

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

June 24, 1927

The Friday morning meeting of the Council, held at Wyoliffe, convened at ten o'clock, Miss A. M. Mulheron presiding.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: The meeting will come to order. Before beginning the regular business of the morning session, I should like to call upon Mr. Wright for an announcement.

... Mr. Wright made an announcement regarding registration ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: I am sure the Council concurs with Mr. Wright's recommendation.

The next order of business is a very pleasant one. The United Kingdom is having its large meeting this year and we would feel very remiss and very much hurt if we couldn't extend as the American Library Association our greetings to the library meeting of the United Kingdom. It gives me great pleasure to have Mr. Milam present those greetings to you for your approval.

SECRETARY MILAM: Madam Chairman, the President asked Dr. Putnam to draft a resolution or a word of greeting for the Library Association and after spending some time on it myself with Dr. Putnam, this is presented for your approval.

... Secretary Milam presented the prepared

resolution ...

SECRETARY MILAM: It was the intention of the Executive Board that if and when this is approved by the Council, it should be printed in attractive form and presented to the British Library Association on the occasion of the Edinburgh Conference.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: You have heard this resolution of greeting. Do I hear a motion for its approval?

MR. RANCK: I want to ask a question before I move the adoption of this very admirable resolution. Why 27? The Conference adjourns here tomorrow. It said from June 20 to 27.

SECRETARY MILAM: The official dates for the Conference are June 20 to 27. After the meetings close there will be two days of professional sightseeing in Toronto under the guidance of the Toronto Public Library and staff. We hope you are not going right back to Grand Rapids but that you are going to see the library.

MR. RANCK: The explanation is entirely satisfactory and I have great pleasure in moving the adoption of the resolution.

MEMBER: By a rising vote.

... The motion was seconded and carried by a rising vote ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Last year we had greetings

from the United Kingdom and it pleases us extremely to think that they found something in the United States of profit perhaps and pleasure enough to send another representative to us this year. It is with great pleasure that we welcome the representative of the United Kingdom, whom I present to you -- Mr. George T. Shaw, the Librarian of the City of Liverpool, England. (Applause)

MR. GEORGE T. SHAW: Madam Chairman, Mr. Milam, Ladies and Gentlemen: There is one thing, let me say at the outset, that I particularly admire and that is that you have fixed the time of speaking for me at ten o'clock. Whether ten o'clock at night or in the morning, I never knew it was such a convenient hour until now. If it had been ten o'clock at night I could have said, "After such a long and weary day and such a heavy program, you will not expect a long speech from me." At ten o'clock in the morning, I can say, "With such a long and heavy program before you, you will not expect a long speech from me." (Laughter)

Therefore, I am going to escape with what is usually called a few remarks but the fewness of those remarks must not in any way be regarded as indicating the slightest diminution of sincerity.

You are kindly sending greetings to the Library Association of the United Kingdom. Those greetings, I know, will be very fully appreciated and the Secretary will be duly

authorized by the Council of the Library Association to fully and adequately acknowledge them. Therefore, I will leave that acknowledgment, Madam Chairman, to him.

Dr. Guppy, the President of the Library Association sent, at the beginning of this Conference, greetings, and those greetings were read. They were good wishes to you and hopes that you might have a successful conference. I tender you more than greetings. I tender you congratulations on a most successful conference. I have been attending conferences for a long time now -- not American conferences, I am sorry to say but British conferences. I have organized them as well as attended them. I know the labor connected with the organization of them and I know what gratification it is when they are a success and I therefore tender to your Committee and to the Council generally of the Association and to Dr. Locke and the local committee in particular, on behalf of myself and on behalf of the Council and members of the Library Association of England, very hearty congratulations on the success of the wonderful conference you have held in Toronto this year. (Applause)

I have had one or two shocks since I came. When I rose to speak yesterday I said I came from Liverpool. I thought, in my vanity, that Liverpool was well known but then I was asked, "Liverpool -- where?" (Laughter) I notice that our Chairman was careful to say, "Liverpool, England." I

can quite understand that after last year. You know there is a place called Manchester which contains Dr. Guppy and the John Rylands Library. But I naturally took it for granted that everyone knew the largest transport center almost in the world, and I put it up against New York because, after all, I think New York couldn't exist without Liverpool as the other end. (Applause) I naturally took Liverpool for granted.

I am speaking today not only on behalf of the Library Association but I am speaking also, although I have no authority from the Library Association proper to so speak, on behalf of one of the branches of the Library Association; that is the Northwestern Branch. It includes the County of Lancashire and we have a statement in England that what Lancashire thinks today England thinks tomorrow and the world thinks the day after. We leave that as understood.

It was in Lancashire that the public library movement in England was started. It was a Liverpool man, a Lancashire man, who moved the bid and appropriated the bid -- William York related to William York Gladstone. It was Lancashire and Liverpool who were running neck to neck in the race to be the first to open a public library. Lancashire won through Liverpool's having a generous donor who made certain stipulations in connection with its gift that rendered it necessary for Liverpool to obtain a private and special act of Parliament and that special act of Parliament caused the delay

but it enabled the Liverpool people to insert a law authorizing payment for lectures out of the rates. In that way the Liverpool Public Library has been a pioneer in library talks and library lectures. Even when the main public library bill was amended, authority was not inserted for payment of lectures out of the rates and it is one of the things, you remember, which Colonel Mitchell referred to in his admirable address a night or two ago.

