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Editor's Epilogue

Who's Who: Morris Schertz is Cataloguer of Special Collections at Colby College Library. A native of New York City, he took his A.B. at Washington Square College of New York University, thereafter a master's degree in Library Science at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. While at this latter school he developed distinctive interest in fine printing and the history of the book. Arriving at Colby, he fell with a will upon our small but sparkling accumulation.

Die Wiegebrucke: No really thorough or accurate census of incunabula exists, and all published statistics must be chewed minutely before digested. But it seems safe to say that of all libraries reporting, the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek at Munich is richest in books from the cradle days of printing, possessing some 16,000. Two others—the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris and the British Museum in London—claim over 10,000 each. Two in the United States record over 5000: the Library of Congress at Washington, D. C. and the Henry E. Huntington Library at San Marino, California.

As we tick off these space-age figures, our bantam collection at Colby narrows to almost nothingness. But our pride dwindles no whit. Purchase, as you may suspect, played little part in our acquisition of these treasures. With recurrent pleasure, we call the roll of those who so generously relinquished them to us: Mrs. Curtis Hutchins, Mr. Arthur G. Robinson, Dr. Hugh L. Robinson, Mr. James A. Healy, Mr. Gano Dunn, Mr. Harris A. Dunn, Mr. Eugene Bernat, and that perennially anonymous standby—the Colby Library Associates. May their tribe increase!

Paradise Enow: During our investigations of the Gilman family, we were unduly beguiled by the attractive annals of Paradise Spring and the waters bottled therefrom. To the point, in fact, that we began to feel uneasy about the (perhaps disproportionate) amount of space allotted it in the September article. Until a month ago, when—thanks to Mrs. John White Thomas—we learned from the Brunswick Record of October 24, 1919: “Several carboys of Paradise Spring Water were sent to Washington, D. C. last week for use by President [Woodrow] Wilson, in response to a request on the part of those in charge of the President during his illness.” Conscience appeased.