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RARE BOOK LIBRARIANSHIP IN THE 1980s: A LOOK AT SOME RECENT LITERATURE Part II

by Nancy Zinn

The first part of this summary of recent literature on rare book librarianship which appeared in the last issue of the Watermark featured an issue of Library Trends. Here, two publications will be considered: Rare Books, 1983-84, edited by Alice Schreyer (NY: Bowker, 1984), and the first two volumes of Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship, edited by Ann Gwyn.

In what is described by the editor, Alice Schreyer, as being the "first in a projected series," Rare Books, 1983-84 offers "a one-volume review and directory similar to The Bowker Annual ..." It is divided into five parts, the first four taking up only 175 of the total 581 pages. Part I, Reports from the Rare Book and Manuscript World offers a review of the current state (1984) of various topics. First, the antiquarian book trade -- 1983 was "their best year ever," a number of dealers admitted to Jerome Frank and Jean Peters, who give us some of the highlights of the season. It was an "extraordinary" one for autographs and manuscripts as well, according to Kenneth Rendell, both for prices realized and for increased public awareness. Auctions, by Katharine and Daniel Leab, covered the more notable of the familiar (Sothebys and Christies) and the unfamiliar (Bloomsbury Book Auctions and California Book Auctions) sales in 1983. Private collecting was the province of Robert Nikirk, who reflects on the changes from the days of Dr. Rosenbach's influence in that sphere. William Matheson (for the U.S.), Richard Landon (for Canada), and John Feather (for Great Britain) outline the current state of institutional collecting in those three countries, addressing themselves to questions of budget, increasing dearth of materials on the market, and various rare book activities in their countries.

In Part II, Review of Bibliographical Scholarship and Publishing, there is an article on the practice of bibliography by G. Thomas Tanselle, who covers the field as represented in single-author bibliographies, short-title catalogues, analytical bibliography in scholarly journals, and textual scholarship. Daniel Traister addresses new publications in bibliography in the areas of illuminated manuscripts, the history of the book, book arts and library exhibition catalogues, and notes with concern the inflated prices of these works. The section concludes with an article on the periodical literature of rare books, including a subject list of titles

accompanied by an alphabetical list with subscription information, by Peter VanWingen.

Part III, "Issues and Programs in the News," gives a view of rare books automation activities by Stephen Davis, who was much more optimistic about the subject here than in his later article in Library Trends. Preservation is covered by Carolyn Harris, who offers a useful list of suppliers and conservation facilities. Marie Korey reports on the Oberlin Conference on Theft, held in 1983. Funded by the H. W. Wilson Foundation, it covered all aspects of theft, and included representatives from library, manuscript and law enforcement agencies. Carol Henderson discusses the 1984 outlook for "Restoring tax incentives for manuscript donations" (which was not encouraging). The curriculum of the first Rare Book School offered at Columbia University in the summer of 1983 are outlined by Terry Belanger, who originated and developed the program. The activities of the Program in the History of the Book in American Culture at the American Antiquarian Society are described by David Hall and John Hench, as is the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress by John Cole. The organization and activities of two professional groups, the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL/ALA, and the Society of American Archivists, are separately described by Joan Friedman and Deborah Risteen, respectively.

Part IV lists educational opportunities -- formal and informal lectures and courses. Finally, Part V is a Directory of Collections and Sources, covering associations, auctioneers, appraisers, rare book and manuscript libraries (pages 207 to 285), and dealers in antiquarian books and manuscripts (pages 287-571). The entries in the last two lists have fairly exhaustive annotations, name indexes, and an index of specialities for the dealers. These parts take up the majority of the book's contents, offering useful information about collections and individuals in all aspects of the field. Of course, like any directory, age erodes its usefulness; people change locations, jobs, telephone numbers. Still, it gives one a wide variety of information, and is a starting place at least.

The articles, some extensive, some quite brief, offer a review of then current rare book activities, and record a generally healthy outlook, despite ongoing problems of financial support. Except for those surveying the Canadian and British scenes and those on bibliography, most of the subjects appeared again in the Library Trends issue reviewed in the previous article. I have seen no information about another volume in the series up to this point. Still, even four years later many of the articles are worth returning to for information.

