

THE LIBRARIANS.

Reception Tendered the Visitors at the City Hall Last Evening.

Addresses by Mayor Hazard and President Dobinson—Response by President Green on Behalf of the Guests.

The reception which was tendered last evening at the rooms of the public library to the visiting members of the American Library Association was a gratifying success. The handsomely decorated rooms were thronged with ladies and gentlemen representing the wealth and culture of the city. At 8:30 o'clock the visitors were formally received in the Council chamber and brief addresses of welcome were made by G. A. Dobinson, president of the library board of directors, and Mayor H. T. Hazard.



PRESIDENT S. S. GREEN.

S. S. Green of Worcester, Mass., who is president of the association, responded, expressing in fitting terms their gratitude for the hearty reception which had been tendered them, and extending greetings from New England and all across the continent to the hospitable, large-hearted Californians, who had made their stay here one long to be remembered.

The formalities of the occasion then melted away and the Reception Committee presented the visitors individually, as opportunity offered, to the Los Angeles guests.

An orchestra stationed in the hall discoursed music throughout the evening. Cake and lemonade were served, punch bowls being placed on tables in every room. Through the industry and taste of the young ladies employed in the library, assisted by members of the Ruskin Art Club, the rooms and halls had been beautifully decorated. A conventional design wrought out in palm

leaves made an effective frieze above the wainscoting of the hall and spike palms arched every entrance. The reference room was a bower of loveliness, pepper boughs fringing bookshelves and tables, desks and chandeliers. The letters "A. L. A." in white verbenas showed sharp and distinct from a bed of smilax on one of the reference tables; on another were the initials "L. A. P. L." in purple agaratum. Fuchsias, roses, scarlet geraniums and smilax were arranged in the most exquisite taste. A stately sago palm guarded the entrance to the ladies' reading room. The decorations here were confined to tall papyrus, palms and smilax, with the Indian baskets of roses on the fern-strewn table. A committee of ladies from the Ruskin Art Club had brought their skill to bear upon the arrangements of decorations in the gentlemen's reading room which was a symphony in yellow. Chrysanthemums were the only flowers used here, and against the fern-like background of pepper boughs, the effect was exceeding lovely. The visitors wandered at will through the beautiful flower-laden rooms, and no doubt the picture will haunt them months hence, when the eastern blizzards whistle through the leafless trees, and they are in the fastnesses of a New England winter.

Today the party leave for San Diego, and will remain at the Coronado until Tuesday, when they will start for the East.

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A Few Pertinent Questions.

The managers of the public library in Detroit recently examined a company of candidates for appointment as attendants in the library building. These candidates were for the most part graduates of the Detroit high school. It is usual in the conducting of examinations of this kind to propound a lot of irrelevant questions. There are few civil service examinations conducted in the Cincinnati custom-house, for example, where the examiners confine themselves to catechising the candidates for office upon subjects having directly to do with the duties of the office to which they aspire. It is not an uncommon thing for a man who wants to be made a letter carrier to be asked to give the rule for partial payments or to construe some English sentence, parse a phrase or tell what the exports and imports are of Madagascar. As if any of these questions had to do with the prompt delivery of a letter from the post-office to No. 1020 Betts street. It seems to us that when an examination is to be made of a person's qualifications to occupy some specific position the list of questions propounded ought always to relate directly to the duties of the office the candidate expects to hold. The questions asked in Detroit are peculiarly of this character.

After the usual introductory questions about name, address, birthplace, etc., the Detroit examiners plunged directly into the business of ascertaining how much the candidates know of books, how much information they could give patrons of the library on questions they are likely at any time to be called on to answer. For example, the candidates were asked to name the ten largest cities in this country in the order of their population, to give a brief description of one of them at least, its location, natural advantages and chief points of interest. How many of the high school graduates of Cincinnati could name ten of the largest American cities in the order of their population? Candidates were then asked to describe the manner of electing the President of the United States, to name the Presidents of the United States in their order since the beginning of the civil war, to name the President's Cabinet, the office held by each member and to state the prominent political issues of the pending Presidential campaign.

To ascertain whether or not these young people who want to handle the library books keep posted at all as to current events the examiners asked them to name ten important events that have occurred since January 1, 1891. "Mention five prominent statesmen who lived before the present century, locating them by country," was another question. How many of Cincinnati's young students of history could mention them? The candidates were also asked to mention five well known European cathedrals and locate them, to tell what port Columbus sailed from on his voyage of discovery and where he first landed, and to give some information about Disraeli, Pow-

hatan, Wars of the Roses, Gen. Custer, Commodore Perry and Gen. Wolfe. Now, these questions are not irrelevant. Scarcely a week would go by in any school year in which library attendants would not be likely to be asked by some youngster from the public schools as to what book they would find information in regard to some of these men or some of these events. Competent library attendants ought to be able to answer such questions instantly. Can all of the Cincinnati library attendants do it? Here is a list of some of the questions extracted bodily from the examination papers:

What events of historic interest are associated with Gettysburg, Moscow, Runnymede, Holywood, Chapultepec, Sedan?

Name five philosophers and state the country and age in which they lived.

Name ten writers of the highest character of fiction in the English language.

Give the title of a prominent work by each of the following authors: Chaucer, Spenser, Philip Sidney, Goldsmith, Byron, Sir Walter Scott, Cervantes, Dante, Victor Hugo, Dean Swift, Charles Darwin, John Locke.

Give name of author of each of the following: "Little Women," "Prudence Palfrey," "Lays of Ancient Rome," "The Pathfinder," "Æneid," "Paradise Lost," "Scarlet Letter," "American Commonwealth," "Biglow Papers."

Locate by country and characterize briefly the following: Linnæus, Homer, Humboldt, Ericsson, Froebel, Ole Bull, Samuel Pepys, Agassiz.

What are the real names of Mark Twain, George Eliot, Artemus Ward, M. A. Titmarsh, George Sand, Chas. Egbert Craddock?

Into what classes respectively would you put books on Arctic exploration, fashions in dress, electric railways, siege of Sebastopol, banking and finance, homoeopathy, occultation of Mars?

Name five well known American publishers.

Mention several of the principal classes into which books are usually divided in a public library.

It is by reading these and kindred questions over and attempting to answer them satisfactorily that a person now and then learns something about the limitations of his knowledge.

THE LIBRARIANS.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION
TENDERED A RECEPTION.

The Party's Movements Yesterday—
Mayor Hazard Extends a Welcome to
the Visitors—A Most Pleasant Oc-
casion.

The programme for the entertainment of the visiting members of the American Librarians' association, as previously printed in the HERALD, was carried out to the letter as regards yesterday's part of the plan. The visitors' special train arrived from Pasadena at the appointed time, and a large number of excursionists visited the agricultural and horticultural exhibition at the chamber of commerce rooms.

In the evening the council chamber and nearly the whole upper story of the city hall was thrown open for the reception tendered the librarians by the directors of the Los Angeles public library, and by 8:30 o'clock the rooms were crowded with bravely attired men and women representing the wealth and social prominence of the city.

The library rooms, including the reference and work rooms, were profusely yet tastefully decorated with palms and foliage, and their appearance was a credit to the artistic spirit of the library assistants and the ladies of the Ruskin Art club.

The reception, as a whole, was due to the efforts of the following committee: Board of directors Los Angeles public library, G. A. Dobinson, Mrs. C. M. Severance, Col. George H. Smith, Mr. Frank H. Howard, Mr. J. Mills Davies, Tessa L. Kelso. Hon. H. T. Hazard and Mrs. H. T. Hazard, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Spence, Don and Mrs. Antonio Coronel, Baron and Baroness A. J. A. Rogniat, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hubbell, Col. and Mrs. F. G. Teed, Maj. and Mrs. E. W. Jones, Maj. and Mrs. W. H. Bonsall, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. C. Klokke, Maj. and Mrs. H. T. Lee, Maj. G. H. Bonebrake.

The visiting librarians were formally welcomed by his honor Mayor Hazard, who was introduced, on behalf of the library directors, by Mr. G. A. Dobinson. In introducing Mayor Hazard Mr. Dobinson briefly spoke of the history of the Los Angeles public library, referring to the fact—which the mayor would probably be to modest to mention—that Henry T. Hazard was one of the original founders of the library, which formed the nucleus of the present large institution.

Mayor Hazard then formally welcomed the librarians in a neat speech, in which he happily referred to the public libraries as among the best popular educators.

President S. S. Green, on behalf of the association, responded to the mayor's welcome. He spoke of the wonderful evidences of the healthful climate and productive soil of Southern California, which he had witnessed upon this trip; and he had no doubt that with the customary energy and enterprize of Californians it would not be long before this state would produce all the more delicate fruits of the far east and the Mediterranean, of a quality and in quantities sufficient to make further draft upon those countries unnecessary. But what pleased him most was the boundless liberality and bounteous hospitality of Californians in general and Los Angeles in particular.

The reception lasted until 11 o'clock.

After the reception a HERALD reporter met Secretary Hill of Newark, N. J., Mr. C. C. Soule of Brookline, Mass., and Mr. Lodennilk of Washington, D. C., in their apartments at the Hollenbeck. These gentlemen were warm in praise of the public library and the work already accomplished by Miss Kelso, the librarian. Mr. Hill expressed two very pertinent ideas in this connection. Young as the library is, the circulation, which now reaches nearly 1000 per day, is scarcely equaled by any eastern city of three times the population of Los Angeles. This indicates that the library is useful—and it leads up to the second strong point. A public library, to be successful, must be conducted in a measure just like a successful store. The attendants must be energetic, prompt and agreeable, just as the clerks in a store must be attentive to their customers. The patronage of the Los Angeles library indicates that none of these points have been overlooked. These gentlemen also agreed upon another fact—that it will not be long before the present quarters of the library are entirely inadequate. And they unhesitatingly asserted that with the same advancement as has characterized the past, Los Angeles would soon have the model library in all respects not only of California but of the United States.

