

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

June 25, 1927

The Saturday morning meeting of the Executive Board, held at the Hart House, University of Toronto, convened at ten-fifteen o'clock, President Elect Roden presiding.

The following members were present: President Elect Roden, Messrs. Belden, Dudgeon, Rush, Walter, Compton, Hopper and Milam, and Miss Smith and Miss Tobitt.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: A quorum being present, the meeting will come to order.

The docket is before you. The first subject on it is Vacancies on the Executive Board. What is the situation?

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Chairman, at the first meeting of the Executive Board following the Atlantic City conference, Mr. Belden resumed his place on the Executive Board which he had vacated for one year to become President. Inasmuch as the Constitution and By-Laws were said to be not perfectly clear as to whether the place should be filled automatically in that fashion or by election, the Executive Board voted appointing Mr. Belden to fill a vacancy, if a vacancy exists, for one year. It would mean presumably that you would wish to renew it again if you agree with the interpretation that was placed upon it a year ago. Members of the Executive Board who were present at that time may be able to supplement

that or Mr. Dudgeon, who is presumably the interpreter of the Constitution and By-Laws, may wish to supplement it.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Mr. Dudgeon, what is the construction of the constitutional paragraph covering this?

MR. DUGDEON: When Mr. Belden went off the Board there was undoubtedly a vacancy and by declaration Mr. Ferguson was appointed for one year. It is possible that in that year it might have been the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate somebody for that vacancy but they did not. There was then another vacancy and in the absence of an election, Mr. Belden was appointed.

The only thing as to termination of office that I have found in the Constitution is that the incumbent is to hold office until the close of the meeting, at which time his successor is to be elected. Mr. Belden undoubtedly was regularly the incumbent last year. Then the Nominating Committee did not consider that a vacancy, whatever the construction might have been on the Constitution, so it seems to me, no successor having been appointed or elected, Mr. Belden, without further action, would probably be a member of this Board. The Constitution evidently has in mind that a man who wants the office can hold it until his successor is in some way elected. It would certainly do no harm to reaffirm that.

SECRETARY MILAM: Shall I read the minutes from the last Board meeting?

... Secretary Milam read an excerpt from the minutes of the Board meeting ...

MR. DUDGEON: Even if that were in terms of one year, I would hold that he goes over until his successor is elected or appointed.

MR. BELDEN: Might it not be said that the Nominating Committee had taken no notice of the fact probably because my name appears on all of the literature of the Association as a member of the Board whose term expires in 1928?

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes, and you are filling a position. That same thing was done with Mr. Ferguson. Though elected for one year, he was serving in the term that expires in 1929. That might be true, Mr. Belden.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: "All officers and all elected members of the Executive Board shall serve until the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are chosen." That is the section that covers this matter.

MR. DUDGEON: I would hold that it was evidently in accordance with the Constitution to provide for a full, continuous Board until the office of the present incumbent or continuing incumbent was elected. Not having been elected, the Constitution evidently has in mind to keep the Board full in that way.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: To avoid any difficulty, wouldn't it be a good idea to confirm Mr. Belden this year.

MR. DUDGEON: I so move.

... The motion was seconded ...

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: It has been moved and seconded that Mr. Belden be elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board.

MR. WALTER: I think that is the only think we can do. Otherwise, we would run exactly counter to last year's recommendation. In case anybody gets hold of it, he may raise a question of technicality. I think in justice to Mr. Belden and in justice to ourselves, in order to keep him on the Board and prevent any unseemly squabble, we should make our action consistent with last year.

MR. HOPPER: I think the Secretary could make that motion conform pretty closely in wording to the one of a year ago.

MR. DUDGEON: If it would give any satisfaction to the Board we might say he is a de facto officer. A man who has acted is legally in office until someone else serves.

MR. WALTER: There is a statement that the Executive Board has the power to fill a vacancy for one year. Then, if you remember this Constitutional discussion, that clause was inserted to meet a situation which was almost exactly the same in technicality and exactly the same in spirit. Frankly, I want Mr. Belden on the Board and I don't want any question of technicality to arise.

MR. DUDGEON: If we need any appointment or confirmation, if there is any question, this will take care of it.

MR. WALTER: I can't see anything in the constitution that hasn't been observed by this motion.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: You have heard the motion. Is there any further discussion?

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

SECRETARY MILAM: Will somebody attempt to state that motion?

