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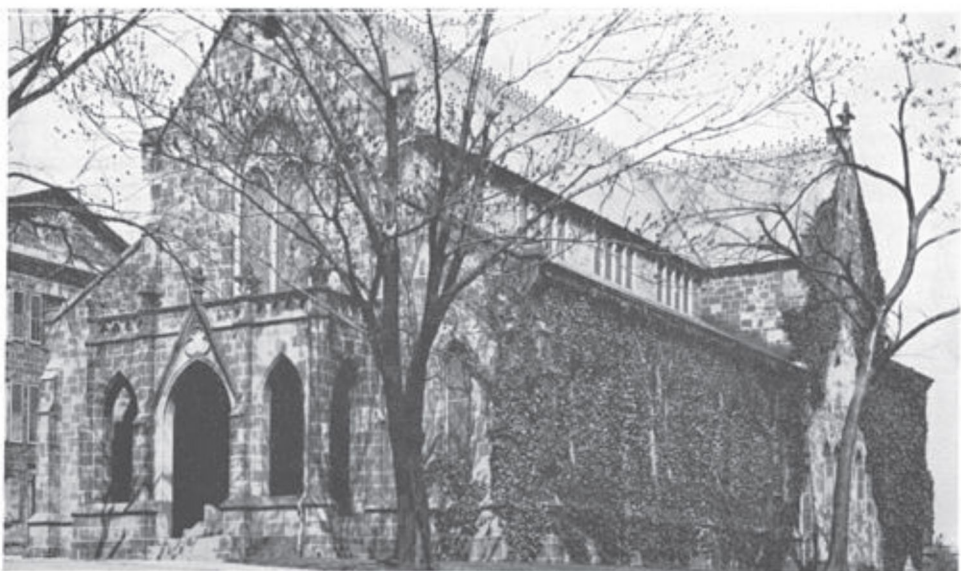
## THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE *JOURNAL*

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AT the twenty-fifth anniversary of the *Journal* of the Friends of the Library, it is certainly fitting and proper that the Librarian and his organization, one of the chief beneficiaries of the *Journal*, pay tribute to the Editors who over the years have spent so much time and ingenuity in making the *Journal* the successful periodical that it has become.

The first Editor was Rudolf Kirk, Professor of English, who not only was the originator of the *Journal*, but was instrumental in setting policies so wisely that most of them are still in use today. Through the first ten years the *Journal* in fact became the most tangible evidence of the existence of the Friends of the Library. The organization had originally been formed to stimulate interest in library matters at Rutgers, and to lay the ground work for a campaign to raise money for a new Central Library. When it became apparent that the Library could be built from a State appropriation, the objective of many Friends seemed to be reached. However, like other libraries, we were dependent on the continuing interest of a large number of people, and our chief means of communication with them was through the *Journal*.

One of the policies of the *Journal* which has been followed almost without exception is that the sources of the articles are books, manuscripts, pamphlets, prints, and memorabilia already in possession of the Library. It was thought that many of our friends were not aware



#### THE GROWTH OF THE RUTGERS LIBRARY

*Above*, Kirkpatrick Chapel, used as the Library, 1873-1903; *center*, The Voorhees Library, 1904-1955; *below*, The Central University Library, dedicated November, 1956

of the diversity and rarity of many of our possessions, and, of course, it was confidently hoped that the interest would be stimulated to such an extent that they would feel inclined to add to these possessions.

Rudolf Kirk was succeeded by Leslie A. Marchand, also of the English Department, who was the Editor from 1948-1958. Under his able guidance the *Journal* continued to flourish. He was succeeded by Arthur C. Young, the current Editor, who joined the staff in 1958. On this 25th anniversary we look forward to its continuation, and already plans are being talked of to make it a quarterly.