

LIBRARY EXHIBITS WORKS OF LAMB

Memorials of Essayist's
Life Shown in Centen-
ary Commemoration.

In connection with the commemoration of the centenary of the death of Charles Lamb, the Library of Congress has opened an exhibition of memorials of the great essayist's life and work.

A copy of the printed edition of Lamb's first play, "John Woodvil," 1802, is one of the notable items displayed. With it is shown a copy of his two-act farce, "Mr. H. or Beware of a Bad Name," produced at the Drury Lane Theater, London, December 10, 1806, and in Philadelphia during the season of 1812.

But even more interesting than these specimens of Lamb's art as a playwright is a facsimile of a little book for children, "The King and Queen of Hearts," published in 1805 and foreshadowing Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland." It has a place of honor in a case in the north gallery of the Library with a copy of the first edition of "Tales From Shakespeare," 1807, the classic which Lamb prepared for junior readers in collaboration with his sister Mary. Plates of the "Tales" were by William Blake from drawings by William Mulready.

"Dream Children" Shown.

The first printing of Lamb's "Dream Children" also is shown. It appeared in the London Magazine for January, 1822, and is considered by his biographer, E. V. Lucas, "the most beautiful of all his writings."

In the case of the copies of Mr. Lucas' "Life" and "At the Shrine of St. Charles," Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem on Lamb in the "Annual Anthology" for 1800, a bibliography of Lamb's publications from 1796 to 1834, Lamb's "Letters" as issued by the Bibliophile Society, Edward Newton's appreciations of Lamb in "End Papers" and "The Amelities of Book Collecting," G. Washington Ball's copy of Thomas Noon Talford's "Literary Sketches and Letters, Being the Final Memorials of Charles Lamb," 1848; Thomas de Quincey's "Recollections of Charles Lamb," 1838, and volumes of the London Magazine, Hone's "Everyday Book," the "Gentleman's Magazine," the "Monthly Magazine and British Register," Hood's "Gem," the "Reflector," the "Examiner" and other periodicals to which Lamb contributed.

Works in Various Languages.

The universality of the author's popularity is illustrated by editions of his works in different languages, the list including Chinese, Hebrew, phonography or shorthand and a variety of "basic" English intended to serve as an international tongue.

Among the art books, is an edition of "A Dissertation Upon Roast Pig," done in "the Chinese manner," at the printing house of Leo Hart, Rochester, 1832, with colorful drawings by Wilfred Jones, and an edition of one of Lamb's compositions for children with pictures by Walter Crane.

A series of literary curiosities associated with Lamb's career are represented in a volume entitled "Mrs. Leicesters School, or the History of Several Young Ladies, Related by Themselves," 1810, containing three stories which Lamb himself wrote for "the several" and seven which were written by his sister; a play by James Knowles with an epilogue by Lamb to be spoken by Miss Ellen Tree; a poetical version of an ancient tale, "The Beauty and the Beast," attributed to Lamb but considered doubtful; and a "mock forgery" entitled "The Original Letters, etc. of Sir John Falstaff," which Lamb is supposed to have perpetrated in company with James White, a personal friend.

Copy of London Times Displayed.

To settle the question as to the exact date of the author's death, the library shows the London Times for Monday, December 29, 1834, with the announcement: "Died, on the 27th inst., at Edmonton, after a short illness, Charles Lamb, Esq., late of East India House, author of the 'Essays of Elia' and other works, in the 61st year of his age. He was decidedly a man of genius; abounding with original thought, not less remarkable for his power of moving the heart than of amusing the fancy. His amiable qualities converted even casual acquaintances into friends."

The division of fine arts contributes to the exhibition an engraved portrait of Lamb by William Sartain after a daguerrotype and several portraits by Maclell, Raeburn, Henry Meyer and others.

At the Folger Shakespeare Library Lamb's annotated copy of Shakespeare's poems and six letters by Lamb to different friends are being shown.

—J. W. F.

EIGHT SENTENCED IN DEBAUCHERY CASE

Father, Sons and Daughters
Among Those Convicted of
Kidnaping Girls.

By The Associated Press.

SMITHFIELD, N. C., December 29.—Convicted of kidnaping three young women from Johnston County and taking them to New York for immoral purposes, eight defendants were sentenced by Judge Frank Daniels in Superior Court here today to prison sentences ranging from 2 to 20 years.

