

The Trent Room

The Trent Room in the Duke Medical School library houses one of the Nation's outstanding medical history collections. The Trent Collection was assembled between 1938-48 by the late Dr. Josiah C. Trent and his wife, now Mrs. James Semans. In 1956, Mrs. Semans gave a portion of the collection to the Duke Medical Center Library, and two years later, the remaining materials were transferred to Duke.

According to Henry Schuman, antiquarian bookseller of New York and consultant to the Trent Collection, the 4,000 books and 2,000 manuscripts form one of America's richest medical history collections, containing essentially all the classics that stand for major contributions to medicine. The collection now needs greater comprehensiveness, Schuman said, adding that "Dr. Trent himself was the first to recognize that in the brief span of his collecting career it was not possible to do much more than leap from peak to peak."

Recently organized are the Associates of the Trent Collection in the History of Medicine, composed of Duke Medical School alumni, faculty members and friends of the University. Dr. George J. D'Angelo of Erie, Pennsylvania, former Duke surgeon and chairman of the Associates, says their primary task is to make possible further development of the collection by "filling in the valleys between the peaks." All persons interested in the history of medicine are invited to join the Associates of the Trent Collection. Information can be obtained from Miss Judith Farrar, Duke University Medical Center librarian.



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Highlights of 1960

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Two well-loved figures said goodbye to the Medical Center on August 31. MISS MARION BATCHELDER, supervisor of operating room services, and MISS MILDRED SHERWOOD, pediatrics supervisor, rounded out 30 years of service each to Duke Hospital.

Effective September 1, DR. THOMAS D. KINNEY became professor of pathology and chairman of the department of pathology. He comes to Duke from Western Reserve Medical School, Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Kinney succeeds Dr. Wiley D. Forbus, chairman of the department since the school's opening. Dr. Forbus will remain on the pathology faculty until September 1, 1963.

First step in the development of a CHILDREN'S CENTER came when renovation and expansion of Howland Ward got under way.

Early November saw GROUND BROKEN for construction of the NEW ADDITION to Duke Medical Center. Due for completion in 1962, the new building will house a Diagnostic and Treatment Center, a Gerontology Center, and a Clinical Research Center.

Employee of the Month

Selection of an Employee of the Month has been omitted from this issue. This feature will be resumed in the April issue.