MR. WALTER: Last year, if I remember correctly, Mr. Locke stated that there was a vacancy which the Executive Board had the power to fill. Then this motion was framed to meet every objection which might be raised and it does avoid the possibility of a situation arising similar to the one which arose when Miss Rathbone was a member of the Executive Board and became the Vice President and dropped of. I think that was under the Old Constitution, but unless some of you are desirous of opening that matter of Constitutional debate, I rather think that covers it.

MR. DUDGEON: I think this will fill the vacancy.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The next is the appointment of committees and the first is architectural contest.

SECRETARY MILAM: The Committee recommends that it be discontinued, stating that it has been impossible to make any further plans with the American Face Brick Association of Chicago and the final decision seems to be that the competition is not practicable.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: If there is no objection, that will stand.

Board of Education for Librarianship -- Miss Elizabeth M. Smith's term expires. Miss Flexner suggested.

MR. HOPPER: Does Miss Smith not wish to continue?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: She is out of the country now.

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't think the question has been raised as to whether she would like to continue. She obviously would be in a position to replace herself but this suggestion of a possible rotation has been made and so it was put on the docket.

MR. BELDEN: Does that suggestion come from the Board?

SECRETARY MILAM: I would rather Mr. Roden would answer that. I don't know where it originated. He has been in touch with Mr. Strohm, I know.

MR. BELDEN: I mean to say that Miss Flexner is a person whose appointment would be agreeable to the Board?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: There is a question as to Miss Smith's wishes. I don't know whether she has been consulted. She hasn't, has she?

SECRETARY MILAM: Not as far as I know. I don't presume so.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: I asked Mr. Strohm in a letter, and the name of Miss Flexner was suggested to me by Mr. Milam probably from conversation with Mr. Strohm before. Mr. Strohm is very much in favor of that appointment. I wrote to him to that effect and when I saw him here he spoke to me about it but the suggestion came from us and not from him.

MISS SMITH: May I ask if Mr. Strohm made any suggestion?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: No, he made no suggestion.

MR. HOPPER: The principal thing is to make the appointment agreeable to him. He is continuing as Chairman. Miss Flexner obviously is a good person.

MR. COMPTON: She represents a little different point of view than anybody else on the Board.

MR. BELDEN: I move the appointment of Miss Flexner on the Board of Education for Librarianship.

... The motion was seconded by Mr. Hopper ...

SECRETARY MILAM: Because it appears that this suggestion originated in Headquarters office, I wish you would

be very deliberate in this action. It would be very unfortunate if the appointments to these important boards and committee were to be based primarily on personal acquaintances or the personal likes and dislikes of the Headquarters office due simply to the fact that you are all tired on this Saturday morning following the conference and that you are willing to have this meeting come to a conclusion fairly promptly. I wonder if you wouldn't like to take five minutes to see if somebody can't suggest someone for this committee. Obviously we hold no brief for Miss Flexner and there may be somebody better.

MR. HOPPER: Who are the present members?

SECRETARY MILAM: Strohm, Craver, Hirshberg and Wilson, with Miss Smith, whose term expires this year. The next person whose term expires is Mr. Strohm. They drew lots, you will recall.

MR. BELDEN: I think quite likely that Mr. Strohm felt perfectly free to have said, "Well, here is another name to consider at your meeting. I think Miss Flexner is perfectly agreeable to him. He didn't say, "Don't you think Miss So and So might be just as good or even better?"

MR. COMPTON: I would like to ask this question, whether you think that the Board of Education feels that it may be desirable to rotate this membership rather than keep it in the Board? Hasn't that rather been the policy?

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't know that the Board

has ever expressed itself. It is my own opinion and so firmly so that it seems it would be almost inevitably so of the group itself, that you don't want any one group to hold on to this job for ten years or twenty-five years. You want a rotating board.

MR. BELDEN: I don't think you can lay down any definite rule because you have to be guided so often by circumstances but I think that would be a better way, not to perpetuate any one group.

MR. COMPTON: How long is the term?

SECRETARY MILAM: Five years.

MR. COMPTON: Miss Smith has served three years?

SECRETARY MILAM: She came on succeeding Miss Eastman, it seems to me, at the Saratoga Springs meeting. That is three years ago.

MR. COMPTON: Was that before the organization of the permanent board?

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Eastman was on the temporary board. She didn't want to continue because she wanted to serve on the Adult Education Board.

MR. COMPTON: There have been a number of changes since then.

MISS TOBITT: It seems to me that Miss Flexner is the person to fill this position.

MR. DUDGEON: It seems to me that what we want

is the very best service possible.

MISS TOBITT: Is Miss Smith absent from this country for a long period of time?

SECRETARY MILAM: Just for the summer.