The initial issue of Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarian-

ship (RBML) appeared just two years ago, in April 1986. Appearing biennially, it is a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries. The completion of the first two volumes under the editorship of Ann Gwyn, who is about to relinquish the post, offers an opportunity to review the journal's goals and accomplishments. In the first issue Ms. Gwyn notes that the editorial board "will be looking for articles on the theory and practices of special collections librarianship ... articles about the acquisition and collection development of rare books and manuscripts; access to and use of special collections; conservation; cataloguing of special materials; security; and donor relations." They also are looking for informed approaches to automation, exhibits, fundraising and borrowing and lending. "We plan to provide a journal in which a discussion of the principles, practices, questions and issues of special collections librarianship can take place ..." The format was to be several ten page articles in each issue, in addition to a regular book review section.

Since esthetics can be a considerable concern in special collections, I begin with some remarks about the physical appearance of the journal. Beginning with the second (Fall 1986) and subsequent issues, RBML is a typographically handsome product. The first issue title was in all roman capitals, with "and" spelled out. In the second issue, the cover was enhanced by changing the title to upper and lower case, replacing the "and" with an ampersand, highlighting the title initials in red, and adding an illustration. The covers themselves varied in color from gray (vol. 1) to rose (vol. 2). The text margins, which in the first issue had a cropped effect, were widened all around, giving a much more spacious look. A substantial number of advertisements throughout the text, for the most part handsomely presented, should help to underwrite publication costs; the annual subscription is a very reasonable \$20.00.

Over the first two years the editorial board has grown from six to eight members, and is representative of both coasts (two western members, six eastern members) but not of the mid-U.S. In addition, the editor and book review editor both being Easterners, the preponderance of that coast's representatives totals eight to two. Of course, the majority of sizeable rare book collections are in the East; perhaps the board's geographic distribution will shift with a new editor, we'll wait and see.

Of course, RBML is a perfect vehicle for publishing papers presented at the RBMS conferences. This not only allows those who can't attend to profit from the information, it should also ensure that there is always a supply of materials for publication. As a matter of fact, out of the 16 articles appearing in the first two volumes, just about one third originated at meetings. The topics covered in these two volumes appear to echo quite closely the original hopes of the editorial board -- articles on security and preservation, lending for exhibits, exhibit catalogues, manuscript processing.

The opening article of v. 1, no. 2, "The Rare Book Librarian's Day," is a special treat. Daniel Traister asks, "If my days are not spent dipping my head into the scholarly trough, what, then, do I do?" And he proceeds to tell us of the fascinating and mundane events most of which strike a familiar chord. We can all identify, or commiserate, with some or many of them.

Two articles address the currently hot topic, collecting 20th century materials. In the first issue of vol. 1, literary collections are dealt with by Anthony Rota, a Director in the English firm of booksellers, Bertram Rota Ltd. He notes that there

was no interest in this material until after WWII, and goes on to describe several collections he was involved with subsequent to that time.

Of greater interest to us perhaps, is Richard Landon's "Embracing the flood: questions about collecting Twentieth-Century non-literary works," which appeared in v. 2, no. 2, Fall 1987. He asks, "What are the real historiographical responsibilities and functions of collector/curators? How actively ought they to participate in the creation and use of their collections? What ought to be the relationship between them and professional historians, textual scholars, literary critics and biographers?" His response, given in the context of his position as Director of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library at the University of Toronto, is that "the twentieth century offers infinite possibilities," as well as the concomitant problems of space, staffing and financial support. These are questions we should all be mulling over, in search of conclusions appropriate for our own institutions and clientele.