I am particularly interested in the enthusiasm that is thrown into your work in America and Canada. Probably the payment or the high rate of pay attracts people who fully appreciate all that library work means for the elevation of the people and therefore you have a great advantage over us in England where those in authority have not grasped that fact. But they are grasping it and one of the great benefits to England is the interchange or the intercourse between the two nations. It is a great boon to us and a great advantage to come to America and to Canada. It will be a great advantage to us, and I venture to think to you, to come to England. We are hoping that will act and react on each other.

Colonel Mitchell has told you of the arrangements that are being made by the Carnegie Trustees to send representatives from England, particularly of the younger librarians, over to the States. That is a great idea and I do hope that it won't be one-sided, that you will not wait for the

fiftieth anniversary before you send deputations to England but that you will come over and when you do come, Liverpool is a landing place and I know that every library you visit in the United Kingdom, collectively or individually, will extend you a very hearty welcome.

One of the most brilliant ambassadors of the long line of brilliant ambassadors with whom the United States has honored England to have represent them at the Court of St. James, James Russell Lowell, speaking once in Liverpool said, "Liverpool is the one end of the three thousand mile loom upon which the shuttles that are binding the nations together with ties that are becoming more and more visible are continually passing to and fro." And I venture to add that among the ties that are becoming visible are the library ties. We have a common language. We have the care, as librarians, of the knowledge of the whole world. We share that knowledge. We have to give facilities to make it easy of access to the people of the world. You have to do that in America to a greater extent than you have to do it in England because you have the greater variety of people. But the world is realizing the great agency that the public library is in that great civilizing work. Therefore such organizations as this Library Association and such conventions as you are holding now are in every way worthy of admiration and encouragement. In that spirit I tender to your members, Madam Chairman, the congratu-

lations of the Library Council and the Library Association of England and Great Britain. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Mr. Shaw, I apologize for telling the Council where Liverpool is. You see I live in a place named Portland and when I tell people I come from Portland main they say, "Oh, from Portland, Maine." And people have actually had the temerity, when I have said I come from the coast, to ask, "Which coast?" So you see when we name places we have to tell where they are.

Mr. Shaw, we hope that this will not be the last conference you attend and that you will attend many more and come with greetings and without greetings from Liverpool.

Having dispensed with the pleasant part of the Council, we will now proceed to business.

Mr. Bailey has a report on Depository Libraries. Is Mr. Bailey here?

... Mr. Bailey was not present ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: The next order of business is the report on Library Information Service by Miss Guerrier of the Boston Public Library.

Miss Guerrier! (Applause)

... Miss Edith Guerrier presented her prepared report ... (Applause)

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: You have heard the report. What is your pleasure?

MR. CHASE: I move the adoption of the report and of the recommendation which it carries, but before doing so I would like to ask Miss Guerrier if she cares to tell us why a change has been made from the Bureau of Education to the Office of Superintendent of Documents? It seems to me we should be more intelligent in our action if we know that.

MISS GUERRIER: I am very glad that Mr. Chase asked that question. I didn't want to take up a lot of your time (it is so pleasant outside) with going into so much detail. When the Chairman of the Committee on Public Documents first sent around this resolution for the approval of the members, she received a note from Miss Hartwell of the Superintendent of Documents' office saying she would like a little more time to consider the resolution. As we had a majority in favor of it, we put the resolution in effect.

At the end of the month Miss Hartwell presented a paper which is so admirable I should be glad if I had the time to read it to you. I got on the train and went right down to Washington and had an interview with Miss Hartwell, Mr. Tisdale and Dr. Meyer of the Library of Congress. We talked this matter over very thoroughly and for the reasons given in Miss Hartwell's paper and for one or two reasons which I will briefly give you, we made this change, although there are many of us who still believe that an educational service primarily belongs in the Bureau of Education and the

thing to do is get it if you can.

The reasons, briefly, for the change, are, first, the avoidance of duplication. The Superintendent of Documents' office already has probably the best library in the United States, if not the best, of Government documents. They have everything that has been published from the beginning right back, all classified and well organized. In putting this into the Bureau of Education it would mean that they would have to select a certain number of documents already in there. It would also be an extension of a service in that office already rather well known. The fact that the Superintendent of Documents issues and distributes the publications of all departments is also another reason.

The question may be asked, Why was it not considered desirable to put it in the Library of Congress? At first when it was considered that was desired and when steps were first taken to start things going I went personally to Dr. Putnam and asked if the Library of Congress was not the place for the service and he said it was not the function of that library to perform educational extension service. Inasmuch as Dr. Meyer of the Library of Congress is in sympathy with this change and indeed was good enough to say that with the help of the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress he would give some of his valuable time toward the redrafting of this bill now in process, I thought we were

pretty safe in proposing this change.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: There is a motion before the Council. Is there a second?

... The motion was seconded ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Is there any discussion?

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

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Is Miss Mann here? Will you make your report on decimal classification numbers on Library of Congress Cards?

