

NOTE: Copy of University of Tasmania library 1889-1959. by D.H. Borchardt also included. Morris Miller-Rare-Book Z 675 .U5 B6

MR DIETRICH BORCHARDT. Chief Librarian La Trobe University.

Early career, leading to appointment as Deputy Librarian at University of Tasmania in 1953 after Leicester Milburn. "Huge committee" appointed him.

Two periods of "parole" in his 14 years' "penal servitude" in Tasmania.

040 Salary as Librarian not equal to Professor's salary - Tasmania and Queensland only states where this wickedness held. Salary 10% less than professorial. Did not return to University of Tasmania after period with UNICEF.

065 "A wicked and immoral place", "a dreadful place".

070 Morris Miller "the only good thing they ever had in Tasmania".

080 Iniquities of professors grabbing books - "totally irresponsible professors" - when move made to new site. [- For departmental collections, not for own libraries]. "Almost stand-up fights" " I won - but it was very nerve-racking."

"One of my successors has suffered equally" "They don't deserve library services".

100 No problems in getting staff, however.

110 Government provided special money for librarian - which he never received - handed to the professors who split it up among themselves. Very little co-ordination. No forward planning re acquisitions. No money to fill in gaps in collection. "Some professors never fulfilled their obligations".

135 Involvement in Royal Commission. B. asked by both sides to provide documentation.

Library also made its own statement to the R.C.

145 What came out of the R. Commission?

It killed Sir John Morris. He wasn't the nigger in the woodpile - that was HYTTEN.

Sir John Morris far too able for the people in Tasmania. Cutting down of tall poppy.

Not a Tasmanian, to make matters worse. "You had to fight all the time in Tasmania."

175 Hytten "not a bad man but a man who didn't want to do anything".

Illustration of Hytten as FABIUS CUNCTATOR - a nice kind man, educated, but did 0 and made no decisions.

Disliked Keith Isles.

210 R.C. made it clear that university had to be re-located, something needed to be done about library service and general student services.

Views about effects of Royal Commission.

Relations/staff and Council did not improve as result of R.C.

230 Light shone unkindly on ambivalent attitudes of some staff members. The case of the Aspiring Professor. [WHO?]

255 "No University [on the mainland] would appoint anyone who had stood out in the R.C."

265 Sir Henry Baker anecdote re ORR. "We'll get the little bastard." Orr "sold to us" by Professor Boyce Gibson of Melbourne. "You ask Macmahon Ball."

290 Belief that people often write references that are not an honest assessment - with a view to getting rid of an unwanted person.

- 310 Library now "a sad dirty image of its former self" - meaning the building, not the services provided. Dqn Sprod left because of "professorial interference".
- 340 Power in the University was held by Pitman and Carey and the senior professors. Pitman a very strong and upright man. And a real scholar.
- 225 Carey also, in his flamboyant way, a real scholar. Also Buchdahl "who suffered because he was a protege of Sir John Morris."
- 260 Students - "kind and pleasant" in those days. Many students from wealthy families went to Melbourne University.
- 345⁺ Morris Miller and Dunbabin didn't get on. See Morris Miller's small book "Kant and Freedom". Also wrote book on Free Library Services before anyone else in Australia thought of them. Account of pre-Miller library with "funny old lady sitting in middle of room" - "old Fanny". [Mrs Canning ???] She was the bane of Ernest Clark's (First Librarian) life. B's salary when first appointed was \$475.
- Miller's purchase of H.H. Richardson's notes etc. on The Young Cosima.
- 445 The Bliss classification and its adoption in the University of Tasmania G. Borchardt.
- Miller's analytical cataloguing - getting "the most out of the least".

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Reclassification and recataloguing necessary. Tribute to M. Miller's work.

Records in Professorial Board minutes relating to this matter. Criticism of D. Sprod for changing to Library of Congress classification.

Criticism of Dunbabin collection for not being able to be integrated in total collection.

545 Unable to think of any good things to say about Tasmania.

Professor Cardno a good friend - "he trusted the Librarian" - built up v. good collection of C19 psychology.

Wickedness of Mathematics (and other) separate collections.

Approves of Biomed. and Law libraries being separate.

Comparison of system at Monash, Melbourne and La Trobe.

595 Tribute to ^{Mary} May Marshall, Len Dunn , "this girl Wood"??, David Waters.
Union list of theses started by Borchardt.

Necessity for working together of state and university libraries.

Impossible to work with Collier (?) - too old, too Tasmanian Club and set in his ways - but a man to be respected.

645 B. felt he was unwanted in Tasmania - because he was rocking the boat.

670 A "bleak picture".
"An insular society".

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