

For Members Only

YULE TIED? The Editor from his easy chair extends the greetings of the season to all members, and condolences to the many "MLA widows" who this year, bereaved of widowhood, will have their usually convention-bound husbands at home. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

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CHRISTMAS without an MLA meeting—we wonder what it will be like! Will mothers have to explain to puzzled children why father is at home during the entire holiday season? Will family doctors greet us with grudging joviality as we begin the new year without MLA colds? Will some member of the Old Guard, unable to ward off nostalgia, visit a local hotel and stare sadly at the uncrowded corridors—the strange, unstimulating faces at the bar?

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THE DISTRIBUTION of articles in *PMLA* for 1949 has been as follows: English literature, 43 papers; Germanic, 8; French, 8; Spanish, 6; American, 6; Italian, 2; linguistic, 2; miscellaneous, 5. Of the foregoing, six might have been classified as "comparative" studies. During 1948, when the total was 72, 36 were in English, 10 in Germanic, 5 in French, 5 in American, 1 in Italian. Of the 296 papers submitted to *PMLA* during 1948, 157 were in the field of English, 31 in Germanic, 25 in French, 17 American, 16 Spanish, 5 Italian. Of the papers published during 1949, two were written by graduate students, ten by instructors, nineteen by assistant professors.

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245 PAPERS were submitted to *PMLA* during the first three quarters of 1949 (273 days). The distribution was as follows: 141 in English literature, 30 French, 19 American, 15 Germanic, 10 comparative, 6 Spanish, 6 linguistic, 3 Italian, 15 miscellaneous.

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DECEMBER 31, 1949, is the deadline for receiving notices for inclusion in the 1950 compilation of *Research in Progress*.

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WITH this December issue our listing of Academic Vacancies begins its second year of service to the profession. During the first experimental year we had the pleasure of reporting, without charge, vacancies at 35 different institutions, including Cornell, Colorado, Dartmouth, Duke, Florida State, Harvard, Indiana, Kentucky, N.Y.U., Nebraska, North Carolina, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Smith, Southern California, Tennessee, and Washington. Many letters from department heads indicate that the service has been much appreciated. We take this occasion to say again that the MLA has no intention of becoming in any sense an employment agency; it will not print the names of job-seekers, nor will it undertake to aid in filling vacancies thus advertised. It intends only to provide the profession with important information, to improve the methods by which vacancies have become known, and, by so doing, to recognize and dignify what has long been an unofficial service of the Association, both during the year and, conspicuously, at the annual meetings.

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WITH deep regret we record the deaths of Elsie Schobinger (22 Nov. 1948), Catherine R. Murtha (Jan. 1949), Hugh S. Worthington (12 April), Frederic D. Cheydeur (11 June), Effie Jane Wheeler (14 June), J. Horace Nunemaker (24 June), Brady R. Jordan (5 Aug.), Guy Mortimer Knox (5 Sept.), and Ernest Richard Moore (23 Sept.). Word has also reached us of the death of an Honorary Member, Karl Vossler, on May 18. As we go to press we learn of the death of Kenneth McKenzie (Nov. 3), long chairman of our Committee on Honorary Members.

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THREE MLA BOOKS are now out of print: Walter J. Bate's *The Stylistic Development of Keats* (1945), Samuel H. Monk's *The Sublime: a Study of Critical Theories in XVIII-Century England* (1935), and Randall Stewart's *The English Notebooks of Nathaniel Hawthorne* (1941). About 300 copies have already been sold of the latest publication in the MLA Monograph Series, James R. Foster's *History of the Pre-Romantic Novel in England*, published last June—price \$4.50 (\$3.00 to members of the Association).

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118 LIBRARIES have standing orders for all MLA books. The list is growing steadily (there were 52 libraries in September, 1948); is your library among those which thus support learned publishing? See the current list in the rear of this issue.

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THE *Boston Public Library Quarterly*, a successor to *More Books*, has begun publication under the editorship of Dr. Zoltán Haraszi.

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THE HARLEIAN SOCIETY, founded in 1869, publishes inedited MSS relating to genealogy, family history, and heraldry. Its entire stock before 1940 was destroyed by enemy action during World War II. The society publishes annually two volumes, one of a London register, the other of genealogical or heraldic interest. The subscription for a private member is two guineas for the two volumes; application for membership may be addressed to R.H. D'Elboux, Secretary-Treasurer, Whitelands, Battle, Sussex, England.

