

New Encyclopedia Will Benefit Blind

"I am blind in the eyes;
but spare the gleam in
my brain.

"Though my footsteps falter,
let my soul still sight
"The things that were my
life before you hid the
light."

This is how Theodore Goodridge Roberts expressed the blind's quest for knowledge and truth in "The Blind Sailor."

Today's blind — most of them — strive for the same goals as the sailor in Roberts' poem.

Through the services of the

Nebraska Public Library Commission and the state Library for the Blind, another advance has been made to satisfy this need of the sightless.

The first volumes of a Braille encyclopedia have been received. They represent the start of a project unequalled in size in the history of Braille, the intricate reading system devised for the blind.

Donated by the Field Enterprises Education Corp. and the nonprofit Field Foundation, Inc., the world-wide project eventually will provide Nebraska's blind with a complete encyclopedia in Braille. It will involve 145 volumes, 38,000 pages and will spread across 43 feet of shelf space.

Produced without profit by a publishing house exclusively involved in Braille publications, the set donated to Nebraska cost \$616, exclusive of shipping costs.

Louise Nixon and Mrs. Flora Sams accepted for the state. Clarence V. Hadenfeldt of Omaha made the presentation.



Today's blind . . . learning through Braille reading.