After viewing points of interest in and about the city, the party will leave for San Diego at 1:30 this afternoon.

Write briefly at 1891, giving the facts without needless detail.

LIBRARIANS' RECEPTION.

The social event of the week, and of many weeks past, occurs this evening at the rooms of the Public Library, where a reception will be tendered to the visiting librarians who arrived in the city yesterday from San Francisco. The rooms are being handsomely decorated with palm leaves in artistic designs, and the affair will doubtless be a credit to the social and literary standing of the citizens of Los Angeles.

The distinguished guests will be first received in the Council chamber, where they will be formally welcomed by the Mayor and the president of the library directors, and afterward the affair will be of an entirely informal character.

The librarians visited Santa Monica and Redondo yesterday and will be Pasadena's guests today. The party is composed of the following persons. S. S. Green, (president) librarian of the public library, Worcester, Mass.; Frank P. Hill, (secretary) librarian public library, Newark, N. J.; F. H. Hild, (assistant secretary) librarian public library, Chicago; Miss M. E. Ahern, assistant librarian State library, Indianapolis, Ind.; Miss Jessie Allen, librarian public library, Omaha; Miss H. A. Bean, librarian public library, Brookline, Mass.; Daniel Beckwith, librarian Providence Athenæum, Providence, R. I.; P. R. Bowker, editor Library Journal, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss L. S. Cutler, librarian, Hartford, Conn.; C. A. Cutter, librarian Boston Athenæum; John C. Dana, librarian public library, Denver, Colo.; Miss Lydia A. Dexter, assistant at Newberry library, Chicago; C. R. Dudley, librarian Mercantile library, Denver; W. I. Fletcher, librarian Amhurst College Amhurst; L. B. Gilmore, assistant public library, Detroit, Mich.; Miss Erma G. Harris, Harris Institute, Woonsocket, R. I.; Miss C. M. Hewins, librarian, Hartford Library Association, Hartford, Conn.; Rev. H. F. Jenks, trustee public library, Canton, Mass.; D. V. R. Johnson, reference librarian State library, Albany, N. Y.; K. A. Linderlelt, librarian public library, Milwaukee, Wis.; Miss L. F. Macey, librarian Reddick's library, Ottawa, Ill.; Miss Annie Metcalf, librarian Harris Institute, Woonsocket, R. I.; Dr. E. J. Nolan, librarian Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia; Miss N. W. Plummer, librarian Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. F. W. Poole, librarian Newberry library, Chicago; Miss H. B. Prescott, assistant librarian, Columbia College New York city; S. H. Scudder, editor and entomologist, Cambridge, Mass.; Miss D. K. Sherman, trustee Y.M.C.A. Yonkers, N. Y.; C. C. Soule, trustee Brookline library, Brookline, Mass.; H. H. Utley, librarian public library, Detroit, Mich.; Miss Margaret Van Zandt, assistant Columbian College library, New York; A. W. Whelpley, librarian public library, Cincinnati; Dr. George E. Wise, librarian medical department Newberry library, Chicago; H. H. Whitney, president West End Railroad Company.

Boston; Miss E. A. Taft, Yonkers, N. Y.; G. E. Stechert, publisher, New York city; Mrs. A. W. Whelpey, Cincinnati; Mrs. E. C. Marble, Florence, Mass.; W. H. Lowdermilk, publisher, Washington, D. C.; Miss Julia Lippett, Brooklyn, Mass.; Miss Belle Barr, New York city; John D. Bean, Brookline, Mass.; H. H. Cooke, publisher, Chicago; Miss Alice Crook, Yonkers, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Davis, Worcester, Mass.; William Goodwin, Philadelphia; and Mrs. Bunker, Philadelphia, chaperon.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

VISITING LIBRARIANS.

The Party Will Arrive in the City This Morning.

The Southern California delegates to the conference of the American Library Association, just closed in San Francisco, returned yesterday.

The visiting librarians will arrive here this morning at 11:30, leaving at 1 p.m. for Santa Monica and Redondo. Friday they will visit Pasadena, returning to this city in time for the reception to be tendered them on that evening at the rooms of the Public Library. A quantity of flowers and greens are wanted for decorating purposes and those having such are requested to send them to the Public Library Friday morning or leave their address there and the flowers will be sent for. No efforts will be spared to make the visitors feel the cordial welcome which Los Angeles always accords to her distinguished guests.

Saturday the librarians leave for San Diego and Coronado, where they will remain till Tuesday, spending that day at Riverside and then proceeding eastward. They are traveling in a special vestibuled train of three sleepers, observation, dining and baggage cars, fitted up in the palatial style for which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is famous.

THE LIBRARIANS.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade yesterday, the matter of the entertainment of the members of the American Library Association, who are touring the State of California at present, was considered, and as a result the visitors will be shown the city under favorable auspices.

P. M. Green, president of the First National Bank, offered this resolution, which was carried: "That the library trustees be requested to entertain the librarians, and that this board tender said trustees its assistance."

Vice-President J. A. Buchanan then appointed the following gentlemen, members of the Board of Trade, to act in the matter on behalf of the board: P. M. Green, W. U. Masters, Dr. William F. Channing, A. C. Armstrong, Supt. W. S. Monroe, Judge B. S. Eaton, James Craig, A. J. Painter, C. W. Buchanan, J. W. Wood and J. G. Rossiter. The committee will meet at Secretary Rossiter's office at 9 o'clock this morning to perfect its plans and arrange the line of drive. Owing to the short notice it was the opinion of the meeting that nothing further than a generous carriage drive should be undertaken by the committee. Miss Adelaide R. Hasse, first assistant librarian of the Los Angeles public library, met the board, having been detailed to do so by the Los Angeles committee, and urged that the matter of entertaining the guests be not forgotten. Miss Hasse also stated that there would be about forty-five in the party and that their special train would arrive at 7 a.m. and remain until 3:30 o'clock p.m.

All of our citizens should take part in the entertainment of these guests from the far East.

TALK OF LIBRARIES.

Discussion of their Value to the Public.

The Annual Address of the President.

The Librarians Take a Cold Trip Around the Bay and Then Go to Work.

The librarians started in yesterday forenoon with a trip around the bay in the steamer Tiburon, under the care of A. E. Whitaker, J. C. Rowell and Horace Wilson. They would have had a more enjoyable excursion if a fog had not enwrapped the hills and a cold wind swept the bay and the steamer's deck. In spite of the chilling wind the large crowd found much of interest to see during the trip to Hunter's point, the Golden Gate, and through Raccoon straits to El Campo and return. A nice luncheon, with sherry to drink, was served on the lower deck during the return trip, which ended about 1 o'clock.

When the association assembled at Pioneer Hall at 2 p. m., R. R. Bowker of the *Library Journal* called attention to the work of getting up a catalogue of American publications of the nineteenth century, which would be much more complete and valuable than any other American catalogue. The work would be a bibliographer's catalogue and not a booksellers' catalogue. Much interest was shown in the enterprise.

President S. S. Green read his annual address, which was a lengthy and a very interesting paper. In the course of his remarks he said:

The function of a library is to serve its users. It is the duty of a public library to serve the public. It is also indispensable that a library should be thoughtfully, scientifically and adequately catalogued. Neither can people be well served in a poor library building. Hearty praise belongs to the men who have labored to improve the cataloguing and classification of libraries and to exert an influence in behalf of correct principles of library architecture. Especially needful is it that they still proclaim the gospel of convenience and suitability respecting library buildings and the equipment of libraries.

Incidentally, it is well, also, to add the important remark that the community which wishes for good library service must not only have good tools and tools adapted to do the work desired, but also and certainly, a skillful and industrious workman to handle the tools. Provide a good collection of books, and facilities for their use and for doing the work of the library, but whether you do these things or not secure at the start as accomplished and enthusiastic a librarian as you can lay your hands on. More, very much more, good can be accomplished by a good librarian with a poor library and an unsuitable building than by an incompetent librarian provided with the best of material and facilities.

The test of the success of a library is its usefulness. That library best fulfils its mission which, well housed, arranged and catalogued and well manned, studies the needs of the community in which it is placed and of students generally, and then addresses itself earnestly to the work of awakening interest in study and good reading, and shows the greatest and best regulated zeal in disseminating information and bringing about as large as possible an increase in knowledge and wisdom. The chief purpose of a library is to stimulate and encourage persons of all ages, learned and unlearned, to make investigations and read good books, and to help them cordially and persistently in finding answers to their inquiries and in getting at books of standard value adapted to supply their special needs.

He said that in Massachusetts, which has a free public library commission to encourage and assist towns in establishing free libraries, over 243 towns and cities had such institutions. Only sixty-eight out of 351 towns were without free libraries. The free public libraries of that State contain over 2,500,000 volumes, and gifts in money alone from individuals exceed \$5,500,000.

The speaker, in behalf of librarians and students, extended thanks to J. C. Rowell, librarian of the University of California, for publishing an index of large portions of his library. Mr. Cheney had just done an admirable piece of work in behalf of popular education in preparing and publishing a very much needed list of books in the San Francisco Free Public Library, namely, "Classified English prose, fiction, etc., with notes and index to subject references." The list would be found very useful in the libraries of the country.

In conclusion he said that this, the first large meeting of librarians and persons interested in libraries on the Pacific coast, should lead to frequent meetings on the coast.

A valuable paper on "Binding and Binderies," sent by D. V. R. Johnson of the New York State Library at Auburn, was read, and was followed by an interesting discussion.