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IF the number of declared investigators constitutes reliable evidence, the following would seem to have been the favorite literary subjects among scholars during 1949: Shakespeare 140 (88), Milton 59 (25), Goethe 56 (15), Chaucer 46 (34), Spenser 31 (9), Melville 26 (20), Whitman 24 (10), Coleridge 23 (14), Wordsworth 23 (12), Hawthorne 22 (12), Voltaire 22 (2), Emerson 21 (8), Swift 21 (6), Dryden 21 (3), Mann 20 (10), Flaubert 20 (0). The numbers in parentheses give the number of authors listed under each subject in the 1948 American Bibliography. This count is sometimes in striking contrast to the count in the 1949 compilation of Research in Progress, e.g., Lope de Vega 19 (1), Arnold 18 (2), Cervantes 17 (8), Twain 14 (18), and Keats 12 (16).

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THE 1950 MEETING is scheduled to be held in New York City on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 27, 28, and 29.

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MORE "hereditary members" of the Association have been reported to the Secretary. The father of Edgar F. Shannon, Jr. (a Rhodes scholar), taught at Washington and Lee. The daughter of Gerald G. Grubb (Wake Forest College) is Mrs. Elaine Grubb Dancy (Tennessee). Jean-Jacques Demorest (Duke) is the son of Don L. Demorest (Ohio State).

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INTERNATIONAL ARTHURIAN SOCIETY, founded at the second Arthurian Congress (September, 1948): president, Jean Frappier (Sorbonne); chairman of the British branch, Eugène Vinaver (Manchester); chairman of the American branch, Roger S. Loomis (Columbia). Payment of dues (\$3.00) for 1949 will entitle members to the 1948 *Bibliography of Arthuriana*; remittances should be sent to William Roach (American sec.-treas.), Bennett Hall, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 4, Pa. The American bibliography is being prepared by Robert W. Ackerman (Stanford) with the assistance of John J. Parry (Illinois). A third Arthurian Congress is scheduled to be held in the summer of 1951, at Winchester.

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COPIES of *The Relations of Literature and Science: a Selected Bibliography, 1930-1949*, may be obtained, postpaid, by sending \$1.00 to the editor, Fred A. Dudley, State College of Washington, Pullman, Wash. The booklet (64 pp.) is sponsored by the MLA General Topics VII discussion group.

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COPIES of *PMLA* go regularly to almost 250 members of the Association living outside the United States. This count is exclusive of subscribing libraries. Slightly more than 100 members are Canadians. We also have members in Argentina (1), Australia (4), Austria (2), Belgium (1), Brazil (7), Chile (2), Cuba (2), Denmark (1) England (27, not counting visiting Americans), Egypt (1), France (17), Germany (11), Guatemala (1), Holland (1), Iceland (1), India (4), Ireland (1), Italy (6), Japan (1, a member since 1923), Mexico (5), North Wales (1), Norway (2), Panama (1), Paraguay (1), Philippines (2), Scotland (6), South Africa (1), Spain (3), Sweden (9), Switzerland (4), Turkey (3), U.S.S.R. (2, both of whom joined in 1948), Yugoslavia (1).

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TO the MLA President, from the Secretary of Defense, 4 October 1949: "I have seen a reprint titled 'The Modern Language Association of America in World War II' published by your association in March of this year. The contents of this pamphlet point up the fact that associations such as yours contributed toward the war effort in a degree little imagined by the average layman. Please accept the sincere appreciation of the Department of Defense for the recorded pledges of your Association to the service of the Nation. The first one was taken in the dark days following Pearl Harbor; the more recent one, as our nation bends every effort toward the establishment and maintenance of a permanent peace. May I ask that you extend to your membership the appreciation of the Department of Defense for their personal efforts during World War II, whether on the firing line, in intelligence and educational fields, or as citizens at home engaged in contributing to war activities. Sincerely yours, Louis Johnson."

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THE STANFORD MEETING. When we *next* meet on the Pacific Coast (1955?), the memories of the 1200 who were present at Stanford will do much to assure an even larger attendance. Many of those who were absent have already heard about the excellent meals, the unhurried and uncrowded meetings, the *al fresco* get-togethers, the scenic surroundings, the ample space. Even the little rain which fell on the first day was enjoyed as a topic of conversation (and good-natured ribbing of our hosts). Professors Jones and Whitaker and their corps of efficient assistants were thoughtful and generous in their hospitality. They may well count the 1949 experiment a success. It was a larger meeting, actually, than any held by the Association before 1924 (New York). At St. Louis, in 1933, there were only 563 registrants.

