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The meeting of the Executive Board of the American Library Association, held at the Washington Hotel, Washington, D. C., on Saturday afternoon, May 18, 1929, convened at two-ten o'clock, Mr. Andrew Keogh, President, presiding.

The following were present: Misses Eastman, Flexner, Krause; Messrs. Keogh, Jennings, Dudgeon, Williamson, Lydenberg, Wheeler, and Milam.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I will ask Mr. Milam to take the first item -- Transfer of payroll account.

SECRETARY MILAM: It may surprise you to have an Executive Board meeting which does not begin with the approval of minutes but the minutes of the last meeting have not been written and they will be submitted later.

Mr. Dooley thinks our payroll account should be transferred to some nearby bank. There are two possibilities, the Lake Shore Trust and Savings Bank and the Boulevard Bridge Bank of Chicago. Both are conveniently located. For no good reasons Mr. Dooley is in favor of the Lake Shore Trust and Savings Bank. Perhaps because the officers of the bank seemed a little more interested in securing the account. The Chairmen of the Board of Directors of each of these banks are also officers in the First National Bank of Chicago. The First National Bank is Mr. Traylor's bank where our endowment funds are held.

My recommendation is that the Treasurer,

Mr. Dudgeon, be authorized to transfer or to arrange the transfer of the payroll account to one of the banks in the neighborhood of the new office.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Where is the account now?

SECRETARY MILAM: In the Lake Shore Trust and Savings Bank south of the Chicago Public Library.

MR. LYDENBERG: I so move.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler ...

MR. JENNINGS: Does this have any bearing on the next item of the docket?

SECRETARY MILAM: Not necessarily.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: It has been moved and seconded that the payroll be transferred to a nearby bank.

SECRETARY MILAM: I suggest at the selection of the Treasurer.

MR. DUDGEON: You might as well make it the bank he preferred.

SECRETARY MILAM: They are both apparently perfectly safe. The Lake Shore Trust is within a block and the other one is within a block. He recommends the Lake Shore Trust if you want to make the decision.

MR. LYDENBERG: That was my idea in making the motion.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The motion is that the account be transferred then to the Lake Shore Trust.



... The question was put and the motion carried ...

SECRETARY MILAM: Item "b" concerns the transfer of the checking account, one of the checking accounts, or the establishment of a new checking account.

Mr. Dooley presents a recommendation which it seems to me is not quite carefully thought out and so I would not endorse it at this time but merely call attention to the fact that we may be suggesting to you soon that we either open a new checking account in the neighborhood or that we transfer from the National Bank of the Republic or the First National Bank existing accounts. That is a considerably larger and weightier amount than the payroll account and I should rather have a little more time to think it out. There is no inconvenience except geographical at the present time.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: It is deferred.

No. 2 -- Prison Library Work, Massachusetts experiment.

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SECRETARY MILAM: The Council and the Executive Board approved a plan for prison library work in Massachusetts as an A.L.A. experiment. This action was taken at the mid-winter meeting. At the meeting on Monday we presented this matter. We presented the report that the money had been secured by the committee and that a budget had been submitted and you approved that budget and accepted the funds formally.



I had written to Miss Jones, the Chairman of the Committee, "that according to precedent the money should be paid by the Rockefeller Foundation to the A.L.A. and disbursed by the A.L.A. in whatever way is most satisfactory to you," and so on. She now writes at considerable length.

... Secretary Milam read an excerpt from Miss Jones' letter ...

SECRETARY MILAM: The question now is whether you wish to insist that this money, which was appropriated for an A.L.A. project approved by the Council and the Executive Board, should be paid to the Treasurer and through the Treasurer of the A.L.A. rather than be handled by the Chairman of the Committee.

MR. DUDGEON: You mean it will have to go through the Treasurer in the beginning either way?

SECRETARY MILAM: No, the instructions which Miss Jones had sent without asking advice were that the money could be paid to her and she would account for it and the A.L.A. Treasurer and the A.L.A. accounting officers would have no control over it; that is, it could not be audited by our auditors at the end of the year except by sending somebody to Massachusetts or sending the records of Massachusetts to Chicago.

MR. WHEELER: She could have it audited there.

MR. DUDGEON: It seems to me it ought to go

through the records of the A.L.A. not matter if it goes in a lump sum if necessary. I don't think there is any point in distributing it on an itemized statement or anything. It is a gift to the A.L.A., isn't it?

SECRETARY MILAM: She is accepting it as a gift to the A.L.A. Committee on Institution Libraries and it presumably was made on that basis, appropriated to the Institution Libraries Committee of the A.L.A. Of course, that isn't unusual. Committees of which Mr. Lydenberg has been Chairman have sometimes had appropriations made at the request of the committee for the committee's work but the amounts were always turned in to the Treasurer of the A.L.A. as a matter of record and procedure.

MR. JENNINGS: Would this have any bearing on the question of endowment?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think not -- no direct bearing. It might have an incidental one.

MR. DUDGEON: I don't think there is any point in our trying to keep control of it, pay it out on account, but it struck me as being rather risky and I think a record of it ought to go through our hands.

MR. JENNINGS: I feel the same way about it. It is better to have all of these things go through the central channels. Does the Secretary have any recommendation?

SECRETARY MILAM: My recommendation was



embodied in the communication which I sent to her asking her to notify the Foundation to send the money to the Treasurer with the understanding that we would handle it with the Committee in whatever way was satisfactory to the Committee and we would make official reports to the Foundation because we want to be sure that the A.L.A. records are clean so far as the Foundations are concerned. In her last letter she says, "How would it do for me to send the itemized accounts to your office first and let you O.K. them and then send them to Miss Topping, or would it be just as well if I sent a duplicate to your office? It seems foolish for the Bureau to have to send the check to you and then have you send it to me, but I am perfectly willing to do whatever seems best to you."

I am inclined to think that all of the records will be clearer and all around it would be better to have this money paid through the Treasurer of the A.L.A. but that may be simply because we have always done it so. Why, Mr. Lydenberg, have you and Mr. Gerould always arranged to have the checks sent to the A.L.A. Treasurer instead of to you personally?

MR. LYDENBERG: Because we were working for the A.L.A. and we felt the A.L.A. disbursing officers should be the disbursing officers for our accounts. I think it is inadvisable for a committee doing active work to be adding to its duties that of a disbursing officer.

MR. JENNINGS: I would move, Mr. President, that the fund for this work be handled through the A.L.A. Treasurer.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Lydenberg ...

