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# AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

## SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

TO BE HELD AT BUFFALO, ON  
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY  
AUGUST 14-17, 1883.

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### PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme prepared for the meeting, subject to such additions and changes as may be found desirable :

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14th.

#### FORENOON.

The Association will convene in the Executive Committee Room of the Young Men's Library, corner Main and Eagle Sts., at 10 o'clock.

Addresses of Welcome.

Opening Address of the President, Justin Winsor, *Librarian of Harvard University*, which will include his report for the year on General Library Interests.

Report of the Secretary, Melvil Dewey, *Librarian of Columbia College*.

Report of the Treasurer, J. L. Whitney, *Boston Public Library*.

Report of Coöperation Committee, C. A. Cutter, *Librarian Boston Athenæum*, Chairman.

Report of Committee on the Distribution of Public Documents, S. S. Green, *Librarian Worcester Free Library*, Chairman.

Report on the contemplated A. L. A. Catalog, Melvil Dewey.

Report of Committee on Reception, James W. Ward, *Librarian Grosvenor Library*, Chairman.

AFTERNOON.

Members are invited to visit the several Libraries of the city, and other places of interest, among which the following may be named :

YOUNG MEN'S LIBRARY, corner Main and Eagle Sts.

GROSVENOR LIBRARY, corner Washington St. and Broadway.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, Library and Rooms, corner Mohawk and Pearl Sts.

GERMAN YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION, Library and Music Hall, corner Main and Edward Sts.

BUFFALO CATHOLIC INSTITUTE LIBRARY, corner Main and Chippewa Sts.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE LIBRARY, and FITCH INSTITUTE BUILDING, corner Swan and Michigan Sts.

LAW LIBRARY, City and County Hall.

BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, corner Main and Court Sts.

SOCIETY OF NATURAL SCIENCES, Library and Museum, corner Main and Eagle Sts.

ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS, corner Eagle and Franklin Sts.

EVENING.

Report on Shelf-Classification. F. B. Perkins, *Librarian San Francisco Public Library*.

Report on Cataloguing. S. B. Noyes, *Librarian Brooklyn Library*.

Informal discussion of suggestions towards the project of a coöperative general index to the standard English literature of criticism, biography, history and social science.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15th.

MORNING.

Report on Library Legislation. Wm. F. Poole, *Librarian Chicago Public Library*.

Paper on "The special libraries of the Departments and Bureaus of the U. S. Government, at Washington." Weston Flint, *Librarian of the Patent Office*.

Report on Aids to Readers. W. E. Foster, *Librarian Providence Public Library*.

Paper on "The arrangement of the States (of the United States) and their notation in a system of library classification." C. A. Cutter, *Librarian Boston Athenæum*.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

Excursion down the Niagara River, and reception at the Falconwood Club House, on Grand Island.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16th.

FORENOON.

Report on Fiction in Public Libraries. Mellen Chamberlain, *Librarian Boston Public Library*.

Paper on "The Buffalo Public Library in 1983." C. A. Cutter, *Librarian Boston Athenæum*.

Report on The Reading of the Young. Miss Mary A. Bean, *Librarian Brookline Public Library*.

Paper on "The usefulness of libraries in small towns." Miss Theresa H. West, *Assistant Librarian Milwaukee Public Library*.

AFTERNOON.

Reports and discussion on the Coöperation of Public Libraries and Public Schools; a Symposium, in which S. S. Green, *Worcester Public Library*, W. F. Poole, *Chicago Public Library*, W. E. Foster, *Providence Public Library*, C. W. Merrill, *Cincinnati Public Library*, K. A. Linderfelt, *Milwaukee Public Library*, and others will take part.

EVENING.

Remarks on "The Contribution of American libraries to the early cartographical history of America," with blackboard illustrations, Justin Winsor, *Librarian Harvard University*.

Paper on "New library plans and arrangements at Columbia College." Melvil Dewey, *Librarian*.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17th.

FORENOON.

Report on Library Architecture. J. Edmands, *Librarian Philadelphia Mercantile Library*.

Paper on "State Libraries, their management and support." Guy A. Brown, *Librarian State Library of Nebraska*.

Paper on "Two Swedish libraries." Miss Mary A. Browne.

Closing business of the Convention.

AFTERNOON.

Excursion to Niagara Falls.

For members who wish to remain at Niagara Falls for a few days reduced hotel rates have been secured, as follows: International Hotel, \$3 per day Spencer House, \$2.50.

## HOTEL.

During their stay in Buffalo, members are recommended to make their headquarters at the Genesee House, corner Main and Genesee Streets, where they are offered a reduction of rate from \$4 to \$3 per day.

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## RAILROADS.

Negotiations with railroad companies, east and west, for special rates, are in progress, and it is confidently expected that favorable terms will be obtained from several of them; but no positive announcement can yet be made, except as regards arrangements from New York to Buffalo, tickets for which, and return, will not exceed \$12. in cost.

A circular to be sent out hereafter will give definite information on these points.