MISS MARGARET MANN: I am here, not as a member of the Council but as Chairman of the A.L.A. Catalog Committee. I have to offer no resolution and perhaps you would prefer to hear the resolution and then if you need any explanation I am here to give it. I think it would be better perhaps to ask that a member of the Council, Miss Tyler, present the resolution and I will make any additions if you need them.

... Miss Tyler presented the prepared resolution from the Catalog Section ...

MISS TYLER: Madam Chairman, I move the adoption of this resolution from the Catalog Section.

... The motion was seconded ...

MEMBER: I would like to hear what Miss Mann has to say about this.

MISS MANN: The plan might be elaborated a little bit by saying that it is the idea to have a group of

catalogers working at the Library of Congress by permission of the Librarian of Congress, Dr. Putnam, in first assigning D.C. numbers and having them printed on library cards, and second in doing additional work in making and editing analytical cards for a composite work.

Such a plan would, without doubt, accomplish the following: First, tend to guarantee a more speedy choice of numbers for a new subject and so lead to a more up-to-date decimal classification. Second, putting numbers on L.C. cards would greatly facilitate the work of all libraries where this work is used. Third, there would be greater uniformity in classification throughout the country. Analytical cataloging is much needed but more work must be done. It could be done by sending in work to the Library of Congress if there was someone at the Library of Congress to edit the cards and prepare them for printing. That would be one of the duties of this group of catalogers.

There are certain obstacles which I think perhaps you would be interested in knowing before you pass this. Of course, the first is financial support which must enter into such an undertaking. That is what the catalogers are asking for. Also, there is the difficulty of securing a class of workers qualified to do this work. The other point which I have made is the printing of the analytical cards. We are told that the printing branch of the Library of Congress is

overcrowded with work and unable to keep up with the current work. I talked to Mr. Hastings about this yesterday and he thought if they were asked to print more cards that perhaps some provision would be made by which the printer could turn out more work.

The Committee has heard from Dr. Dewey through Miss Fellows that Miss Fellows will go to Washington and open an office at the Library of Congress to be on hand to supply explanations on the Decimal Classification, we hope, as they are needed. I think that we all realize that the success of any such undertaking depends upon the expansion of the D.C. If the D. C. is not to be expanded according to our needs, the proposition will fail but if we can secure up-to-date explanations of the D.C. it is going to be a very excellent proposition. I don't know whether Miss Fellows is here. Perhaps if she is, she would be glad to say something on it.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Is Miss Fellows in the audience?

MISS FELLOWS: I should be glad to answer any questions that may be asked in regard to this, or perhaps I might make a preliminary statement that I have simply been staying in Albany during the past winter in order to finish the work of the D.C. and there was an unexpected delay in the printing office. The D.C. came out of the printing house last Thursday and probably most of my possessions are already

on the way to Washington and I expect to go there and establish myself there. However, if there are any questions on the work that I am to do there, I should be glad to answer them to the best of my ability.

MR. RANCK: There is one question that occurs to me that hasn't been referred to, although I suppose it has been referred to from the Washington end, and that is the attitude of the Federal Government toward an outside department's being represented by workers in the Federal Government Department. That has brought about some criticism in some of the other departments. Perhaps Dr. Meyer could tell us about that as far as the Library of Congress is concerned.

MR. MEYER: I don't know that I can speak with any authority on that but I know that Dr. Putnam's scheme of developing the fellowship means the bringing into the library of outside scholars who are paid from trust funds. I don't see why this shouldn't be considered as pretty closely allied to that. It is a question that only Dr. Putnam can answer but I think any fears which you may have under that head can be kept in abeyance until he has had a chance to make a decision.

MISS MANN: May I say that Dr. Putnam was, of course, approached about this and has sanctioned it.

MR. G. T. SHAW: Has any estimate been made of the probable cost to the A.L.A. of this work?

MISS MANN: No, we hope that a Committee will

be appointed to investigate all of that before the work is to be undertaken. That is the preliminary work to be done, to find out how much it will cost.

DR. BOSTWICK: Some of us back here would like to know how much this is going to cost.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Miss Mann has just answered that question by saying that they are asking for a Committee to be appointed by the A.L.A. to go into the matter. Are there any other questions or explanations that are asked for? If not, there is a motion before the Council on the adoption of this recommendation.

... The question was put to a vote and the motion carried ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Has Mr. Bailey come into the room yet?

... Mr. Bailey was not present ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Is there anyone authorized to speak for the Federal and State Relations Committee?

... There was no such person present ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: We will proceed to the next order of business which is the Recommendations of the Committee on Cooperation with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. I know that Miss Porter is not here. Is there anyone else on this Committee who is present and ready with the report? If not, I will ask the Secretary to read the

recommendations for your consideration.

SECRETARY MILAM: The Report of the Committee on Cooperation with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers was printed in the July Bulletin and mailed to all members. Some of you may have read it; some of you may not have read it. The recommendations are at the end of it.