MR. DUDGEON: Does that mean we shall have to audit the separate accounts or that the things may be turned over in a lump sum to be disbursed by them?

MR. WHEELER: Have we had another question of this sort of activity going on from some distance where sums would be paid out to people at that distance -- the Paris Library School, for example?

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes. It seems to me that all of the precedents, all of the experience, are exactly in line with this. On the other hand, the amount is small. It is not inconceivable that the A.L.A. would transfer as much even as \$5000 in a drawing account to a person doing an A.L.A. committee job. As a matter of fact, we have just done that on Mr. Gerould's recommendation and endorsement to the representative of the Committee on List of Foreign Government Serials. The accounting, however, will be made to the office of the A.L.A. and when that account is closed, we shall have receipts for that \$5000 or the person who received it, will owe us the difference.

MR. DUDGEON: You will have itemized receipts?

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes.



MR. WHEELER: I suggest, Mr. President, that when we send the news of this action of the Executive Board that the Secretary might send a letter of explanation as to why it will be very much to the advantage of all concerned, including the Chairman of the Committee, to handle it that way along with a drawing account. Wouldn't that make her feel all right, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY MILAM: I can't say. I shall do my best. I don't think she will have any particular feeling about it.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Are you ready for the motion that this fund be handled through the A.L.A. Treasurer?

MR. DUDGEON: In the usual way, that means?

MR. JENNINGS: I thought it might be well to put in a phrase that it be handled in the customary manner.

... The question was put and the motion carried..

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Item 3 -- Delegate to Rome,
x James B. Childs.

SECRETARY MILAM: I have been unofficially informed that James B. Childs of the Library of Congress has been designated by the Bibliographical Society of America as an official delegate of that Society to Rome and that that Society recommends that he be made also, as was George Watson Cole, an official delegate of the A.L.A. I have had no official report of this and cannot vouch for the accuracy of

the statement which I present.

MR. DUDGEON: I move that he be so certified.

... The motion was seconded by Miss Eastman and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Item No. 4 -- Library exhibit at Chicago World's Fair, Committee.

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SECRETARY MILAM: This is a report back to the Executive Board. I was unable to get in touch with Mr. Lydenberg and Mr. Hopper, who were to consult Mr. Spaulding with me. I did have a long talk with Mr. Spaulding and found him very much interested and willing on his own account to accept but convinced that he should not accept without first putting the matter up to his Library Board. I presume, therefore, that no further action can be taken on this until we hear from them this week.

MR. DUDGEON: I don't know that all of the members know what that was.

SECRETARY MILAM: I am assuming they are following the docket and that item is there. I don't know how much explanation would be necessary.

MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Spaulding is chosen as the Chairman of the Committee on the Chicago Fair.

MR. DUDGEON: It involves the whole thing, including possibly the financial aspects of it.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: That is to be deferred.



SECRETARY MILAM: That is just a report.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Do you want any official action?

SECRETARY MILAM: None as far as I can see.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: No. 5 is before you.

Will you name the present board.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Craver, Chairman; Miss Flexner, Mr. Hirshberg, Adam Strohm, Louis R. Wilson.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Mr. Wilson's term has expired and we need one person in his place?

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Are there any nominations?

MR. DUDGEON: Are there any recommendations from the Chairman?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think I can summarize Mr. Craver's comment in that letter perhaps more briefly. The Board at its last meeting before this conference, recognized the importance of having someone on the Board soon, who is a director of a library school. It went no further than that. Mr. Craver wrote to me at some length about that and ended up by saying he should be very reluctant to see Dr. Wilson dropped from membership on the Board. I wrote back that inasmuch as Mr. Wilson had been a very useful member and was about to become a director of a library school, it seemed to me his appointment might be entirely appropriate, and Craver says



nothing would please him so well.

MR. WILLIAMSON: I move that Mr. Wilson be re-elected.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler ...

MR. DUDGEON: Let me ask a question: Is this matter for direct action of the Executive Board or is it an action for the President to consider?

SECRETARY MILAM: For direct action of the Executive Board.

... The question was put and the motion carried .

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The next is the Board on the Library and Adult Education.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Carson's term expires.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Has Mr. Carson taken an active part in the Committee?

... Mr. Dudgeon made some remarks and the reporter was instructed to omit them from the record ...

MR. DUDGEON: I move that Mr. Carson be re-elected.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Williamson and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Next is the Editorial Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: The Members of the Editorial Committee are Mr. Utley, Chairman; Mr. Compton, Anne Carroll Moore, Mary U. Rothrock and Charles B. Shaw.

I think the President has talked with Mr. Utley.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: No, I haven't been able to find him.

SECRETARY MILAM: I have talked with him for the President. I believe Mr. Utley said he had written you.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I haven't received the letter.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Utley will do what the President wishes in this matter but he asks me to say that if the Board by any chance should find someone who will serve in this capacity a bit more satisfactorily or if they think that it is time that the position should be passed on to someone else, he will quite understand. This has been his attitude for two years. He is not unwilling to continue but he is beginning to think that perhaps somebody else ought to have the responsibility. The matter is, therefore, clearly before the Board as to what it wishes to do.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: That is a very important committee.

MR. DUDGEON: Was there any comment from the other members?

SECRETARY MILAM: No comment from the others so far as I know.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: This would simply mean we are considering the Chairman?

SECRETARY MILAM: I thought that was what was decided.

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: Is there any nomination?

MR. DUDGEON: As far as the relationship between that Committee and adult education is concerned, I think we feel that Mr. Utley's maturity of judgment and experience is rather an important element in that. Personally, at least, I would feel so.

MR. WILLIAMSON: It is very important to have the Chairman in Chicago, too, isn't it?

SECRETARY MILAM: It is desirable, though it isn't essential.

I would like to say that Mr. Utley is one hundred per cent satisfactory to the editorial staff and the Secretary of the A.L.A..

MR. DUDGEON: I would like to move that Mr. Utley be reappointed.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Lydenberg and carried ...

SECRETARY MILAM: I would like to ask whether perhaps we might not include all the members of that Committee in this reappointment.

MR. WILLIAMSON: I so move.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: The next is the Education Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: You know that the Education

Committee is very large and has been, during recent years, very active. Miss Wood does not wish to serve during the coming year as Chairman. I think Miss Wood suggested Miss Cutter of Cleveland as a possible chairman.

