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REPORT OF THE LIBRARY OF THE MEDICAL SCIENCES

July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

Robert T. Divett, Librarian

The Library of the Medical Sciences came into being with the arrival of the librarian on January 1, 1963. The period from then through June 30, 1963, was spent planning programs and ordering equipment and supplies. On March 23, 1963, the Board of Regents approved a merger agreement combining the collection of the Bernalillo County Medical Society Library with that of the Library of the Medical Sciences. The BCMS Library was not integrated with the University medical library until the University medical library's plant remodeling was completed. Until that time the BCMS Library operated in the Bernalillo County Indian Hospital under the direction of Mrs. Nina Duncan (March 23, 1963 - June 30, 1963) and Mrs. Eva Baerwald (July 1, 1963 - November 21, 1963). This merger agreement brought to the University of New Mexico approximately 6,000 volumes, the ownership of which is retained by the Association.

On August 26, 1963, the staff occupied the technical services and administrative areas of the library building which was being remodeled from its former function as a 7-Up Bottling Plant. During September, October, and most of November the staff worked under adverse conditions while the rest of the building was being remodeled and while air-conditioning and heating ducts were being installed over their heads.

On November 22-23, 1963, during the Thanksgiving recess, the rest of the building was occupied and the collection of the Bernalillo County Medical Society Library was moved into the new library. From Thanksgiving to Christmas part of the Library was occupied by permission of the contractor prior to the time the building was formally turned over to the University.

The Library instituted a system of mechanization, using IBM unit record equipment, which is in advance of programs being developed in other libraries in the country. On August 23, 1963, the Library took delivery on its IBM equipment. This program, using an 32 Sorter, a 26 Printing Card Punch, and a 407 model E8 Accounting Machine, has drawn visitors to the Library from such universities as Harvard, Columbia, and Rutgers. A report has been submitted to the BULLETIN OF THE MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION for publication.

During the fiscal year, 1,330 volumes of the BCMS Library were recataloged into the National Library of Medicine classification, which is being used by the new medical library. Most of the BCMS Library holdings are serials and have been integrated with the holdings of the University medical library. Only 875 book volumes from the BCMS Library have not been recataloged. A total of 2,186 book titles were cataloged or recataloged during the fiscal year. The Library's total holdings on June 30, 1964, were 15,989 volumes.

Significant additions to the Library within the fiscal year include a gift of over 2,500 volumes from the American College of Surgeons and receipt of 5,000 volumes, or 1/3 of a \$150,000 purchase, from Swets-Zeitlinger, Amsterdam, Holland. The remaining 10,000 volumes of this purchase are expected to be received during

the coming calendar year. Other substantial gifts have been received from universities and medical libraries in the United States.

In addition to the 15,989 volumes in the Library collection, approximately 2,500 additional volumes, which either duplicate the Library's holdings or are out of the scope of its plan, are owned by the Library. These volumes will shortly be offered for sale as a means of acquiring funds for further growth of the Library.

The Library is preparing applications for research and training grants in the field of Medical Librarianship and Medical Communication. It is felt that its mechanization program offers a unique opportunity to further medical librarianship.

The Librarian was appointed in November, 1962, and arrived at the University of New Mexico on January 1, 1963. Mr. Robert T. Divett has continued as Librarian since that time. Immediately prior to coming to UNM he served as medical librarian of the University of Utah Library of Medical Sciences.

Mr. Harold Bellingham, of the Zimmerman Library cataloging staff, became Associate Librarian on July 1, 1963. He had previous experience as head of technical services of the Los Angeles County Medical Society and Iowa State University.

On October 1, 1963, Miss Anne Frances Burke arrived to serve as Acquisitions Librarian. Before this appointment she was head medical librarian at Cornell University School of Medicine in New York City. Miss Burke did a remarkable job of assembling a monograph collection for the Library before she left on June 30, 1964, to take a position at Kansas University Medical School Library in Kansas City, Missouri.

On October 28, 1963, Mrs. Molly Sittner, recently retired from the position of head librarian, White Memorial Medical Library, Loma Linda University School of Medicine in Los Angeles, California, arrived to assume duties of Assistant Librarian for Reader Services. Mrs. Sittner, in addition to planning a Reader Services Program for the Library, did yeoman duty in organizing and placing under bibliographic control the serial collection of the Library. On June 30, 1964, Mrs. Sittner resumed her retirement after giving her valuable help to the Library.

On July 1, 1963, Mrs. Nina Duncan, Librarian of the BCMS Library, began a fourteen month leave of absence. She has stated her intention to return as a part-time professional librarian at the conclusion of that leave.

Also on July 1, Mrs. Eva Baerwald, formerly Assistant Librarian of BCMS Library, assumed full-time status and became acting Librarian of the BCMS Library, in addition to serving as Librarian of the Presbyterian Hospital Branch of the BCMS Library. She served as acting BCMS Librarian until June 17, 1964, when Mr. Divett was appointed Librarian of BCMS Library, thereby unifying control of the two libraries. Mrs. Baerwald's multi-language abilities have been invaluable to the Library during the past year.

Of great significance in the development of the library has been the clerical staff of whom all but one have served during the complete year. Mrs. Tey Esther Rebolledo served as secretary, Mrs. Grace E. Hollied served as a clerical assistant, as did Miss Joan Carrillo.

Mrs. Ladye Payne was hired in June, 1963, as a key-punch operator. Her abilities with all IBM machines which the Library uses were very shortly recognized and she assumed greater responsibilities in the

program. By the end of the year she had become acting section chief in the machine section of the library. Without her significant contributions, the development of the Library would have been much slower.

During the year one article written by a member of the staff has been published. Mr. Divett's article, "Selection of Serials for a New Medical School Library", was published in THE REMINDER, the official journal of the Biological Sciences Division, Special Libraries Association. Another article, mentioned above, has been submitted for publication.

During the year the Library was represented at the following meetings of professional societies.

American Association for the History of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., April 30, May 1-2, 1964 - Robert T. Divett

Medical Library Association, San Francisco, California, June 1-5, 1964 - Robert T. Divett, Harold Bellingham, and Eva Baerwald.

Special Libraries Association, St. Louis, Missouri, June 7-11, 1964 - Ladye Marguerite Payne.

Following are listed staff committee assignments and offices held in professional societies of the year.

Robert T. Divett. Membership Committee, Medical Library Assn.

Robert T. Divett. Nominating Committee, Biological Sciences Division, Special Libraries Assn.

Harold Bellingham. Treasurer, Albuquerque Library Assn.

Harold Bellingham. Book Awards Committee, Southwest Library Assn.

Following are listed staff public services.

Robert T. Divett. Assistant Stake Clerk, Albuquerque Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Neighborhood Commissioner, Manzano District, Kit Carson Council, Boy Scouts of America.