Notice of intention to appeal was filed.

Six defendants, a father and five sons and daughters, live in Johnston County, while the seventh and eighth, another daughter and her husband, live in New York. The girls were 17, 15 and 14 years old.

The jury, reaching a verdict this morning, had deliberated the case since 2:30 p.m. yesterday. Arthur Krane and his wife, both of whom were sentenced, were alleged to have operated an apartment in New York at which the three girls were forced to enter lives of debauchery.

PATRIOTIC FOUNDER DIES

First President of War Mothers
Organized Society.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 29 (AP).—Mrs. Alice M. French, 71, founder and first president of the American War Mothers, died of heart disease here today after an illness of six weeks.

Mrs. French was well known throughout the United States for her activities in patriotic organizations. She organized the War Mothers' Society in the later years of the World war, when her son Donald R. French, now an attorney, entered the service. He is the only immediate relative.

Ship Captain Thanks Rescuers



Capt. F. Reiner, of the abandoned Norwegian freighter Sisto, shown shaking hands with Capt. Fritz Kruse of the liner New York as the New York docked at Southampton. On the right is Second Officer Weissen, who was promoted to chief officer of the S. S. New York for his heroism in rescuing the crew of the disabled Sisto in a storm at sea. The Sisto's captain and crew of 15 were saved. —Associated Press Photo.

BUCHANAN'S HOME BEING TORN DOWN

Building 100 Years Old to
Be Razed to Provide Site
for Parking Lot.

Even the memory of its former distinction had almost passed when workmen yesterday began demolishing the plain red brick house at 918 E street, which once was the home of James Buchanan before he became the Nation's fifteenth President.

An automobile parking lot will occupy its site.

The three-story structure, perhaps a hundred years old, was a congressional "mess" in the middle 1800s, and there a number of bachelor members of the National Legislature and those who had not brought their families to Washington lived. Among them was President Buchanan, who was in both House and Senate for many years.

Nothing now remains to remind one of the gayety and life which can be imagined as once filling its chambers. Although the interior has been well kept by the doctor and his wife who have occupied it for more than 40 years, its exterior has a weather-beaten and dingy appearance of extreme age.

Setting Accentuates Age.

Its present setting accentuates the atmosphere of age and insignificance. Adjoining the west is the building of the Merchants Transfer & Storage Co. Several doors to the east is the Houston Hotel. Both tower above the old home and seem to dwarf it.

The exact time that President Buchanan lived there could not be learned even in the files of the Congressional Library. Metal plates which long ago informed visitors that "James Buchanan occupied this house before he was President of the United States" have corroded until the lettering is indistinguishable. The last occupant, Dr. James Morgan Barber, took them down, and they were lost when he moved out a week ago.

Buchanan spent much of his life in Washington as a member of Congress or Secretary of State. He also served as Minister to Russia and England. The E street house is only one of the President's places where the scholar lived at various times.

For Parking Site.

The property now is owned by the Merchants Transfer & Storage Co., which is having the house and two adjoining structures torn down to furnish ground for the Service Parking Corp.

Before Dr. Barber and his wife moved into the old house in 1891 it was occupied by Dr. Ethelbert Carroll Morgan, one of the city's leading throat and lung specialists. He died in 1889, and Dr. Johnson Elliott took over the house.

Dr. Barber came to Washington to practice medicine from Charles County, Md. He previously had been graduated from the old Georgetown Medical School, located at Tenth and E streets, and it was but natural he should seek a home nearby the school. He lived there continuously from that time until about a week ago when the house was to be demolished, and he would have to find new quarters. He and his wife moved to an apartment at 1751 Columbia road.

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YOUNG REPUBLICANS ATTACK FLETCHER

New York Group Demands Resig-
nation of Chairman—Liberal
Head Asked.

By The Associated Press.

ITHACA, N. Y., December 29.—Resignation of Henry P. Fletcher as Republican National Committee chairman was demanded today by the Board of Governors of the New York State Young Republican Club at a meeting here.

