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Lichtenstein sealed with humorous pomposity a business paper more vital than many a treaty. In effect it is the blueprint design for a giant cash register through which Germany will pay some nine billion-dollars in Reparations over 58 years.<sup>2</sup>

It has been observed already that payments continued for only two years rather than for fifty-eight, and there are minor inaccuracies in *Time's* account: The official text is in French, and the seal, which forms a part of Dr Lichtenstein's gift to the Library, was not a watch-charm, but had been made specifically to serve the purpose that it did serve. The official records are supplemented by four volumes and two boxes containing receipts, correspondence, memorabilia, and miscellaneous items such as the seal.

Dr Lichtenstein had helped to collect historical materials for the Harvard Library many years before he produced such materials at the 1929 meeting. He was a member of the Library staff from 1903 until 1908, and was Curator of the Hohenzollern Collection of the Library 1905-06 and 1908-19. After becoming librarian of Northwestern University in 1908, he made several buying trips to Europe

<sup>2</sup> *Time*, XIV (25 November 1929), 25-26.

and Latin America on behalf of Harvard and other American libraries. In 1918 he left librarianship for banking. Following his retirement from the vice-presidency of The First National Bank of Chicago in 1945, he went to Germany to take charge of financial institutions in the American Zone under the High Commissioner, General Lucius D. Clay. He was appointed Honorary Curator of German History in the Harvard College Library in 1954. Besides the papers relating to the Baden-Baden Conference, Dr Lichtenstein has given his library to Harvard. Some of the material is deposited in the Houghton Library, while to the Baker Library of the Graduate School of Business Administration have gone all his business correspondence and the documents and papers he accumulated as secretary (1926-48) of the Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve System. Dr Lichtenstein has willed to Harvard his ninety volumes of personal diaries covering a period of nearly sixty years. However, these as well as certain correspondence are not to be made accessible for another twenty-five years. Finally, the bound volumes of his notes of the lecture courses he took while a student are deposited in the Harvard Archives.

## News of the Libraries

### THE LAW SCHOOL

THE Harvard Law School Library has recently acquired one of the two known copies of the first extant printing of *The Capitall Lawes of New-England*, London,

1643, presented by the West Publishing Company of St Paul, Minnesota, 'as a mark of respect for the contribution which the Harvard Law School has made to legal education.' The significance of this document will be set

force in an article by Professor Mark Howe to appear in the Spring 1955 issue of the BULLETIN.

The Elihu Root Room of the Harvard Law Library has initiated a series of suggested reading lists, to appear four times each school year. The first list, issued in September 1955, *Biographies of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court*, appropriately coincided with the celebration by the Law School of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Marshall. The second list, November 1955, *Articles on the Justices of the United States Supreme Court*, rounds out the subject of the first.

There are three special bibliographies in process at the Law Library. A union list of Japanese-character law books in twenty-seven American libraries is being prepared in connection with the recataloguing of the Japanese collection in the Law Library, and should be ready for publication in 1956. Work has begun on the recataloguing of the Soviet law collection, with an annotated bibliography of all Harvard University holdings in this field as the ultimate aim. Finally, plans are being drawn for a selected bibliography of Israeli legal publications.

#### BAKER LIBRARY PUBLICATION

REFERENCE LIST No. 17, *Business Literature: A Reading List for Students and Business Men*, was issued by the Baker Library, Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, in November 1955.

#### CATALOGUE OF THE VON MISES RILKE COLLECTION

THE Insel Verlag, Wiesbaden, Germany, has undertaken the publication of a catalogue of the collection of Rainer Maria Rilke assembled by the late Richard von Mises, Gordon McKay Professor of Aerodynamics and Applied Mathematics at Harvard. This collection, the most complete known of Rilke's printed works, and including a number of manuscripts, was acquired by the College Library in December 1953 by purchase through the Amy Lowell Fund.

It is appropriate that the catalogue should appear under the imprint of the Insel Verlag, publisher of Rilke's own works. Professor von Mises' cards, edited and arranged by Dr Walter Grossmann, of the College Library staff, will form the basis of the compilation. Publication is anticipated during 1956. The Insel Verlag will act as distributor.

#### SEZNEC LECTURES

TWO illustrated lectures, 'Visiting the Fogg with Diderot' and 'Diderot and the Ghost of Tiresias,' were presented in the Fogg Art Museum on 1 and 2 December 1955 by Professor Jean Seznec, formerly of Harvard and now of All Souls College, Oxford. The lectures were under the auspices of the Fogg Museum, the Houghton Library, and the Department of Romance Languages. A special exhibition of Diderot was shown conjointly in Houghton.

### STORY VIEW OF HARVARD

THE Department of Printing and Graphic Arts of the College Library has issued, as the seventh publication in its series *Historic Harvard and Cambridge Views*, a reproduction of 'A N.W. View of Hollis, Harvard and Massachusetts Halls' painted in water color by Joseph Story in 1795. Story, later the youngest Justice appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States, the first Dane Professor of Law at Harvard,

and a member of the Corporation and of the Board of Overseers, painted the picture at the age of fifteen shortly after he had entered the class of 1798. The original now hangs in the President's office in Massachusetts Hall.

The reproduction, executed in colotype by the Meriden Gravure Company and hand colored, measures 9½ by 15 inches. Copies, at \$5.00 each, may be ordered from the Department of Printing and Graphic Arts, Houghton Library, Harvard University. Certain other views in this same series are still available.

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