The report of Secretary Frank P. Hill on the Library School run by the University of New York at Albany, was read by Dr. G. E. Wise. This is a successful and valued school for training librarians established in 1887. Its course now extends over two years. Thirty-five entered the school this year.

The evening session was a popular meeting devoted to extemporaneous discussion of the value of free libraries to communities. There was quite a large attendance.

W. F. Poole of Chicago said that if the meeting was being held in the Southern States, where there are no free public libraries, it would be easy to discuss the subject, but here and in the East the public was fully aware of the value of free libraries. He said that this was not always so and he gave some interesting scraps of library history.

"When I began library work in 1847 at \$30 a year," he said, "there were no free libraries and no statistics or collated information about libraries. That was a sort of prehistoric time. A new era began the following year. John Jacob Astor died leaving \$400,000 to establish the Astor library, the first free library. It was a great thing then, but now people are giving millions. In 1848 Mr. Jewett was appointed librarian of the Smithsonian Institution, and began preparing statistics of libraries in the United States. In that year Mayor Josiah Quincy of Boston conceived the idea of asking the people to request authority to establish a free library at public expense. The Boston Free Library soon became the first free public library in the world. Others quickly followed in that State. In 1851 Parliament authorized cities and towns to tax themselves for free public libraries, and the first one in Great Britain was established in Manchester. In 1850 the biggest library in the United States was that of Harvard, which numbered 86,000 volumes. The Congressional Library had 50,000 instead of 600,000 as now."

W. I. Fletcher, librarian of Amherst College, in the course of some interesting remarks, said that right and needed library legislation would not be secured until there was a strong and right public sentiment behind it. The question of the distribution of libraries among communities was more important than that of their relation to population. There should be libraries in every community, however small. It was a truth in morals that the good may enter and drive out the bad. Good books elevate and refine a community.

"If this conference is beneficial to you people of this coast," he said, "it will be not so much through the papers read as through the influence and stimulus of personal contact."

President S. S. Green spoke at some length, in an earnest and interesting way, on the topic of the evening, dwelling mainly on the moral value of libraries, whose influences permeate a community.

J. C. Rowell, librarian of the State University, said that the largest gift to free public libraries on the coast was one of \$200,000 made by a lady to the public library of Portland. The University of Cal-

ifornia had received the second largest gift. In this State free public libraries had received no very large gifts. In Los Angeles \$63,000 had been raised by taxation for the purpose.

Mr. Clowdesley, librarian of the Stockton Free Public Library, told of the steady progress of that institution and of the recent bequest to it of \$75,000 by William P. Heazleton of Tarrytown, N. Y., a former resident of Stockton.

After the meeting a number of the visitors went on a trip through Chinatown.

CALIFORNIA LIBRARIANS.

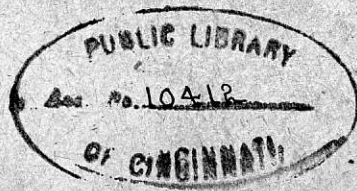
A Number of Them Are Attending the Meeting.

Among the California librarians, outside of San Francisco, who are in attendance are the following:

George T. Clark, assistant librarian of the California State Library; Tessa L. Kelso, librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library; Adelaide R. Hesse, assistant librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library; J. C. Rowell, librarian of the University of California; Joseph D. Layman, assistant librarian of the University of California; Ina D. Coolbrith, librarian of the Oakland Public Library; W. F. Clowdesley, librarian of the Stockton Public Library; Bertha Kumli, librarian of the Santa Rosa Public Library; Lulu Younkin, librarian of the San Diego Public Library; Mrs. G. L. Smith, librarian of the Riverside Public Library; Ruth Royce, librarian of the State Normal School at San Jose; Henry F. Peterson, assistant librarian of the Oakland Public Library.

To-Day's Programme.

The association will devote this morning's session to the important subject of library architecture. W. F. Poole of Chicago and other high authorities will advance their ideas. In the afternoon the members of the association will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanford at the Leland Stanford Jr. University and at their Menlo Park residence. Libraries and schools and library legislation will be the topics for the evening session.



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THE TOPEKA DAILY

CAPITAL: SUNDAY.

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RECEPTION TO LIBRARIANS.

The City Turned Over to the National Body Yesterday.

If smiling faces and grateful expressions are to be taken as an indication Topeka has never more satisfactorily entertained strangers than yesterday when the delegation of librarians from the east, who have been present at the American Library association meeting at San Francisco, spent four hours in the enjoyment of our hospitality.

A small committee left Topeka at 11:15 and joined the special train at Carbondale. To their regret it was found that the party had dwindled to forty-four, but the more important members were there.

On reaching Topeka the special cars of the Rapid Transit company conveyed them rapidly to Washburn where under the guidance of Prof. Whittemore the library was visited and received the due meed of admiration. The weather being clear the view of the town and distant hills was charming to the eyes of the tired travelers.

The program admitted of a short stay at the state house, in which the visitors divided their time between the state historical library and the collection of birds.

At 3 o'clock they reached the public library and made a thorough examination of its workings. The bright and cheerful appearance of the reading room excited much admiration.

At 3:15 Judge Horton delivered a short address of welcome, which was replied to by Mr. L. S. Green of Worcester, the retiring president. Mr. T. D. Thacher also made a short address, and then came the turn of the graceful band of young ladies to dispense coffee and cake, sweetened by music from the Mandolin club. The desire of friends to show the best side of Topeka to the visitors brought to the library door more carriages than could be used. A rapid drive around the city closed the day. At 5 p. m. precisely the special train with its freight of library wisdom drew out for Kansas City.

The committee of entertainment desires to return thanks to all who lent assistance.

The fact that the printed welcome (the wit and wisdom in which will rival its authorship) and the typographically admirable programme had been produced in 48 hours proved to their recipients the energy and capacity of the printers of the city.

Appended is the list of visitors:

W. F. Poole, Chicago; K. A. Linderfelt, Milwaukee; R. R. Bowker, New York; C. A. Cutter, Boston; Daniel Beckwith, Providence, R. I.; Julia Lippincott, Providence, R. I.; Isabel Barr, New York; Samuel F. Scudder, Cambridge; Henry F. Jenks, Canton, Mass.; John D. Bean, Brookline, Mass.; Deborah Keith Sherman, Yonkers, New York; D. V. R. Johnston

Albany, N. Y.; Edw. J. Nolan and William Goodwin, Philadelphia; Kate G. Whelpley, Cincinnati, O.; Jessie Allan, Omaha, Neb.; Caroline M. Hewins Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. H. A. Linderfelt, Milwaukee, Wis.; Samuel Swet Green, Worcester, Mass.; Anna Metcalf, Woonsocket, R. I.; A. W. Whelpley, Cincinnati, O.; May W. Plummer, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lucian B. Gilmore, Detroit, Mich.; Miss L. S. Gilmore, Somerset, Mass.; Mary A. Bean, Brookline, Mass.; Louisa S. Cutler and Harriett B. Prescott, New York city; Mrs. E. C. Marble Finance, Mass.; M. E. Ahern, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lydia A. Dexter, Chicago; Miss M. E. Ahern, Indianapolis; H. H. Cooke, Chicago; C. F. Soule, Boston; A. H. Hall, Newark, N. J.; R. Utley, Detroit; I. Held, Chicago; H. F. Jenks, Canton.

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SAN FRANCISCO
CHRONICLE, THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 15, 1891.
THE LIBRARIANS.

The Latest Ideas on Library Architecture.

A Visit to the Stanford University.

The Relations of Libraries and the Public Schools Discussed.

The librarians put in another busy day yesterday. An early session was held in the morning and in the afternoon they enjoyed the greatest treat in the way of entertainment that has yet been offered them. This was a trip to the Stanford University and Palo Alto and a delightful reception by Senator and Mrs. Stanford at their residence near Menlo Park. Some interesting papers were read at the evening session.

The consideration of library architecture was begun yesterday morning with a paper by Charles C. Soule, trustee of the Brookline, Mass., Public Library, on "Points of Agreement Among Librarians as to Library Architecture." The writer said that librarians generally agreed as to certain fundamental principles of library architecture. A library building should be planned for library work. The interior should be planned first and with reference to the probabilities and possibilities of the future, which would bring growth and change. Usefulness and convenience should never be sacrificed to architectural effect. If money could be spared the exterior might be embellished, but simplicity should characterize the interior, which should be planned with reference to convenience and economy of labor. It should be as light as possible in all its parts. Shelves around the walls have been superseded by rows of cases through a hall. The plan of W. F. Poole of having separate libraries under one roof has modified the plan of many libraries so that readers are accommodated near the class of books they wish to consult. Straight stairs are preferable to circular ones.

An extemporaneous discussion followed. W. F. Poole of Chicago, who has had much to say about library buildings, stated that great progress had been made in planning library buildings within ten or fifteen years, and that progress was due to the Library Association. Many severe criticisms have been made, and some people did not like them. The Boston Public Library, which used to be an active worker in the association, was not represented since some criticisms had been made about their building, which was a fine Venetian castle of wholly inappropriate design. It was the same with the Congressional Library.

Mr. Poole criticised several features in the plans of the proposed building for the library of Congress, for which \$6,000,000 has been appropriated. One chief trouble was that there was a great central reading-room between seventy and 100 feet high, covered with a glass roof and surrounded by walls. It was hot in Washington in the summer, and people would roast inside. The building should be adapted to the climate.

Ten years ago all large library buildings were built after one style. That was the ecclesiastical style of the Middle Ages and the result of religious ideas of the time. The nave was used as a reading-room and the aisles for storing books. Stairs should be abolished. Instead of "stacks" or tiers of cases they should be well classified and placed in different stories reached by elevators. By proper arrangement 250,000 books could be shelved in a space 100 feet square.

