

Revised Program.

American Library Association.

SEVENTH GENERAL MEETING.—PROGRAM.

LAKE GEORGE, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 to 11,
1885.

THE sessions will all be held in the Sagamore House. Details of arrangements for excursions, and for Friday, will be announced at the conference.

Each session will begin exactly at the time announced. Papers, Notes and Reports will be limited to the time allotted each.

Topics bearing no name are open for brief papers or notes, discussion or questions by any one interested.

A question-box will be on the table, and at the close of each session the time till adjournment will be given to their reading and to volunteer answers to the queries in the box or to oral questions.

Brief suggestions or pertinent notes of any kind may be put in the box, and thus brought daily before the Association.

During this hour all experienced librarians present will be considered on the witness-stand, and all with questions as cross-examining lawyers, thus giving the fullest opportunity for interchange of views on topics not elsewhere on the program.

FIRST DAY. SEPTEMBER 8.

First Session, Tuesday Afternoon, 2.30-5.30.

OPENING SESSION. REPORTS.

Assembling of the Association at 2.30 o'clock.
President's address, Justin Winsor, Librarian of Harvard University.

Secretary's report, Melvil Dewey, Chief Librarian Columbia College.

Treasurer's report, Ja. L. Whitney, Boston Public Library.

Finance committee's report, S: S. Green, Librarian Free Public Library, Worcester, Mass., chairman.

Co-operation committee's report, C: A. Cutter, Librarian Boston Athenæum, chairman.

Reports of special committees:

On Lake George Meeting, by Melvil Dewey, chairman.

On Essay Index, J: Edmands, Librarian Phila. Mercantile Library, chairman.

On Transliteration, C: A. Cutter.

On School of Library Economy, by W: E. Foster, chairman.

Paper on "Some compensations of a Librarian's life," by W: E. Foster, Librarian Providence Public Library.

Notes on New or Improved Library Appliances, Devices and Methods.

NOTE. — Members will bring any models, samples, blanks, etc., labelled, if practicable, for exhibition during the sessions. At the close, unless claimed by the contributors, these will be added to the general A. L. A. collection.

Blocks for card catalog drawers, by Ja. L. Whitney.

Fastening catalog cards and Shelf supports, by F: M. Crunden, St. Louis Public Librarian.

Library numbering and other machines.

Book Supports, by G: W: Harris, of Cornell University Library.

Notes and Queries.

Appointment of Committees on Resolutions and Nominations, by the President.

SECOND DAY. SEPTEMBER 9.

Second Session, Wednesday Forenoon, 10-12.45.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND CATALOGING.

Working American Bibliographies, by L. E. Jones, compiler of the American Catalog of 1876.

Final working plans of the A. L. A. Catalog, by Melvil Dewey.

Note on printing of the British Museum Catalog, by R. Garnett, of the British Museum.

Note on the Card Catalog of Leyden University, by W. N. De Rieu.

Yearly report on Aids and Guides, by F: M. Crunden, Librarian St. Louis Public Library.

Yearly report on Classification, by W: C. Lane, of Harvard College Library.

Value of minute subdivision in classification.

Arrangement of books relating to politics, by Lloyd P. Smith, Librarian Philadelphia Library.

Chronological arrangement on shelves, by W. S. Biscoe, Columbia College Library.

King Leo's Classification, by E. C. Richardson, Librarian Hartford Theol. Sem.

Encyclopedias and Librarians, by E. C. Richardson.

Yearly report on Indexes, by W: F. Poole, Librarian of Chicago Public Library.

Yearly report on Cataloging, by C. Alex. Nelson, Astor Library.

Some points in Cataloging, by John Savary, of the Library of Congress.

Principles and rules for Alphabeting titles, by John Edmands.

Cataloging rules: Anonymous articles by known authors, by B. Pickman Mann, U. S. Agric. Dept.

Book sizes by actual measure.

Printing catalog cards.

The Hammond Card Cataloger. Type-writers.
Library handwriting.
Author's full names, by C. Alex. Nelson.
Utilizing printed catalogs, by C. Alex. Nelson.
On the cost of cataloging, by J. L. Whitney.
How accurately and how fully does it *pay* to catalog?

