

## Friends of the Library

THE PURPOSE of the Friends is to develop the Library resources of the University and to provide opportunity for persons interested in the University Library to keep informed about its growth and needs and to express their own interests more effectively.

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## A Friend is a Friend

WE ADMIT to the excellent co-partnership of friendly societies the "Friends of Richard III, Inc.," dedicated to defending King Richard against Shakespeare's charge that he was "a poisonous, hunch-backed toad," and other "Tudor propaganda." We might also pay attention to a report from the Toledo Public Library that a copy of *How to Win Friends and Influence People* was returned by a well documented borrower with a "beautiful" black eye. And it is our bounden duty to announce on behalf of our founding patron, Dr. J. N. L. Myres, that the "American Friends of the Bodleian" has been organized and already has 434 members and subscriptions totaling \$12,700.

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# 1 Footnotes

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**F**OOTNOTES provide supplementary information not found in the body of text. The ordinary book does not indulge in these scholarly intimacies, for they distract the casual reader and run up the printer's bill. But for a discerning audience they play a useful part, to explain, reinforce, and authenticate the author's statement and to satisfy both writer and reader by showing what labour went into the making of it.

Under this title we shall bring to the attention of Friends such information about the Library as will enrich and vary the ordinary diet of official statements and reports. By reporting directly to a growing number of Library users and Friends, we hope to stimulate interest in the development of teaching and research collections. In Footnotes we shall assess the Library's strength and needs and mark its growing importance among the great company of distinguished research centres. You are cordially invited to join the audience of those for whom these familiar asides are principally intended.

## Priority Library

HARVARD, with its magnificent library of more than six million volumes, is undeniably better fixed for research materials than the rest of us. And it is worth recalling that a short time ago its Director of Libraries and former Provost, Dr. Paul Buck, remarked that he had found the library "very helpful" as an administrator in attracting professors to the faculty. "In terms of cash I should estimate that it was worth three thousand dollars a year per man," a consideration which he pointed out "should not be lost sight of by those who administer great universities." At Harvard's rate, a library for U.B.C.'s 450 faculty members would earn \$1,350,000 per annum—

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