K. A. Linderfeldt, librarian of the Milwaukee Public Library, which is soon to have a new \$500,000 building, talked about shelving and other interior conveniences, and then explained some of the interior plans for the Library of Congress. The reading-room would accommodate over 1000 people at its desks, and all would be under the eye of the superintendent. Mechanical carriers would convey books between the reading-room and all parts of the library where books would be stored. Both the speaker and President Green thought that the stack system of arranging bookcases one above another in little stories was a necessity in most libraries, but it could be arranged to give a minimum of labor.

C. A. Cutler of the Boston Athenæum said that as there was a school for library assistants there should be one for library trustees. Their ideas about library buildings were generally confined to exterior architecture, and they did not understand the difference between good and bad in interior planning. All libraries should have high windows. One important feature of a library should be classrooms, where teachers could bring their classes and consult books in private.

At 1 o'clock about sixty members of the association boarded a special train at Third and Townsend streets and were whirled southward, reaching the grounds of the Leland Stanford Jr. University by the side track running from the main line. At the depot here the guests were joined by Librarian Edwin Woodruff of the university, and at the university they were greeted by President David S. Jordan and other members of the faculty.

The day was perfect, and the visitors were enraptured with the surroundings. After a general view of the buildings they were taken to the chapel, where a brief address of welcome was delivered by President Jordan. It was briefly but heartily responded to by President S. S. Green of the association. The university buildings were inspected, and then carriages took the party to the Palo Alto stock farm. From there the guests were driven to the Stanford residence, the parlors of which were beautifully decorated with flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Stanford welcomed the guests in an informal way, and two hours were pleasantly passed there. During their stay a band discoursed music on the lawn, and an elaborate collation was served. It was late in the afternoon when the train was taken at Menlo Park for the return trip.

The evening session was mainly devoted to the subject of "Libraries and Schools," on which President S. S. Green read an interesting paper, describing in detail the ways in which the public library and the public schools of Worcester, Mass., work together. He said that librarians should, as they are now doing in many places, cultivate friendly relations with teachers, and let them understand that they are ready to join them in making the library serviceable to pupils. This close connection was possible everywhere, whether the library was large or small.

W. I. Fletcher, librarian of Amherst College, read a paper on "The Best Library Legislation." He said that the first step in library legislation was made 100 years ago in providing for the incorporation of subscription libraries. Twenty-three States afterward exempted such libraries from taxation. School libraries were next provided for by twenty-one States, but such libraries have not generally proved successful. Next towns and cities were allowed to tax themselves to provide free public libraries. A majority of the States have enacted such laws. The rate allowed ranged from \$.000½ to \$.002. It would seem that the best legislation would not limit the rate.

In the further development of library legislation State laws were passed to stimulate and encourage public libraries. The Massachusetts Free Public Commission was an instance.

The next natural step would be to make the establishment of libraries obligatory. This would certainly be reached, as in the case of public school legislation.

A session will be held at Pioneer Hall

this forenoon. In the afternoon the association will visit Berkeley and Oakland, holding an evening session in the rooms of the Starr King Fraternity, Oakland.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1891.

THE LIBRARIANS.

A Visit to the Athens of the Pacific.

A Dinner and a Meeting in Oakland.

Several Technical Papers Read— The Annual Meeting Ends To-Day.

The librarians put in another day of combined work and pleasure yesterday. The association held a morning session at Pioneer Hall, and then went to Oakland and Berkeley for the rest of the day and evening.

The papers read at the morning session were rather technical in their nature. The first topic taken up was "Access to the Shelves by Users of Libraries." A paper on this subject, written by Herbert Putnam, librarian of the Minneapolis public library, was partly read by Rev. H. F. Jenks of Canton, Mass. While reading it he suddenly fell to the floor in a faint, the result of ill health and over-exertion. He was soon revived. The reading of the paper was finished by C. A. Cutter of Boston. A paper on the same subject by William H. Brett, librarian of the Cleveland public library, was read by Miss D. K. Sherman of Yonkers, N. Y. After a discussion J. C. Rowell of the State University exhibited an old and interesting catalogue. A report on the dissemination of contagious diseases through the use of library books, by Gardner M. Jones, librarian of the Salem, Mass., public library, was read by John C. Dana of the Denver public library.

The Oakland people had made quite elaborate preparations for the reception of the guests on that side of the bay and several members of the Oakland reception committee met the crowd of sixty or more librarians at the Palace Hotel in time to take the 1 o'clock boat.

The State University at Berkeley was first visited. The party was taken to the library building, President Kellogg welcoming them in the art gallery. Librarian J. C. Rowell showed the visitors through the library, and after an hour spent here a visit was made to some of the other university buildings. The party reached Oakland about 3 o'clock in special cars of the electric road and were then given a ride to Piedmont on the cable line. The public library was shown them by Librarian Ina D. Coolbrith and Secretary H. F. Peterson, and at 5:30 p. m. the visitors entered the spacious and handsome quarters of the Starr King Fraternity, connected with the new Unitarian Church at Fourteenth and Castro streets. Their reception there by many of the cultured people of Oakland was very hearty. In a large hall up stairs an elaborate dinner was enjoyed and an informal reception, amid flowers and music in the parlors followed. Rev. Charles W. Wendte, the pastor, and Dr. S. H. Melvin, chairman of the Oakland Library trustees, made brief addresses of welcome, which were responded to by President S. S. Green.

At 7:30 the evening session began in the main auditorium of the church. The large church was quite well filled, the audience being much the largest that has attended the sessions.

Daniel Beckwith of Providence, R. I., read a paper on "Public Support of Free Libraries," written by William E. Foster of the same city.

The paper that was of most interest to the librarians was a bright and chatty one by Miss Mary S. Cutler, vice-director of the Library School at Albany, N. Y., on "Impressions in Foreign Libraries and Notes on the Recent Meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom." It was read by Miss L. S. Cutler of Hartford, Conn. The writer described visits to many of the old and great libraries of Europe, and told much that was novel and interesting. Sight-seeing visitors found difficulty in getting inside the great reference libraries of the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris and the British Museum in London. They were sacred to the armies of students inside, who were not disturbed by strolling visitors who are freely admitted to the great public libraries in America. In the British Museum one had to wait for forty minutes on an average for a book. The free library movement begun in England in 1850 was making rapid progress. There public libraries generally have residences for the librarians.

C. A. Cutter of the Boston Athenæum spoke on "State Library Associations," and urged the formation of one in California. The first one was formed in New York two years or so ago, and several have been organized since in various States.

At 10 o'clock the visitors took the train for the city. The closing session will be held this forenoon. In the afternoon the principal libraries in San Francisco will be visited. In the evening there will be a banquet at the Palace Hotel.

The Oakland reception committee was composed as follows: Rev. Charles W. Wendte, chairman; Henry F. Peterson, secretary; Dr. S. H. Melvin, J. C. Rowell, C. B. Morgan, J. B. McChesney, S. G. Hilborn, Miss Ina D. Coolbrith, Dr. B. A. Rabe, J. A. McKinnou, Professor F. Soule, Rev. C. L. McNutt, J. E. McElraith.

THE LIBRARIANS.

The Annual Meeting Comes to an End.

Inspection of Some Local Libraries.

A Delightful Banquet in the Evening Ends the Programme Here.

The American Library Association ended its thirteenth annual meeting with a forenoon session in Pioneer Hall yesterday. The selection of officers for the ensuing year was the first thing on the programme. The members present elected Frank P. Hill of Newark, N. J., K. A. Linderfeldt of Milwaukee, C. A. Cutler of Boston, C. R. Dudley of Denver and W. I. Fletcher of Amherst as members of the new executive committee. This committee met and elected officers of the association and members of the various committees.

The principal officers, who were reported later, are: President, K. A. Linderfeldt, librarian of the Milwaukee Public Library; vice-presidents—W. I. Fletcher of Amherst College, L. H. Steiner of Baltimore, C. C. Soule of Brookline, Mass., J. C. Rowell of Berkeley, Cal., and Caroline M. Hewins of Hartford, Conn.; secretary, Frank P. Hill, Newark, N. J.; treasurer, H. J. Carr, Scranton, Pa.

It was decided to meet in May of next year in Washington and Baltimore, and to hold the annual meeting of 1893 in Chicago, when many librarians from all parts of the world will be present.

A resolution which was adopted expressed gratification at the passage of a copyright law, and suggested that the issuance of the weekly copyright list should be taken from the Secretary of the Treasury and put into the hands of the Librarian of Congress.

The report of the committee on resolutions was adopted with much heartiness. The resolutions presented the congratulations of the American Library Association to the Nation on the progress made toward the completion of a worthy building for the library of Congress, and expressed the hope that it would be partially occupied as early as possible, so that the treasures of the library now rotting in cellars would be available to students.

The resolutions expressed unbounded thanks for the warm hospitality met with everywhere on the coast and mentioned kindly cities, associations and individuals whose guests the librarians have been.

The report of the special committee on Government publications recommended that Government documents be printed on durable paper in uniform style and that they be issued primarily to libraries of the first class, such as State and reference libraries.

John Vance Cheney, librarian of the San Francisco Free Library, greatly excited the interest of those present by telling them that the San Francisco Free Library would before long have a new system of cataloguing, which would be a revolution. One of the features which he enumerated was that it made unnecessary the printing of the catalogue. It did away with that cumbersome thing, the card catalogue. It solved the long-standing problem of a universal catalogue. The pen was pretty much dispensed with and speed was insured; books arriving in the morning could be fully catalogued and ready for public use before night. The invention was not yet ready for a public exposition. Mr. Fletcher, librarian of Amherst College, said that he had seen the system and that he thought Mr. Cheney justified in all his claims.

