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apparently it left no mark — and my headache is much better. I hope to be presentable before long.

Yours with many thanks

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SOME RECENT ACQUISITIONS

BY N. ORWIN RUSH

THE past fall was a time of special rejoicing in the Colby Library, for we have received a number of most welcome gifts. In particular, the libraries of the late Dr. Ada Bearse Herlihy and of the late Dr. Francis K. Ball comprise two of the most extensive additions to the college library in recent years.

Dr. Ada Bearse Herlihy was, throughout her life, interested in English history. At an early age she began to collect with a discriminating eye a library of English history and literature, biography and art. By the time of her death she had assembled some three thousand volumes, many of them valuable rareties, which have now come to Waterville.

The Francis K. Ball library is the collection of a scholar interested primarily in the classics, religion, and philosophy. His library consists of about fifteen hundred volumes.

The following recent gifts of books are also worth mentioning: Lewis Galantiere's edition of the *Journals*, 1851-1870, of Edmond Louis and Jules Alfred de Goncourt, and Ralph Roeder's *Men of the Renaissance: Four Lawgivers*, from Daniel J. Munson, '92; Bennett's *Standard Chemical and Technical Dictionary*, from T. Raymond Pierce, '98; George G. Booth's *The Cranbrook Press*, John Humpstone's *Man and Message*, and D. B. Updike's *Richard Smith, first English settler* (autographed by the author), from Edward F. Stevens, '89; *Eleusis*, a lyrical drama by Louis V. Ledoux,

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and *Poems* by Ridgely Torrence, from Mrs. Laura E. Richards, both inscribed by her; *A Northern Countryside*, by Rosalind Richards, and *Rowen*, a collection of verse by Harold Trowbridge Pulsifer, from Miss Rosalind Richards.

Among letters and manuscripts recently acquired by the college library, special mention must be made of several holograph letters of Edwin Arlington Robinson, given by Mrs. Laura E. Richards; several long and particularly interesting letters of Sarah Orne Jewett; a manuscript (probably unpublished) on "Tennyson," written by Frederic Harrison; and the manuscript of Ben Ames Williams's recently published *Time of Peace*. Further comment on these last two manuscripts will be found on another page of this quarterly.

The library has also received from Mrs. Laura E. Richards a photograph album filled with excellent pictures of the South Berwick home of Sarah Orne Jewett; accompanying the picture is a descriptive comment written by the late Mrs. Ernest Bowditch, a frequent visitor in the Jewett home. The album has been inscribed as follows:

"Here dwelt, among the books and pictures they loved, two rare and noble women, Sarah Orne Jewett and her sister Mary, fine flowers of the New England which they loved and served in their widely different ways. After the death of the two sisters, Mrs. Bowditch arranged this lovely tribute, and gave me this treasured copy. I now give it to the Library of Colby College, in the hope that this reminder of a gracious and scholarly Past may be an inspiration for the students of the Future. — Laura E. Richards."



NOTES AND QUERIES

THE Colby Library Associates met in the Alumnae Building on Friday, October 9, 1942, in anticipation of the 450th anniversary of October 12, 1492. Mr. Paul A.