MISS EASTMAN: I understand she has been elected the head of the School Libraries Section and you would hardly want the same person on both of those.

MR. DUDGEON: Has Miss Cutter been on the Committee?

MISS EASTMAN: She was Vice Chairman, I believe, of a section this year.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: She was Chairman of the Elementary Sub-Committee. There are Regional Directors, Members at Large, Elementary Sub-Committee, Junior High School Sub-Committee, Teachers College Sub-Committee, and so on. It is a big thing.

Mr. Milam tells me that Miss Wood wishes to be relieved after several years of very acceptable work. I think we ought not punish a person who has done good work by reappointing her against her desire.

MR. DUDGEON: Could we follow the method used in Congressional appointments of appointing the senior member of the Committee Chairman?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: It would probably be the Chairman of one of these Sub-Committees -- Miss Cutter, Miss

Lovic, Miss Greer, Miss Palmer, Mr. Stone, Miss Wittmer and Miss Howard.

MR. WHEELER: Miss Wittmer just went to Rush's Library.

MISS EASTMAN: I should think Miss Howard might be a very acceptable Chairman.

I am glad to make that as a nomination.

... The nomination was seconded by Mr. Williamson.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Miss Clara E. Howard has been nominated and seconded as Chairman of this Education Committee. Is there another nomination? Are you ready for the vote or do you think this is so important that it should be deferred?

Those in favor of the appointment of Miss Howard will say, "Aye;" opposed, "No." It is carried.

The next is the Library Extension Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: Before you leave that, I would like to present a recommendation from the Committee on Education.

The Committee at a meeting in Cleveland a few months ago voted to ask that a joint committee representing the Education Committee and educators in the N.E.A. be set up in order to bring the work of these two organizations more closely together.

It seems to me this is a matter, Mr. President, which might very well be referred not to educators in the N.E.A.

but to our own Education Committee for something more specific as to what they wish to accomplish and how they wish it to be set up. I confess I don't know what this play with the Educators, with a capital "E", is going to mean.

MISS EASTMAN: I should like to move that this be referred to the President to confer with the new Education Committee and make the appointment.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudgeon and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The next is the Library Extension Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: The Library Extension Committee, if my memory serves me rightly, is a committee which is appointed every year for one-year terms. Unlike the Boards, everybody's term expired this morning at twelve o'clock. The members of that committee are Mr. Lester, Miss Black, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Jennings, Miss Templeton and Miss Tyler.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: That is a committee of five?

SECRETARY MILAM: It has formerly been a committee of five but we decided we could add a sixth inasmuch as Mr. Ferguson was going to be out of the country most of the past year. It is officially a committee of five.

MR. JENNINGS: I was the sixth, I think, and I would be glad to retire now that Mr. Ferguson is back.

MR. DUDGEON: It is hardly conceivable to me

that anybody could quite take the place of a member of this Board on one of those Committees, Mr. Jennings.

MR. JENNINGS: I am quite sure the authorization for the committee named a committee of five the same as the Board of Education and the Board of Adult Education. They are all committees of five.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: What is your pleasure?

MR. DUDGEON: Is Mr. Ferguson to be available for active participation in everything this year?

SECRETARY MILAM: As far as I know, yes. He is the State Librarian in California.

MR. DUDGEON: I am afraid I don't know who Miss Black is.

MR. JENNINGS: She is the Canadian member.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: And Miss Templeton?

SECRETARY MILAM: She is from Greenville, South Carolina.

MR. JENNINGS: Miss Templeton is a very valuable member of the Committee.

MR. WILLIAMSON: Who is the least active member of the Committee?

MR. JENNINGS: I am.

MISS EASTMAN: It has been a fine committee.

MR. WILLIAMSON: Is it necessary to drop one?

MR. JENNINGS: I don't think you need two from

the Pacific Coast to attend meetings if you have two or three each year because each meeting means at least three weeks away from their libraries.

I would move you, Mr. President, that the Committee consist of Mr. Lester, Miss Black, Mr. Ferguson, Miss Templeton and Miss Tyler.

... The motion was seconded by Miss Eastman ...

MR. DUDGEON: I hate to see Jennings dropped off that Committee.

MR. JENNINGS: You have Ferguson from the Pacific Coast and it was my understanding that I was to be on the Committee while he was in Africa.

MR. DUDGEON: I wasn't thinking of your convenience. I was thinking of the Committee.

... The question was put and the motion carried..

PRESIDENT KEOGH: "Other committee appointments." Some, I suppose, ought to be appointed at this time. Others can wait. What are necessary?

SECRETARY MILAM: As many as possible should be appointed at this time, I should say, Mr. President, because both the President and the Secretary are going to be absent for a considerable length of time, the absence beginning very soon and there will be many committee chairmen who will not carry on unless they are definitely reappointed. I think, therefore, that we ought to go through the list and perhaps that reappointment



would be more justified this year in view of the situation than ordinarily and perhaps we ought to go through and see how many of these can be cleared up by reappointment.

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: Some of them perhaps can be done very quickly.

SECRETARY MILAM: The first is Affiliation of Chapters with the A.L.A.: Miss Vogleson, Chairman; Miss Baker and Mr. Marron.

MR. JENNINGS: May I ask before we proceed if it has ever been the policy of the Executive Board to consider in a meeting such as this the chairmanships of the committees, leaving to the President the appointment of the remaining personnel in consultation with the chairmen of the committees?

SECRETARY MILAM: If you wish me to answer, the answer is, yes; that that has often been done and is usually done. Whether the President is going to be able to confer with sixty or seventy chairmen this year, whether you wish him to attempt to do that within the next week before he sails for Europe or to postpone it for two or three months until his return, is, I think, a serious question. Generally speaking, we do consult the chairman before reappointing or appointing his associates.

MR. JENNINGS: I am very much in favor of that idea because I think you get better work from the committee if the chairman has a voice in the selection of the remaining

personnel.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Would it be possible for headquarters to send a letter to the chairmen with a view to reappointment asking whether the makeup of their committees is satisfactory, because if so, the Executive Board or the President will reappoint and if not, to make suggestions for change? Could that be done by your office?

SECRETARY MILAM: Oh, yes. But how would the decision be made when the responses come in? Would they wait or would they automatically be appointed without supervision from the President? That is the difficulty this year.

MR. DUDGEON: If there are no changes, that would be very simple.

MISS EASTMAN: That would clear up all of the ones in which there were no changes wanted and give the opportunity for a change where it was wanted and it would keep the chairmanship if the chairmanship was accepted.