The young Republicans cited five grounds for their demand for Fletcher's resignation as follows:

That he does not represent the young men and women of the party, that he does not command support and confidence of a majority of voters of the country, that he stands for outmoded brand of Republicanism, that he cannot change his brand of Republicanism without laying himself open to serious charges of insincerity and that if the Republican party is to continue it must operate in the future upon liberal views of young Republicans.

Baby Buggy Carries "Swag."

MARYSVILLE, Kans. (AP).—Frank Smith, who pleaded guilty to robbing a slot machine of \$16.90, told officers he loaded the device in the family baby buggy and took it home before opening it.

Colored Messenger at Library Of Congress Learns Chinese

Rises to Trusted Post
After Chance Wins
Him Position.

Primer Provides First
Tips on Language
When Sorting Books.

By JAMES WALDO FAWCETT.

VISITORS to the division of Orientalia in the Library of Congress will find working over the great collection of books and manuscripts accumulated there a tall colored man of military bearing and scholarly manner who learned the difficult Chinese language while employed merely as a messenger and now is an assistant to the department chief, Dr. Arthur W. Hummel. His name is Berry Armstrong Claytor, and the story of his rise to his present position is one of exceptional human interest.

He was born at Raleigh, N. C., of parents who were graduates of Hampton Institute. Claytor himself took a course in agriculture at Hampton, but his hope to study medicine at Cornell failed.

A minor position in the documents division of the Library in 1916 was his first employment. But before he could adjust himself to it properly the entrance of the United States into the World War interfered and he enlisted in the 351st Field Artillery and went with that outfit to France. It was not until 1919 that he found himself back in Washington and again applying for a place on the library staff.

Chance Wins Position.

Help was needed in the accessions division. Large shipments of books were being received from the East, and a man was wanted to unpack and arrange them pending the return of Dr. Walter T. Swingle, who had made the purchases. Chance gave the opportunity to Claytor.

But he knew nothing of either Chinese or Japanese. A primer on the Japanese language provided a sketchy acquaintance with the form and names of such characters as had been adopted by Japan, and careful examination of the titles of Chinese volumes furnished an amateur knowledge of the designs of the "radicals" or "key symbols" of the system of writing used in China.

Then, Dr. Swingle, coming back from the East and seeing his purchases regimented in neat array on convenient shelves, expressed his surprised appreciation by requesting that his unknown aide be transferred to the Orientalia desk, as it was called in that period of its development. Originally, the only person employed there, Claytor has witnessed the growth of the department to full division status. The collection now is regarded as the largest and most complete Oriental library outside the Orient. It contains nearly 200,000 volumes, and the shelf-listing of approximately half of the total number has been Claytor's routine duty through the past 14 years.

Studies During Leisure.

Meanwhile, he has devoted his leisure to the study of Eastern languages, literature and history. Enormously complex and intricate as these subjects are, he has gone far toward mastering them. Yet he says: "I know only a little—a mere drop in the ocean as compared with what I still have to learn."

Speaking Chinese, he believes, will be possible only when he can live for a year or two exclusively in the company of people who have no other language. He wishes to go to China for that purpose, and his superiors in the library would be glad if he were to have such an opportunity.

Claytor just now is especially interested in Chinese family law. He has an LL.B. degree from Howard University—acquired by attending night school—and is preparing a comparative study of Chinese with English common law as applied to family matters.

On the library's list of employees he still is rated as a messenger, but in Dr. Hummel's absence he has served as division chief and in recognition of his ability and achievements he has membership in the American Oriental Society and a complimentary Chinese name—"K'o Lai-te."

Legion Leader to Speak.

An official of the American Legion will discuss this organization's bill for the conscription of national resources. One meeting will be held at the United States Bureau of Standards, the program being in charge of the Standardization Committee of the General Federation. Dr. Lyman J. Briggs, director of the bureau, will deliver the address of welcome on this occasion. The meeting will be under direction of Dr. Josephine L. Pierce, second vice president of the association. Specialists from the bureau will explain the work of making specifications for staple articles.

Mrs. Poole to Preside.

Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, president of the association, will preside over all sessions. Louis J. Alber of the Federal Housing Administration and Dr. John W. Studebaker, United States commissioner of education, will appear on educational programs.

Members of the board have been invited by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt to attend a tea at the White House during the meeting, and the annual reception to all members of the Board of Directors and members of Congress and their wives will be held in the federation's headquarters.

