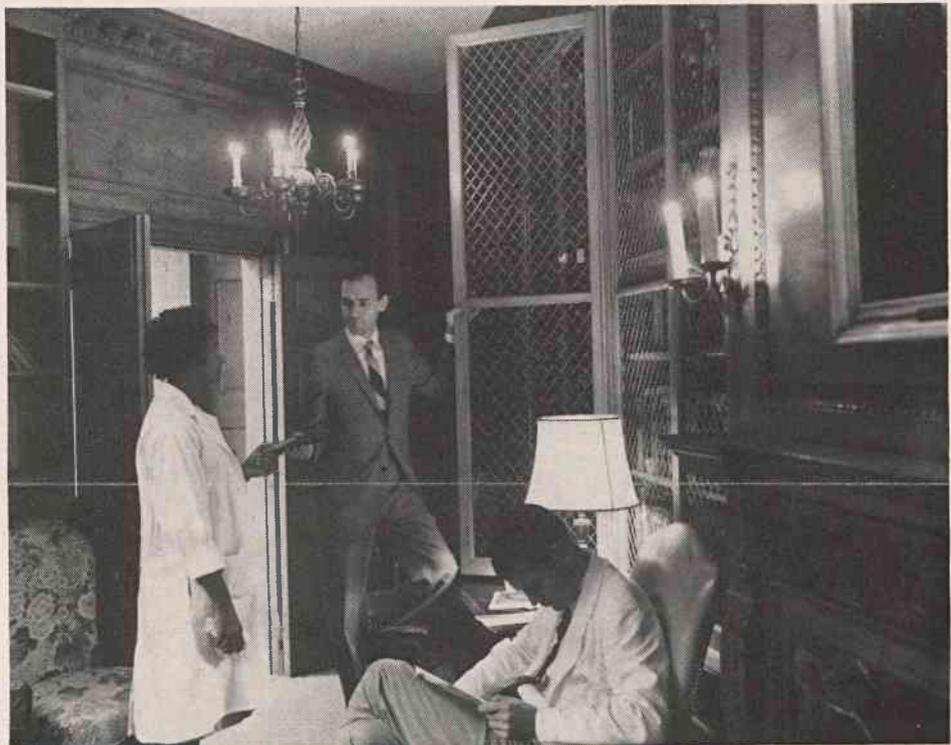


New Medical Center Library Emerges

The old Duke Hospital library is sporting a new name—and more. The new Medical Center Library has behind it the solid foundation of years of careful growth since the beginning of the medical school. Upon this foundation the new library plans to enlarge its horizons to a scope appropriate to the recent growth of the medical center as a great teaching and research center. Heading the expansion of the library is G. S. T. Cavanagh, former chief librarian at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Mr. Cavanagh, director of the library, professor of medical literature and curator of the Josiah C. Trent Collection in the History of Medicine, succeeds Miss Judith Farrar, one of the original medical center staff members who was instrumental in establishing the library 32 years ago.

When Dean Wilburt C. Davison began organizing the medical school in 1927, library funds were one of his first concerns. An initial sum of \$100,000 was made available to him to use for this purpose. Through careful selection and shrewd bargaining the dean had accumulated almost twenty thousand books by the time the hospital opened in 1930. An active Library Committee has over the years continued to keep new materials added to the shelves.

In 1956 the library was given one of the nation's outstanding collections on medical history. Mrs. James Semans donated the Trent Collection which is attractively housed in the Trent Room at the far end of the Reading Room. This collection was accumulated by the late Dr. Josiah C. Trent and his wife, now Mrs. Semans. It consists of about 4000 books and 2000 manuscripts—some dating back to the 14th century—containing virtu-



Miss Ella Jones and Mr. Cavanagh work on the treasured Trent Collection while an unidentified student enjoys a quiet moment in the Trent Room. Ella is the member of the housekeeping department who keeps the wheels turning in the library.

ally all the classics that stand for major contributions to medicine. A group, the Associates of the Trent Collection, has been formed recently to add to this unique collection.

Over the past years the medical center has grown tremendously in its role in the field of education, treatment and research. The need for an enlarged, professional staff and more comprehensive services was recognized. The appointment of Mr. Cavanagh and his staff keynotes this expansion. In addition to the new

director, the Medical Center Library staff now includes Mrs. Polly Miller, assistant librarian; Miss Dorothy Mueller, reference librarian; Mr. Emil Frey, acquisitions librarian; and Miss Constance McDaniel, chief cataloger. This group of five professionally trained librarians form the nucleus of the library staff. Six other full time workers, plus additional student help is necessary to complete the staff. The library is now open approximately 105 hours weekly. This includes

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