First, perhaps I should remind you that the Committee calls attention here to the complications which have arisen during the year. The Committee has found that the Parent-Teachers Association has designated Miss Askew and put her in some official capacity representing children's library work and children's books. At the request of the Parent-Teachers Association the Executive Board designated Miss Merrill, Executive Assistant in Library Extension, as a consultant for the Parent-Teacher group. In the meantime there was the Committee appointed by the Executive Board on Cooperation with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and it, in turn, had appointed state committees in some places. In order to bring those groups together, there has been no conflict I assure you but splendid cooperation, these are the recommendations of the Committee found on page 136-7 of the Bulletin.

... Secretary Milam read the recommendations to which reference was made ...

SECRETARY MILAM: Those, you will observe, are alternative recommendations, the last and longer one being self-

contained and the former simply providing that these chairmen of the several groups be added as advisory members to the present committee. You may take your choice.

... Secretary Milam read the last recommendation of the Committee ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: You have heard the recommendations of this Committee. What is your wish?

MISS TYLER: It seems to me that is a very confusing recommendation. We would scarcely know what to do with it. Are we to choose between the two?

SECRETARY MILAM: That is what the Committee expected apparently. There are two recommendations here with an "or" between them. You may take your choice: First, that the Chairmen listed below (that is the Chairman of Board on the Library and Adult Education, the Chairman of the Library Extension Committee and all that list that I read) be included (as members or as advisory members) in the personnel of the A.L.A. Committee on Cooperation with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Or

Second, that the present committee be discontinued and a committee composed of the following be appointed.

... Secretary Milam then read the list contained in the prepared report ...

SECRETARY MILAM: That is something outside our group.

MR. MEYER: Perhaps you can answer a question in connection with this. Does that last grouping really represent the various bodies, committees, etc. interested in this question better than the original committee plus the chairmen?

SECRETARY MILAM: That is a matter of opinion, Mr. Meyer, of course; it isn't a matter of fact. These are mostly children's librarians on this group of the present committee. The proposed committee in this second resolution would provide for representation of library extension, adult education, school libraries and children's libraries.

MR. MEYER: Then I move the adoption of the second recommendation.

... The motion was seconded ...

MR. CHASE: It seems to me in order to see this clearly, as I understand it, it is simply a question of whether the Committee shall consist solely of these various ex officio persons or of those persons in addition to a committee of others appointed. It is simply a question of whether you want that group alone or that group with additions appointed.

MR. SEVERN: I have considered this several times. I favor the first for this reason, that a special committee operating or cooperating here with the National Parent-Teachers Association is much better than taking the heads of several other committees as a committee. This first

committee as named here having this particular thing in hand could surely give it more attention than a committee composed of the heads of various other committees. The first one states here that this committee would be continued with some other committee and then this committee can call into counsel the chairmen of these related committees. I think that would be better than it would to make the heads of these other committees a committee to confer with the National Council of Teachers. So I am not in favor of Mr. Meyer's motion. If that is not carried, I would like to move that we adopt the first one.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: The motion is before the Council to adopt the second recommendation.

MR. MEYER: The real purpose of my original question and then the motion was to bring out some discussion. Now we have had that and I think Mr. Severn's reasons are excellent and if he will move that as a substitute, as the original mover of the motion I will accept it and then it will rest with the seconder to accept it.

MISS POWER: I think that original committee was appointed for one year only.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Mr. Jennings has come into the room. Can you help us out on these recommendations of Miss Porter?

MR. JENNINGS: I am afraid I can't. I know this

has been discussed quite extensively as to the two methods and I think they felt if the chairmen of these various committees were made members of the Committee, regular members of the Committee, they would take a great deal more interest and it would tie the vote down and they would work together.

MISS POWER: I think they had to make an alternative because that original committee was appointed for one year only and they couldn't very well recommend the first form only.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Mr. Jennings, do you know what was in the minds of the committee as to which one of these recommendations they wanted approved?

MR. JENNINGS: I don't think I do. (Laughter)

MISS TYLER: Is Miss Merrill in the room? Miss Merrill was at the Parent-Teachers meeting and it seems to me pretty closely in touch with this and I thought her opinion might be rather valuable if she were in the room.

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Merrill has two other meetings this morning and she is not present.

MR. SEVERN: I wish to make a substitute motion substituting the one I am making for the one Mr. Meyer made, to this effect: that the present Committee be continued and that we add to that Committee the chairmen of the departments named in the second paragraph, and that the third recommendation be adopted.

... The substitute motion was accepted by the maker and seconder of the original motion ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Then the motion before you is that the first recommendation be accepted, that the present Committee be continued with the addition of the chairmen of the departments named. Is there any discussion?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think perhaps I ought to call attention to the fact that probably through an oversight one committee was left out of that tabulation. They have named the Committee on Children's Library Work and the Children's Library Section; they have named the School Library Section but they have not named what we call the Educational Committee, which is a School Library Committee, and I imagine that was omitted for no reason except oversight and I would suggest that it be included with the others.

MR. SEVERN: I accept that.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Is there any further discussion?

... The question was put to a vote and the motion carried ...

MR. SEVERN: I move now the adoption of the last recommendation. That was not included in the motion. If that was included by the Chairman and if that is understood, it is all right.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: I will call upon the Secre-

tary for an announcement.