MISS TOBITT: Then there is no reason why she should not be reappointed.

SECRETARY MILAM: Not that I know of.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Are you ready for the question?

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The next is the Board on the Library and Adult Education, Miss Eastman.

MISS TOBITT: I don't understand. Wasn't Miss Eastman appointed last year to that Board?

MR. DUDGEON: By lot.

MISS SMITH: May I ask if Miss Eastman would serve again?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: I understand she would serve again.

SECRETARY MILAM: Nobody has asked her. Nobody had authority to ask her. I assume she would.

MISS SMITH: I move that Miss Eastment be reappointed.

... The motion was seconded ...

MR. DUDGEON: I am sure the Board would be in

favor of that. In fact, the matter came up in her absence and they all felt she was admirable in every way and they also said there should be a lady on the Board.

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Book production.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Walter made his report to the Council recently and his report was accepted.

... Secretary Milam read the first recommendation contained in Mr. Walter's report ...

SECRETARY MILAM: By action of the Council that subject is referred to the Executive Board. My suggestion is that the Editorial Committee be asked to make a recommendation to the Board on this matter. Mr. Walter, however, is here and may have something to suggest.

MR. WALTER: The only thing I feel is that instead of working out a lot of platitudes on the subject that we should try to do something definite and see if we can get some results. There is no use in attempting to put type on poor paper, it seems to me. This doesn't mean that this should be confined simply to the question of books of permanent value but we had to keep within the jurisdiction of our committee. I would suggest that it include the whole question of suitable paper for books for different purposes. Although I may have no right to do it, I have enough assurance from paper

dealers that if we can get technical advice behind this we can probably present it from the standpoint of the librarian better than the paper dealers but I think they will cooperate with us.

MR. DUDGEON: There is one phase of it that I would like to bring up and that is whether it is a question of only books or all publications?

MR. WALTER: Suitable paper for library purposes is what it really ought to be. I see no reason why it shouldn't take in permanent record papers. Of course, I had no jurisdiction over the other phases of it and merely framed it to take in our own committee.

MR. DUDGEON: They did all they could on it?

MR. WALTER: Yes, because with great exertion I succeeded in getting four members out of the seven together once in two years. Somebody would have to assume the responsibility. We have succeeded in getting the Committee to agree to something definite, which is the first thing we have been able to do in several years. It is slow business. We will have to start something. If there is anything better, we would be glad to have suggestions.

MR. DUDGEON: I don't see how the Editorial Committee can function.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Only in considering the feasibility of publishing a circular on the subject and the

question of who is to prepare it.

SECRETARY MILAM: I think it will never be prepared unless the Committee prepares it. I don't see how the Editorial Committee can do it. I think that such a pamphlet should originate with the Committee on Book Production.

MR. WALTER: The only point is that technically the Editorial Committee will have to be consulted and then if this can go back to the Committee on Book Production, it will save several months. That is, there is no use in preparing this pamphlet unless there are funds and unless they are willing to put it in our hands or find somebody that it can be entrusted to. We have all sorts of people who are ready to come in with us on it.

MR. DUDGEON: It seems to me that we are so much interested in this that if there is anything we can do to cooperate in that movement, we should do it.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Of course, the only function of the Editorial Committee is to make a recommendation for or against the publication of a booklet. It has nothing to do with the policy of advocating these measures and so far no stand has been taken excepting as the Council passed this resolution or referred it to the Executive Board.

MR. WALTER: Of course, if the budget doesn't permit it, we will state that fact.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Then we are no further

along and we have lost some time. Isn't there something more definite we can do?

MR. WALTER: Of course, the Executive Board can direct the Editorial Committee to have this pamphlet prepared. Whoever you put on your Editorial Committee will be under instructions of the Executive Board and the Editorial Committee is serving the Executive Board.

MR. DUDGEON: Aren't we in the Library Association in a position to sanction that and do something to move it along?

MR. WALTER: The Executive Board can instruct the Editorial Committee to proceed with the preparation of a book.

MR. DUDGEON: I don't think the preparation of a book is going to help very much. I think the profession will have to take a position on it.

MR. WALTER: This is merely a specific recommendation. It isn't the general subject. I agree with Mr. Dudgeon. This is only one bit of a concrete subject, what you might call atmospheric advertising in a big, general field. It is merely an opening wedge. It is something definite and the lack of information or misinformation is simply appalling. I don't know anything about it and I have been working at it for years. You can turn it down this year but after two years of work this is the first concrete thing we

have been able to think of. You know how much effect the publication of reports in the Bulletin has.