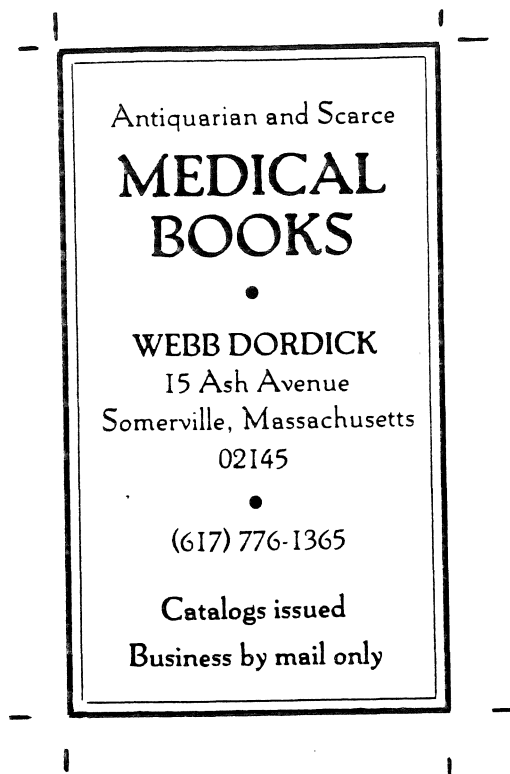
Joan M. Friedman began editing a column titled "The Antiquarian Micro" in the second issue of v. 1. Under the title "Getting Started," she announced the column's goal of "explor[ing] the potential uses of micros in the special collections setting ... reporting on hardware and software that offers particular functionality appropriate for our environment," but largely limited to "PC/MS-DOS standard machines, i.e., the IBM Personal Computer and its 'compatibles.'" She offers neophytes an introduction to some of the basic terminology associated with microcomputers, and suggests questions a librarian should ask before purchasing one. Those of us associated with health science libraries are fortunately situated for exploring micros and new applications. Years of association with MEDLINE and the MEDLARS system have removed much of the mystery of automated systems and perhaps some of the anxiety of making such decisions. Friedman also discusses "Notebook II" (PRO/TEM Software, Stanford, CA), a program for creating bibliographies. Her second column, in vol. 2, no. 1, addresses the questions of foreign language diacritics and graphic capabilities of micros, with a discussion of the ASCII character set. With time I hope she also addresses some specific topics such as data base management systems for collection inventories, spread sheets for statistics and budgets, and special fonts for printing exhibit labels, etc.

A final feature of RBML is the book review section, edited by Paul Koda. The coverage has been a very catholic one, including reviews of monographs on such subjects as Hebrew incunables, antiquarian bookselling, bibliographies on various topics, and a modern archives reader, in full and brief reviews. The first issue also included a separate section devoted to reviews of exhibition catalogues.

The profession has to be delighted to at last have publications devoted specifically to rare book and manuscript librarianship, and grateful to all those who have contributed so generously of their time and talents. Many of the contributors are becoming familiar to us as they appear in one or more of the works under review. Their views can stimulate thought and discussion, whether or not we agree with the ideas expressed. The publications covered in this two-part review have addressed most of the concerns we call our own.

The familiar complaint, that literary concerns dominate the examples and vocabulary is not new, but continues to be an issue. However, in RBML we now have a forum outside our own history of health science circle, from which we can learn, and to

which we can contribute in hopes of broadening the scope of all the members of the larger profession to which we belong.



STANDARDIZED CITATIONS: HISTORY OF HEALTH SCIENCES LITERATURE

Several years ago the Ad Hoc Committee (F. Gyorgyey, M. Hoffman, and N. Zinn), began discussions on the bibliographical tools in our field which were cited frequently enough to warrant being included in the RBMS Standard Citation list. We came up (finally!) with the titles given below. The format is that required by the list, and gives both the full title as catalogued and the abbreviation we suggest.

We would greatly appreciate hearing from you, whether to add or subtract a title or suggest a different edition, etc. Your comments are eagerly sought. We would appreciate having your responses in writing, by September 1st. Please send to:

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Many thanks!

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Bedford

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Cordasco

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Blocker coll.

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Garrison and Morton

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Index cat. surg. gen. off.

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NLM cat. incu. mss.

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NLM 16th cent. books

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Austin

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Reynolds Hist. Lib. Rare books

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Pybus cat.

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Wellcome cat. incu.

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Wellcome cat. med. Amer.

EX LIBRIS

by Glen Jenkins

MAIN ENTRIES

It was great to be able to meet some of our new members at the New Orleans meeting. I hope everyone was able to greet **Kathy Donahue** (UCLA), **Florie Berger** (N.Y. Academy of Medicine), and **Margaret Kaiser** (NLM).

Welcome to new member, **Barbara J. Niss**, Archivist at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. She is active in her profession, currently serving on the Spring Program Committee 1989 for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference. Barbara is planning to enter her archives holdings on OCLC through the MARC AMC format and to move into a renovated area with compact storage. It sounds as though Niss has made a brilliant beginning at MSMC!

