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A TRIBUTE TO HIBERNIA TURBEVILLE

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When I joined the faculty of this Law School in 1955, Hibernia Turbeville was still in the course of building the foundations of a great library. One of her objects was to acquire all printed statutes and judicial decisions in the English language. There were only a few that she was finally unable to find and almost all of the remainder have since been added.

Dean Storey promised Miss Turbeville that when a new library building was built it would include a Treasure Room (as he termed it), and Dean Galvin discharged that promise when the new library was completed in 1971. Building a collection of antiquarian law books was another of Miss Turbeville's special interests, and the collection she started has been gradually expanded with gifts from the library of Professor Alexander Rhea and many others.

It has been one of my goals that both of these objectives should be implemented and expanded to include acquisitions of printed statutes and decisions in all European languages as well as English. We are well along the way in achieving that goal. The availability of these sources is a vital element of legal research, not only to provide lawyers the background of the immediate past but also to provide legal scholars with the materials for discovering the evolution of our law from the past.

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