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INITIALS AGAIN. The title of our journal (authors please note) is *PMLA*—without periods. Scholarly usage permits footnote reference to *Modern Language Notes* as either *M.L.N.* or *MLN* (and so with many other journals), but *PMLA* is titled *PMLA*, just as *ELH* is titled *ELH*.

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YOUR ATTENTION is called to the alphabetical index of authors for the full 1949 volume of *PMLA*, printed in the rear of this December issue. This feature, authorized by the Editorial Committee, should facilitate your finding particular articles hereafter.

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EXCERPTS from letters to the Editor: "Everyone I know of here rejoices that you have reprinted the presidential address of Albert S. Cook. It should clear the air again." . . . "Allow me to congratulate you and your editorial board on the contents of the September number . . . Cook's presidential address is magnificent, kept me enthralled throughout" . . . "I am afraid that 'philology' as a term cannot today be rescued from the hands of the linguists. However honorific and broad the term used to be, it has changed its meaning and cannot be resuscitated in Cook's sense." . . .

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FOOTNOTES in articles submitted to *PMLA* should be typed separately, with double spacing, on pages at the end. Reasons: (1) they are set separately, (2) the monotype operator using a gadget to hold the paper which assumes double spacing; (3) double spacing makes it easier for the Editor to "style" the article for printing; and (4) notes typed in this way save us money. Incidentally, many *PMLA* consultants prefer to consult notes on separate pages.

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PUNISHMENT? Since naming his small daughter "Pamela," the Editor of *PMLA* has suffered from the wit of sundry friends, who have made feeble remarks about the "September issue," "dry articles," etc. Latest suggestion for the name of a second daughter: Maud Lang.

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WE assume that our members noticed in the newspapers (to say nothing of the *Saturday Review of Literature*) the recent devaluation of the Pound, £1 = \$2.80.

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ONCE MORE your attention is called to the contribution of Mr. Henry Silver to these pages. In this issue (on a page preceding these notes for members) the ACLS expert on scholarly publishing discusses the advantages and disadvantages of offset.

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MEMBERS may invite colleagues or promising graduate students to join the Association. In such cases approval by an Executive Officer is a formality only. Printed forms of application for membership, with a space for the name of the sponsoring member (and with data about the various services of the MLA to the individual scholar and to the profession), are available upon request.

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THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY offers fellowships in midwestern studies to encourage the production of books which will be read by midwesterners and will tell them something about themselves. Grants have ranged from \$500 to \$3500. Inquiries should be addressed to Stanley Pargellis, Newberry Library, Chicago 10, Ill.

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SCHOLARS living on the Pacific Coast are eligible to apply for grants in aid of post-doctoral research (maximum grants, \$1000) from the Pacific Coast Committee for the Humanities (ACLS). Preference is given younger scholars and scholars in institutions with limited funds for research. Inquiries should be addressed to Hugh G. Dick (Secretary), 310 Royce Hall, Univ. of California, Los Angeles 24.

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APPLICATIONS for AAUW Fellowships are due before December 15. Forms may be obtained from Kathryn McHale (Gen. Dir.), American Assn. of University Women, 1634 Eye St. N.W., Washington 6, D.C. Awards (ranging from \$500 to \$2200) are made for research in the humanities, and any woman who is a citizen of the U.S. and has completed two years of graduate work is eligible.

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POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS are offered by both Ohio State University and the University of Illinois. Inquiries should be addressed to the Dean of the Graduate School at either place. At Ohio State applications must be filed before April 1, and awards range from \$1800 to \$3000; at Illinois the maximum stipend is \$2400 for either resident or non-resident research. Ohio State also offers the Elizabeth Clay Howald Scholarship (\$3000) for uninterrupted research on work already in progress.

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OTHER FELLOWSHIPS and grants have been noticed in this space in previous numbers: ACLS (Sept.), Dept. of State (March), Folger (June), Fulbright (Sept.), Guggenheim (Sept.), Huntington (June), Kierkegaard (June). We shall be glad to have still others called to our attention.

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VOLUME LXIV, completed with this December number, contains 1236 pages of learned articles. Of these, 369 pages (including seven whole articles) are without footnotes. We take this opportunity to say again that *PMLA*, while recognizing the importance of adequate documentation in scholarly writing, objects to excessive or unnecessary footnoting, and is therefore glad to publish proof occasionally that footnotes are not a *sine qua non* of scholarship.

