The collection consists of a significant Mr. Humiston's wide-ranging interest in literature in each area, the collection is of their experiences, and I walk in their footsteps. The End Congregational Church. In 1937, he assumed a similar post at Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall and served there until his retirement in 1971. He and his wife Nettie (known to her friends as "Trix") continue to maintain their home of 56 years in that well-known Michigan community. One of their sons, obi Robert Humiston, is a Professor of Music at Western Michigan University.

In addition to his contributions as a church musician, Mr. Humiston was a teacher of organ, piano, and voice. From 1946 until 1957, he was accompanist for the Albion College Choral Society. His lifetime membership in the American Guild of Organists began in 1929 when he passed the Guild's Associate examination while still a senior at Oberlin College. He has been a member of the Northern Ohio and Michigan (Detroit) chapters of the AGO, and was a founding member of the Western Michigan (Grand Rapids) and Southwest Michigan chapters. The Southwest Michigan chapter honored him with a lifetime membership in 1993.

Paul Humiston's very special gift to Western Michigan University has not yet been fully analyzed and processed. Dr. Betty Pursley, Assistant Professor of Music and University Organist, who will serve as a consultant on repertoire and editions, and Music Librarian Greg Fitzgerald have just begun the massive task of uncovering the riches of the extensive collection. Although it may take several years to complete the work, some of the music will be appearing on the Music and Dance Library's shelves within a few months. The more fragile items will be maintained in a separate location—undoubtedly stored in the original boxes—and used mainly for reference.

When offering his library as a gift to Western Michigan University, Paul Humiston said that, above all, he "wanted people to use it!" By donating it to the University Libraries, he has guaranteed that it will be available to organists and organ scholars who wish to use it—for performance, for research, for education. He has assured that the energy and dedication he brought to his profession will continue to inspire and educate present and future practitioners of his art. They, and we, are in his debt.

Libraries Encircling Libraries...

Library users of the 1990s have learned, occasionally to their dismay, that contemporary library and information centers are no longer the quiet havens of years past where patrons browsed a multi-drawer card catalog filled with 3 by 5" cards to locate a book title or author or special subject. Also, if not gone, at least not as often perused, are the multi-volume periodical indexes, national and international catalogs and bibliographies sometimes consisting of dozens of volumes of entries, and a variety of other resources that were the traditional "book" references of yesterday. Today, instead of such catalogs and rows of books, the searching hub of the library—if one chooses to come to a physical location—is rows of computer terminals that offer almost unlimited resources for searching. The University Libraries at Western Michigan University are part of this "digital world" as it is called. The end result is that there is no longer access only to our University's resources but to multiple libraries that were never before so easy to uncover and search.

Although a number of today's library users still find themselves ill at ease when first approaching a computer terminal, access is not that complicated and, as noted in Dean Lance Query's article found on p. 4 of this issue of Gatherings, Waldo Library has a hypermedia tutorial that provides a basic introduction to our catalog and online data base.

The first selection comes from a screen that reads:

Welcome to WESTNET
The West Michigan Information Network
A service of Western Michigan University

| PI WESTNET                      |
| Local catalogs & journal indexes |
| P2 FirstSearch (Pilot Project)  |
| Additional indexes & resources  |

Almost an entire issue of Gatherings would be needed to describe the 35 catalogs and indexes found in FirstSearch. However, separate from FirstSearch, the University Libraries' WESTNET system already includes a number of online libraries that many patrons do not realize exist. Once a user has selected PI, a different screen is shown that offers six important choices: FINDER, KELLY, LOOKITUP, DATAQ-1, CRL, and VIDEOCAT. As most people already know, FINDER is the acronym for our online catalog—the one that replaces

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