Nora O'Sullivan has joined the staff of the Historical Division of the Cleveland Health Sciences Library as Collections Manager, replacing Judy Chelnick who moved to the Smithsonian. Nora is presently working on the picture collection, the museum collections and as registrar for the objects and archives.

Robin Feickert, June graduate of St. Paul Academy,

spent her 3-week Senior Internship at the Wangensteen Historical Library of Biology and Medicine. She assisted in the routine operations of inventory, the gathering of statistical data about holdings, and collection evaluation. With her help work on the provenance file was finally begun. She and Judith Overmier have written a paper on Minnesota Pharmacy Provenances.

ANALYTICS

The Certification debate continues. The Society of American Archivists seems to be going ahead with their plans to require certification. Questions pertaining to the financial hazards of such an undertaking are dealt with in the May, 1988 SAA NEWSLETTER in an "Open letter to the SAA membership on certification" by Sue E. Holbert (p. 10-11)

On the other hand the Association of Colleges and Research Librarians opposes the idea of certification for college and university librarians, affirming that the master's degree from an ALA accredited program is preferable.

Are any of our members actively involved in this debate? We'd like to hear from you.

KUDOS

Volume 3 of the new edition of the Handbook of Medical Library Practice contains Nancy Zinn's chapter on Special Collections. It sets a standard for us all!

Member Janet Kinney's new book is now available:

Saga of a Surgeon: The Life of Daniel Brainard, M.D.

by Janet Kinney, M.D.

Daniel Brainard was one of America's premier pioneer surgeons and the founder of Rush Medical College in Chicago. Dr. Kinney has examined primary documents to weave the fascinating story of a young man from upstate New York acquiring a medical degree, establishing a practice in Chicago's early years, and learning from the medical giants in Europe in order to bring scientific medicine to American medical education.

Included in the three appendixes are four of Brainard's most important essays and an extensive bibliography of his writings. Historical photographs and an index are also included.

Dr. Kinney is professor emerita of Internal Medicine at Rush University/Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago.

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NEW ACQUISITION

Mary Claire Cowen, University of Alabama at Birmingham, reports a very successful fund drive to purchase rare books for the Reynolds Historical Library. Friends of the Reynolds agreed to match funds put up by the Medical Center and \$45,000 was raised. The President of the University, Dr. S. Richard Hill, purchased 50 titles for the collection while on sabbatical in London, most of them landmark books in the history of medicine. Still another reason to make reservations for next year's meeting!

Cleveland Health Sciences Library recently received what is believed to be an 18th Century great house book from England. Neatly written and indexed, it contains recipes for cooking and for curing. "To cure the King's Evil" the Mistress of the House advises that "When it breaks out in blotches & sores, let the party in all his drink have a good store of chives boyled in it with a little sage & it will certainly cure him if it be contain'd with the drinking of it. And use this oyntment following - Take pilewort in May - roots & leaves & shred them & boyle it in Hog's Lard till tis green. Then strain it out & repeat it again 3 times, puting in fresh. Then strain it out & let the party anoynt the sores with it & with God's help it will cure it, proved by them that could not get help from the Doctors."

The Owen H. Wangensteen Historical Library of Biology and Medicine received a grant from the University of Minnesota's Campus Committee on Convocations and the Arts to support its Spring Quarter Lecture Series on the History of the Life Sciences. The series was co-sponsored by the Program for the History of Science.

I have enjoyed writing Ex Libris these past four years. It has given me the opportunity to know our members and to hear what's going on out there FIRST! Thank you for responding to my pleas for news - with all your cooperation, its never been a hassle for me and that makes life sweet. I am delighted to announce that Kathy Donahue has agreed to become the new Ex Libris news compiler. When you hear from her, don't send money -WRITE!

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A follow-up survey will be sent to the ten libraries to evaluate the effectiveness of the test. The results will be reported in a future issue.

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Barbara Irwin

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HISTORY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES SECTION-- MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The MLA History of the Health Sciences Section held its Business Meeting and Professional Program on Tuesday, May 24 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the 1988 New Orleans annual meeting. The guest speaker, John A. Woods, covered the topic "The Appraiser: A Bridge Between the Librarian, the I.R.S., the Donors and the Books." John, an experienced bookdealer and expert appraiser from John A. Woods Appraisers in South Windsor, Connecticut, was full of practical help.