... Mr. Dudgeon read the three recommendations of the Committee ...

MR. DUDGEON: Really I have been talking to the third proposition.

MR. WALTER: It is all part of one thing.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: There is no motion before the house.

MR. COMPTON: I would like to make a motion that this Committee make a statement to the Editorial Committee as to the size of the booklet that should be published and that the Editorial Committee consider this publication. Does that cover it?

SECRETARY MILAM: You mean by "this Committee" the Committee on Book Production?

MR. COMPTON: Yes.

MR. WALTER: I wish you would include size and scope.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Of course the Editorial Committee will inquire as to what was in the mind of the Book Production Committee as to size and scope.

MR. COMPTON: Then it can be referred to the Editorial Committee.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The effect of the mo-

tion is to refer this to the Editorial Committee.

MR. COMPTON: I think the Committee ought to give a little more information to the Editorial Committee.

... The motion was seconded ...

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The motion is that the recommendations on page 132 of the Annual Reports be referred to the Editorial Committee.

MR. COMPTON: Wouldn't that be the first recommendation?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The recommendation as to the preparation of the booklet referred to on page 132.

MR. DUDGEON: Does that carry with it a recommendation that they need to prepare or requiring the preparation of this pamphlet?

MR. WALTER: If you approve of it, it ought to be put in the motion; otherwise, it leaves it to them to decide.

MR. COMPTON: We might include in the motion that we consider it desirable to do that.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Then the motion would be that the recommendation for the preparation of a booklet referred to on page 132 of the Annual Reports be referred to the Editorial Committee, with the recommendation that a book be prepared with the approval of the Executive Board.

MR. DUDGEON: That this Board considers the

publication of such a book important.

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

SECRETARY MILAM: May I attempt to state this for the stenographer. It may look different to me if I look at it again.

The Executive Board considers the preparation of such a booklet desirable and asks the Editorial Committee to consult with the Committee on Book Production as to size and content and to make recommendations to the Executive Board. Is that about right?

MEMBERS: Yes.

MR. WALTER: Of course, you see nothing will be done until the Executive Board meets again.

SECRETARY MILAM: Do you anticipate that we can get something written and ready for publication before Christmas?

MR. WALTER: That depends. I mean, it is just as well to understand what you mean.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The motion will be put again.

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The Committee on International Relations.

MR. RUSH: Couldn't some attention be given to paragraph 3 in the recommendations which refers to "the most practicable means of enlisting the definite interest and aid of the makers of books in the attempt of the Committee to have such books produced at reasonable cost and in suitable form."

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: How do you want to bring that out?

MR. RUSH: By urging the new Committee on Book Production to consider that as a matter of importance.

MR. WALTER: If I might suggest, as the framer of that recommendation, to make it technically correct I should like to have the Executive Board move to approve books and other printed material.

MR. DUDGEON: I think we ought to include that.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Do you want to include that in the first motion?

MR. DUDGEON: If this matter is to go back to the Book Production Committee, it ought to be not only books but other publications.

MR. WALTER: You see the trouble is that there is a Book Binding Committee and a Book Buying Committee and we were in a pretty narrow path.

MR. DUDGEON: That Committee has decided for itself that it has absolutely no jurisdiction to consider even the desirability of printing papers or documents or records on

any paper.

MR. WALTER: We can do it but it would be very desirable, to avoid any misunderstanding, if you would give the Committee a wider scope. I think we might say "and other printed material," -- we might insert that.

SECRETARY MILAM: What are you amending?

MR. WALTER: That recommendation.

SECRETARY MILAM: You mean that recommendation which you made to the Council and which the Council referred to the Executive Board. There is no motion before the house.

MR. WALTER: I suppose the Committee could do this, but if you want to widen their scope, you can do it by simply inserting this and there would be no question about it.

Last year there was a good deal of opposition on the part of newspapers and a great deal of criticism on the grounds that we were boosting one or two firms of paper makers. If the Executive Board feels that the question of newspaper is important, it would be a big help to include that.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: There is a motion to refer back to the new Committee paragraph 3 of the recommendation with an addition covering the ---

MR. WALTER: I think we can get that fixed up.

MR. DUDGEON: Consider in addition the matter of better books -- other publications might be better really.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Is that in the form of

a motion?

MR. WALTER: I am getting it ready.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: We will go back to that later.

The next item is International Relations -- Mr. Bishop's term expires.

MISS TOBITT: Would Mr. Bishop accept another appointment for service on this Committee?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: I think there aren't any obstacles.