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BERRY A. CLAYTOR.
—Star Staff Photo.

WOMEN'S CLUBS LEADERS TO MEET

General Federation Direc-
tors to Convene in Capital
January 16 to 19.

The annual Midwinter meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at the national headquarters, 1734 N street, from January 16 to 19, inclusive.

Addresses will be delivered by Attorney General Cummings, speaking on the campaign against crime; Secretary of Commerce Roper, a survey of commercial conditions; Secretary of Labor Perkins, unemployment insurance and old age pensions, and issues arising from the munitions investigation, by Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota.

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W. C. T. U. TO RENEW BATTLE ON LIQUOR

Prohibition Held Necessary
Before Drug-Crime
Drives Can Win.

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, December 19.—The New Year resolution of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union—"Continued championship of national prohibition of the traffic in beverage alcohol and in other narcotic drugs."

Until that objective is attained, the organization announced today, it will fight for prohibition of alcohol traffic in all Federal areas, including the District of Columbia and the prohibition of all liquor advertising.

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, president, complimented the Government on its efforts to stamp out criminal and drug rings.

Says Liquor Main Evil.

"But the success of any national drive upon crime or the drug menace," she added, "is fatally handicapped so long as it fails to include a fearless attack upon the most serious factor in the problem—the powerfully protected and highly capitalized traffic in beverage alcohol. Any successful

fight against narcotics must include relentless battle for abolition of the liquor traffic."

The initial item in the W. C. T. U. legislative program for 1935 is a pledge to renew the campaign for national prohibition.

Additional Aims Set Forth.

The support of measures concerning the pledge of the second section of the twenty-first amendment to afford more adequate protection of dry States and areas by prohibiting all advertising of alcoholic liquors over the radio and in newspapers was urged by Mrs. Smith.

The W. C. T. U. will also oppose any attempt at Federal legalization of gambling. It will support State and local prohibition laws and seek enactment of those which have been repealed. It will work for higher standards in education and motion picture production. It will aid measures for protecting women in industry and advocate ratification of the child labor amendment.

TIRE RECEIVERS ASKED

Appointment for Kelly-Springfield Sought.

NEW YORK, December 29 (AP).—Appointment of an equity receiver here for the Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. was sought in Federal Court today. Receivers recently were appointed in New Jersey, where the company is incorporated.

The suit for a receiver was filed by the Janney Corp., which described itself as holder of 1,500 shares of Kelly-Springfield common stock.

TOWN HALL HEARS WRITER TONIGHT

Sir Willmott Lewis' Topic
to Be "An Englishman
Looks at America."

By The Associated Press.

Sir Willmott Lewis, Washington correspondent of the London Times, will be the speaker tonight in the fourth meeting of the Town Hall of Washington at the Shoreham Hotel. His topic will be "An Englishman Looks at America."

When the distinguished British journalist completes his formal address he will be subjected to a barrage of questions by a formidable panel of six members.

His views will be discussed before the audience by Senator William H. King of Utah, Representative Sol Bloom of New York, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; Robert Lincoln O'Brien, chairman of the Tariff Commission; G. Gould Lincoln, political writer for The Washington Star; Albert Atwood, editorial writer for the Saturday Evening Post and financial writer for Review of Reviews; and Raymond Swing, an editor of the Nation and formerly London

correspondent for the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Dr. John W. Studebaker, commissioner of education, will preside. The address will begin at 8 o'clock.

NEW SECURITY IS SEEN
IN DECENTRALIZATION

Two Advocate Part-Time Farm
Work Before American Eco-
nomic Association.

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, December 29.—Decentralization of population and industry as a means to greater security for workers and their families was advocated by two speakers in the closing session of the American Economic Association here today.

Charles Goodrich, director of the study of population redistribution, said this greater security would result from a plan which seeks to combine part-time industrial employment with subsistence farming from the factory job falls.

M. L. Wilson, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, also favored the breaking up of urban congestion and the placing of part-time industrial workers on plots of productive land.

Prisoner Asks Loan.

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (AP).—William Peril, secretary to the Fayette County district attorney, received a letter from a Fayette County prisoner in Western Penitentiary, asking: "Would it be possible for you to lend me \$35, so I can get a new set of teeth. I will make it up to you when I get out."

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