The John Crerar Library

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75th Anniversary Evening
Great Is The Gift That Bringeth Knowledge

On the official seal of Crerar Library appear the words above, epitomizing the institution's purpose and programs. In his will, drawn in 1886, Mr. Crerar entrusted the establishment and guidance of the new library to thirteen of his close friends and associates. They concluded, from advice of consultants and the first librarian, Clement W. Andrews, that the community would best be served by a research library in the sciences, since the Newberry Library already served the humanities and social sciences. Medicine (then covered by Newberry also) was reassigned to Crerar at the end of the first decade.

From its first home on the 6th floor of Marshall Field's store, Crerar moved to its own building at Michigan and Randolph in 1920. In 1962, its present building was occupied, on the campus of Illinois Institute of Technology. There it continues its mission as an independent, privately supported reference library of science, technology and medicine. It has had devoted service on the Board of Directors by many prominent Chicagoans, and the wisdom of succeeding librarians, J. Christian Bay (1928-1947) and Herman H. Henkle (1947-1969). It accomplishes its objectives through a wide variety of service programs, through its operation of the National Translations Center for the National Science Foundation, and through its designation as the Midwest Regional Medical Library by the National Library of Medicine.

Mr. Crerar's gift indeed brought a great resource of knowledge to Chicago and to the nation. Others have joined in his beneficence over the years, helping assure the presence and growth of his memorial, in its services to education and research.
PROGRAM

Welcome by the Library's President
Oliver W. Tuthill

Introduction of Speaker
Edward C. Logelin

Anniversary Address
Charles A. Berry, M.D.
Director of Medical Research
and Operations
Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Champagne Supper

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

The Crerar Bequest
Landmarks of Science
The Beautiful and the Exotic
Classical Medicine—Past and Future
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