NOTE.—Rate of cataloging and cost per 1000 vols.—all members are asked to bring any available facts and statistics as to the time taken per 1000 vols. for each of the processes through which a book goes, viz : order dept., accessioning, carding, classifying, plating, embossing, pocketing, etc. It is hoped to get more definite ideas of the average rate and cost of cataloging by such a comparison of results and views.

Finding lists *vs.* Catalogs.

NOTE.—Should time be found for them, the following subjects will also be discussed : "Co-operative Cataloging," "Publishers' Title slips," "The Indexes to Periodicals," "An American Index Society," "Proposed Index to Portraits," "American Obituary Indexes."

Wednesday afternoon will be devoted to an excursion on the Lake, probably giving opportunity for the ascent of Black Mountain.

Third Session, Wednesday Evening, 7.30-10.

LIBRARIES, LIBRARIANS, AND THE PUBLIC.

The College Library, by R. A. Guild, Librarian of Brown University.

Yearly report on College Libraries, by W. I. Fletcher, Librarian of Amherst College.

Libraries of Y. M. C. A., by R. B. Poole, Librarian of the Y. M. C. A. of New York.

Yearly report on Theological Libraries, by E. C. Richardson.

Financial and educational relations of a Free Public Library to its community, by F. B. Perkins.

What relation shall the city government hold to the city library? By William Rice, D.D., Librarian City Library, Springfield, Mass.

The probable intellectual and moral outcome of the rapid increase of public libraries, by Rev. Dr. Bradford K. Peirce, Editor *Zion's Herald*, Superintendent Newton (Mass.) Free Library.

Yearly report on State and Law Libraries, and report on legislation, by C. C. Soule, Law Publisher, Boston.

Yearly report on Reading of the Young, by Miss H. P. James, Librarian of Newton (Mass.) Free Public Library.

How to supplant bad books with good books among children.

Yearly report on Fiction, by F. B. Perkins, Librarian of San Francisco Public Library.

The Libraries of Philadelphia before the Revolution, by Lloyd P. Smith, Librarian of Philadelphia and Loganian Libraries.

How to keep readers advised of new books.

Methods to prevent book stealing.

Delivery stations, as a substitute for branch libraries.

THIRD DAY. SEPTEMBER 10.

Fourth Session, Thursday Forenoon, 10-12.45.

LIBRARY HOUSING AND ECONOMY.

Paper on "Small library buildings," by W. F. Poole, Librarian Chicago Public Library.

Iron stack system, by W. I. Fletcher.

How to make library architecture serve library administration.

Yearly report on Buildings, by Melvil Dewey.

The electric light in libraries.

Note on "Colors of bindings," by Melvil Dewey.

Lettering backs of books, by J. Edmands.

Economy in binding periodicals, by W. I. Fletcher.

Temporary covers for choice bindings.

Binding in duck, by W. T. Peoples.

What should be done for an old library with a limited income, by Prof. George T. Little, Librarian Bowdoin College.

Notes and Queries.

Fifth Session, Thursday Afternoon, 2.30-5.30.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS. MISCELLANEOUS.

U. S. Government Publications, by R. R. Bowker, of the *Library Journal*.

Note on U. S. Public Documents, by Mr. McKee, of Senate Document Room.

Report of Committee on distribution of public documents, S. S. Green, chairman.

International exchanges, by C. Alex Nelson.

Advertising and the necessity of keeping the Library before the people, by W. T. Peoples.

Endowment of special subjects, by Melvil Dewey.

The best use of duplicates, by Edmund M. Barton, Librarian American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.

Need of duplicates of best books, by F. M. Crunden, St. Louis Public Librarian.

Charging systems. Pocketing books.

New slip-tray, by Miss H. P. James.

Practical experience with permanent card charging systems, by those who have tried them.

Value of records of use of each book and by each reader.

Sunday and holiday opening.

Civil Service rules in libraries.

Technical libraries in business houses.

Library book-keeping and business methods.

Libraries and Museums, by H. A. Homes, N. Y. State Librarian.

Mexican libraries, by Arthur N. Brown, Columbia College Librarian.

Vagaries and idiosyncrasies of German publishers and authors, by G. W. Harris.

An Italian Portolano of the 16th century, by Justin Winsor.

Buying periodicals, by Prof. George T. Little, Librarian Bowdoin College.

Practical limits of numbering. Large numbers with few characters, by Melvil Dewey.

Sub-Committees and delegated authority in library management.