MR. HOPPER: I think he should be re-appointed.

MISS TOBITT: I move the re-appointment of Mr. Bishop.

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The next item is Library Extension. What is meant by that?

SECRETARY MILAM: We have a Committee on Library Extension consisting of Mr. Lester, Chairman, Miss Mary Black, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Paine and Miss Templeton, serving in the same manner as the Board of Education for Librarianship and the Board on the Library and Adult Education. This Committee is not called a board but a standing committee and the terms of office are for one year only; therefore, the entire committee comes up for appointment at this time.

These people whose names I have mentioned have

served two years I believe.

MR. HOPPER: There is no change in membership?

SECRETARY MILAM: Not as far as I recall.

MR. COMPTON: That is a very good committee, it seems to me.

MISS TOBITT: Isn't it rather unusual to have a standing committee such as that serving for such a short period as two years? Is that what we wish?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: All standing committees are re-appointed annually.

MISS SMITH: It seems to me that some of the committee should be re-appointed.

MR. HOPPER: They are carrying on very definite work.

MISS TOBITT: That is the Committee with which Miss Merrill is connected.

MR. BELDEN: I move the re-appointment of the mentioned committee.

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Mr. Walter's motion is now recalled. Will you state it, please.

... Mr. Compton read Mr. Walter's motion ...

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Do you mean literary records?

MR. WALTER: Yes, that would be better, or

library material. Material is one of the beautiful words that means anything.

MR. DUDGEON: If there is any way in which this Board can emphasize the importance of that, I would like to see it done.

What is the motion?

... Secretary Milam read Mr. Walter's motion ...

MR. WALTER: Technically that will avoid any amendment of the recommendation or any action of the Council.

MR. DUDGEON: Would it be impossible or unwise to add "and to report as soon as possible"?

MR. WALTER: You can't report if this thing goes back to the Executive Board. The Committee refers it to the Executive Board and the Executive Board has to act on it.

MR. DUDGEON: That is on Section 3. That doesn't go to the Executive Board. I am simply trying to bring to the attention of the Book Production Committee the emphasis to be put on that -- that the Committee be asked to report.

MR. WALTER: Wouldn't it be better to say, "report progress." This is an awfully ticklish thing to handle definitely. You see it means correspondence and definite contact -- it means a chance either to have some publisher come out or to have some librarian speak at a publishers' meeting.

SECRETARY MILAM: It seems to me that this discussion is on the assumption that there are important pol-

icy questions to be considered here. I am wondering now whether those policy questions have not been settled and whether it isn't a question of getting some action. Miss Smith will correct me if I am wrong, but my recollection is that when the Book Evaluation or other committees of the Children's Section are appointed to take up matters with the publishers, they come eventually to the place where they deal with the publisher and not always through the Executive Board or the Executive Committee or the Section as a whole. Aren't we ready to give this Committee instructions to go to it? Let's take the matter up with the publisher.

MR. WALTER: May I say that this is directly due to the fact that I was reprimanded for doing that thing last year, going outside of specific recommendations.

SECRETARY MILAM: I am not criticizing the Committee. I am saying that this Committee has brought in a recommendation and now the Council has approved it. Shall we not include in this our endorsement and our encouragement and say, "Go ahead and don't stop to come back to us and ask if we approve the letter but go on and get some results if you can"?

MR. DUDGEON: We might word it this way: that the Committee be directed to proceed to get results as best they may on the proposition.

SECRETARY MILAM: And presumably keep within

the range of what the Council has approved. Perhaps I have raised a question for Miss Smith to answer.

MISS SMITH: That is what has been done in the Section on the Book Production Committee. We have had the list of books sent in we wished to have reprinted and so on by different members throughout the country but the Committee has gone ahead with direct correspondence with the publishers without reporting.

MR. WALTER: You will never get results until you give this Committee the liberty to go ahead. The only thing is that I was reprimanded by the other committees when I brought this matter up.

MISS SMITH: The Committee should have the power to do that.

MISS TOBITT: Do all committees refer back to the Executive Board?

SECRETARY MILAM: No two committees function alike.

MR. DUDGEON: Was this actually approved by the Council?

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't know. You have all got it before you here. They approved these recommendations. What I thought the Board might wish to do was this: to transmit to the Book Production Committee recommendations 2 and 3 as approved by the Council with the endorsement of the Execu-

tive Board and with the request from the Executive Board that the Committee follow out these suggestions as vigorously and as rapidly as the occasion seemed to make possible.

MR. DUDGEON: In other words, give them authority to take such steps as may be necessary to make effective the policy established by the Council.