Also held was the Annual Dinner & Speaker. This year the speaker was the noted medical historian Regina Morantz-Sanchez, Ph.D., from the Department of History at the University of Kansas. She spoke on "Examining the 'Spiritual Power of Maternity': Reflections on the Historical Legacy of Women Physicians." Her stimulating and provocative talk and the dinner were held Monday, May 23 from 7-10 p.m. at the New Orleans Pharmacy Museum which is housed in the Vieux Carre in the 19th century apothecary shop and residence of America's first licensed pharmacist. Jeremy Norman provided the wine for our dinner again this year. Our historian was brought to us by contributions from bookdealers Jonathan Hill, Bruce Ramer, and Richard Arkway. Special thanks to all four of these dealers for their support!

Over fifty people attended the presentation and participated in the question and answer session that followed.

A REMEMBRANCE OF JACOB ZEITLIN, BOOKSELLER

by Bruce J. Ramer

I have a fond recollection of my first meeting with Jake Zeitlin. I was a graduate student and beginning collector attending the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the History of Science Society, at the Burndy Library, Norwalk, CT., October, 1973. Jake Zeitlin spoke during a session held in the main reading room of the Library, surrounded by the great collections (which Jake had helped to develop) amassed by Bern Dibner, the scientist, book and instrument collector, writer, and philanthropist.

Jake spoke about locating a copy of a book in Paris that had belonged to the famous chemist Antoine Lavoisier. He told how he found the book (A dealer led him to a place where he could see it, Jake followed and bought it.). Story teller par excellence, Jake could make this search for a book long thought to be missing, into a mystery, with a climactic end. He contacted the historian of science, Henry Guerlac, at Cornell University, and together the two arranged the purchase, and the placement of the book in the Cornell History of Science Collections' recreation of Lavoisier's library. Jake told how he placed the book on the shelf himself.

Later, after the meeting, we were entertained at Yale by the History of Science Department, and taken on a tour of their facilities and then to the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. In the Beinecke, just inside the entrance, I approached Jake, while we both looked up at the magnificent stacks, behind the glass windows, in the center of this wonderful building. I told him I had a brother who was a colleague of his, and he asked his name. My brother had been in business about 4 years, and Jake was in his fifth decade of bookselling, yet he patiently spoke to me for a few minutes, which today I realize is a great amount of time to expect

from many leading bookdealers. After all, time is money. But with Jake, it was different; he was always willing to talk to people about books.

Years later I recounted this tale to Jake and his wife, when as a bookseller, I was exhibiting at the 1983 History of Science Annual Meeting, once more at the Burndy Library. I learned a great deal from watching this man "work the crowd," as the elite of the History of Science Society came to pay homage to a legend and pulled up chairs. They listened intently as he regaled them with stories and booklore. He exhibited three books; one an Apianus' Astronomicum Caesareum First Edition, Ingoldstadt, 1540, priced at \$65,000; another, a work by Galileo, also in the multi-thousand price range. He also had stacks of catalogues, but most importantly there was Jake. He knew how to "put on a show."

I had met him the year before in his Los Angeles "Red Barn" bookstore, and would see him one more time in 1984 in L.A. after a trip to San Francisco for the AAHM meeting. The latter time I showed him a copy of the first edition of Jean Fernel's De Naturale Parte Medicine Libri Septem, Paris, 1542. He had never seen a copy, yet held it in his hands and knew how rare it was, and that it was the first "physiology." This was the best printed book I have owned then or since. He wanted to take it on consignment, but I was leaving for New York the following Tuesday, and could only let him have it for a few days. When I returned to New York, I had an order and sold it.

The last time I heard from Jake was last June, when he phoned me to ask if I had a first or third edition of Newton's Principia. Although ill after by-pass surgery, and 84 years old, he was still hustling to find great books. What a way to remember this fabulous bookman, a true credit to the profession.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE--NEW ORLEANS

A lively and useful dialogue between librarians and an audience of historians, physicians, scholars, etc. took place at the luncheon sponsored by the Association of Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences during the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine in New Orleans May 5. More than 70 persons attended the session entitled "Why Ask the Librarian?"