Several papers were read, some by title merely. When an adjournment was taken it was to meet for a final adjournment when the party reaches Chicago.

Most of the members spent the afternoon visiting the leading libraries of the city. Many went to the place on Battery street where, in a large top story, about 60,000 of the most valuable treasures of the Sutro library are stored awaiting the erection of a fine library building. Mr. Sutro, Dr. Marsh and others assisted the visitors in making a cursory examination of the riches there. They saw original copies of the first four Shakespeare folios, hundreds of the very earliest specimens of printing, ancient Hebrew manuscripts, yet unstudied and consisting of long rolls of leather, thousands of rare old books and manuscripts that had reposed for centuries in monasteries and the libraries of noble families, and a number of Egyptian mummies and other antiquities. Mr. Sutro told them that 140,000 books were stored on Post street, and his present collection was but a part of the great reference library he had planned.

At the Mechanics' Institute library the visitors were interested in three or four devices, but chiefly in an invention by Horace Wilson, the librarian, for recording the output of books according to classes. In nearly all large Eastern libraries a pea is dropped in one of many boxes as a book is given out and the peas are counted at night. In others the book slips are classified and counted. In Mr. Wilson's device several automatic registering counters are arranged together, one for each class, as fiction, history, etc. As a book is given out a button is pressed and the work is done. The librarian of the Chicago public library and others said that they would adopt it at once.

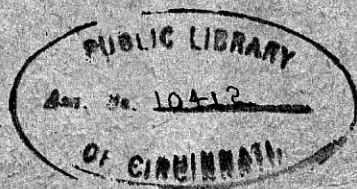
A majority visited the Free Library. They expressed great admiration for the system under which the library is managed, but unanimously observed that it was a pity that an adequate building was not provided. The new building of the Mercantile Library was visited and a number went out to see the Bancroft library on Valencia street.

The evening was devoted to the banquet given the guests at the Palace Hotel, under the management of Horace Wilson, who constituted the banquet committee. Seldom have the floral decorations seen in the brilliantly lighted dining-room of the hotel on festal occasions been so tasteful, beautiful and elaborate as on last evening. The long tables, which seated 145 guests, were loaded with flowers arranged with artistic carelessness and picturesque effect. Masses of flowers and heavy festoons of roses adorned appropriate places here and there, and tall palms and potted plants were about the walls and corners. Among the invited guests were Mayor Sanderson and many other prominent men of the city and ladies well known in social circles. Fully half the guests of the evening were of the gentler sex. The menu cards bore upon one side a fac simile of the cover of the *Library Journal*, the organ of the A. L. A., and the "contents" were the many items of the feast. The spread was an elegant and elaborate one, and included four kinds of wine. It was 11 o'clock before F. J. Symmes, the master of ceremonies, stopped the merry

chatting at the tables and began a few felicitous and well-received remarks. President S. S. Green, who is very successful in all his frequent efforts as the mouthpiece of the association, followed in a brief speech, which was much applauded. Toasts were responded to by K. A. Linderfeldt of Milwaukee, the newly elected president of the association; Dr. Nolan of Philadelphia, Irving M. Scott of San Francisco, Martin Kellogg, president of the University of California, and R. R. Bowker, proprietor of the *Library Journal*.

This morning the visitors will take the train for Santa Cruz and Monterey, where they will remain until Monday, when they will return to San Francisco, starting

Monday evening on their return trip. Nearly a week will be spent in Southern California before they leave the State.



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**THE SAN DIEGO UNION,
ON, SUNDAY MORNING
OCTOBER 25, 1891.**

Visiting Librarians.

The following members of the American Library association, now making a tour of the Pacific coast, arrived in San Diego yesterday afternoon and proceeded at once to Hotel del Coronado:

Samuel S. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Davis, Worcester, Mass.; W. F. Poole, LL. D., Chicago; R. R. Bowker, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles C. Soule, Brookline, Mass.; William Goodwin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Col. W. H. Lowelermith, Washington, D. C.; Charles A. Cutter, Boston, Mass.; John A. Bean, Miss M. A. Bean, Brookline, Mass.; Miss C. M. Hewins, Hartford, Conn.; Miss Julia Lippett, Daniel Beckwith, Providence, N. J.; Rev. H. E. Jenks, Canton, Mass.; Miss Bell Barr, New York city; Miss Alice B. Crook; Miss D. K. Sherman, Miss E. A. Taft, Yonkers, N. Y.; Miss L. S. Cutter, Mrs. E. C. Marble, Florence, Mass.; Miss H. B. Prescott, New York City; Miss Emma G. Harris, Miss Anna Metcalf, Woonsocket, R. I.; Miss Margaret Van Zandt, New York; Miss M. E. Ahern, Indianapolis; H. H. Corke, F. H. Hild, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Edward J. Nolan, Philadelphia, Pa.; Chas. R. Dudley, Denver, Col.; Miss L. A. Dexler, Chicago; L. B. Gilmore, Miss L. S. Gilmore, H. H. Ultey, Detroit, Mich.; Miss M. W. Plummer, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Whelpley, Cincinnati, O.; Miss Jessie Allen, Omaha, Neb.; Frank P. Hill, Newark, N. J.; Dr. A. K. Linderfelt, Milwaukee, Wis.; Dr. R. J. Johnston, Albany, N. Y.; S. H. Scudder, Cambridge, Mass.; Miss L. E. Macy, Ottawa, Ill.; J. C. Dana, Denver, Col.; Mrs. H. F. Bender, New York; J. P. McWilliams, Philadelphia.

THE LIBRARIANS ARRIVE.

They Will Rest Today, to be Prepared for Tomorrow's Sightseeing.

The meeting of committees to complete arrangements for entertaining the National Library association was held yesterday morning at the public library.

The report of Harr Wagner on badges was adopted. Messrs. Hendricks and Brandt, committee on yachts, stated that enough boats had been volunteered for all the guests to enjoy a sail. The committee on carriages, Joseph Surr, Mrs. M. A. Luce, Mrs. H. L. Story and Frank A. Kimball, reported that seating capacity for thirty persons had been offered. W. J. Mossholder and S. Levi reported on finances. Mr. Mossholder and Prof. Davidson were appointed on transportation. Frank Kimball said that National City would supply some of the yachts.

At 6 o'clock last evening the special arrived at Hotel del Coronado, bringing some seventy-five of the delegates, who rest today from the fatigues of entertainment. Monday morning at 9:30 the guests are to cross the ferry, where yachts and carriages will await them at the wharf. The members of the reception committee will then accompany those who wish to visit the pavilion or to sail on the bay. Provision has also been made to escort any who may desire to set foot on Mexican soil at Tia Juana. At night the visitors are to be entertained at the handsome residence of Mrs. H. L. Story, where their investigations into the history and possibilities of this far away region will be still further explained by the citizens. The party will then adjourn to their special, at the D street station, which will pull out at 2 a. m.

THE BOOK PEOPLE.

How the Library Association Was Received.

Sacramento's Reception—Fruits, Game, Flowers, Speeches and a Carriage Ride.

The plan adopted for the reception and entertainment of the American Library Association delegates by the people of Sacramento on Saturday was appropriate and successful and every detail worked out to a charm, as intended. It is not too much to say that no reception of a large group of Eastern people by the Capital City has been with such limited time at command so completely successful and altogether so gratifying to local pride, so in accordance with good taste, or more pleasing to the guests.

CORRECTING MISAPPREHENSIONS.

That the delegates will leave the State thoroughly impressed with the importance and advantages of Northern and Central California is certain. They entered the State with several misconceived ideas of this section, due very largely to misinformation. Of these they were completely disabused. By statements in response to their flood of inquiries, their misapprehensions were removed, and these statements were in every instance fortified by physical proofs, not obtrusively or boastfully presented, but in a manner to make their reception not only agreeable but convincing.

AN ADVANCE GUARD.

The special committee of the citizens' meeting left the city for Truckee Friday noon, and consisted of Dana Perkins, State Librarian, Chairman; Judge R. O. Cravens, ex-State Librarian; T. H. Wallis, ex-State Librarian; W. C. Fitch, President of the City Free Library Trustees; J. A. Woodson, for the Museum Association, and E. C. Atkinson. Accompanying the party was Miss Mary C. Harbaugh of the Alameda Free Library. They took with them a quantity of fresh salmon, dressed quail, and fresh figs, peaches, bananas, limes and grapes. At Rocklin Mr. Perkins added boxes of grapes to the bountiful supply. At Newcastle John C. Boggs contributed a fine lot of Levi clings, and R. Moger a lot of selected peaches. At Loomis Mrs. E. V. Maslin sent on board the train two boxes of white Smyrna figs, grown upon the place of E. W. Maslin.

FRUIT IN PLENTY.

At Colfax Mr. Perkins had meet him another consignment of fruit, and W. M. Baker of that place, a director of the District Agricultural Board, added to it a fine, selected lot of peaches. At Colfax and at Alta also the committee received consignments of peaches and apples to their order. When all the goods were aboard the committee had fruit enough to supply a company five times as large as that it was going to meet, and had also a large collection of flowers sent from Sacramento by Mrs. Dana Perkins.

MEETING THE GUESTS.

The committee reached Truckee between 8 and 9 at night, and were out at 5:30 the next morning to meet the expected guests. To T. H. Wallis was committed the especial care and handling of the fruits and other goods and the arrangements of details for the breakfast of the guests, and the duty was well and discreetly discharged.