SECRETARY MILAM: And to include, of course, this amendment which Mr. Walter has written for us.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: It is moved that the Book Production Committee be directed or authorized to take all possible steps to emphasize the desirability of improving the quality of paper and of makeup for books, newspapers and other library material -- or rather as worded here, or newspapers and other library material.

MR. DUDGEON: If you will permit me, I will move in that language that Mr. Roden has just read.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Moved that the Book Production Committee be directed to take all possible steps to emphasize the desirability of improving the quality of paper and of makeup in books of permanent value as well as in newspapers and other library material as referred to in the recommendation 3 of the Committee on page 132 of the A.L.A. Reports.

MR. DUDGEON: I believe it is more forcible to say "directed and authorized."

MR. WALTER: The point is that in all probability there will be a chance to work with the local Editorial Committee. They will probably strike a paper supply house and all sorts of things and there will be a certain amount of variation of method.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Give that Committee to understand that it has the power and that something of that sort will be expected of them.

That motion is now on the table. Is it seconded?

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The next subject is the appointment of the Nominating Committee which ought to be appointed as soon as possible for obvious reasons.

It is a tradition that has the force of common law now that the retiring president becomes Chairman of the Nominating Committee. It is also found desirable to have a member of the recent Nominating Committee re-appointed for the purpose of transmitting any information that they have gathered. The Committee consists of five people, beginning with Dr. Locke as Chairman. Mr. Wyer, for example, is a continuing member from last year's committee. There are three other appointments to be made. I suppose that regional consideration would be desirable.

MR. WALTER: Would it be in order to make a

motion as we did last year that the President be requested to appoint a Nominating Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't think we did that last year. Usually the Board itself chooses the Nominating Committee so as not to put too much of the burden on the one person. I may be wrong about that, Mr. Walter.

MR. WALTER: I am probably wrong. My impression was that we referred that to the President. We got off in a hurry and left it to Mr. Locke to appoint the Committee. I know we had been doing it before.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: I put down some names this morning. After Locke and Wyer I had Miss Ida Fay Wright of Illinois, Miss Rothrock and Miss Elisabeth Knapp. Then considering the East, I put down the names of Paul Paine and A.L. Bailey.

MR. DUDGEON: Miss Rothrock ought to represent the South.

MR. HOPPER: Who are the present members?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: M. G. Wyer, Nora Crimmins, W. E. Henry, Frank P. Hill and Martha Wilson.

MR. DUDGEON: I should say Bailey.

MR. RUSH: I suppose we ought to consider Miss Rothrock for the Nominating Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: She was on the ticket this year. Mr. Rish thinks we might wish to consider her in addition.

Perhaps I ought to have said this sooner. I wish we could get more new blood into the Committees. When you think of somebody in the South, you automatically say Mary Rothrock (and I think she is the finest girl in the world) or you say Tommie Barker and then you stop.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The people on the Nominating Committee must have a fairly wide acquaintance with the membership.

MR. HOPPER: I think they can't be too new.

MR. DUDGEON: Who is in the South?

MISS TOBITT: Miss West knows people.

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Ideson who was a candidate for Second Vice President knows her profession and Miss Fuller from Beaumont knows the profession and Mrs. Dale of the Oklahoma Commission.

MR. WALTER: Miss Hulger is technically sound. She has had wide experience.

MR. HOPPER: Charlotte Templeton.

MR. DUDGEON: Why isn't Mr. Hopper's suggestion of Miss Templeton a good one? She has been attending our meetings and she is very well acquainted.

MR. HOPPER: She is not a Southerner.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Miss Lila May Chapman, Librarian, of Birmingham is a good booster for the A.L.A. and an active worker on the Membership Committee.

MR. COMPTON: Mrs. Davis.

SECRETARY MILAM: She is not a Southerner.

MR. WALTER: Mrs. Davis is a Missouri woman.
They have Missouri connections, you know.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mrs. Griggs is a very good woman in the South.

MR. DUDGEON: Which of these women has attended the most A.L.A. meetings and knows the most people?

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't know.

MR. RUSH: Mrs. Griggs would be fine.

MR. DUDGEON: Would there be any feeling about going only a hundred miles or so between the East and the West line and not going West enough?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: I don't think so.

MISS TOBITT: Mr. Wyer is down you see.

MISS SMITH: I move that Mrs. Griggs be appointed.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Then we have on the Committee Mr. Locke, Mr. Wyer, Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Griggs.

