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*Man knows no Master save creating Heaven,
Or those whom Choice and common Good ordain.*

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News of the Library and Library Associates

Annual Meeting and Luncheon, May 14, 1976

The trustees of Library Associates met to review activities of the year 1975-76 and to suggest action for the coming year. The treasurer, Mr. Henry Bannister, reported that \$4900.00 had been spent on acquisitions for the Syracuse University Libraries (as noted in *The Courier*, Vol. XII, 4) and that \$5000.00 had been used to start a library endowment fund. These two gifts were the result of donations to the Special Acquisitions Fund Drive in 1974-75. About \$1200.00 remains in that fund.

The Antiquarian Book Auction earned Library Associates another \$5000.00 for the libraries. The trustees designated two-thirds of that sum for the endowment fund, the remainder to be used for acquisitions much needed this year by the libraries.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Wechter are responsible for planning the auction and carrying it through to ultimate success. Many members and friends donated auction items and/or their time, especially Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gantter, Mr. and Mrs. Onesime Piette, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Resnick, Mrs. Philip Holstein, Mrs. Roscoe Martin, Mrs. Albert Wertheimer, and Mrs. J. H. Auchincloss. The auctioneers who gave their time were Dr. Benjamin J. Lake, and Dr. Leslie Poste.

Special assistance was given by Chancellor Melvin Eggers who auctioned five items, and Dr. Isaac Asimov who donated three of his specially printed works to the auction and autographed them for those who bought them.

At least one member, Mr. Lawrence Reeves, came all the way from New York City with his wife to participate in the bidding.

Mr. Wechter, Auction Committee chairman, recommended that the auction be held again next year in conjunction with a book fair. This possibility will be explored.

For the time, the effort, the contribution toward the expenses of the auction, and the items to be auctioned that Mr. Wechter personally gave, Library Associates' is indebted and grateful. That he is willing to chair the auction committee in 1977 should inspire the membership to support the auction with equal energy.

At the luncheon Dr. Benjamin J. Lake spoke on "Portraiture in Porcelain." The presentation with slides depicted pieces from Dr. Lake's collection of English pottery and porcelain from the eighteenth and nineteenth century, including some of those which Dr. and Mrs. Lake have given to the Everson Museum in Syracuse. An informative introduction briefly explained the technique of ceramic modelling, coloring and glazing and mentioned the major artisans and popular subjects of the period.

A folder showing the coat-of-arms of Richard de Bury, Bishop of Durham, and presenting a page from his *Philobiblon* was given to each person at the luncheon. The selection from "On the utility and necessity of grammar" was the gift of Mr. Henry Bannister who designed the handsome folio and did the calligraphy which was reproduced in black with hand-colored initials in red.

Post-Standard Award

The *Post-Standard* Award for Outstanding Service to the Syracuse University Libraries for 1975 was presented at the luncheon to Chancellor Emeritus William Pearson Tolley. Mr. Leonard Gorman read the following citation:

"An undergraduate at Syracuse University, later its distinguished Chancellor for more than a quarter of a century, and now among the most active and loyal of its emeriti, Dr. Tolley has been for more than five decades a wise user and great friend of the university library.

"Because he has known how vital involvement with books is to the life of the mind and how crucial libraries are to sustaining the 'transcendent aims' of civilization, he has nurtured the growth of this library. Over the years his vision of the central role of the library in the endless adventure of teaching and learning has contributed mightily to the enrichment of the collections and the staff, and to the fine new Bird Library building.

"As a bookman Dr. Tolley has been the best sort of friend to the library. Through his extensive gifts he has left his stamp on the special collections of the George Arents Research Library. A rich collection of histories of European universities, gathered over many years, shelves of Kipling, and a splendid leaf from a Gutenberg Bible, at once a thing of beauty and a vital teaching tool, are but a few of his gifts.

"His own enthusiasm for the world of books is infectious. A founder of the Library Associates, and an early sponsor of *The Courier*, it is good but not surprising to see him so often at the library, reading, learning, writing, talking, and teaching all of us, through his example, the values of great libraries."

Those who have been most active in Library Associates since it was founded in 1953 know that Dr. Tolley's contribution to Library Associates exceeds their power to adequately express their gratitude.

New Trustees

New trustees have joined the Board. Appointed to fill vacancies in the Class of 1977 were Dr. Arthur A. Ecker, Mrs. Robert C. Hosmer, and Mr. Richard Wilson. Mr. Wilson, director of the News Bureau at Syracuse University, is Publicity and Public Relations Committee chairman.

Dr. Allen Best has been elected to the new Class of 1979. One vacancy remains in that Class since nine of its members agreed to remain on the Board of Trustees for another three-year term. (See inside back cover, this issue.)

Dr. Best retired May 1, 1976, after nearly fourteen years in the Syracuse University Office of University Relations. He has directed development programs over the years in foundation support, church relations, parents' programs, and special programs for the Second Century capital fund campaign. Dr. Best has been particularly helpful to Library Associates through the Joint Finance and Development Committee during the Special Acquisitions Fund Drive and subsequent establishment of the Endowment Fund.

Dr. Best has assumed a new position as director of development and community relations for another organization. We are glad he will continue his interest in Library Associates.

Krasners Move to Boston

Emeritus Professor and Mrs. Louis Krasner have moved to Boston after having been for twenty-five years leading participants in the Syracuse musical scene. They are making the change to be near their two daughters and grandchildren.

Mrs. Krasner has been principal violinist, second section, of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra since its forming. Professor Krasner had a distinguished career as a concert violinist, was for a time with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, and taught at the Syracuse University School of Music until his retirement in 1971. He founded the Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music which has become successful enough to present six or seven concerts per season at Syracuse University's Crouse College featuring outstanding chamber groups.

A member of Library Associates for many years, Professor Krasner has spoken about his collection of musical rarities and memorabilia to our membership.

Their Syracuse friends wish the Krasners well in their new home.

A Very Special Award

Sarah Knapp Auchincloss has received the "Award for Meritorious Community Service" for a person who has contributed to the community without publicity or widespread acclaim from the Thursday Morning Roundtable, University College, Syracuse University.

Dean Lee Smith noted that Mrs. Auchincloss "has cared most about and has fought the good fight against injustice, inequality, poverty, and discrimination."

Mrs. Auchincloss has been a trustee of Library Associates and served as membership and program chairman. She was one of the major forces to inspire a revitalized Library Associates organization in the last several years.

The Thursday Morning Roundtable is an expression of Syracuse University's commitment to apply its resources to the improvement of community life through education for public leadership. In the past ten years it has become a major channel of communication for civic leadership in the Syracuse metropolitan area and a catalyst for community activity.



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