MR. DUDGEON: There wouldn't be so many changes but that the committee could function with one or two vacancies.

MISS EASTMAN: I should think a letter could be formed that would cover all of these points.

MR. LYDENBERG: Couldn't you, as a practical matter, run through the committees and pick out and suggest to us the ones that normally would hold over, in which there

would be very little change. I know that one committee I know about, the List of Foreign Government Serials, can be handled right now.

SECRETARY MILAM: That is what I thought.

This committee on Affiliation of Chapters with the A.L.A. is a committee of very slight importance. The work of that committee is practically done. There isn't any reason for thinking that Miss Vogleson wishes to ponder seriously over Mary E. Baker or Joseph F. Marron. There is nothing to do except to consider a petition if it comes in.

MR. LYDENBERG: I move that we reappoint this committee, Affiliation of Chapters with the A.L.A.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Williamson and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: A.L.A. Activities.

SECRETARY MILAM: This Committee has recently been appointed -- Mr. Compton, Miss Countryman and Mr. Meyer. There is every reason to believe that they should be continued, having just been appointed, and probably should be continued until their report is in two or three years from now.

MR. WILLIAMSON: I move that they be reappointed.

... The motion was seconded by Miss Eastman and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: A.L.A. Headquarters Building Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't quite know what the status of that committee is or ought to be. It was originally a committee to solicit funds for the A.L.A. Headquarters Building. It was shifted a couple of years ago to the responsibility of investigating the needs of the headquarters office for space in Chicago. The latter is finished; the former is scarcely begun.

MR. DUDGEON: Who is on that Committee?

SECRETARY MILAM: Walter Brown, Miss Krause, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Puelicher, Mr. Radnitzer.

MISS KRAUSE: I haven't heard a word from the Chairman of that Committee for a whole year. I had forgotten I was on it. I am afraid it hasn't been very active.

That, of course, was a committee appointed after the headquarters' difficulties, which were so well taken care of last year in that report. So there really hasn't been anything for it to function on.

MR. DUDGEON: I move the reappointment of this committee.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Bibliography Committee.

MR. DUDGEON: In those cases about which we are in no doubt, couldn't we pass a motion that the committees be reappointed, that the chairmen be communicated with and

reappointed with the exception of cases where there seems to be some point raised that there should be changes.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Isn't this the place where those suggestions for change should be made?

MR. DUDGEON: My point is that you are not going to be able to go over that whole list.

SECRETARY MILAM: We have done three or four committees in three or four minutes. There will be some that will be seriously questioned and those we probably can't do. We can cover much ground in sixty minutes.

This is the Bibliography Committee: Dr. Richardson, Chairman; Mr. Gjelsness, Mr. Keogh, Miss Lacy, Mr. Lomer, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Smith.

Certainly Dr. Richardson should be continued. I have no reason to think there is any desire for change in membership.

MR. WHEELER: I move this Committee be re-appointed.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Williamson ...

MR. JENNINGS: Are these reappointments or are they subject to possible suggestions for changes from the chairmen?

SECRETARY MILAM: No, these are reappointments. The chairmen always understand that they can make suggestions for additions but according to the motion as I understand it,

all of these people would be reappointed at once.

MR. JENNINGS: We discussed the other method.

MR. WHEELER: I thought all of these were subject to that general understanding. I will make my last motion over with that understanding -- reappointing that Committee with the understanding that the Chairman can make changes if he wishes.

MR. WILLIAMSON: If we are reappointing the Chairman, don't we assume that the Chairman will already have indicated a desire for change?

MR. WHEELER: He wouldn't be sure he was going to be Chairman again, you see.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: My understanding of the motion was that the Chairman should be reappointed and the whole of the Committee unless the Chairman wishes to make a change.

MR. WILLIAMSON: Or additions.

MR. DUDGEON: That is what I meant all of the time.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: If that isn't clear, we had better clarify it.

MR. WHEELER: That will take care of the last motion I made.

MR. WILLIAMSON: That means that the Chairman is notified of his reelection but that the members are not notified until the approval of the Chairman is received.

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: Does that make a difficulty of any kind?

SECRETARY MILAM: These others were definite appointments. I thought that general suggestion was made and we were going to hold that condition for the committees to which it applied. I think it does not need to apply in any way to the Committee of which Mr. Lydenberg spoke. That might just as well be cleared up at one stroke of the pen. I am reasonably sure that that applies to the Affiliation of Chapters and to A.L.A. Activities, which has just been appointed after consultation with the Chairman. I am not sure about A.L.A. Headquarters Building, as I said. I am reasonably certain about Bibliography because Dr. Richardson has been Chairman of that Committee for three or four years and each year has been consulted. It is only a question if you want to delay the action in that particular instance.

MR. WHEELER: You don't delay it very much. You simply send a communication to Dr. Richardson saying this Committee is as follows, unless he wants to make changes.

SECRETARY MILAM: Do you know where he is? I don't.

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: He will be at the Rome Conference.

SECRETARY MILAM: He is not in this country. That isn't serious as far as I know. There is no big job that

Committee has to do.

MR. WHEELER: What we seem to be after is to set up a formula.

MR. DUDGEON: I like the formula Mr. Wheeler suggests.

MR. WHEELER: I thought that was in keeping with Mr. Jennings' suggestion.

MR. JENNINGS: That was an alternative suggestion I made and I thought it had been voted down and we were going back to definite appointments. I think the record will show that.

MR. DUDGEON: I second Mr. Wheeler's motion as interpreted.

SECRETARY MILAM: May I interpret this to date for my own record.

The Affiliation of Chapters, A.L.A. Activities and Headquarters Building have been reappointed in full, no restrictions, no qualifications. A motion is now before the Board appointing Dr. Richardson as Chairman of the Committee on Bibliography and authorizing the Secretary to invite suggestions as to membership of that Committee from the Chairman, the present members to be reappointed if satisfactory to the Chairman, new appointments or additions to be subject to consideration by this Board or its representative, the President.

Is that the understanding?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: That was my understanding.

MR. DUDGEON: Could that be made subject to your approval?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: There may be cases where I should like to consult the Board.

MR. DUDGEON: Would you accept that as satisfactory?

SECRETARY MILAM: I thought that was what I said; I said the Executive Board or the President, either one, will be able to settle it if the other were not present.

... The question was put and the motion carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The Board of Education for Librarianship. That is settled.