Most of the gentlemen of the party of visitors arose to meet the committee at the early hour named. The greetings were cordial and hearty, and in less than ten minutes the relations established were as warm and free from formality and stiffness as if the hosts and guests had been acquainted for months.

THE TRAIN—BREAKFAST.

The train, a large one of Pullman vestibuled cars, consisting of sleepers, dining-car, parlor and observation cars and baggage car, was one of the finest and best appointed that has been sent to the coast. It was under charge of Mr. McWilliams, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who was painstaking to further the plans of the Sacramento committee. The committee opened the fruit campaign by appetizing ante-breakfast distribution of Smyrna figs and varieties of grapes. The guests responded with black coffee and cigars. Before the train pulled out from Truckee at 6:15 all the ladies were up, and the committee had won their favor by hospitable attentions. At this time copies of the RECORD-UNION were distributed among the guests, giving them the first general news they had received since leaving Salt Lake City.

Between Truckee and Summit Station breakfast was served and consisted of Sacramento River salmon, Placer quail and Placer, Sacramento, Yolo and Nevada grapes and peaches, supplemented on the part of the guests by usual breakfast table supplies. After breakfast the ladies decorated the observation car with the Sacramento flowers and then the social session began in earnest.

VIEWING THE APPROACH.

Conductor Murray of the Southern Pacific Company was in charge of the train, and to his thoughtfulness and accommodating spirit much of the success of the reception was due. At several points the train was stopped and the guests alighted and viewed the scenery and gathered souvenirs of the mountains. Every point of interest about the landscape, historic, topographic and otherwise, was explained by the committee in response to inquiries, and every question concerning production, climate, industries, etc., answered to the full knowledge of the committeemen. All the way down "the hill" the visitors were constant in seeking information about California, and disclosed the fact that most of them had been much misinformed concerning essential facts regarding Central and Northern California, the climate, the soil, products, commercial and industrial wealth and possibilities, etc.

THE FRUIT OF THE SOIL.

On the way down new supplies of foothill grapes and peaches were put on board of the train at several points until there was room for opening no more boxes; and cases enough were left unopened to supply the tourists for several days to come. At Rocklin, in proof of the semi-tropic capabilities of the section, a branch of an orange tree was cut off loaded with oranges almost ready to turn to a golden hue, and this was suspended from the ceiling of the observation car, were it will remain to the end of the tour, November 4th.

AN INTELLIGENCE

The committee is under the belief that a more intelligent information-seeking, compatible party of tourists State. The guests were expressions of surprise at reception and the profit the Californians. That a community they had come 120 miles to get their cars with California a manifestation as one delightful to the visitors.

THE ROSTER OF

The guests represented 40 or more members now in the thirteenth session, were:

S. S. Green (President) the Public Library, V. Frank P. Hill (Secretary) Public Library, Newark, N. J.; Hild (Assistant Secretary) Public Library, Chicago; Ahern, Assistant Librarian Indianapolis, Ind.; M. Librarian Public Library H. A. Bean, Librarian Brookline, Mass.; Dan Librarian Providence, R. I.; P. R. B. Library Journal, Brooklyn, N. Y.; S. Cutter, Librarian, C. A. Cutter, Librarian; John C. Dana, Librarian, Denver, Colo.; Dexter, Assistant at Chicago; C. R. Dudley, Librarian, Denver

Librarian Amherst, Mass.; L. B. Gilmor Librarian, Detroit, Mich.; Harris, Harris Institute, I.; Miss C. M. Hewitt, Librarian, Brookline, N. Y.; Dr. V. H. B. Prescott, Assistant Librarian, New York; Scudder, editor and bridge, Mass.; Miss D. Y. M. C. A., Yonkers; Soule, Trustee Brookline, Mass.; H. H. Ullrich Librarian, Detroit; Margaret Van Zandt, Assistant Librarian, New York; Whelpley, Librarian Cincinnati, O.; Dr. Gebrarian Medical Department, Chicago, Ill. (honorary member), P. Railroad Company, B. Taft, Yonkers, N. Y.; publisher, New York; Whelpley, Cincinnati; Florence, Mass.; W. publisher, Washington; Lippett, Brookline, Mass.; Barr, New York City; Brookline, Mass.; H. lisher, Chicago; Miss Yonkers, N. Y.; Mr. A. Davis, Worcester, Mass.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Philadelphia, Pa. these are members T. miento; G. T. Clark, Vance Cheney, San two last named joined Sacramento and continuing San Francisco.

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AT SACRAMENTO.

At Sacramento Mayor Comstock, P. E. Platt, H. Weinstock, Perry Curtis, W. H. V. Raymond, G. T. Clark, Colonel McNasser and G. C. McMullen, and escorting J. C. Rowell, Chairman of the San Francisco Reception Committee, and five of his committee who had been received and entertained in the forenoon by the Sutter Club, met the guests and were introduced to them by the Escort Committee. Under the marshalship of George C. McMullen the entire party then took carriages, one of the Sacramento committee being in each carriage, and were driven to the Art Gallery.

AT THE ART GALLERY.

They were met at the door and greeted by Vice-President Dr. Geo. Pyburn of the Museum Association, Custodian M. S. Cushman and Art Instructor W. F. Jackson. When all had assembled, Mayor Comstock made a brief address of hearty welcome on behalf of the city, and President Woodson tendered them the freedom of the gallery on behalf of the Museum Association and the city. The guests spent an hour in the building, visiting the School of Design, the Art Gallery and Mineral Cabinet. They were then driven to the State Capitol and received by R. D. Stephens, President of State Library Trustees. When all had assembled in the chambers of the State Library and Mayor Comstock had called to order, Secretary of State E. G. Waite welcomed them in these words:

MR. WAITE'S ADDRESS.

"Ladies and Gentlemen of the American Library Association: In the absence of Governor Markham from the Capital it has fallen to me to welcome you to the State of California. Were the Governor present he would do the honors of the moment more becomingly, but he could not extend to you a more hearty welcome than I do on this occasion.

"It is a pleasure we Californians prize to meet cultivated ladies and gentlemen coming from our old homes in the East, and it is appropriate that the first formal greeting is in such a place as this, where all around you are old acquaintances and friends with whom you are more familiar than with our faces. In such a presence you cannot feel as strangers. But I trust the hospitality of the people of the State will be so broad and generous that you will feel that you have met only the dearest kindred in this rising empire that stretches seven hundred miles along the shores of the Pacific.

"Our State is so far away from the great American hive that it does not fill with population as rapidly as other States in the central parts of the continent, and therefore, in your progress through our territory you will see often times much that is yet crude, and wide areas comparatively undeveloped. You will see bleak and barren mountains, which you may think worthless and a waste. You will see acres of alkali, and coming as many of you do from regions where every foot of land can be made productive, you will be likely to depreciate our State.

"Upon every visitor we desire to make the best impressions, and therefore I would say that in the economy of nature the alkali fields are but storage grounds for the excess of plant food. Nature is only too bountiful sometimes in the elements that give life.

"The barest and most rugged mountains are here to furnish by disintegration a renewal of soil to contiguous valleys. Thus provident nature is intent on making California productive and habitable in the limitless future.

"But you are not here to listen to extended remarks. In the name of the people of the State, the State Librarian and State officers generally I can assure you that I am glad to meet you and bid you a most cordial welcome."

The guests heartily applauded the Secretary, and then President S. S. Green was introduced by Mayor Comstock.

PRESIDENT GREEN REPLIES.

Mr. Green responded at some length, and spoke with deep feeling. He said in substance, and with impressive eloquence, that his party had heard a great deal about California hospitality, but they found that they knew very little about it, until at the very break of day on the extreme eastern limit of this great State, they were met by a Sacramento committee and welcomed to the State. That committee came as strangers but were soon friends and hosts. They bore hampers and boxes of luscious fruits and flowers, and fish fresh from California streams and game from her hills, and hearts and voices full of cordial welcome and generous greeting.

Such a reception was an overwhelming surprise; it was something that choked responsive utterance by its heartiness. It had been kept up all the way over the mountains, and the material evidences of California's wealth of production in fruits and flowers showered upon them, coupled with attentions that enlarged the information of the visitors and increased their store of knowledge of this portion of their country. In behalf of his party he thanked the Secretary of State for the welcome given, and the people of Sacramento for their overflowing hospitality and their concern for the comfort and pleasure of the travelers. He could scarce find words to express how grateful, proud and happy they were in consequence. He invoked the blessing of Heaven upon so warm-hearted, generous and hospitable a people.

VIEWING THE CAPITOL.

An hour was then spent in examining the library. The rooms had been beautifully dressed in flowers and ferns, and the tables were covered with cut flowers, and grapes from the vineyard of President Stephens formed a beautiful cover for the center table. Deputy Librarian Leake presented the ladies of the party with large baskets of flowers and bouquets, and Miss Genevieve Green, Assistant Librarian, presented to each gentleman a button-hole bouquet. Librarian Perkins received the guests in his office and showed them every attention. The attaches of the library, assisted by Adjutant-General Allen and Superintendent of Printing Johnston, escorted them through the several floors of the library and then to the Assembly and Senate Chambers. They were received also in the offices of the Adjutant-General, the Secretary of State and the Governor, and spent some time in the State Treasury, where Treasurer McDonald and his deputies showed them the vaults and the coin storage.

In the State Library during the reception hour stood a very large floral piece, four feet high and nearly as broad, representing an open book, with the name of the National Association on one page and the welcome of the library officials on the other. It was worked out in choicest flowers and with exquisite taste. This piece was presented to the visitors and sent to their observation car after they left the building.

DRIVE ABOUT THE CITY.

