

NOTES FROM THE UNIVERSITY
OF NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY

Latin American Materials

During the past three years the library of the University of North Carolina has been enjoying a significant expansion of resources through the acquisition of Latin American materials made possible by a co-operative grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to the three Universities of Duke, Tulane, and North Carolina. Dr. Sturgis E. Leavitt, Coordinator of the project for North Carolina, has just released his report on the methods followed in promoting cooperative purchases and exchanges of duplicates resulting in a total of 2,867 books acquired, in the fields of literature and history, during the year 1942-43. In addition to the regular trade channels, materials are being collected by the purchase of private collections, by gifts and by exchange of duplicates. In several instances, visitors to South America from the University of North Carolina have become effective agents in purchasing materials, or in arranging for exchanges. The report states that, in spite of war conditions, the work has not suffered unduly. Some shipments have been delayed; some orders have not yet been heard from, but many books have been received from South America during the year. Two large groups of materials, the Lenz Collection and the books purchased by Dr. W. W. Pierson in Venezuela, are now available to scholars. Efforts have been made to complete the partial sets of journals in the fields of special interest of the University, and considerable success has been attained. The countries on which the University is concentrating its efforts are Venezuela, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay. The other countries of South America are being covered by Duke, and Tulane is concentrating on those in Mexico and Central America. The Collection and its acquisition have been described in greater detail by Miss Elizabeth F. Adkins, Cataloging Specialist in charge of Latin American Materials, in the June 1st, 1943, issue of the *Library Journal*.

Service to the Army and Navy Units

We extend to various Army and Navy units on the campus every service that we do to the civilian students. All departments of the Library are open to them and their use varies according to the class assignments of each group. Special rooms in the Library for study use are being assigned at specific hours for certain service units. The War Information Center, with its attractive facilities in the main lobby of the Library, collects late helpful materials for the use of the armed forces, as well as for the general reading public. The opportunities for browsing, resting or purchasing books in the Bull's Head Bookshop, on the ground floor of the Library, are being increasingly taken advantage of by men of the Army and Navy stationed in Chapel Hill.

North Carolina War Records

The Library is actively participating in the program of the State Department of Archives and History for the collection of North Carolina war records. The Librarian, Charles E. Rush, has been appointed Records Administrator for the University. At the recent Institute for Collectors of War Records held in Chapel Hill under the sponsorship of the State Office of Civilian Defense and the State Department of Archives and History, the Library was represented by Miss Mary L. Thornton, Curator of the North Carolina Collection, Mrs. Lyman A. Cotten, Curator of the Southern Historical Collection, and Mrs. Clarence Heer of the War Information Center.

CHARLES E. RUSH