The Board on the Library and Adult Education is all settled.

Bookbinding Committee: Mr. Archer, Chairman; Miss Gray, Zana K. Miller, Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Sherman. It seems to me that the same action as that taken in the case of the Bibliography Committee would be appropriate.

MR. DUDGEON: I so move.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Book Buying. Two days ago Mr. Raney sent me a letter, which I shall read.



... President Keogh read letter from Mr. Raney ..

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Unfortunately I had left before that letter came and I took both lunch and dinner out and didn't get this until it was too late to meet at eight o'clock that evening. I called Raney at the Raleigh and was told he wasn't there, wasn't staying there. I went around the next morning before eight o'clock and he wasn't in but he was staying there and he came back in about fifteen minutes.

Even if he had been there the night before, I shouldn't have taken action in talking with him because I didn't want to interfere with any committee or with President Eastman. I asked him to breakfast yesterday morning at the Washington and he came and he talked for about three-quarters of an hour about this Committee.

The points he made I think were these: that Mr. Lowe was employed in the Brooklyn Public Library, where Mr. Hill was not in very great sympathy with the policy of the Book Buying Committee with regard to copyrighting, and that Mr. Bowker, who always took the publisher's point of view in any copyright controversy was one of the trustees of that library; that Mr. Lowe might therefore find himself in a very embarrassing position either with regard to copyright action or with regard to his own library chief and library trustee. He thought it would be a wise thing to appoint some other person either as Chairman of the Committee or in addition to

Mr. Lowe on the Committee.

I asked him whether it was not true that he had himself resigned, and he said, "Certainly." I asked him whether he would like to be Chairman and he didn't quite know. He would be willing to serve the Committee to the best of his ability.

After breakfast I met Mr. Lowe and he said he wanted to talk with me. He said he had been talking to Mr. Raney and others about this Committee and had himself come to the conclusion that he might not be the wise person to have there as Chairman and he didn't wish to tie the hands of the President or the Board in any way, that if it seemed to us to be an unwise choice or if we wished to replace him by any person, he would be very glad to have us do so.

I just listened to the two men and said nothing to indicate my own feeling or any possible action.

That is all.

SECRETARY MILAM: When Miss Eastman had Dr. Raney's resignation, she found it difficult to get a successor. She tried Carl Cannon, Joseph L. Wheeler, and Mr. Baillie of Willington before trying Mr. Low, who accepted somewhat reluctantly. The members of the Committee are: Cannon, Dickinson, Drury, Wellman and Purd Wright.

Mr. Wellman has written a letter expressing the opinion that Mr. Lowe is not qualified by temperament to handle

this job and that his relations with Mr. Bowker might be embarrassing.

MR. DUDGEON: Was that resignation as Chairman or as a member of the Committee?

SECRETARY MILAM: Both, so far as I understood it.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: There are two other things I should like to say: First of all, the copyright question is likely to come up at Rome and it may be that this country would join for the first time the International Copyright League as a full member. The second I should have reported earlier. Mr. Lowe said that when he reported to Mr. Hill that he had been appointed to and had accepted this chairmanship of the Book Buying Committee, Mr. Hill acted very coldly toward him.
(Laughter)

I am inclined to think that if Mr. Raney were offered the position again, he would accept it. He did not say so in so many words. He is at present going to appear -- in fact, his conference with Secretary Wilbur was in that capacity -- as the representative of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

MR. DUDGEON: Are any of the members of that Committee to be at Rome?

SECRETARY MILAM: No, not so far as we know.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Is there comment or a motion?



MR. DUDGEON: Who is the logical man if Lowe and Raney are out of the field?

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Eastman and I have been struggling with this for some time.

MR. DUDGEON: Wellman wouldn't act?

SECRETARY MILAM: No.. We didn't ask Mr. Wellman, I think. He is a very poor chairman. His own job seems to take all of his time and energy.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Miss Eastman, would you like to comment on this?

MISS EASTMAN: I should like the opinion of the others and yourself on Dr. Raney, as to whether it would be desirable to ask him. After the difficulties we had in finding anyone else who would consider it at all, I am quite at a loss to know what else to do.

... There was some informal discussion which the reporter was instructed to omit from the record ...

MR. JENNINGS: May we proceed with the other committees and come back to this?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Book Production.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend the same action as taken in connection with the Bibliography Committee.

... On motion regularly made and carried, it was so voted ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Books for the High School

Library Committee.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to take the same action as that taken in connection with the Bibliography Committee ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Cataloging and Classification.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to take the same action as that taken in connection with the Bibliography Committee ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Civil Service Relations.

SECRETARY MILAM: Dr. Bowerman does not wish to serve as Chairman next year.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The present members are: Dr. Bowerman, Chairman; Miss Cooper, Mrs. Dale, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Kaiser, Mr. Levin and Mr. Tolman. Is there anyone there who might serve as Chairman?

MR. WILLIAMSON: I move that Mr. Kaiser be appointed Chairman. He is with the Oakland Public Library.

... The motion was seconded by Miss Flexner ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Mr. Jennings points out that that is a civil service library.

MR. LYDENBERG: Isn't his distance a great handicap?

MR. WILLIAMSON: It isn't an active committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: It is not very active.

MR. JENNINGS: It isn't expected to be a working

committee unless things are referred to it or civil service matters arise that need attention.

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: Wasn't Dr. Bowerman's library a civil service library?

MISS EASTMAN: Yes.

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: So that that argument falls.

MR. JENNINGS: It is a little different. The Oakland Library is municipal civil service.

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: Have you anything to suggest, Mr. Milam?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think Mr. Kaiser or Mr. Levin might be willing to undertake it despite the fact that their libraries are civil service libraries.

... The question was put and the motion carried..

SECRETARY MILAM: That is with the understanding that we will ask him to nominate his Committee.

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: Classification of Library Personnel. That Committee was appointed early this year.

SECRETARY MILAM: My recommendation is that this Committee be appointed as is. Mr. Bostwick has suggested these people since the first of January.

MR. DUDGEON: I so move.

... The motion was seconded by Miss Eastman and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: Code of Ethics Committee.



SECRETARY MILAM: I know the Committee is working and I think it should be reappointed, perhaps with the same provision as the Bibliographic Committee.

