

## 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.

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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.

Encyclopedia and Librarians, by E. C. Richardson.

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

Results *vs.* cost in cataloging, *i.e.*, 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.

#### Notes and Queries.

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.

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.

*Third Session, Wednesday Evening, 7.30-10.*

#### LIBRARIES, LIBRARIANS, AND THE PUBLIC.

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

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 Medical Libraries, by Dr. Jas. R. Chadwick, Boston Med. Lib. Assoc.

Yearly report on Theological Libraries, by E. C. Richardson, Librarian of Hartford Theological Seminary.

The extension of public libraries and democratic opposition.

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.

How to supplant bad books with good books among children.

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

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

Notes and Queries.

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. Edmonds

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

Temporary covers for choice bindings.

Binding in duck, by W. T. Peoples.

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

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*.

Notes on Foreign Government Publications, by T. Solberg, of the Library of Congress.

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

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.

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.

Publication Societies in the U. S.

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 Library.

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

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

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 Library.

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.

A HOPEFUL sign in regard to the A. L. A. is the increasing number of libraries that officially recognize its importance by sending delegates, whose expenses are paid by the library. One by one Boards of Trustees are learning that the annual meeting is a "means of grace" that cannot wisely nor economically be neglected. The librarians in attendance get rest and recreation and inspiration for their work, and they get also direct suggestions that can be applied on their return to every-day work, often saving from a single idea gained at the conference as much as the expenses for a score of years. The Association appeals to managers to make this sending of official delegates the rule. It suggests also that institutions, where practicable, pay the \$25 and become life members, thus entitling their delegate for all time to a seat and vote in the meetings, instead of paying \$2 annually, which is really 8 per cent on the cost of life membership. Beside the economy, this plan saves the time and trouble of a petty annual payment, and a library once a life member is more likely to profit constantly by the national meetings. Librarians are requested to submit this request to their trustees, where practicable, in time for the coming meeting. It is to be hoped also that others will follow the example set by Columbia College, of giving any members of its staff leave of absence for conference week, with full pay, if they wish to attend the sessions.

THE Program Committee of the Lake George Conference still desires a number of five-minute notes, talks or papers on specific subjects to brighten the meeting, by throwing out in a short time many valuable suggestions. Nearly every member has topics in mind which he could discuss in half-hour papers, but as neither the member nor the meeting has this time, the plan is to get the gist of the subject in five minutes. A chance for brief discussion will also be given. This plan also covers the many little details well worth five minutes, but not large enough for a formal paper.

Each reader is requested to send promptly to the Secretary such topics (several, if he has several in mind on which he has something to say) as he will discuss in five minutes, either by paper or talk, also any topics he wishes discussed by others. The list of topics with no name attached, in the preliminary program, is intended to be taken up by one or more persons offering briefly to open the discussion on each topic by submitting suggestions or questions. The five-minute men are, however, not limited to this list, but are limited to the five minutes, as otherwise the unusual number of topics could not be taken up.

In summing up a long editorial on one of the A. L. A. meetings, the *Christian Union* gave the following deserved compliment, which encourages us to cultivate at each meeting the rare art of doing a great deal of profitable work in a short time: "The discussions of the American Library Association are notably pointed and often lively. There is less formality and much less garrulity than is commonly found in conventions. The librarians well understand the value of moments, and many of them cultivate the art of expressing in two minutes what it commonly takes ten to get uttered."

## PLACE OF MEETING.

The Sagamore House is on Green Island, Lake George, near Bolton, where it is connected by bridge with the mainland. It is reached twice daily by steamers 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. The Sagamore House reduces rates to \$2.50 per day to those attending the conference. Illustrated circulars of the hotel and its surroundings can be had of the Secretary, or by addressing The Sagamore, Bolton Landing, Lake George, N. Y. 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. Parties leave New York and Boston early Monday A. M., Sept. 7, reaching the Sagamore that evening. Those wishing to join either party should notify Melvil Dewey, Columbia College, N. Y., or H. E. Davidson, at the Library Bureau, 32 Hawley St., Boston, as promptly as possible. A revised Program, with time-tables, fares and added information, will be printed later in August, and mailed to all members and applicants.