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Sept. 9-13, 1890
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Program of the Annual Meeting
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First Session, Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.

Announcements.
Approval (as printed or with amendment) of proceedings of last meeting.
President's address.
Report of Treasurer.

Standing
Finance

Committees
Co-operation
Library School
Public documents

1. Reception
2. Resolutions
3. Social Meeting

Second Session, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Classification from the reader's point of view.
W. E. Foster, Libn Providence P. L.
Questions and discussion on above subjects.
General questions and informal discussion.

THIRD SESSION, WEDNESDAY, 2:30 p. m.

Meeting of Association of State Librarians.
President's address. The future of the state library.
Report of executive board.
Report of the committee on binding. C. C. Soule, chairman.

To what extent should visitors be shut out of state library rooms in order to secure quiet for study?

Under what rules should state library books circulate: (a) In the capital? (b) Throughout the state?

Who should have access to the shelves?

Should state librarians have charge of indexing state documents?

Should state libraries have a museum department for the state scientific, art and historical collections?

Should the law and general departments be treated as separate libraries?

Questions and informal discussion of any topics pertaining to the special work of the Association.

FOURTH SESSION, WEDNESDAY, 7:45 p. m.

Unfinished business.
Proper lighting of library rooms. W. J. Fletcher, Libn Amherst College.
Exhibition and discussion of plans of new library buildings.
Exhibition and explanation of blanks and appliances.
Questions and informal discussion.

FIFTH SESSION, THURSDAY, 9:30 a. m.

Library experts: their rights and duties. Miss H. E. Green, Cataloguer Boston Athenæum.
Trustees: their duties and their relations to librarians.

Chas. C. Soule, Trustee Brookline P. L.
Rev. J. C. Learned, President St. Louis P. L
S. S. Green, Libn Worcester F. P. L.
Discussion of above papers.
Questions and informal discussion.
SIXTH SESSION, THURSDAY, 2:30 p. m.
Meeting of A. L. A. Publishing Section.
Meeting of New York Library Association.
President’s address. Origin and objects of special associations to advance state library interests.
Informal discussion of “state” topics, e.g.:—
State clearing houses for duplicates.
Co-operation among libraries and educational institutions of the state.
Should the state grant subsidies to free public libraries maintained and controlled by individuals or private corporations?
What should be the provisions of a model state library law?
What were the defects in the district library system widely adopted by the states, but generally pronounced a failure?
Should the free public libraries of each state be connected with the state library and entitled to special assistance and privileges from it?
Should the public libraries be organically connected with the state school system?
Early libraries in New York.
Existing New York libraries, with a check list for revision of 880 libraries.
Early and present library legislation in New York.
Improvement in the expenditure of the $50,000 a year, now granted to the N. Y. district library system.

Report of executive board on permanent constitution and action.
Election of officers for the year.
Questions and informal discussion of New York library interests.
The librarians of New Hampshire and of any other states interested in state associations for local work, will meet with the New York Association to discuss together such questions as pertain equally to any state association. At the close of these general discussions the New York topics will be taken up. The New Hampshire State Library Association will complete its organization on Friday at 4 p. m.

SEVENTH SESSION, THURSDAY, 7:45 p. m.
Public addresses.
The public library and the public school. Hon. Wm. T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education.
University extension. Prof. Herbert B. Adams, Johns Hopkins University.

EIGHTH SESSION, FRIDAY, 9:30 a.m.
General business—election of officers, selection of time and place for next meeting.
The essential and the desirable in a public library from the user’s point of view.
Prof. James K. Hosmer, Washington University.
P. L. Ford, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Discussion of above papers.
Questions and informal discussion.
NINTH SESSION, FRIDAY, 2:30 p.m.
Unfinished business.
Report on college libraries.

Meeting of College Library Section.
Among the topics to be discussed by those specially interested in school and college libraries, are:

The relation of the librarian to the faculty.
The relation of the librarian to the students.
The best system of registering loans.
Number of volumes and limit of time to professors.
Number of volumes and limit of time to students.
The scope and function of seminar or department libraries.
Periodicals and popular literature in college libraries.
Who shall select books to be bought—librarian, professors, or committee?
Library hours, and evening, holiday, Sunday and vacation opening.
Access to shelves.

FRIDAY, 8:00 p.m. Social meeting and annual dinner.

A feature of the evening is to be the personation of well-known book titles in a living circulating library. All willing to share in this social meeting should bring any articles needed for such representation, and full instructions will be given by the committee in charge of the social evening. A description will be found on page 240 of the August Library Journal. Both ladies and gentlemen participate, and very simple accessories in many cases serve as well as elaborate costumes; e.g. a young lady with an apron made of the morning’s New York Tribune personated the “Last of the Tribunes.” Another in a simple suit of silk was Black’s “In silk attire.” Another with two fleur-de-lis in her hair was “Under two flags.”

TENTH SESSION, SATURDAY, 9:30 a.m.
General business—reports of committees, etc.
How books were bought for our library. C. A. Nelson, Libn Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans.
Report on reading for the young. Mrs. M. A. Sanders, Libn Pawtucket P. L.
Antediluvian libraries.

(a) Some ancient antediluvian libraries.
(b) “modern”

Dr. E. C. Richardson, Libn Princeton College.
The future of the public library. Dr. L. H. Steiner, Libn Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore.
Questions and general discussion.

IMPORTANT NOTICES.

BEFORE THE MEETING.
1. Members are requested to bring plans of library buildings recently erected or in contemplation,—also new blanks and appliances.
2. Special hours being allotted for answering questions and for the informal discussion of topics not treated in the papers, suggested questions and subjects should be sent to the President, at 43 Clark street, Burlington, Vt., till Sept. 5th; after that to Fabyans. Questions added at the meeting will be answered so far as time allows.

AT THE MEETING.

3. It will add greatly to the success of the meeting and to the convenience and satisfaction of all concerned if members will:

(a) Register at the Secretary’s desk immediately on arrival.

(b) Pay annual dues ($2.00) and get the Treasurer’s card entitling to reduced rates.

(c) Put questions (not previously mailed) into the question box as early as practicable.

(d) Assemble promptly at each session; so as not to interrupt the proceedings, which will begin exactly five minutes after the time announced.

(e) Retire from the room for committee meetings or conversation.

Order will be strictly maintained, so that all may hear the papers and discussions.