MR. DUDGEON: I so move.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Committee on Committees: Mr. Reece, Chairman; Miss Bradley, Mr. Goodrich, Miss Warren and Miss Wright.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted that this Committee be reappointed, subject to the approval of the Chairman...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Constitution and By-Laws: Mr. Severance, Chairman; Mr. Bailey, Mr. R. K. Shaw.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted that this Committee be reappointed, subject to the approval of the Chairman ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Cooperation with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

SECRETARY MILAM: These are all ex officio appointees according to Council action except the Chairman.

MISS EASTMAN: We should appoint the Chairman.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Miss Herbert is Chairman now.

MR. WILLIAMSON: I move her reappointment.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Council Program. Perhaps we had better leave that over.

The President is ex officio a member of that Committee and one other must be appointed for a term of three years. Miss Eastman was a member as President, and Miss Brotherton and Miss Mulheron and Miss Tyler. Miss Tyler's term expired.

MISS EASTMAN: The program makes itself for the Council.

MR. DUDGEON: I make the usual motion, subject to the approval of the Chairman.

SECRETARY MILAM: The Chairman is the President.

MR. DUDGEON: Without qualification with your approval.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I should very much like to keep Miss Tyler on. It will mean the reappointment of the whole Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: We don't reappoint anybody except Miss Tyler.

... The motion was seconded. The question was put and the motion carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Curriculum Study Advisory Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: I would recommend postponement of this because I think their job is done.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Let us defer action.

MR. WHEELER: Aren't they going to revise any

curriculums?

SECRETARY MILAM: Mrs. White says that Miss Hostetter thinks this Committee should be continued until the textbook is revised. I therefore recommend complete re-appointment.

MISS EASTMAN: I so move.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The Editorial Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: That is settled.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The Education Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: You have already selected the Chairman of that. Miss Howard was recommended and we shall consult her and ask for nominations.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Elections: Frank H. Whitmore, Chairman; H. Marjorie Beal, Gertrude E. Dowle, Roena A. Ingham, Effie A. Keith, Hannah Logasa, Ruth G. Nichols, M. Lillian Ryan.

MR. WHEELER: I move that they be reappointed subject to the approval of the Chairman.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Federal and State Relations.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to reappoint this Committee subject to the approval of the Chairman ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Finance Committee:



James I. Wyer, Chairman; Harrison W. Craver and Carl Vitz.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend complete reappointment as they stand.

MISS EASTMAN: I so move.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Graded List of Books for Children.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend reappointment subject to the approval of the Chairman of other members.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to reappoint this Committee subject to the approval of the Chairman ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Guide to Historical Literature: A. H. Shearer, Chairman, and Mr. Meyer.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend reappointment.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to reappoint this Committee ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Hospital Libraries.

There is a letter from Miss Jones on that.

SECRETARY MILAM: She wishes to extend this Committee and makes several suggestions here of people to be chosen.

... Secretary Milam read the letter from Miss Jones ...

MISS EASTMAN: These are additions, are they not?

SECRETARY MILAM: There are a good many additions, yes. One or two are dropped.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: What is your pleasure?

MR. DUDGEON: I move confirmation of the recommendations.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Index to periodicals.

These were appointed only last month.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted that this Committee be reappointed as is ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Institution Libraries.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend reappointment of the Chairman and the others on the Committee with her approval.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to reappoint this Committee subject to the approval of the Chairman ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: International Relations.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to reappoint this Committee with the Chairman's recommendations ...

SECRETARY MILAM: He has already recommended Mr. Randall French as Chairman of the Committee on Duplicates and Mr. John Cotton Dana as Chairman of the Committee on Exchange of Prints. I assume, however, that these names will

all be subject to Mr. Bishop's recommendation.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Journal of Discussion.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Joeckel has the chairmanship of this Committee under consideration and was not willing to give me a decision.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Mr. Works was Chairman and he resigned.

MISS EASTMAN: I move that this be left to the President.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Legislation Committee.

MR. WHEELER: I move that they be reelected as they stand.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Libraries in National Parks.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Koopman, Chairman; Mr. Corbin, Miss James, Mr. Charles Henry Smith. I think this Committee should be reappointed as it stands.

MR. WHEELER: I make such a motion.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Library Administration.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend that this Committee be reappointed with the approval of the Chairman.

MR. DUDGEON: I so move.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Library Cooperation with the Hispanic People.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend that this Committee be reappointed as it stands.

MR. WHEELER: I so move.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Library Relation to City Manager Form of Government.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend reappointment of this Committee.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried it was voted to reappoint this Committee.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Library Radio Broadcasting.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend reappointment subject to the approval of the Chairman.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried it was voted to reappoint this Committee subject to the approval of the Chairman ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Library Revenues.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend reappointment as it stands.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to reappoint this Committee as it stands ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Library Survey.

MR. WHEELER: I move reappointment of this

Committee.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: Library Work with Children.

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't know whether Miss Martin is willing to continue or not.

MISS EASTMAN: May I speak to that? It just occurs to me that I was told this noon that Miss Power has been made head of the Children's Section and Miss Cutter the head of the School Section and I am not quite certain that the Chairman of this Committee ought also to be in Cleveland. It seems to me that is going a little too far in the way of concentration in Cleveland. Helen Martin has worked so very hard on this that I believe in this one case it would be better to pass it on to someone else. Don't you agree, Mr. Milam?

SECRETARY MILAM: If it is true that those two are concentrated in Cleveland, they ought to be members of that Committee -- that has been the custom to make those two members.

MISS EASTMAN: I don't think it would be good policy.

MR. JENNINGS: What was the final decision regarding the relations between the Children's Committee and the Children's Section.

SECRETARY MILAM: It hasn't come yet.

PRESIDENT KEOUGH: The members of that Committee

are Miss Burgess, Miss Porter, Miss Smith and Miss Wilkinson. Will you nominate someone as Chairman or will you appoint somebody else?

MISS EASTMAN: Do you remember who the preceding Chairman was?

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Helen B. Smith.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Would you rather defer it?

MR. WILLIAMSON: I move it be deferred.

MISS EASTMAN: And left in the hands of the President.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: What more can we do later than we can do now?

MR. WILLIAMSON: The President can canvass the field and select someone as the best person to serve as Chairman.

SECRETARY MILAM: I am rather reluctant to see this Committee out of business for any considerable length of time.

MISS EASTMAN: I think the appointment should be made but I do think you have to canvass the field a little.

SECRETARY MILAM: There are editorial matters which should be referred to that Committee within the next few weeks.

MR. DUDGEON: Who are the members?

