



Dr. Ralph H. Parker, Mrs. George Rozier and Dr. F. F. Stephens.

Library Receives Book No. 1,000,000

The Friends of the Library formally presented the millionth book to the University Library at the organization's third annual dinner meeting, held May 18 in the new Undergraduate Library room in the recently remodeled library building.

Dr. Frank F. Stephens, dean emeritus of the College of Arts and Science, presented his book, *A History of the University of Missouri*, to Mrs. George Rozier, retiring president of the Friends of the Library. She then presented the recently published volume to Dr. Ralph H. Parker, University Librarian, to be inscribed with accession number 1,000,000.

The program also included the presentation of a bronze bust of Dr. John G. Neihardt, noted poet who is Lecturer in English at the University. He has given his manuscripts and personal library to the University. Admirers and former students of Dr. Neihardt contributed funds through the Friends of the Library organization to defray the cost of the bronze casting, which was made from the original sculpture by the late Mrs. Neihardt, an accomplished sculptress.

The Friends of the Library presented honorary life memberships to Dr. Neihardt, Dr. Lewis Atherton, and Dr. Bertha Booth of Hamilton, Mo. Dr. Booth recently gave her personal library to the University. Dr. Atherton, professor of history at the University, was honored for his fine organizational work in serving as first secretary of the Friends group. Mrs. Rozier introduced the new officers of the organization: T. Hartley Pollock, St. Louis, president; Albert M. Price, Columbia, vice-president; and Mrs. Charles C. Isely, Jr., Columbia, who was re-elected secretary. Mr. Pollock presented a proposed revision of the con-

stitution of the organization which would enable the group to solicit material for the State Historical Society of Missouri as well as the University Library. The secretary reported the organization had received more than \$2,000 in cash contributions. This includes four recent \$100 life memberships: Mr. and Mrs. Iram O. Royse, Clayton, Mo., William F. Woodruff, Kansas City, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Warren Welliver, Columbia, and Miss Hertha Eitzen, Columbia. It was also reported that the value of books received through the Friends in the past year has exceeded \$15,000.

In addressing the dinner meeting on "The Next Milestone," Dr. Parker pointed out that the library is moving into a new era with the current expansion and improvement of the physical plant. When the plant is completed it will be one of the most modern and adequate in the United States. However, he noted that book collections are more important than the beauty of the building. During the past five years 250,000 items have been added—an increase of 33½ per cent. Stressing the importance of the book lover and collector to a library, Dr. Parker said institutional buying cannot equal the individual's selection, erudition and thought in collecting.

A few days after the meeting, the Friends sponsored their first annual surplus book sale. The books sold were those that duplicated University holdings or were otherwise uncatalogable, such as old paperbacks, imperfect volumes, and discarded textbooks. The organization cleared around \$580, which will be used as awards for students interested in book collecting and library work; details of the awards program will be announced later.