesday, 14th February, Dr. Noel Poynter, of the Wellcome Museum and Library on the history of medicine and allied sciences, gave an informal talk to librarians in the Memorial Room of the Woodward Library. His subject, the history and current status of the Wellcome Library, was most interesting and quite illuminating to at least one member of his audience, to whom the Wellcome Trust had been little more than a name.

Sir Henry Wellcome, 1853-1946, an American-born pharmacist who lived most of his life in England and became a British subject, created an international pharmaceutical empire, the dividends from which went to a trust fund devoted to libraries and museums in the history of medicine. The Burroughs-Wellcome company, the original firm, invented "tabloid" medicine, accurate dosage, and indeed pioneered "scientific" pharmacy. During the early years most drugs were derived from plant alkaloids and in the course of his travels in search of these Sir Henry became an inveterate collector. After the development of his business "empire", agents kept Sir Henry informed of interesting collections of museum items or books, which went to swell his London stock. His first big book purchase was in 1895 when the William Morris collection, containing many incunabula, was sold. Fifteen years later the Wellcome Trust bought up the entire library of Joseph F. Payne, a noted collector of English medical books, much to the chagrin of William Osler and other would-be purchasers. Another important acquisition of 120 incunabula was made in Vienna in 1921, and again when the Lichtenstein library was sold, many incunabula in untouched and perfect condition were added to the (literally) mountains of books in store in London. Over the years systematic additions were made; for instance the reconstruction of the private libraries of physicians and men of science was attempted, providing valuable material for scholastic research.

Books were thus continually arriving from all parts of the world, from business agents and scholars. For instance, Sir Henry employed an Indian doctor to help build up the Sanskrit and Indian collection; armed with a letter from Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, and 19 shillings a day to pay for all expenses including wages, this doctor accompanied by 40 bearers and mules scoured India and even penetrated Himalayan monasteries in search of rare materials.

However, the books received little attention in the London storehouses; Dr. Poynter remembers vividly the dust on the piles of books to be listed, when he joined the staff in 1930. As there had never

been any form of catalogue, many duplicates, triplicates and even quadruplicates were found to have been purchased. This was partly the result of buying whole collections. Today, of course, up-to-date card catalogues are to be found in the library, including a chronological index subdivided in recent years by country. The staff are able to cope with all European languages and a Sanskrit scholar was engaged to catalogue the Indian material. Oxford University Press has undertaken to publish the catalogues in book form, and by 1973 everything prior to 1850 should be so listed. The Catalogue of Arabic Manuscripts was published last year, but as this covers only medical and scientific material there is still a great deal of material not listed in published catalogues. Most of this will be sold.

Subject indexing of the collection is difficult; each title needs at least 12 headings and the further back one goes the less specific the books become. The older material is less scientific, more philosophical or theological, and less certainly the preserve of the Wellcome Library. Sir Henry Wellcome drew no hard and fast lines for his collection; much borderline travel material has been retained because of its relation to early drug research, but a vast library on USA and Canada was sold very cheaply at the beginning of the war, for fear of bomb damage. At the same time, much museum material was also dispersed.

The Trustees of the Wellcome Fund, besides maintaining the London Library and Museum, and a large current collection of reference material, support and assist libraries of the history of medicine throughout the world. Dr. Poynter recently offici ated at the opening of a branch library in Melbourne. Assistance was given to rehabilitate the old-established but neglected institution libraries in England, most of which now have published catalogues as a result of Wellcome help. UBC library was given several thousand dollars in the early days of its medical collection, for the purchase of books. In addition, the Wellcome Trust is generous in grants for travel and research to scholars working on projects in the history of science and medicine.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTHS

Books -

Lighthouses erected in the sea of time.

E.P. Whipple.

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Except a living man, there is nothing more wonderful than a book.

Charles Kingsley

THE VALUE OF RESEARCH IN LIBRARIANSHIP

Dr. J. Periam Danton, lecturing on Thursday, 22 February, to the Library School began by outlining the history of the scholarly, non-pragmatic approach to librarianship. He pointed out the recent origin of this "new era", in the late 1930's and mentioned significant publications. The number of doctoral graduates in the field is few, perhaps 230-240 in the world, and many of these have little time for research, so that there is much scope for investigation.

Dr. Danton itemized the benefits of research to the profession; he mentioned the mutual advantage to all disciplines of scholarly research, not least the contribution from librarianship. He noted that no profession has advanced significantly wholly on the basis of its practice; the questions "why" and "with what result" must be studied. An added benefit is the increased understanding of the methods of investigation into the subject, and the effect of the discipline on the mind and critical awareness of the student. And it cannot be forgotten that research has prestige value; an improved image results in better support for libraries and their aims. Discussion covered the types of degrees available on this continent.

LIBRARY SALARIES

While browsing through ancient bound issues of the BCLA Bulletin (October 1949), we came across an article entitled "Salaries in the Libraries of British Columbia." Although four/fifths of the article consisted of statistical tables, there were remarkable conclusions to be drawn from those pages of almost twenty years ago. While today the "decided trend" is towards criticism of any salary, regardless of amount, '49 librarians were refreshingly optimistic about their pay scale:

> "The decided upward trend of salaries shown in 1948 continues strongly in the current year. The larger libraries are now paying, in most cases, much higher salaries than those recommended by the B.C. Library Association at its 1948 convention..."

We have extracted the 1949 figures pertaining to UBC's library and here reprint them for public perusal:

	Monthly Salary
Chief Librarian	$532
Department and Division Heads	216-276
Assistant Librarians (1st Asst.)	186-191
Senior Librarians	176-181
Junior Librarians	165-176
Sub-professionals	121-137
Secretaries	176
Senior Clericals	126-159
Junior Clericals	99-126

One last statistic - the TOTAL STAFF (including janitors and engineers) reached the astounding figure of 48!!!

The "remarkable conclusions" at which we hinted earlier, are left to the reader to make for himself.

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BALLOT-COUNTING

If you are among the hardier types who managed to wade through last month's monstrous issue of BIBLOS to the back page, you will have noticed our "Choose (not follow) -the-leader" Game. Judging by the meagre results of this advance poll, you either never got as far as the last page, or were too exhausted by then to respond. We received only 26 ballots, and had this been anything more formal than a "game" a good percentage of them would have been disqualified. However, for those good-sports who took the trouble to cast their votes, we offer the results - such as they are:

BALLOTS GIVING AGE GROUP:

20 - 30 years	Trudeau	5
	Stanfield (??)	1
30 - 40 years	Trudeau	4
40 - 50 years	Trudeau	3
	Turner	1
	Drapeau (1)	1

BALLOTS WITHOUT AGE GROUPS:

Trudeau	2
Kierans	1
Martin	1

MISCELLANEOUS CASTINS:

No-one! The Conservatives are a shoo-in!	
Me, of course	1
Mr. Len Hutson	1
You	1
Janet Lenko (Sedgewick)	2
Mao Tse-Tung	1

Well, the Library seems to agree with Allan Fotheringham of the Sun, who claimed on February 12th the "Pierre Elliott Trudeau [is] still out there walking on the water...'

S.H.