SECRETARY MILAN: The Secretary had a communication from a member of the Executive Board calling attention to the long years of service of Mr. Charles Alexander Nelson of New York and suggesting that the Council might wish to consider him for honorary membership. The letter was lost between Detroit and Toronto, or perhaps I should admit more frankly between the President and the Secretary. I think he has it; I don't know what he thinks. (Laughter) But it isn't here. Anyhow, the suggestion was from Miss Hichler (?) that the Council consider electing Mr. Charles Alexander Nelson as an honorary member.

You may not all have your handbooks with you and maybe I ought to say that the present honorary members, according to the handbook, are Charles William Eliot, recently deceased, and Frank A. Vanderlip.

MR. RANOK: I would suggest that the Secretary or someone state briefly Mr. Nelson's work in connection with the librarians. There are some people like myself who aren't familiar with this.

DR. HILL: As one of the younger members of the Association, I would be very glad to move that Charles Alexander Nelson be made an honorary member of the Association.

I have forgotten whether Mr. Nelson is ninety-two or one hundred and two but he has been a member of this As-

sociation for a great many years. He has been secretary of the Association for one year at least. He has done splendid work as librarian in many libraries and today keeps up his interest in library work. We have not been in the habit of making one of our own members an honorary member but I think this is a good precedent to establish and I am heartily in favor of making this record. When I get to be of the age of Mr. Nelson and have done as much service, I hope that I may be favored with such honor.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Dr. Hill, as a younger member of the Association, will you tell the older members a little more explicitly just who Mr. Nelson is.

DR. HILL: Mr. Charles Alexander Nelson is a retired member of the American Library Association. I don't recall how long ago he entered the service. He was associated with the Howard Memorial Library. I think he was the first librarian of the Howard Memorial Library in New Orleans. He was connected with Columbia University for a great many years and there are a lot of other things I can tell you that he did but I see Miss Brown and Mr. Jones on the front seats down there, one of whom was registrar and the other treasurer in the days when Mr. Nelson was an active member and I think both or either of them could enlighten you more than I could.

MISS NINA BROWNE: Mr. Nelson celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of library service I think it was two

years ago. It may have been last year but I think it was two years ago. When I first knew Mr. Nelson back in the late eighties he had been cataloging and was the compiler of the printed catalog which you all know. He went from New York to New Orelans and he has served in many places. I can't give a long list of them. But he was in active library service for fifty years and is still interested and is still going strong, as the modern statement goes. He has a delightful personality and that quality has not left him at this advanced age. He is in the eighties and not in the nineties or one hundred and two years of age.

MR. REECE: In giving these reports as to Mr. Nelson's long years of service, I think the figures seem to most of us as they seem and sound when people hear and talk about a million dollars. I want to ask Miss Browne whether it isn't seventy years or seventy-five years of consecutive library and literary service with which Mr. Nelson is accredited.

MISS BROWNE: He told me fifty.

MR. REECE: I don't know enough about the precedence and grounds on which honorary membership have been bestowed before, but I would like to suggest that whatever is done, possibly there is no alternative motion before the house, that the Resolutions Committee be requested to include in its report a message of greeting upon which the Association might

act at a convenient time.

MR. WALTER: Mr. Nelson's service is rather unusual. As many of you know, he was for many years reference librarian at Columbia University. But he told me some years ago when I was a mere infant and Dr. Hill was only middle-aged in service that one of the things he felt that was his most enduring monument was the fact that he made the bibliography of the New International Encyclopedia usable for librarians.

I think more of you are indebted to him than know it, and it is eminently fitting to honor him in this way.

MISS BROWNE: Mr. Milam was just speaking about the qualifications for the honorary membership. I happened to be at the meeting at which President Eliot was made an honorary member. It was at the Magnolia meeting and he had been quite in the forefront of that meeting by proposing that we should have a storehouse for dead books and because of his exalted position and his interest in libraries and education generally, they thought it was the proper thing to make him an honorary member and it was so done.

DR. HILL: The excuse for making Frank Vanderlip an honorary member of the Association was because he happened to be the chairman of the honorary committee at the time when we were getting the million dollar fund. He was an honorary member of that honorary committee and he did mighty little work but he was made an honorary member.

MR. GARDNER JONES: With regard to qualifications for honorary membership somewhere in the nineties or a little after that we made about a half dozen men honorary members who attended the 1853 conference and were still living.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Mr. Milam calls my attention to this, which may help in this matter. Section 4 under membership in the Constitution of the American Library Association says, "On nomination of the Council, honorary members may be elected by unanimous vote of any meeting of the Association."

MR. RANCK: That would mean that all we could do would be to nominate him and recommend his election at the meeting tonight. The motion ought to be framed that way.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Will you repeat your motion?

DR. HILL: I will have to modify that. I will move that Charles Alexander Nelson be nominated for honorary membership and that that nomination be made to the meeting tonight.

MR. RANCK: I would like to see added to that that someone be authorized to prepare a brief statement to be read tonight when that nomination is presented stating the record of the work of Mr. Nelson in connection with librarianship and the reasons for this nomination. I am sure that ninety per cent of the audience there will hardly recognize his name and a statement of that kind ought to go with it, it

seems to me.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Dr. Hill, do you accept that?