Three panelists, Dr. Guenter B. Risse, Dr. Caroline Hannaway, and Dr. Bruce Fye, responded to four questions: what are the most useful services librarians provide; what, if any, services are lacking, or might be improved; are there ways you might provide support for history or rare book collections that might be mutually beneficial; and what resources do you use in addition to libraries?

All the panelists are historians and authors as well as having other areas of interest. Dr. Risse is Professor and Chairman of the Department of the History and Philosophy of Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco; Dr. Hannaway is editor of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine, Baltimore; and Dr. Fye is Chairman of Cardiology at Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, Wisconsin, and an antiquarian medical book seller. Nancy Zinn, Head of the Special Collections Division of the Library at the University of California, San Francisco, moderated the session.

The speakers brought a variety of points of view in discussing their own library experiences. They raised a number of

issues: more access to rare book collections for browsing; more availability of materials, including the problems of off-site storage for older volumes. In turn, the librarians spoke about their concerns, agreeing that more access to special collections is desirable, but stressing the sorry fact that there is genuine need for tight security in libraries today. Librarians also agreed that off-site storage is not the ideal solution, but their collections are caught in that ever-present library situation of lack of space.

The issue of communication brought much discussion--the panelists suggested that we need to be much more aggressive in approaching users, in announcing new reference books, databases, services, etc. Librarians reiterated their age-old question, "Why don't you ask for help?"

Dr. Hannaway's comments about one of the frustrations of editing--that about 80% of the references and footnotes cited were inaccurate surprised a number of persons. Not librarians, however, as they are well aware of the decline in today's standards of publishing.

The comments heard following the program indicated that many found the discussion fruitful. It is a sound foundation to what we hope will be a continuing dialogue on topics of mutual interest.

by Lucretia McClure
Program Chairman



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Ten rare book dealers exhibited books at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine. They brought a wide variety of books with them (including two Epitome of Vesalius!) providing librarians and collectors with a nice opportunity to meet the dealers, to select books for acquisition, and to talk about books and collecting.

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ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARIANS IN THE HISTORY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES BUSINESS MEETING -- MAY 4, 1988

Dorothy Whitcomb, President, opened the business meeting with special thanks to Mary Teloh and Cynthia Goldstein for their work on the local arrangements for the meeting, to Barbara Rootenberg for her donation to help underwrite expenses for the meeting, to Bruce Ramer for providing the wine for our lunch, and to the Nominating Committee for their work in selecting candidates for office.

Elizabeth White, Secretary Treasurer, gave her report on ALHHS finances. As of March 31, 1988 there was \$3,107.00 in our credit union account. After depositing checks for the meeting and withdrawing money for meeting expenses the balance as of May 1, 1988 was \$3,243.00. The expenses yet to be paid this year include \$200 - 300.00 of additional meeting expenses, the membership brochure, the membership directory, and four issues of The Watermark. The Association is in good shape financially and will have enough money to carry out its business for the next year.

John Parascandola, Director of the History of Medicine Division at the National Library of Medicine, gave a report on the seventeenth century catalog. Proof reading is being finished. We should have an announcement about this catalog shortly. He also stated that NLM is starting a videodisc project for all prints and photographs and a preservation microfilming project for journals and to help with the brittle books project. Anyone needing more information about these projects can contact him at NLM.

Phil Teigen, Associate Director of the History of Medicine Division at the National Library of Medicine, gave a report on DIR-LINE, an online file for history of medicine collections. If your institution is not currently listed, Phil asked that you contact him for the survey forms. He would like to have as many archives, museums, and libraries as possible participate.

Inci Bowman, who had served as Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented a short report on problems with our By-Laws in handling nominations and in selecting members for the steering committee. Glen Jenkins asked why the amount of the dues is included in the By-Laws. After some discussion on several problem areas, Lucretia McClure moved that the President form a Committee to revise the By-Laws and present the revised By-Laws to the membership in advance of the next annual meeting. Nancy Zinn seconded this motion and this was passed by the members present. [The Constitution and By-Laws Committee is Lucretia McClure, Chair, Dorothy Whitcomb, and Inci Bowman.] Dorothy Whitcomb asked that the Committee consider specifically different categories of membership and the election process.

Mary Claire Cowen, University of Alabama in Birmingham, invited everyone to the meeting next year in Birmingham, Alabama. The dates for our meeting and the AAHM meeting are April 26 - 30, 1989.

