

WOMAN DIRECTS MUSEUM WORK

Dr. Peterson Rearranging Scientific Library of 15,000 Volumes

One of the most important activities going on in the new Museum of Science, in Humboldt Park, is the cataloguing and re-arrangement of the scientific library of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, in preparation for the opening of the Museum to the public next fall. The library represents the accumulations of more than half a century and number about 15,000 volumes, including many invaluable sets of the proceedings of the older learned societies nowhere else available.

Recognizing the great value of this library to scientific research, and the importance of having it put into shape for effective use, the officers of the Society of Natural Sciences began a search for a librarian fully qualified for the work. Their selection was Dr. Eunice Peterson, who came to Buffalo from Princeton University, where she had been in charge of the natural science library during 1927.

Dr. Peterson was born in Viroqua, Wisconsin. She obtained her doctor's degrees at the University of Minnesota, majoring in geology, and was the first woman to get an advanced degree at Minnesota in geology. She then engaged in post-graduate and field work at the University of Chicago. After teaching at Oberlin College for one year, Dr. Peterson was in charge of the Winchell Library of Geology for three years.

Many of her papers have been published in the Journal of Geology and she is a member of Sigma Xi, an honorary scientific society and of the Paleontological Society of America. After the library in the new Museum is completely arranged and ready for use, Dr. Peterson will engage in research work on the sedimentary rocks of this region.