MR. DUDGEON: Is there any need of going further west?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: I don't think so. If there is a desirable person on the Coast, that would be all right. One of the points is that this is all done by correspondence and it takes a long time to get letters answered.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: What do you think of either Miss Wright or Miss Knapp from the Middle West?

MR. HOPPER: Who is Miss Wright?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: She is the Librarian at Evanston.

MR. DUDGEON: Is there anybody in the Northwest? We have gone down to the Southeast and Northeast.

MR. RUSH: I am in favor of Miss Knapp.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Miss Elisabeth Knapp of Detroit.

MR. HOPPER: Miss Knapp has been on an awful lot of committees.

SECRETARY MILAM: I think I ought to say this without reference to individuals. Whenever members of our staff or of important committees go to California or the Northwest, or particularly to California, they come back with this kind of a report: "We are so pleased actually to have seen somebody from the headquarters office or from the active part of the membership of the A.L.A."

It is very embarrassing to feel that the headquarters office has not maintained closer contact with the Far West than it seems to be able to do. When Miss Van Cleve (?) goes out on a series of lectures she tells about assistants who have never before met persons from headquarters or one of the officers of the Association except Mr. Ferguson,

who occasionally serves on the Board Committee, and so on. I pass that on because I think it is important to consider on the important committees in giving those people who are a long, long way off a chance to be heard.

MR. DUDGEON: Who is there in the Northwest?

MR. COMPTON: We did have a member on the Nominating Committee last year -- Mr. Henry.

MR. WALTER: Mr. Jennings has been Chairman. Perry has been on it.

MR. COMPTON: I think the Middle West needs to be represented by Miss Wright or Miss Knapp. I would favor Miss Knapp.

MR. DUDGEON: We will have a pretty much Eastern committee.

MISS TOBITT: Let's get somebody from the coast.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: How about Miss Althea Warren?

MISS TOBITT: She is just the person.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: She is very level-headed.

MR. DUDGEON: I would favor her very strongly.

MR. HOPPER: Is Mr. Mitchell going back there?

MR. DUDGEON: Do you know Jeanette Drake? How would she be?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: I rather think Miss Warren would be the right one.

MR. DUDGEON: I suggest Miss Warren.

MR. COMPTON: Before we take final action, I would like to say that it seems to me that with Miss Warren and somebody from the Coast you really have two out of five, and considering where the library center is you have more than your proportion. We had Mr. Henry on the Committee last year and Mr. Mitchell on the Committee the year before and John Ridington, and it seems to me, as I said before, that we ought to have somebody in the Middle West.

MR. DUDGEON: We have the Middle West well surrounded though.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: How about somebody from Wisconsin?

MR. DUDGEON: I personally would rather see somebody from the Coast than the Middle West.

MR. COMPTON: We should continue Mr. Wyer because we always continue one member on the Committee before.

MISS TOBITT: I move that Miss Warren's name be included.

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The list of names -- and I take it for granted the rest have been tentatively approved -- is as follows: George H. Locke, Chairman, Malcom G. Wyer, A. L. Bailey, Lillian B. Griggs, Althea Warren.

Miss Tobitt, does your motion include the

appointment of these five?

MISS TOBITT: It may.

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Study of Development of Reading Habits -- recommendation from the Board on the Library and Adult Education. What is the recommendation?

SECRETARY MILAM: At a meeting of the Board on Adult Education held last Sunday, at which Mr. Williamson and Miss Power were present from the Committee on Reading Habits, it was voted that the Board on the Library and Adult Education recommend to the Executive Board of the A.L.A. the appointment of a joint committee of five members to study the development of reading habits, two of whom shall be appointed by the A.L.A., two by the American Association for Adult Education, and one by the four members appointed by the two Associations. The Committee shall have power, if it so desires, to appoint an advisory committee or committees and within the limits of such fund as may be available to the committee to employ assistants to aid in the conduct of the study. The proposed action of the Executive Board shall be subject to the concurrence of the American Association for Adult Education.

The Adult Education Board requests the Secretary of the A.L.A. to communicate to the Executive Board the following names for consideration in the appointment of this Committee: Dr. C. C. Williamson and Effie L. Power.

The others, not members of the A.L.A., are Dr. E. L. Thorndike and Dr. Henry Suzzallo, (These two, I may suggest, are accepted by Mr. Cartwright, the Executive Director of the Adult Education Association.) and Dr. William Scott Gray, Dean of the School of Education of the University of Chicago.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Then the recommendation is for the appointment of these two people or any others we decide upon as members of the the joint committee -- two from the A.L.A., two from the Adult Education Association, and one to be appointed by those four. What is your pleasure?