Glen Jenkins, Chair of the Publications Committee, gave a report on changes in assignments for articles in The Watermark. The

previous emphasis was on geographical coverage, but now individuals have accepted responsibility for various subject areas. For example, Estelle Brodman will occasionally prepare articles with a broad outlook on our profession; Sam Davis will handle announcements for continuing education opportunities; Joan Echtenkamp will handle archives and manuscripts; and Mary Teloh will keep us up on fundraising and gifts. In all there are nine assignments for subjects to be covered in the forthcoming issues of The Watermark. Glen encouraged anyone with ideas for articles or announcements to please contact her or to contact Nancy Zinn, the new Chair for the Publications Committee.

Nancy Zinn, University of California at San Francisco, talked for a few minutes about the Standard Citations for Cataloging Rare Books and Manuscripts. She, Mary Ann Hoffman, and Ferenc Gyorgyey prepared a list of citations to be printed in The Watermark [see this issue] and have asked that these be inserted in the list from the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section/ACRL.

Dorothy Whitcomb briefly reviewed a bit of ALHHS history for the members. Five of our founding members, John Erlen, Ferenc Gyorgyey, Judith Overmier, Lisabeth Holloway, and Nancy Zinn, are present at this year's ALHHS/AAHM meeting. The Association was formed at a breakfast meeting in 1975 in Baltimore, with the first official meeting taking place the next year in Galveston.

John Parascandola made an announcement about the Murray Gottlieb Prize for the Medical Library Association. This prize is awarded annually for the best unpublished essay on the history of medicine and allied sciences written by a health sciences librarian. The author receives an award of \$100 and a certificate at the MLA annual meeting. The deadline for submission of articles is December 15, 1988. John Erlen, John Parascandola, and Mary Ann Hoffman will serve as the Gottlieb Prize Committee for this year. Anyone interested in submitting an article can talk to the Committee members about the guidelines for judging.

Dorothy Whitcomb then presented the President's gavel to Glen Jenkins, the new President for ALHHS, and closed the annual meeting for 1988.

There were 37 members present and several guests.

Submitted by Elizabeth Borst White,
Secretary-Treasurer

ALHHS Appointments

Publications Committee:

Chair: Nancy Zinn

Ex Libris: Katherine Donahue

Conservation News: Janice Braun

Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

Chair: Lucretia McClure

Dorothy Whitcomb

Inci Bowman

Luncheon Workshop Coordinator:

Thomas A. Horrocks

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES/ALA

The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL/ALA held a preconference in New Orleans July 5-8, 1988. The subject was "Libraries & Museums: Leaves from Each Other's Books." Plenary sessions included lectures and panel discussions on issues common to museums and libraries, and seminars addressed aspects of the program theme and other topical issues.

Of particular interest to librarians in the History of the Health Sciences was a seminar on "Science, Medicine, and Technology Collections: Practical Approaches to 'Alien' Materials," with panelists David W. Corson, Cornell University; Ellen Wells, Smithsonian Institution; Alexandra Mason, University of Kansas; and Christine Ruggere, University of Pennsylvania.

A number of medical rare book librarians, members of ALHHS, attended the preconference this year.

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LEGACIES OF GENIUS:

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Aided by a generous grant of \$530,000 from The Pew Memorial Trust, the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries (PACSCL) has mounted a cooperative exhibit of more than 230 of the most significant books, manuscripts, and works of art on paper selected from its collective holdings. The exhibit, entitled "Legacies of Genius: A Celebration of Philadelphia Libraries," is on view at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Library Company of Philadelphia through 25 September 1988. Edwin Wolf 2nd, former Librarian of the Library Company is the guest curator of the exhibit, as well as the editor of the handsome exhibition catalogue.