Article II. of A. L. A. Constitution, by E. C. Richardson.

The best month for our annual meeting.

Admitting readers to the shelves, by W. S. Biscoe, Columbia College Librarian.

Notes and Queries.

Thursday evening will be devoted to a social reception, unless an evening session is directed by the Conference.

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ADDISON VAN NAME, - - Librarian Yale College.

JAS. W. WARD, - Librarian Grosvenor Library, Buffalo.

TRAVELING ARRANGEMENTS.

The New York Delegation will leave on Monday morning, Sept. 7th, by the Hudson Dayboat, C. Vibbard from foot of Vestry St., North River, at 8.40, and at foot of W. 22nd St. at 9, touching at Nyack at 10.25; West Point, 11.50; Newburgh, 12.25; Poughkeepsie, 1.15; Rhinebeck, 2.10; Catskill, 3.25; Hudson, 3.45; Albany, 6.10. Lunch can be had on the boat or carried. The train leaves the steamboat dock in Albany on arrival of boat, and reaches Saratoga at 7.50. Reduced fare for round trip, New York and Albany \$2.50, making the cost of the round trip between New York and Caldwell, Lake George, (see D. & H. Co. below), \$5.20. Members desiring to join this party should notify A. N. Brown, Columbia College Library, 49th St. and Madison Avenue, New York.

The Boston and New England delegation will start by the Boston and Albany express, Monday morning, Sept. 7th, leaving Kneeland Street at 8.40, and stopping at South Framingham 9.06; Worcester, 9.50; Palmer, 11.04; Springfield, 11.35; Westfield, 11.53; Pittsfield, 1.23; reaching Albany 3.05, and Saratoga 4.25. Lunch at Springfield, or carried. All wishing to take this route should notify H. E. Davidson, Library Bureau, 32 Hawley Street, Boston, of the point they will join the party. A special car will be provided if advance notifications warrant. Reduced fare for round trip, Boston to Lake George and return, \$10.00.

No other parties have been organized. It is hoped that as many as can do so will join these companies, which afford so excellent an introduction to the regular meetings.

At Saratoga, the headquarters will be at the United States Hotel, the house nearest the station, and one of the largest and finest there. Members will meet after supper in one of the parlors of the hotel. This hotel is also the headquarters of the American Social Science Association, and of the American Historical Association, whose meetings are held during the same week. The regular rates of \$5. per day will be reduced to \$3.00 per day to members of the A. L. A. and those having certificates of associate membership, staying any number of days preceding or succeeding the Conference.

The members of the Association will leave Saratoga by the 8.05 train Tuesday morning, reaching Caldwell, Lake George, at 9.35. A special car will probably be provided. The boat leaves immediately for the Sagamore, reaching there about 10.45. The sessions begin after mid-day dinner.

The Delaware & Hudson Co. has agreed to return *free* those paying full fare to Lake George on its roads, which include the route from Albany, via Saratoga, to Caldwell, Lake George. The Secretary of the A. L. A. will be ready to furnish at the Sagamore, special certificates, entitling holders to this free return. The fare between Albany and Caldwell is \$2.70.

The Sagamore House reduces rates from \$4 to \$2.50 per day to those attending the conference. The hotel is on Green Island, Lake George, near Bolton, where it is connected by bridge with the mainland. The post-office address is: "The Sagamore, Lake George, New York." It is reached twice daily by steam-

ers from Caldwell, at the south end of the Lake, and twice daily by steamers from Baldwin, at the north end of the Lake. Caldwell is reached direct by trains from Saratoga and Albany, and Baldwin by trains which connect at Fort Ticonderoga with Lake Champlain steamers and with the trains between Whitehall and Montreal.

Members may bring friends, who can become associates of the A. L. A. for the year on payment of \$2. and receive all reduced rates and a copy of the Proceedings. Members wishing, can extend their stay at reduced rates.

During the meeting, or immediately succeeding it, there will be excursions on Lake George. Steam launches and row boats can be had for private parties at the Sagamore. It is proposed also to organize other excursions, to go, after the Conference, through Lakes George and Champlain, into the Adirondacks, or through the White Mountains, or across to the St Lawrence and down to Quebec and the Saguenay or up to the Thousand Islands. Another party will go to Saratoga for a few days, while others will make a party to go to New York on Saturday via the Hudson by daylight.