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Oct. 12-16, 1891.

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## PROGRAM OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OCT. 12-16, 1891

[This program may be subject to changes in details after arrival at San Francisco.]

### FIRST SESSION, MONDAY, 2 p. m.

Announcements.

Consideration of the report of the proceedings of the last meeting, as printed.

Report of Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Reports of the Committees of the Executive Board.	{	Standing
		Finance
		Co-operation
		Library School
		Public Documents
		Endowment

Report of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution.

Announcement of Committees on Reception and Resolutions.

Report on aids and guides for readers, by William C. Lane, Asst. Libn Harvard College Library.

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Report on gifts and bequests. Miss C. M. Hewins, Libn Hartford Library, Hartford, Conn.

### SECOND SESSION, MONDAY, 7:30 p. m.

Reception to members of the Association.

Address. Gen. W. H. L. Barnes of San Francisco.

Reply by the President of the American Library Association.

Poem. John Vance Cheney, Libn Free Public Library, San Francisco.

### THIRD SESSION, TUESDAY, 2 p. m.

President's address.

Report on binding and binderies in libraries. D. V. R. Johnstone, Sub-Libn State Library, Albany, N. Y.

Home Libraries. John M. Glenn, Manager and Treasurer New Mercantile Library, Baltimore, Md.

### FOURTH SESSION, TUESDAY, 7:30 p. m.

Popular meeting. Addresses by California speakers and visiting members of the Library Association, on the value of libraries to communities, and the importance of providing them with good buildings and other working facilities.

### FIFTH SESSION, WEDNESDAY, 10 a. m.

Points of agreement on library architecture. Charles C. Soule, Trustee Public Library, Brookline, Mass.

Consideration of the subject of library buildings. William F. Poole, Libn Newberry Library, Chicago; Charles A. Cutter, Libn Boston Athenæum; K. A. Linderfelt, Libn Public Library, Milwaukee, Wis., and others.

How the re-classification and re-numbering of 60,000 volumes was done in the Detroit Public Library, without closing the library or stopping the circulation of books. Henry M. Utley, Libn Public Library, Detroit, Mich.

General questions and informal discussion.

SIXTH SESSION, WEDNESDAY, 7:30 p. m.

Libraries and schools. Samuel Swett Green, Libn Free Public Library, Worcester, Mass.

Use and exchange of library books in the schools and shops of Cleveland, O. William H. Brett, Libn Public Library, Cleveland, O.

Discussion of the subject.

Report on library legislation. Thorvald Solberg, late Asst. Libn Congressional Library, Washington, D. C.

The best library legislation. William I. Fletcher, Libn Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.

SEVENTH SESSION, THURSDAY, 10:00 a. m.

Access to the shelves by users of libraries.

Papers by Herbert Putnam, Libn Public Library, Minneapolis, Minn., and William H. Brett, Libn of the Public Library, Cleveland, O.

Discussion.

Five-minute talk on a Pre-historic pool. J. C. Rowell, Libn University of California.

Report on contagious diseases and their dissemination through the use of library books. Gardner M. Jones, Libn Public Library, Salem, Mass.

Report of the Committee on the Exhibition of the American Library Association at the World's Columbian Exposition.

Exhibition of blanks and plans.

EIGHTH SESSION, THURSDAY, 7:30 p. m.

(At Oakland, in the church of Rev. Mr. Wendt.)

Public support of public libraries, with particular reference to the treatment of the subject in "A plea for liberty." William E. Foster, Libn Public Library, Providence, R. I.

Discussion.

Impressions in foreign libraries and notes on the recent meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom. Miss Mary S. Cutter, Vice-Director Library School, Albany, N. Y.

State library associations. Charles A. Cutter and Miss Harriet E. Green. Boston Athenæum.

General questions and informal discussion.

NINTH SESSION, FRIDAY, 10:00 a. m.

Election of officers. Selection of time and place of the next meeting. Unfinished business.

Should uniformity mark the arrangement and administration of our public libraries, or should individuality be allowed to assert itself in such? Lewis H. Steiner, Libn Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.

Five-minute talk on printing from cards. Catalogue work. John V. Cheney, Libn Free Public Library, San Francisco.

A word on card and printed catalogues from the student's standpoint. Paul Leicester Ford, editor *Library Journal*.

Economical, educational, and selected catalogues. Willis K. Stetson, Libn Free Public Library, New Haven, Conn.

Books and libraries and their treatment fifty years ago. Henry Barnard, late United States Commissioner of Education, Hartford, Conn.

### Meetings of Sections.

The annual meeting of the Association of State Librarians will be held Wednesday forenoon before the meeting of the A. L. A.

The annual meeting of the Trustees' Section will be held Wednesday forenoon before the meeting of the A. L. A.

The annual meeting of the A. L. A. Publishing Section will be held Thursday forenoon before the meeting of the A. L. A.

The annual meeting of the College Library Section will be held Friday forenoon before the meeting of the A. L. A.

### IMPORTANT NOTICES.

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

1. Register at the Secretary's desk immediately on arrival.
2. Pay annual dues (\$2.00) and get the Treasurer's card entitling to reduced rates.
3. Put questions (not previously mailed) into the question box as early as practicable.
4. Assemble promptly at every session, so as not to interrupt the proceedings, which will begin exactly five minutes after the time announced.
5. Retire from the room for committee meetings or conversation.

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

### Excursions and Entertainments

(Provided by the hosts of the Association.)

Monday forenoon. Cliff House. Reception at Sutro Heights, by A. Sutro.

Monday evening. Public reception.

Tuesday forenoon. Excursion around the Bay.

Wednesday afternoon. Excursion to Stanford University and lawn party by Governor and Mrs. Stanford.

Thursday afternoon. Berkeley : University of California. Piedmont. A reception and dinner tendered by residents of Oakland.

Friday afternoon. Reception of the Women's Press Association.

Friday evening. Banquet.

The party from the East will start Saturday morning on the excursion to San José, Santa Cruz, and Monterey, described in the itinerary. Invitations to accept hospitalities have been received from Santa Cruz, Los Angeles, San Diego and other places in Southern California.