DR. HILL: I do and I hope that Miss Brown is made the one and only member of that committee.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Are you ready for the question? The motion has been made that Mr. Charles Alexander Nelson be nominated for honorary membership in the American Library Association.

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

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Miss Browne, will you draw up a statement for Mr. Milan?

MISS BROWNE: I am not a member of the Council. I think Dr. Hill would be the one to do that.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Dr. Hill says that you can do it and I think you had better do it.

Mr. Bailey, is your report ready?

MR. L. J. BAILEY: The Committee on Federal and State Relations has two recommendations, one relating to the distribution of public documents. Senator Johnson of California introduced a measure at the last Congress which is to provide new methods for conserving those libraries to whom public documents would be regularly sent. It provided that the Superintendent of Documents in the Library of Congress should determine upon investigation the needs for documents and to whom they should be sent, such a number not to exceed

2000 libraries. I think we all realize the difficulties that the newer libraries have had in getting documents and the situation which this would tend to relieve. Therefore, the Committee has prepared this resolution.

... Mr. Bailey presented the prepared resolution of the Committee ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: You have heard this resolution. What is your pleasure?

MEMBER: I move its adoption.

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

MR. BAILEY: The second resolution relates to the matter of a book post. You remember that the American Association of Book Publishers has been working for a book post which is different from the library post which our Association has been working on for several years. The book post really affects books beyond the fourth zone and attempts to classify them under the designation which is similar and equal to that for newspapers and magazines and periodical literature.

The library post relates to sending books in local zones, the first three zones particularly. We hesitated to bring up such a resolution because of the fact of a distinction between the support by the publishers and support by the book sellers but this year, supporting this legislation for the book post, our Committee has prepared this resolu'

... Mr. Bailey presented the prepared resolution of the Committee ...

MEMBER: I move its adoption.

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

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Is there another recommendation?

MR. BAILEY: That is all.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Mr. Belden, did you have something to present?

MR. BELDEN: Madam Chairman and Members of the Council, the following telegram has been addressed to Mr. Locke and is from the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.

... Mr. Belden read the telegram ...

MR. BELDEN: As ex-state librarian of Massachusetts and one of the numerous members of the American Library Association who is deeply concerned over the unhappy situation that has arisen in Ohio, I would beg to submit to the members of the Council the following statement and resolution.

... Mr. Belden presented his prepared resolution ... (Applause)

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: You have heard the resolution read by Mr. Belden. Do you move its adoption?

MR. BELDEN: I will gladly move its adoption.

... The motion was seconded ...

MR. RANCK: There was one word I may have mis-

understood. I understood you to say "secession." You mean "cessation," don't you?

MR. BELDEN: Yes.

MR. RANCK: There was another question and that was as to the appropriateness of giving that resolution to the leading newspapers of Ohio and to the Associated Press, and there is the question of policy as to whether it is advisable to put that in the resolution but it seems to me that ought to be done.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Do you accept that amendment?

MR. BELDEN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Is there any other discussion?

MISS M. E. DOWNEY: I am not speaking against the motion but I feel that a few words might be said in regard to the conditions in general in the State of Ohio. Some of you will remember that I was connected with the state work a number of years ago when similar things which are now happening occurred and so I know the inside of this. When this letter came I went over and had a conference with the Governor. I wanted to see what he had to say about it. He is not unfriendly to library work or to education in general in any way.

The State of Ohio is now \$12,000,000 in debt and before six months passes, unless there is great economy in all lines, and the library is not the only one to be af-

fect, the State will be \$7,000,000 more in debt, or \$19,000,000, which is a very serious consideration. The City of Columbus has four state tax-supported libraries -- the State University, the Law Library, the State Library and the State Historical Society Library. The Governor considers that the work of the State Library is repeated or done by the other libraries. There are in addition four state-supported teachers' college libraries in the four corners of the state so that there are five distributing centers. He said that it was a matter of extravagant organization through the years of the State's development and that there had come a time when there would have to be a retrenchment along many lines.

There is also the question of a survey of service according to the expenditures and when it comes to the matter of how much service is given in the distribution of books from the library at cost to the State, it is an important consideration and one that might have some consideration by the Association. So when an action of this kind is taken there should be various considerations of it.

I remember when a similar action to this was taken when this situation arose some time ago, it seemed to do more harm than it did good to pass such a resolution. I think it did more harm to the State of Ohio than it did good to have the resolution passed.

I just thought this statement should be made.

MISS TYLER: Madam Chairman, I feel that probably another voice from Ohio might not be inappropriate. We feel that to weaken and in fact to obliterate almost the results of good professional library work by disintegrating a collection and throwing it out into the hands of untrained people who are not wishing to have the task thrust upon them, of course, is an absurdity. I know personally from conversation with librarians where the Governor has proposed sending books that they don't want any such disintegration and say that they will immediately have to add to their staffs trained people who will offset the other expense.

I think I could safely say, although I am not authorized to do so, that the Ohio Library Association would stand solidly back of this resolution and welcome it. We need help in Ohio and if this will help, it seems to me it is as little as the American Library Association can do to give us this service.