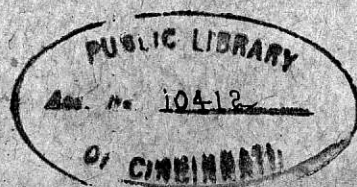
From the Capitol Marshal McMullen escorted the party through the better residence streets to Sutter's Fort and to East Park, returning along H to Tenth street and thence to I and the City Free Library where a half hour was spent most agreeably. President Fitch of the Board of Trustees and Miss Hancock, the Librarian, entertaining the visitors.

A COMPLIMENT.

Mr. Poole, the experienced cataloguer, pronounced the catalogue and distribution system of the Sacramento Library, the invention, by the way, of President Fitch, the best for a free circulating of which he had any knowledge, a great novelty and so worthy of copying that he begged leave to have copies of the design for introduction into public libraries of the East.

DEPARTURE.

The party then returned to their carriages and were driven to Sixth street, to J, to Second and to the depot, where, at 6 P. M., the Sacramento committee yielded their charge to the San Francisco committee and the train pulled out with the guests waving hats and handkerchiefs and shouting to the Sacramento committee their thanks for the reception they had enjoyed.



OCTOBER 24, 1891

CALIFORNIA, SA
RIVERSIDE,

The Librarians Visit to Riverside.

The following letter from our librarian was this morning received by the secretary of the Riverside library board, and as it treats of a matter in which the public is generally interested, and as there is not a quorum of the board at hand to lay it before, he gives it publicity, although it was evidently not written for publication. The suggestions contained, if carried out, will involve no serious tax, and will help maintain Riverside's reputation for hospitality:

PALACE HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO,
October 13, 1891.

Trustees of Riverside Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—The sessions of the American Library Association are proving most helpful and enjoyable, and the social intercourse with the individual members most delightful. They are people of intelligence and refinement whom it is indeed a pleasure to meet, and the citizens of San Francisco, as well as those of Sacramento, Santa Cruz, etc., are showing them every attention possible. A large committee from Sacramento met them at Truckee, bearing fruit and flowers in great abundance and quail for their breakfast. On their arrival at the Capitol they were driven about the city, and much attention shown them by the prominent citizens. From the program enclosed, you will see how much is being done for them by the San Francisco people; Santa Cruz also has extended hospitalities.

On Monday evening they leave for the South, and preparations are being made to receive them in the cities of Southern California which they visit. I haven't yet learned the nature of the reception to be given in Santa Barbara, but in Pasadena a lunch is to be given them at the home of Mrs. Carr, and a drive about the city. The drive comes first, however. They arrive at Pasadena at 7 o'clock and although it is an inopportune hour, the mayor has said that they must be met and every attention possible shown them. At Los Angeles they give them an evening reception in the library rooms, with speeches, music, refreshments, etc., one thousand invitations having been given out to the citizens. At San Diego the library board are planning much, including a dinner, drive and visit to the library.

Now I am sure Riverside
to be other than hospital and com-
and all that is needful is that some com-
mittee should be appointed to take the
matter in hand. I appeal to you, as the
ones who would naturally take the in-
itiative, to appoint whatever committees
are necessary. Many of the party have
spoken to me of the pleasure they an-
ticipate in seeing Riverside, having heard
so much about it, and several have told
me of individuals there whom they wish
to see.

Now may I suggest a plan for their en-
tertainment, which could be successfully
carried out with little trouble or ex-
pense. They arrive in Riverside at 7
o'clock, breakfasting on the train. I pre-
sume they would not care to be met by
the citizens before 8, although it would
be well for a few of us to be at the sta-
tion on their arrival. As there will only
be about fifty in the party, it will cer-
tainly be an easy matter to secure car-
riages to take them down the Avenue.
On their return I would suggest that they
be taken to the library room, for a short
informal reception. At noon, they will
lunch at the Glenwood and at 1 o'clock
start on their journey. Through the pa-
pers an invitation could be extended to
all who desired to meet them at the li-
brary, and an effort should be made to
have some of the prominent citizens
there with their wives. A neat little
speech would be in order expressing our
pleasure in seeing them in Riverside, to
which I am sure the president of the
Association would gladly respond.

I am sure if you could meet these peo-
ple, as I have, you would feel that a
most hearty reception is due them.
One of the number has a letter of in-
troduction to Dr. Gill from friends in
Chicago; another, is an old friend of the
Backus family, and another wants to see
a family by the name of Barnard, who
has lately gone to Riverside. Wouldn't
it be a good plan to print a list of those
in the party, with their place of resi-
dence? I will try and take down with
me a correct list when I return next
week. I shall probably be home on
Tuesday, and shall be glad to do all that
I can to help the committee. I have al-
ready had the offer of four carriages
from Dr. Sawyer, Miss Hitchcock, Mr.
Cox, and Mr. Dyer, the last two gentle-
men having been seen in San Francisco.
You will doubtless remember that the
party is due there on the 27th. Please
consider the plan above sketched, as
only a suggestion. Some more satisfac-
tory way of arranging the details may
occur to you. Yours respectfully,

MARY M. SMITH.

Distinguished Visitors.

The members of the American Library Association will be in this city Tuesday morning next, at 7 a. m. Arrangements are being made to meet them with carriages at the Santa Fe depot, promptly at 8 o'clock. After a drive down the avenue the party will be taken to the Glenwood hotel, where an informal reception will be held at 11 o'clock. Those who desire to meet any of the party are requested to be there at that time. A full list of those expected is here given:

S. S. Green (president) librarian of the public library, Worcester, Mass; Frank P. Hill (secretary) librarian public library, Newark, N. J; F. H. Hild (assistant secretary) librarian, public library, Chicago; Miss M. E. Ahern, State library, Indianapolis; Miss Jessie Allan, public library, Omaha; Miss Isabel Barr, New York City; Miss M. A. Bean, public library, Brookline, Mass; John D. Bean, Brookline, Mass; Daniel Beckwith, Athenaeum, Providence, R. I; R. R. Bowker, editor and publisher, New York City; H. H. Cooke, library department, McClurg & Co., Chicago; Miss Louisa S. Cutler, Florence, Mass; C. A. Cutter, Athenaeum, Boston, Mass; J. C. Dana, public library, Denver; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davis, Worcester, Mass; Miss Lydia A. Dexter, Newberry library, Chicago; C. R. Dudley, Mercantile library, Denver; L. B. Gilmore, public library, Detroit, Miss L. S. Gilmore, Somerset, Mass; William Goodwin, Philadelphia; Miss Emma G. Harris, Woonsocket, R. I; Miss C. M. Hewins, Library Association, Hartford; Rev. H. F. Jenks, trustee of public library, Canton, Mass; D. V. R. Johnston, State library, Albany, N. Y; K. A. Linderfelt, public library, Milwaukee; Mrs. K. A. Linderfelt and child, Milwaukee; Miss Julia Lippitt, Providence, R. I; W. H. Lowdermilk, publisher, Washington; Miss L. F. Macy, Reddick's library, Ottawa, Ill; Miss Anna Metcalf, Harris Institute, Woonsocket, R. I; Mrs. E. C. Marble, Florence, Mass; Dr. E. J. Nolan, Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia; Miss M. W. Plummer, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y; Dr. William F. Poole, Newberry library, Chicago; Miss H. B. Prescott, Columbia College library, New York City; S. H. Scudder, editor and entomologist, Cambridge, Mass; C. C. Soule, trustee, public library, Brookline, Mass; H. M. Utley, public library, Detroit; Miss Margaret Van Zandt, Columbia College library, New York City; A. W. Whelpley, public library, Cincinnati; Mrs. Whelpley; Mrs. H. F. Bender, (Chaperon Pennsylvania Railroad Company) Philadelphia.



ANGELES TIMES: SATURDAY,
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PASADENA.

Many Distinguished Visitors in
Town.

Librarians See and Appreciate the
Local Library.

Life Near the Summit of Old Mt.
Wilson.

Three Popular Railroad Officials—Per-
sonal Mention of People Coming
and Going — Throop
University.

The members of the Librarians' Association have come and gone, and been completely conquered by Pasadena's beauty and the hospitality of her people.

The special train of five coaches bearing the tourists arrived from Redondo a few minutes before 7 o'clock yesterday morning, and was sidetracked a short distance below the Santa Fé station. The visitors were astir early, and by 9 o'clock they had assembled at Hotel Green, where the Reception Committee, composed of members of the Board of Trade, was in waiting. A number of carriages were soon at hand and the visitors were comfortably seated, whereupon the drive began, with Street Superintendent G. C. Brown in charge of the first carriage. The route was driven over, as outlined in yesterday's issue.

The first halt was made at the Public Library. The main entrance was draped with bunting, while in the interior the tables were covered with a profusion of fruit and flowers, furnished for the most part by the school children. Laden down with these tokens the guests took their departure, after the handsome building had been thoroughly inspected and most favorably commented upon. The drive was then resumed and by the time all the sights had been visited it was nearly noon.

At 1:30 o'clock the visitors sat down to lunch at Hotel Green, which was prepared and served in the well-known style that has gained for the culinary department of the house an enviable reputation since Mr. Holmes assumed the management, W. U. Masters, president of the Board of Trade, presided with customary dignity and grace. On one side of him sat S. S. Green of Worcester, Mass., president of the Librarians' Association, and on the other Mrs. Merritt, Pasadena's popular librarian. At the conclusion of the lunch Mr. Masters extended to the visitors a cordial welcome in his usual felicitous manner. Mr. Green responded in a few brief but happy remarks, which evoked generous applause. Several other members of the party, including two or three of the fair sex, were also called upon and briefly responded. The company rose from the tables at 3 o'clock, and half an hour later the visitors left for Los Angeles on their special train. The names of those in the party have already appeared in full in THE TIMES. Just prior to their departure each member of the party was presented with a bouquet of choice flowers, plucked from Prof. Lowe's magnificent residence property and arranged under Mrs. Lowe's direction.

