

as far from Caslon as one could imagine. Other changes in format reflected how complete the capitulation had been.

About ten years ago Tinker began to suffer exceptionally poor health, spending the summer of 1958 in the hospital and there taking three trips to the operating table. To add to his woes, his wife died in December of that year, after having had round-the-clock nursing for a couple of years.

In the late fifties it was only occasionally that Tinker was able to attend a meeting either of the Council or of the Society. This was not because he was kept at home by recent attacks of illness, but rather because of the number of honors he was receiving from French, Spanish, and Latin-American governments and societies. Later heart trouble and trips abroad for his health prevented more attendance at meetings. During his long career, Tinker taught at universities in Latin America, received an earned doctorate from the University of Madrid in 1955, and held a large number of decorations from foreign governments and societies.

On July 6, 1968, at his country home, Roads End Farm at East Setauket, Long Island, Edward Larocque Tinker died suddenly at the age of eighty-six. He will be remembered by those who knew him as an urbane, witty, cheerful, and kind gentleman, and a devoted bookman. He was also a generous benefactor, and the Society benefits greatly from his will.

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JOHN COOK WYLLIE

John Cook Wyllie, librarian, was born at Palatka, Florida, on the twenty-sixth of October 1908, son of the Reverend William and Mabel (Cook) Wyllie. With the family he followed along with his father from parish to parish in the West Indies and was schooled by a private tutor in Santo Domingo and at Christchurch, St. Christopher's, before settling down in the

public schools of Charlottesville. At sixteen he crossed town and entered the University of Virginia where he took his bachelor's in 1929 after having been an assistant in the University library when it was housed in the Rotunda. Upon graduation he was named assistant reference librarian and held this post until 1933 when he spent a year in Europe on a bookish tour of libraries, presses, binderies, and booksellers.

Returning to Charlottesville the next year he was named curator of the University collection and in 1938 director of rare books and manuscripts when the Alderman library was opened. In the October before Pearl Harbor Wyllie joined the British Army and fought in North Africa generally and Tobruk and El Alamein particularly before returning to the United States in 1943 to join the Army Air Corps. His stay in this country was short and he soon found himself in the China-Burma-India theater where he rose through the six ranks from private to master-sergeant in six months. Of his wartime decorations he said, 'I believe I was cited twice—once for something someone else did, and once for something no one did.' In face of this view he picked up a battlefield commission which he retained after the war in the Reserve.

After his discharge in 1946 he returned to the library at Charlottesville and, ten years later, was appointed Librarian. One of his first innovations was a student library advisory group. His interest in books went beyond library walls and he was book-editor of the *Richmond News-Leader* for eight years during which time the *Saturday Review* selected his book pages as among the top twenty in the nation. Further he was a regular contributor to bibliographical journals here and abroad and had reviewed fiction for the *New York Times Book Review*.

Last year Wyllie was named Director of the University libraries which extended his duties to include the books at the branches and extension divisions as well as the complex at the main campus which had grown well beyond the Rotunda's

confining space. This library complex expanded enormously under his guidance and he was praised widely for having brought to the library such prizes as the priceless American literature collection of C. Waller Barrett.

At our annual meeting of 1948 Wyllie was elected to membership. Although he attended only one of our meetings he wrote often to the Society and often dropped by between meetings. Even before election he had volunteered to help Clarence Brigham read the galley proof of material on the Virginia newspapers for Brigham's bibliography and later, in 1946, made an exchange with the Society which brought some of Virginia's duplicates to our Mather Collection. This sort of horse-trading continued for years. Wyllie was also helpful to Clifford K. Shipton in his work on the thirteenth volume of Evans. It was in his function as secretary of the Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia that Wyllie prevailed upon Roger P. Bristol to undertake the job of indexing Evans and he was helpful in getting the Supplement to Evans started.

Wyllie was a member of the Grolier Club and of other bibliographical societies here and in England and Scotland, Phi Beta Kappa, and the usual professional groups. He was also important in the reorganization twenty years ago of the University of Virginia Press. Among his writings were *Preliminary Checklist of Abingdon*, *Thomas Jefferson's Prayer Book*, and a history of printing and publishing in the Southeastern United States. He was a Rosenbach Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania eight years ago.

On the eighteenth of April 1968 John Cook Wyllie died of a heart attack at the age of fifty-nine. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Elizabeth (Dollens) Wyllie, whom he had married in 1949, and two daughters. Although not widely known even in his own state, Wyllie will be remembered by many elsewhere for his astringent wit and for his untiringly helpful contributions to a generation of bookmen.

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