MR. VITZ: In regard to the State finances, I think it would be fair to add that the State Treasurer and the State Auditor are not in agreement with the Governor's contention that the financial situation is so difficult, and I trust the State Treasurer is as well qualified to express an opinion on the subject as is the State Governor.

As regards the report to the State Association, I happen to have had the responsibility of the Chairmanship of

the Legislative Committee during the last year and I feel quite convinced that Miss Tiley is correct that it is practically the unanimous feeling of the librarians of the State that this is a crisis and all possible help is needed. As to the library activities in the state, I can't think how anything could make it worse and there is a strong probability that this will help, if not in the immediate situation at least in whatever correction has to be made later. I feel very strongly that a resolution of this sort is what the librarians of the state need.

MISS EASTMAN: I don't know, I think the situation is probably well enough understood by all but I do want to add my own most earnest plea that you will come to the help of Ohio and pass this resolution unanimously. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Is there any other discussion on this resolution?

... The question was put to a vote and carried.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Dr. Hill, have you something to present?

DR. HILL: Madam Chairman, I believe you said that I might say a word if I didn't make any motion to accept or adopt anything. (Laughter) I don't know whether I shall carry that out or not.

Last Monday we had the great privilege of listening to one of the most stimulating addresses that has ever

been given by a President of the American Library Association. There were many suggestions which he made that evening that I think we may well take under serious consideration.

In line with one of his suggestions, I beg to offer the following resolution with the idea of securing a little closer connection between the Association, the Council, the Executive Board and Headquarters.

RESOLVED, That the Chairman appoint a Committee of Five to consider and prepare an amendment to the constitution of the American Library Association making it possible for the Council to elect its own presiding officer, who should serve for three years and who should be a member of the Executive Board of the American Library Association.

I move the adoption of that resolution which doesn't carry very much with it except the consideration of the amendment which it will take two years at least to act upon. I hope the resolution will be seconded.

... The motion was seconded ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Is there any discussion?

MR. CARR: I wonder whether this Chairman couldn't be an ex officio member of the Executive Board -- not a member of the Executive Board at the beginning but an ex officio member?

DR. HILL: That is a very good suggestion.

MR. MEYER: I think we all agree with Dr. Hill

as to the great value of the address that the President gave us at our opening meeting. He made two suggestions that are extremely valuable and important. One was that the office of President should be for two years and the other was that we should have a conference every two years of the whole Society and in the alternative years regional meetings.

I would like to amend Dr. Hill's motion so that this Committee of Five may take into consideration the question of extending the term of office of the President from one to two years and also consider the question of having biennial meetings with regional meetings in between.

Of course, you all understand that this resolution simply refers this matter to a committee. It seems to me that in view of the high office and the high character of the incumbent, it would be wise to take some action on Dr. Locke's suggestions at this time and not let them simply go by the Board.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: I would remind you that there is a standing committee on the Constitution and By-Laws.

DR. HILL: Madam Chairman, this resolution is merely drafted to secure the drafting again of a proposed amendment which would have to be submitted to that Committee on Amendments to the Constitution. It is merely a committee of this Council to consider and prepare such a proposed amendment. I would like to accept the suggestion of Mr. Meyer and

add to that a second resolution perhaps that the Committee also be instructed to make a draft of the section which would permit of the extension of the President's term of office to two years and the consideration of the biennial session.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: That is included in your original motion.

... The motion was seconded ...

SECRETARY MILAN: I don't want to discuss the question but I want to be sure that the members of the Council know that the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws is a standing committee and that by virtue of that fact the Chairman is a member of this Council.

DR. HILL: That isn't what is intended in my resolution; it is that this Council elect its own chairman and that that chairman be a member ex officio of the Executive Board.

SECRETARY MILAN: I know that. I am raising the question of whether you want in our list of committees, two committees on Constitution and By-Laws.

DR. HILL: It is merely a committee of this Council to draft a proposed amendment which will be turned over to the regular standing Committee on Amendments.

MR. SEVERN: I don't quite understand now. Is this committee to consider this proposition and report for or against it? Is this Committee also to consider the advisa-

bility of having the President's term of office two years and report back to us? Then after that if the report is favorable, I assume that it will then go to this Committee on Constitution and By-Laws which will provide a By-Law of that kind. Do I understand it correctly?

DR. HILL: I think it would have to be more than a By-Law. It would have to be a part of the Constitution.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: As I understand it, this resolution will be committed to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws which will in turn return it to the Council for consideration.

MR. MEYER: It perhaps will clarify the situation to suggest that the Council committees, strictly speaking, are not listed in the handbook. It is only the committees of the Association that are listed there.

SECRETARY MILAM: You are wrong in that respect. The Council committees are listed in the handbook and they report to the Council. All recommendations from all committees come to the Council unless we are specifically required to report elsewhere. There is really no fine distinction, as far as I can see, in the actual management of the Association's affairs between the committees created by the Council or by the Executive Board or, if there are any such, by the Association as a whole because the recommendations of all committees come to the Council with the possible exception, of course, of

amendments to the Constitution, which must be presented to the Association even though discussed by the Council.

MISS TYLER: Have we not a Committee on Committees?

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes.