PRESIDENT:KEOGH: If we leave out Miss Martin they are: Miss Burgess, Miss Porter, Miss Smith, and then you

say the Chairman of the School Libraries and the Children's Librarians' Sections.

MISS EASTMAN: Annabel Porter would make a good Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would like to nominate Miss Porter.

... The nomination was seconded by Mr. Wheeler...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Then this Committee will be subject to Miss Porter's approval.

... The question was put and the nomination carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: List of Foreign Government Serials.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend reappointment.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to reappoint this Committee ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The Membership Committee, Miss Leavitt, Chairman.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend reappointment subject to her recommendation.

MR. JENNINGS: I thought that went geographically depending on the location of the conference.

SECRETARY MILAM: It does sometimes.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The member in California now is Gladys English. Miss Leavitt, of course, is in New York.

MR. DUDGEON: There has been very energetic

operation.

MR. DUDGEON: I think we ought to have a qualified motion on that. She may want to change some of the members. I so move.

... The motion was seconded ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The motion is for reappointment except as the Chairman may desire to make changes.

MR. LYDENBERG: I think you will find her unwilling to serve. She has been on this Committee for two years.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I will write her a note telling her how delighted I was with the reception and follow it up next week by a letter.

... The question was put and the motion carried..

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The Nominating Committee: Mr. Roden, Chairman; Mr. Belden, Mr. Bishop, Miss Rathbone and Miss Warren.

It has been customary, Mr. Milam tells me, to reappoint one member who served in the preceding year in order that the work done may not be lost.

SECRETARY MILAM: It has also been customary for several years to appoint the retiring President but there is a By-Law that prohibits the appointment of a member of the Executive Board.

The Secretary has no recommendation.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Of course, that is a very important Committee.

MISS KRAUSE: I move that it be left to the President.

... The motion was seconded by Miss Eastman and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Oberly Memorial Fund.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend reappointment.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to reappoint this Committee.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Program Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: Ex officio membership.

MR. DUDGEON: Mr. Roden has an idea that big returns might be obtained by having a skilled professional program maker for the A.L.A. conference. Did you ever take that up? There is such a thing as a builder of programs. Mr. Roden made that suggestion. I don't know what they do or how they do it. I am ready to vote "Aye" on it.

MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Roden made the suggestion?

MR. DUDGEON: No. He said the science of program building ought to be observed.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Public Documents Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend this Committee be reappointed with the approval of the Chairman.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it

was voted to reappoint this Committee subject to the approval of the Chairman ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Public Library Branches in School Buildings.

... Upon motion regularly made and seconded, it was voted to reappoint this Committee ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Publicity Committee -- one from each state apparently, with Mr. Cannon as Chairman.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend reappointment with Mr. Cannon's approval. I don't know whether he is willing to serve but we certainly want to try him.

... Upon motion regularly made and seconded, it was voted to reappoint this Committee subject to the approval of the Chairman ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Rag Stock Paper for Government Documents.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to reappoint this Committee ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Recruiting for Library Service -- Miss Loeber, Chairman.

SECRETARY MILAM: She is a very good person.

MR. WHEELER: I move the reappointment of this Committee, subject to her approval.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Reprints and Inexpensive



Editions -- Miss Prouty, Chairman.

MR. WHEELER: I move the reappointment of this Committee.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Resources of American Libraries -- Mr. Gerould, Chairman.

SECRETARY MILAM: He suggests Donald B. Gilchrist, Charles B. Shaw, J. Howard Dice, and Malcolm O. Young.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: That has been in existence a good many years.

SECRETARY MILAM: This is a letter that is several months old. I recommend that we reappoint the Chairman and ask him for suggestions as to his associates.

MR. LYDENBERG: I so move.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Salaries, Insurance and Annuities -- Mr. Compton, Chairman.

SECRETARY MILAM: That is an excellent committee. I recommend reappointment.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it was voted to reappoint this Committee ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Schemes of Library Service -- Miss Rathbone, Chairman.

MR. LYDENBERG: I move reappointment of this



Committee subject to the approval of the Chairman.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Study of Development of
Reading Habits -- a Joint Committee with American Association
for Adult Education.

SECRETARY MILAM: Dr. Williamson and Miss Power
are the A.L.A. members.

MR. DUDGEON: I move reappointment without
qualification. That is very carefully thought out and balanced
up.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Subscription Books. This
Committee has just been appointed.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it
was voted to reappoint this Committee ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Travel Committee - Mr. Faxon,
Chairman.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it
was voted to reappoint this Committee ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Union List of Periodicals.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it
was voted to reappoint this Committee ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Ventilation and Lighting of
Library Buildings.

... Upon motion regularly made and carried, it

was voted to reappoint this Committee ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Visual Methods -- Mr. Patterson, Chairman.

What are visual methods?

SECRETARY MILAM: Moving pictures and slides.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Is Mr. Patterson the person for that?

SECRETARY MILAM: He is in charge of slides at the Chicago Public Library. He is a great enthusiast.

MR. DUDGEON: Is it functioning?

SECRETARY MILAM: It is functioning, Mr. Dudgeon.

I have a feeling that Mr. Patterson is not the kind of man people outside of the library profession would expect to represent the A.L.A. I would like to have Miss Eastman, who has been interested in some of the activities of that Committee, express an opinion. Mr. Patterson has the best will in the world and is very enthusiastic and a hard worker. He isn't very grammatical and he has some peculiar notions of proprieties which may not be important at all.

MR. DUDGEON: His enthusiasm on the subject would cover, if not a multitude, several sins.

MISS EASTMAN: I think there might be a better Chairman for the Committee. I think some of the other members of the Committee have had to try to smooth over some of the deficiencies and have done so to a certain extent but a more

dignified chairman would be desirable, I believe.

MR. DUDGEON: Who are the other members?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Mrs. Allen, Edah F. Burnett, Miss Caldwell, Miss English, Miss Freeman and Miss Stuckey.

MISS KRAUSE: How about Miss Freeman as Chairman?

MISS EASTMAN: Wasn't she Chairman once before? I should like to propose Miss Caldwell for that chairmanship. She and Miss Freeman have been working together very well on it and I doubt whether Miss Freeman would want to take the chairmanship.

I will make that as a motion.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: We will appoint that Committee subject to the usual recommendation.

War Service Activities.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend that they be discontinued.

MR. JENNINGS: I so move.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: George Washington Lists. That is new and Miss Ahern has been asked to suggest an associate and has not yet done so. Shall we reappoint her?