A pleasant feature of the drive was a visit to Carmelita, with its wealth of natural beauties, valuable library and objects of historic interest.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1891.

MEN OF BOOKS.

To-morrow's Reception of the Visiting Librarians.

How the Members of the American Library Association Will be Entertained To-morrow.

All the arrangements were completed by the Executive Committee for the reception of the American Library Association to-morrow, at a meeting held at Mayor Comstock's office last evening.

The programme laid out is as follows: The San Francisco Reception Committee will arrive at 11:25 A. M., and a committee of the Sutter Club will receive them and escort them to the club rooms.

At 1 o'clock the following citizens, composing the Executive Committee, will meet the Eastern guests at the depot, their train arriving at that hour: Mayor W. D. Comstock, President of the Executive Committee; State Librarian W. D. Perkins, W. S. Leake, Hon. Newton Booth, A. Abbott, E. C. Atkinson, J. G. Burke, George T. Clarke, ex-State Librarian R. O. Cravens, Perry Curtis, W. C. Fitch, President of the Free Library Board of Trustees; E. J. Gregory, President State Board of Trade; Albert Hart, City Superintendent of Schools; A. J. Johnston, Superintendent of State Printing; J. G. Martine, E. B. Willis, G. C. McMullen, Colonel James McNasser, P. E. Platt, President Sacramento Board of Trade; T. H. Wallis, ex-State Librarian; H. W. V. Raymond, Rev. J. B. Silcox; R. D. Stephens, President Board of State Library Trustees; H. Weinstock, J. A. Woodson, President Museum Association, and O. B. Terrell, Foreman State Printing Office.

Under the marshalship of George C. McMullen, the committee and guests will take carriages, after Mayor Comstock extends the welcome of the city, and drive to the Art Gallery, Mayor Comstock, President Green of the American Library Association, the Chairman of the San Francisco delegation and the President of the Museum Association heading the procession. At the Art Gallery a few brief words of welcome will be uttered in behalf of the Museum Association by President J. A. Woodson, for the city and association.

At 2:25 carriages will be retaken and the company will be escorted to the Capitol, where the Hon. E. G. Waite, Secretary of State, will extend a greeting in the Senate chamber. The company will then adjourn to the State Library, where the Library officials, through President Stephens, will welcome the guests. The Library will be richly decorated with flowers, smilax, evergreens and trailing plants. On the center table will be a large floral book open with appropriate welcoming inscription. Twenty baskets of flowers will be disposed of in the chamber, and they and the floral pieces are to be taken by the guests to their train. Button-hole bouquets will also be plentiful for the entire party.

From the Capitol a drive about the city will be had to all chief points of interest, and at 5:25 the guests will leave for San Francisco. It is arranged that one of the Executive Committee shall ride in each carriage containing guests. Lafferty's wagonette will be set apart for the San Francisco committee and several of the Sacramento Executive Committee.

To-day, at 11:50, Messrs. Perkins, Atkinson, Wallis, Fitch, Cravens and Woodson will leave for Truckee to meet the guests and escort them to the city to-morrow. This committee takes with it a supply of fruit and game for the breakfast of the visitors between Truckee and Summit.

Mayor Comstock requests that every member of the Executive Committee named above will be at the depot at 1 P. M. sharp to-morrow. Badges have been provided for the occasion.

THE LIBRARIANS.

They Are All Ready for a Busy Week.

W. F. Poole and His Great Work.

A Distinguished Man Who Nearly Got Left—A Grasshopper Hunter.

The visiting librarians enjoyed themselves yesterday as quiet, retiring people generally do on Sunday. Some of them went to church in the morning or evening. Those who wanted to go found somebody ready to inform them on churches and

escort them wherever they wanted to go. Quite a number visited the park, but most of the time was spent in a restful way about the Palace Hotel. It will keep them busy during the rest of the week to take in all the programme calls for. This morning they go to Sutro Heights. In the afternoon the convention

will meet, and in the evening there will be a formal reception at the Palace Hotel.

Librarians are not employed where the world's noise is loudest, and so do not get themselves talked about very much, but many of those now here are well known in the world of books, and especially to those interested in libraries and bibliography.

Perhaps the best-known librarian in the country is W. F. Poole of Chicago, whom many thousands of people have thanked for his invaluable index to periodical literature, who built up the Chicago Public Library, and who has had a good deal to say about library buildings. He is a bibliographer of world-wide repute, and is the author of a number of well-known historical works and reviews. He was graduated at Yale in 1849, and has been a librarian, a literary worker and a man of prominence ever since. He was for many years librarian of the Boston Athenæum, and when Cincinnati decided to have a public library he went there and started it. Seventeen years ago, when there was not a library in Chicago open to the public, he went there to organize the new public library of that city, and it became a great and successful institution under his guidance.



W. F. Poole.

About three years ago Walter L. Newberry died in Chicago, leaving an endowment of \$3,000,000 to establish a great library there. The endowment is steadily increasing in value. Mr. Poole became librarian of the embryo institution and a building costing \$800,000 is being erected in accordance with his ideas. A nucleus of 80,000 volumes has already been secured. Mr. Poole talked a little about this new library yesterday and said that in the comparatively near future he expected it to contain a million volumes.

"We expect it to become one of the great libraries of the world," he said, "and hope that in time it will at least equal the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris, which has about 2,500,000 volumes, and that it will surpass the library of the British Museum, which has about 1,600,000 volumes. The Newberry Library will remain a reference library and no books will be given out. It is for scholars. They should be attended to and we will attend to them. The relation of our library to public libraries is that of the university to the public schools. The public would even vote money for such a purpose. Our work must be done by private munificence. We are buying rare and costly books and whole libraries the world over. The library will consist mainly of a number of departments each separated from the other, in place of all being in a large hall. This is my main idea with large libraries, and it is the first time this plan has ever been adopted in the construction of a library building.

"Music is one of our leading departments, and we already have the largest musical library in the United States. We have bought a valuable musical library in Florence which contains the first opera ever written, 'Eurydice.' The fine arts, the sciences, bibliography, archaeology, Egyptology, etc., will be among the other specialties. We make a point of getting the early editions of the great books of the world, and rare, fine and valuable books which no public library could buy.

"Chicago is becoming the leading city in America in its libraries, and yet seventeen years ago there was not a library in the city open to the public. About two years ago John Crerar, a merchant of Chicago, died, leaving \$3,000,000 to establish a library. This will be created on the same plan as the Newberry, and will also become one of the great libraries of the world."

C. A. Cutler, librarian of the Boston Athenæum, is another one of the widely known men who are here. Mr. Cutler is recognized the world over as the leading authority on cataloguing. He is a very pleasant gentleman, and the grayish tints that are stealing into his beard show that he is no youngster. He enjoyed the delightful ride across the continent very much, and finally got here with the others, though he was always just escaping getting left. Whenever the train started up after a stop everybody would ask with simulated anxiety, "Where's Mr. Cutler?"

His most interesting escape was at the top of Pike's peak. When the train on the little cogwheel road started down from the summit and got fairly going, somebody caught sight of Mr. Cutler plunging wildly through the snow on the peak and frantically waving his arms. The train was finally stopped in its downhill course, and the panting librarian climbed aboard, saved from a wintry night near the stars.

S. H. Scudder's name is on the list, but he is not here yet. He stopped at Truckee to catch grasshoppers and will probably put in an appearance to-day. He is a distinguished entomologist and is with the United States Geological Survey to find out about fossil insects. He is just as much interested in live insects, though, and his specialty just now is grasshoppers. He was long connected with Harvard University and was once an assistant librarian there. Whenever the train

stopped on the way overland, even when it was for only a few minutes, Mr. Scudder would hop off with his little net and jump over a fence to chase grasshoppers. He has long, flowing whiskers that are somewhat gray, and that made his chasing for the train funny at times, but his devotion to science was very earnest. He got eight varieties at a single stop one day. He has bottles along to put his specimens in and a little bakery to dry them.

When the librarians' train stopped at Blue Canyon somebody in the party found a box on the station platform marked, "The marvelous red bat from Tookalook canyon." He peeped in and saw a red brickbat, and everybody in the party was sold in turn. Word was wired back to Mr. Scudder to be sure to stop at Blue Canyon and see the strange red bat.

There are several ladies in the party who are librarians or assistant librarians, and they are just as good caterers to intellectual wants as anybody else. One of them is Miss Hewins, librarian of the public library at Hartford, Conn. She has written a good deal about books for the young, and is an acknowledged authority

on that subject. Her lists of books are widely known.

Miss Mary A. Bean, librarian of the Brookline (Mass.) public library, is well known as a cataloguer. Miss Hewins and Miss Bean were assistants in the Boston library when W. F. Poole was there many years ago.

H. C. Whitney of Boston is along, but he is no librarian and would not take a job as one if he could get it. He is president of the biggest street railway company there, but likes to talk about books occasionally.

On Thursday the librarians will pay a visit to Oakland. Rev. C. W. Wendte, Assistant Librarian Peterson, Trustee J. C. Rowell and others of this city have been very actively engaged during the past month in arranging the programme for the day, the desire being to give the guests a hospitable welcome. The arrangements have been about completed and the necessary funds are at hand. The visitors will be entertained during the day in sightseeing, an afternoon session at 1 o'clock being held at the Starr King Fraternity rooms in the Unitarian Church, Fourteenth and Castro streets. A banquet and reception will follow at 6:30, the evening session commencing at 7:30.

The coming of the librarians has been looked forward to by Oakland's literary people with great interest.

