

## Rosamond Parma

When in 1935 Miss Rosamond Parma took out a leave of absence and retired to her home in Santa Barbara, it was hoped that she would return to the Law School at some later date. This hope has not been realized, and the School must acquiesce in her decision not to resume her arduous duties.

Miss Parma was first appointed Librarian of the Law Library and Clerk to the Department of Jurisprudence in the school year 1911-12. At that time eighty-nine students were enrolled, and it was her task to act, not only as librarian, but also as general secretary for the School. In 1916-17, her title became Librarian, and in 1922-23 it was changed to Librarian of the Law Library and Lecturer in Legal Bibliography. This latter position she held until she was required by illness to retire from active service in April, 1935.

At the time of Miss Parma's retirement in 1935, the Law Library numbered approximately 55,000 volumes and included many rare books as well as a valuable working collection for professional purposes. Due largely to her efforts, it had come to be recognized as one of the leading law libraries of the state. Miss Parma was a regular attendant at the annual meetings of the American Association of Law Libraries and served as the president of this Association from June 1930 to June 1932, being the only woman who has held that position.

Her contributions to the *Law Library Journal* include the following articles: "The Origin, History, and Compilation of the Case Book," Vol. 14, p. 14; "Law Libraries in California," Vol. 18, p. 108; "The History of the Adoption of the Codes of California," Vol. 22, p. 8; and "The Codes and Statutes of California: A Bibliography" (co-author), Vol. 22, p. 41.

In November, 1915, Miss Parma became secretary of the *California Law Review*, and in September, 1928, its manager.

The recital of the formal record of her activities conveys no real understanding of the part she played in the development of the School. There are those connected with an institution who occupy their appointed places and fill them acceptably. There are a very few others who make themselves a part of the entire institution. To Miss Parma the library, finances, students, alumni, placement, *Review*, entertainment, public relations, all were her continuous care. Hundreds of alumni will recall the personal assistance which helped them over difficult places in the School or assisted them in securing positions on graduation. Miss Parma has the satisfaction of work well done and the appreciation of that work by those who know.

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