MR. LYDENBERG: What is that Committee?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: George Washington Lists.

It is listed alphabetically under "W." They are a list of books in schools.

SECRETARY MILAM: Popular books to be used in connection with the big celebration which is to take place in a couple of years. This is at the request of Albert Bushnell Hart.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Shall we reappoint Miss Ahern and wait for her recommendation?

MISS EASTMAN: I so move.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Williamson and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Work with the Blind -- Mrs. Davis, Chairman.

I have a note here that Mrs. Davis does not wish to serve as Chairman next year. She suggests Miss Mabel Gillis and Miss Annie E. Carson. Mr. Josephson suggests Miss Goldthwaite.

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Gillis is in the State Library in California and Miss Goldthwaite is in New York and was the Chairman preceding Mrs. Davis.

MR. DUDGEON: Is Miss Gillis Acting Librarian?

MR. JENNINGS: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMSON: I move that Miss Gillis be appointed.

... The motion was seconded by Miss Eastman and



carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Work with the Foreign Born -- Miss Phillips, Chairman.

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Phillips is an excellent Chairman.

MR. DUDGEON: I make the usual motion subject to the approval of the Chairman.

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Shall we go back to Book Buying or shall we stop?

MR. DUDGEON: I would like to know if somebody has got some new ideas?

MR. WHEELER: I have put down some names here; some of them you won't want to consider very long: Hicks, Joeckel, Munn, Gerould, Shaw, Ranck, Wyer, and Sherman.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Will you read those again.

MR. WHEELER: Hicks, Joeckel -- how important is the distance element?

SECRETARY MILAM: It is pretty important.

MR. LYDENBERG: They should be within striking distance of Washington.

MR. WHEELER: That is why I am afraid Joeckel won't do. Mr. Munn, Mr. Gerould and Mr. Shaw. I did have Ranck but he is as far away as Joeckel. Mr. Sherman and Mr. J. R. Wyer.

MR. DUDGEON: What is the matter with J. R. Wyer?

MR. WILLIAMSON: Mr. Munn's legal training would be an asset for that.

MR. DUDGEON: I speak of Wyer because I imagine Wyer knows the fundamental of it pretty well.

MR. WHEELER: He would be good.

MISS EASTMAN: I should think he would be about as good as anybody on all accounts.

MR. WHEELER: Isn't it the general impression that the matter has been jockeyed along about to the point where, if we had the right personality, we could get it through so it wouldn't be dragging along maybe after this?

MR. LYDENBERG: I don't think that is fair to the Chairman. There are too many other elements. We depend on the motion picture people, for instance. That is pretty nearly a dominating element now.

MR. WHEELER: These are only names that happened to come to my mind as I looked over the list.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Are there other names to be considered?

MISS EASTMAN: Mr. Munn could hardly take that as he is Chairman of the Federal and State Relations Committee, which is also an important one. He was selected because of his nearness to Washington.

MR. WHEELER: Perhaps it would be better to change his position if he would be the man for this one. This seems to be a very important committee now.

MISS EASTMAN: I think it would probably necessitate a change.

MR. LYDENBERG: What particular experience have any of these men except Hicks had in buying books?

MR. DUDGEON: Wyer has had some. You don't think we ought to put Hopper down?

MR. LYDENBERG: I have been thinking about that a good deal. I wish we could get the advice of both Hopper and Cannon. It is out of the question now. If the President is likely to be in New York in the next few days, there is a possibility there.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Not for a fortnight probably.

MR. JENNINGS: To my mind, as I have sized up the names, I would put Hopper first and Gerould second and Wyer third.

MR. DUDGEON: Couldn't you take that suggestion and get enough light on it to set it up before you leave?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: That is, get Hopper, if possible; and the second choice would be Gerould and the third Wyer.

MR. DUDGEON: I think any one of those three would be very satisfactory.

MR. LYDENBERG: I think that Gerould would not be advisable here, not because of any lack of ability but because Gerould's experience in buying books has been practically entirely outside of the field of copyright books, and that is where our emphasis is going to be. Anybody who is buying books in the field that the college librarian does, spends more of his money abroad than he does here and the current copyrights are pretty nearly negligible.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Mr. Milam points out that Mr. Gerould is already on the following Committees: Index to all Periodicals, Library Revenues, Resources of American Libraries and the Union List of Periodicals.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Wyer is Chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of the Curriculum Study Advisory Committee.

MR. DUDGEON: I move that this matter be referred to the President. I think he is going to get the time to go into this, with an expression, if you wish, that Hopper or Wyer would be very satisfactory.

MR. LYDENBERG: I can, of course, see Hopper and Cannon Monday morning and talk with them about it but I hate to make that suggestion throwing it all in the hands of so few. It would be so much better to have it worked out here in open meeting.

MR. WILLIAMSON: I whispered aloud the question

of whether we could use Thompson in any way? The same objection would hold as for Gerould.

MR. LYDENBERG: We have passed Thompson over because we thought he had his hands full in running the library in Dickinson's absence.

MR. DUDGEON: Would that be tolerable for you?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Oh, yes, indeed.

MR. DUDGEON: With these comments, I move that it be left to the President.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Lydenberg, do you still think there is a probability of getting Mr. Cannon?

MR. LYDENBERG: I won't say yes or no. If Cannon and Hopper and I get together Monday morning, I can assure you that the thing will be given very honest consideration with a careful weighing of the difficulties that are inherent in it for either of them.

SECRETARY MILAM: The reason I want to know is because Mr. Cannon was not specifically in the list. We want him in the motion if he is not out of it entirely.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: If any one of these four -- that is, Hopper, Cannon, Wyer or Gerould -- should be willing to act as Chairman, would that be acceptable to the Board?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think Gerould should be dropped as Mr. Lydenberg recommended.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: We shall leave it to Hopper,

Cannon and Wyer. Do you want them in any specific order?

MR. LYDENBERG: How about Hicks and his activities?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: He couldn't get away. He has a new library building to look after.

MR. DUDGEON: If I may amend my motion, I would say that evidently there is a preference for Mr. Hopper if possible, but that we also favor Mr. Wyer, Mr. Cannon or Mr. Hicks.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Shall we name Hopper as No. 1; Cannon, No. 2; Wyer, No. 3; and Hicks, No. 4. Are we agreed to that in general?

... The motion was seconded and carried ...

... There being no further business to come before the meeting, it adjourned at four-ten o'clock ...