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RE RESERVATIONS. The Local Committee reports that it has closed its books on the regrettable housing confusion at the 1948 meeting. In response to invitations issued at the meeting and published in *PMLA* it received thirty-one letters of complaint, all of which were studied and taken up with the management of the Hotel Pennsylvania (now Statler). Of the thirty-one, nine gave specific information as to the amounts which the writers were out-of-pocket as a result of the hotel's inability to honor reservations, and the hotel has refunded the specified amounts in each case.

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QUANTITATIVE LINGUISTICS. Scholars engaged in the quantitative investigation of speech-behavior are invited to submit offprints, bibliographical items, and reports of research in progress to the special Committee elected at the sixth international Congress of Linguists, Paris, July 19-24, 1948. Communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee, Prof. B. Trnka, Karlovy University, Prague V, Smetanovo nám. 2, Czechoslovakia. Members of the Committee: G. K. Zipf (Harvard), M. Cohen (Sorbonne), W. Doroszewski (Warsaw), V. Georgiev (Sofia), B. Migliorini (Florence), F. Mossé (Sorbonne), A.S.C. Ross (Birmingham), H. Spang-Hanssen (Copenhagen). The Committee has summarized its objectives as follows: "1) to set up concrete empiric principles for a systematic quantitative research into linguistic systems; 2) to establish quantitative characteristics of languages on a comparative basis . . . ; 3) to disclose the underlying principles that govern the frequency-distributions of linguistic elements; 4) to disclose by means of accepted scientific methodology the relationships between these observed frequency-distributions and the 'qualitative' aspects of individual and social human behavior."

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IN the next Bibliographical Supplement to *PMLA* (April 1950) we shall have the pleasure of reprinting R. B. McKerrow's essay of advice to scholarly authors, entitled "Form and Matter in the Publication of Research."

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RESTORATION. The city of Geneva, birthplace of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, has given 1,000,000 French francs to help save from ruin the home of the philosopher at Montmorency near Paris. The house is in such disrepair that emergency measures are required to save it.

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THE Association Internationale des Etudes Françaises met at Paris on September 20-21, with fifty scholars in attendance, among them Gilbert Chinard (Princeton). The Bureau: Président, F. C. Green (Cambridge); Vice-Présidents, Ch. Bruneau (Sorbonne), Francis J. Carmody (California), A. B. Duff (Jerusalem), R. Lebègue (Sorbonne), C. Pellegrini (Florence), J. Pommier (Collège de France); Secrétaire-adjoint, H. de Miramon Fitz-James (Archives des Affaires Etrangères); Trésorier, J. Frappier (Sorbonne); Membres, G. Charlier (Bruxelles), Gilbert Chinard (Princeton), P. Kohler (Berne), J. Baillou (Paris). Secrétaire général of the organization is Pierre Josserand, Bibliothèque nationale, 65 Rue de Richelieu, Paris-2^e.

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ERNEST BERNBAUM will represent American Wordsworthians at the Wordsworth Centenary celebration at Grasmere on April 23. Other participants in the expected program are Helen Darbishire (chairman of the Trustees of Dove Cottage), Lord Beveridge, Basil Willey, and Cecil Day Lewis.

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NEWS LETTERS. Subscriptions to the *Renaissance News-Letter* (\$1) may be sent to the Editor, Frederick W. Sternfeld, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. Subscriptions to the *Seventeenth Century News Letter* (\$1) may be sent to the Editor, Arthur M. Coon, Sampson, N.Y. Subscriptions to the *Johnsonian News Letter* (\$1) may be sent to the Editor, James L. Clifford, Columbia University, New York 27.

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THE GEOGRAPHICAL distribution of attendance at the Stanford Meeting can now be determined approximately. On the basis of 852 registration cards which were adequately filled out, we know that 453 members attended from 12 far western states (305 from California alone), 169 from 12 middle western states (40 from Illinois), 116 from 10 New England and middle Atlantic states (49 from New York), and 92 from 9 southern states. The only states apparently not represented were Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. As for institutions, at least 16 members were present from Indiana University, 15 from Texas, 12 from Michigan, 11 from Illinois and N.Y.U., 10 from Northwestern, 9 from Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, 8 from Duke, Tulane, and the University of British Columbia. As a footnote to these figures it may be remarked that only three universities along the Atlantic coast sent as many representatives to California as the Department of English at Stanford sent to the 1947 and 1948 meetings.

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COMMENT from Wisconsin on the Stanford meeting: "It was the only civilized MLA meeting I have ever attended. The smaller number of participants made it possible to have leisurely and scholarly conversations; the spacious and attractive buildings and grounds allowed us to spread out, and we were spared the usual sight of milling crowds. . . ."

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