"Legacies of Genius" could not have come at a better time for the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, since 1988 marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of its library. Through this major exhibit, not only Philadelphians, but others from around the country will be introduced to the rich holdings of the Historical Collections of the Library of the College. Fifteen rare items have been chosen from the Historical Collections of the Library for the exhibit. They are as follows: a fourteenth-century manuscript of Arnold of Villanova's treatise on the infirmities of the eye, which includes a drawing of the instruments used in eye surgery during that time; the *editio princeps* of Celsus' *De medicina* (Florence, 1478) that once belonged to Georgio Antonio Vespucci, uncle and tutor of Americigo, after whom America was named; the first Latin edition of the *Hortus sanitatis* (Mainz, 1491); the *editio princeps* of Aristotle's works in Greek (Venice, 1495-1498), printed by Aldus Manutius; Hans von Gersdorff's *Feldtbuch der wundartzney* (Strassburg, 1517), which contains the first illustration of an

amputation to appear in a book; a first edition of Vesalius' *De humani corporis fabrica* (Basel, 1543); Hieronymus Fabricius *De formato foetu* (Venice, 1600; Padua, 1604), which contains thirty original paintings of the printed plates (only one other set of these paintings exist); one of the three "thick-paper" copies in existence of the first edition of William Harvey's masterpiece on the circulation of the blood, *De motu cordis* (Frankfurt, 1628); the manuscript copy and the first edition of Thomas Cadwalader's *Essay on the West-India Dry-Gripes* (Philadelphia, 1745), which was printed by Benjamin Franklin and is the only copy in existence which contains two prefaces, one of which was suppressed (probably by Franklin); Jacques Fabien Dagoty's beautiful anatomical atlas, *Myologie complete* ... (Paris, 1746-1748); a first edition of Morgagni's *De sedibus et causis morborum* (Venice, 1761) that was presented by the author to John Morgan, one of the founders of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and the founder of the first medical school in America; Francesco Antommarchi's gigantic piracy of Paolo Mascagni's magnificent anatomical work, which once belonged in the library of Empress Marie Louise, second wife of Napoleon; the manuscript constitution of the American Medical Association (1847); and the second communication of Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen on the discovery of the x-ray, which includes one of the first photographs of an x-ray.

The College of Physicians joined PACSCL in 1985. The Consortium grew out of a series of informal discussions among the directors of several research libraries in the Philadelphia area. The sixteen member institutions each hold significant primary printed and manuscript resources which they preserve and make accessible to scholars for research purposes, and to lay audiences through exhibitions and publications. In addition to the College of Physicians, the cooperating institutions are the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, the American Philosophical Society, The Athenaeum of Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr College, the Annenberg Research Institute, the Free Library of Philadelphia, Haverford College, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Library Company of Philadelphia, the Presbyterian Historical Society, the Rosenbach Museum & Library, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Swarthmore College, Temple University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

by Thomas A. Horrocks

TENTH ANNUAL OUT-OF-PRINT AND ANTIQUARIAN BOOK MARKET SEMINAR

The above named O-P and Antiquarian Seminar number ten, to be held August 7-12, 1988, at the University of Denver, CO., has been announced.

It will be co-directed by Jacob L. Chernofsky, editor and publisher of AB Bookman's Weekly, and Margaret Knox Goggin, presently at Emory University but who will return to the University of Denver as professor emerita.

The faculty of the seminar will be made up of Owner-Proprietors of rare book shops. A few of the names listed, chosen at random, are: Diane de Blois, Michael Ginsberg, Edwin V. Glaser, Florian J. Sharky, Robert W. Topp.

From the brochure we quote: "Specialists share their expertise and experiences with librarians and booksellers in this

comprehensive survey of out-of-print, antiquarian and rare book markets. Basic procedures and problems are discussed both formally and informally through a series of lectures, demonstrations, discussions and practical workshops."

The sixteen listed program highlights are too numerous to repeat, but we chose: Survey of the antiquarian book trade and the out-of-print market; The antiquarian book dealer; The used book shop; Pricing and appraisals; Compiling and reading bookseller catalogs; Acquisition of rare and out-of-print materials - problems of librarians and dealers; Care and preservation of antiquarian books; Computer systems for the antiquarian book trade; Opportunity to consult with faculty on special problems.

Housing will be available at the University of Denver dormitories or in motels about two miles distant. Sessions will be held at the Driscoll Center at the University. Continuing Education credits can be earned.

The cost of the seminar/workshop will be \$450.00. A deposit of \$100.00 accompanying the application, made payable to Book Seminars Inc. may be sent to Margaret K. Goggin, 4024 N.W. 15th St., Gainesville, FL. 32605 through July 1, 1988. The balance will be due at the beginning of the seminar. Questions may be directed to Ms. Goggin at (904) 378-8144.

by Sam Davis

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