MISS TYLER: It would seem to me that we would have a duplication of committees pertaining to the same subject. If we propose to appoint a committee of this kind we will have to call in our Council Committee on Committees. It would seem to me it would simplify matters when we already have a committee if Dr. Hill would be willing that the Council request this Committee to give consideration to this matter that we are now discussing. It seems to me that would be the proper parliamentary procedure.

SECRETARY MILAM: I suppose it would be within the power of the Council to ask that committee to present a recommendation to the Council later and to the Association following up your suggestion. Some of the rest of you may have other opinions.

MR. DUDGEON: I happen to be on the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. I think what Dr. Hill wants is some vital, original thought on this subject. I am not at all sure the Committee can give it the kind of consideration he wants. Seriously I think what he has in mind is somebody who will give this one subject as a matter of policy some consid-

eration and not as a matter of fixing up the Constitution or making it consistent or readable or understandable. I am sure that our Committee could not give it the proper consideration and I favor Dr. Hill's vote very strongly.

MISS DOWNEY: I would like to speak a little further to Mr. Meyer's suggestion. I think we were all impressed with Dr. Locke's address and his suggestions of the two-years' service of the President and the biennial meetings. It has been in the minds of many for years. This would be a precedent for state associations to follow, having the state associations meet in alternate years with the A.L.A. meetings and would give further opportunity for district meetings in the state in alternate years with the state meetings.

I would like to go just a little further with this idea of the President. I know that last year when Mr. Locke was President, it would have been a wonderful thing, especially after Mr. Locke's suggestion of the matter of further leadership on the part of the President, to have the President more closely connected with the A.L.A. headquarters, if the President could go to A.L.A. headquarters and be a part of the service there.

DR. HILL: And give up his job?

MISS DOWNEY: I am not meaning that. It seems to me that any library that has the honor of the presidency of the American Library Association would be willing to provide

for substitute service in that year and the item of salary could be taken care of from headquarters or the library which is giving the service and the Association would be greatly benefited.

MR. SEVERN: I think we are confusing these committees. If we should pass the resolution favoring the proposition of the president's term being two years and so on and pass that in the Council, then that should be referred to this Committee on the Constitution to prepare what is necessary. But we aren't giving that committee this power and we ourselves, I think, are not all decided that we want this, and what Dr. Hill's motion is to do is this: This committee will be appointed to consider this matter and if they consider it favorably they would recommend that to this Council. I am in favor, therefore, of Dr. Hill's committee.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Dr. Hill's motion as amended by Mr. Meyer is the motion before the house. Is there any other discussion pertinent to that?

... Chairman Mulheron read Dr. Hill's original motion ...

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Such resolution was amended to take into consideration Dr. Locke's proposal that the term of office be two years and that the meetings be held biennially. This is the motion before you.

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

SECRETARY MILAM: I should like to ask whether there would be any objection, just for the sake of terminology and clarification in the records if we called this a committee to consider these three proposals rather than calling it another Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

... There was no objection ...

SECRETARY MILAM: I wanted to take a minute, if I might, when a good many librarians from large libraries are gathered together to ask your advice on the exchange of librarians. One or two matters have come to my attention recently and I don't know quite what to do with them because I don't know what librarians are interested.

At the end of the conference trip in Washington last October on the last day I invited the delegates to lunch with the Secretary and discuss international relations once more before we parted. The very nice little young woman from Frankfort wrote very briefly in reply, "Why talk about it some more? I want to come to America. Can we arrange it?"

I have the translation of a letter which came after I left.

... Secretary Milam read the letter ...

SECRETARY MILAM: That isn't a matter, I take it, for Council action but a thing to be privately arranged between two libraries with such help as may be given by the Board of Education for Librarianship which is interested in scholarships

or exchanges or by the headquarters office but I should be very glad to talk with any of you who are interested, particularly with administrators of large libraries to which the State Library in Berlin might find it profitable to send an assistant for a year. I should like to talk to you if you think you have people on your staff who would be interested in such an exchange.

DR. HILL: In that connection why shouldn't we talk among ourselves a little more of similar exchange? I have in mind two or three librarians on our staff who would be glad to exchange with the librarians in the Middle West or on the Pacific Coast for six months or a year. We have talked a little about this thing. I believe that a change of that sort would be interesting; following the Secretary's example, I should be very glad to talk with any librarians who would like to make such a change.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: The formal business of the Council for this session is over. Is there anything else to come before the meeting?

MISS TYLER: May I speak about a very simple thing. I think there are very few people in this room who can easily recall what is in our Constitution. We have revealed here in this meeting our lack of immediate knowledge of the given situation. Would it not be a good plan if the Secretary would have printed a small leaflet on the Constitution? We

can't always have the handbook number of the Bulletin with us but if a pamphlet 3 x 5 or 3 1/2 x 5 1/2 were printed to use at the Conference, it seems to me it would be very useful. I simply make that as a suggestion to the Secretary.

MR. MEYER: If Miss Tyler would put that in the form of a motion that such action be referred to the Executive Board, I should be very glad to second it.

MISS TYLER: I scarcely think it necessary. I am quite sure the Secretary would be in accord with me.

CHAIRMAN MULHERON: Is there any other business? If not, the meeting is adjourned.

... The meeting adjourned at twelve-ten o'clock.

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