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NOTES AND NEWS

ON the 19th of July 1972 the John Rylands Library and the University Library of Manchester were merged and became one library with the title The John Rylands University Library of Manchester. The following press announcement was issued :

THE JOHN  
RYLANDS  
UNIVERSITY  
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MANCHESTER

“ With the merger of the John Rylands Library and the University Library of Manchester the north now has one of the nation’s four great academic libraries. The merger, proposed by the two institutions in 1970, has now been sealed, with the appointment of the University as trustee of the Library by the Department of Education and Science. This marks the end of some 70 years of independent existence of the Library and consolidates a long and fruitful period of close association.

“ The combined libraries will be known as The John Rylands University Library of Manchester. Together they create a scholarly library of a size and quality that sets the new institution alongside the British Museum, Oxford and Cambridge. The Rylands has an outstanding reputation internationally for its superb collections of manuscripts and rare printed books. The University Library, with stocks of well over one million volumes, is among the largest and strongest of its kind and has its own very considerable collections of rare books. Their combined value is almost inestimable.

“ In addition, the two libraries complement each other to an unusual degree as a result of many years of co-operative purchasing and policy. They form an academic library rich in primary and secondary research materials, in both arts and sciences, of around two million volumes.

## 2 THE JOHN RYLANDS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

“ Within the new library structure, the University envisages that the manuscript and rare book holdings will be concentrated in the famous building in Deansgate, Manchester. Members of the public will continue to be admitted to view the exhibitions there and also in the major extension to the present University Library, now at an advanced planning stage, in the Manchester Education Precinct.

“ Both libraries have a long tradition of service to scholarship in the north-west. One of the objectives of their merger is to promote this further and to create the kind of research facility that has hitherto only been found in the south-east. The merger does much more than guarantee the continued existence in Manchester of one of the world’s great libraries: it makes possible for the first time the creation of a library of national standing here in the north.”

The Director of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester is Dr. F. W. Ratcliffe, who has been since 1965 Librarian of Manchester University. There are two Deputy Directors: Dr. F. Taylor, Librarian of the Rylands Library, becomes Deputy Director and Principal Keeper, and Mr. S. Roberts, Deputy Librarian of Manchester University, becomes Deputy Director, Administration.

The following is a list of the Sub-Librarians: Superintendent of Services, K. G. D. Cave, B.A.; Reference Librarian, G. C. Johnson, B.A., Ph.D.; Administration, K. Farmery, B.A., A.L.A.; Science Librarian, F. Y. Abel, B.A.; Medical Librarian, D. F. Cook, M.A., Dip. Arch. Admin., Dip. Lib.; Social Sciences Librarian, C. J. Hunt, B.A., M.Litt., A.L.A.; Keeper of Printed Books, Margaret M. Wright, M.A., Ph.D.; Keeper of Manuscripts, Glenis A. Matheson, B.A., Dip. Arch. Admin. Three members of the senior staff of the Rylands Library appear in this list, Mr. Farmery and Dr. Wright from the Department of Printed Books and Miss Matheson from the Department of Manuscripts.

The publication of the *Bulletin* is not in any way affected by the merger. In fact, it is specifically stated in the Order made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science that “ The University shall continue to publish the *Bulletin* of the Library

in like manner as the same has heretofore been published". Accordingly, it will appear twice yearly as before and will remain unchanged in form, with Dr. Taylor continuing as editor. There will, of course, be a necessary small emendation in the title, which now becomes *Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester*, and in future items of interest from the combined collections will be reported in Notes and News.

The following is a list of recent Library publications consisting of reprints of articles which appeared in the latest BULLETIN (Spring 1972):

RECENT  
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"The Manson Memorial Lecture. 1971."

"Paul and Women's Liberty." By G. B. Caird, D.Phil., D.D., Principal of Mansfield College and Reader in Biblical Studies in the University of Oxford. 8vo, pp. 14. Price 25p.

"Galatian Problems. 4. The Date of the Epistle." By F. F. Bruce, M.A., D.D., Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis in the University of Manchester. 8vo, pp. 18. Price 30p.

"Ruskin and the Brownings: Twenty-five Unpublished Letters." Edited by David J. DeLaura, Professor of English in the University of Texas at Austin. 8vo, pp. 42. Price 60p.

"'The Sphere of Common Duties': The Domestic Solution in Tennyson's Poetry." By William E. Fredeman, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of English in the University of British Columbia. 8vo, pp. 27. Price 35p.

"Dickens and his Readers." By J. D. Jump, M.A., John Edward Taylor, Professor of English Literature in the University of Manchester. 8vo, pp. 14. Price 25p.

"Landor's Letters to his Family: 1826-1829." Edited by A. LaVonne Ruoff, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle. 8vo, pp. 37. Price 50p.

"Agriculture or Industry? A French Dilemma at the Time of Henri IV." By F. E. Sutcliffe, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Classical French Literature in the University of Manchester. 8vo, pp. 15. Price 25p.

"The Oriental Manuscript Collections in the John Rylands

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Library." By F. Taylor, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A., Librarian and Keeper of Manuscripts, The John Rylands Library. 8vo, pp. 30. Price 60p.

The following is a list of the public lectures (the seventy-first series) which have been arranged for delivery in the University Library Building in Deansgate during the current session 1972-73 at 5.15 p.m. :

THE  
SEVENTY-  
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11 October 1972. "Joseph Conrad and the Question of Suicide." By C. B. Cox, Professor of English Literature in the University of Manchester.

15 November 1972. "Galatian Problems. 5. Galatians and Christian Origins." By F. F. Bruce, Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis in the University of Manchester.

13 December 1972. "Some Methods of Escape From Nazi Occupation." By M. R. D. Foot, Professor of Modern History in the University of Manchester.

17 January 1973. "The Subjectivity of Thucydides." By H. D. Westlake, Hulme Professor of Greek in the University of Manchester.

14 February 1973. "Reading the Bible As Literature." By James Barr, Professor of Semitic Languages and Literatures in the University of Manchester.

14 March 1973. "Diglossia in German-Speaking Switzerland." By R. E. Keller, Henry Simon Professor of German Language and Medieval German Literature in the University of Manchester.

16 May 1973. "The Destruction of English Medieval Art during the Middle Ages." By C. R. Dodwell, Pilkington Professor of the History of Art in the University of Manchester.

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