MISS TOBITT: I move the appointment of this Committee.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: To include the names of Dr. Williamson and Miss Power?

MISS TOBITT: Yes.

SECRETARY MILAM: I suggest the form of motion something like this: The approval of the recommendation from the Board on the Library and Adult Education, in order that you may get the entire thing into the picture.

MISS TOBITT: I accept that.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The motion is to approve the recommendation from the Board on the Library and Adult Education.

... The motion was seconded ...

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't want to do a lot of

talking but I think there are one or two things you ought to do before this passes. I wish the members of the Board on the Library and Adult Education would add anything on their minds.

I may say, in a preliminary way, that this recommendation is largely the result of the conference which Dr. Williamson and Mr. Cartwright and I had in New York three or four weeks ago. There has been, as you know, a committee appointed on this subject by the A.L.A. of which Dr. Williamson is Chairman. It has held various meetings with the School of Education men in different universities and gathered ideas together from every possible source within as well as without the committee. We were trying to summarize in this conversation the result of all that in this meeting in New York and this plan, roughly, was agreed upon by the three of us: that the two Associations might unite, the purpose being to get into the Adult Education Association so that the Committee on Research of that Association can recommend to the Carnegie Corporation an appropriation of \$10,000 for a preliminary study of this subject during one year under the supervision of this proposed committee.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Have you anything to add to that, Mr. Dudgeon?

MR. DUDGEON: No, except this: that the Adult Education Board went over that very thoroughly and it was their opinion that these were the best possible people to name

Error in numbering

Nothing omitted

and that their acceptability to all concerned was such that the confirmation of this recommendation would probably result in some actual work's being done by the Committee.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The motion has been made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the Board on the Library and Adult Education. Are you ready for the question?

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: That does not carry the nomination of the two members. That is to be a second motion. Dr. Williamson and Miss Power are suggested by the Board. Is that in the form of a motion?

MISS TOBITT: I am trying to think of these other two members.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: They are the members who are to contribute to those five.

MISS TOBITT: We have contributed those two.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The first motion was put to approve the report.

MISS TOBITT: I move that Mr. Williamson and Miss Power be appointed as the representatives of the A.L.A. to that Committee.

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The next subject is the appointment of other committees. I think a mo-

tion to refer that subject to the President and Secretary is the usual procedure.

MR. COMPTON: I so move.

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

SECRETARY MILAM: The Secretary is perhaps inevitably called upon for suggestions by most Presidents because there are some people in the Association that the President doesn't know and he expects the Secretary's office to know them all.

I wish you would recall the suggestion I made a little while ago that perhaps the most common criticism of the A.L.A. which comes to me is the frequency with which we have the same people re-appointed on committees again and again and again and the infrequency of new blood's coming on the committees. If each member of the Executive Board, Mr. President, would go through the handbook and jot down the names of people he knows who are alive and capable, and the younger the better, who aren't serving on committees -- the President couldn't use them all but I am sure he could use some of them.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: That certainly would be an advantage.

The next subject is the matter of sick leave for Miss Ford, on which there is a recommendation from the outgoing Board.

MR. DUDGEON: Does that communication as to the members go to you or to Mr. Roden?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: I think it ought to go to the Secretary's office.

SECRETARY MILAM: I will repeat, as briefly as I can for the benefit of the new members, that Miss Ford has been ill since March 30 and has been out of the office rather seriously ill due, primarily, I take it, to overwork. She has been in the office of the A.L.A. for fifteen years or more and in recent years, at least, it has been practically impossible to get her to take her full quota of vacation and we have automatically continued her on the payroll up to this time. The matter came before the Executive Board last Monday and it was voted that Miss Ford's salary be continued to August 1 at the full rate -- that is, for one month longer -- and that a half-time arrangement be authorized from August 1 to April 1.

We haven't the report of the stenographer and I feel as if I may be slipping a bit on quoting the action of the Board.

Miss Bogle, who went into this matter for me, recommended that she be given full salary to August 1 and half salary from August 1 to April 1, 1928. This would permit her to return on half time but in case she was unable to do so it would recognize the service which she gave during the

War.

I think I should not be mis-stating it if I said that the recommendation of the former Board was that the Secretary be authorized to make a half-time arrangement with Miss Ford until April 1, 1938. That takes in the contingency which is otherwise stated in Miss Eogle's recommendation.

MR. DUDGEON: Not to exceed that time. If we pass this and we say that this might be modified by circumstances, we will be absolutely bound to give her at least half pay to April 1, or was the only other contingent the possibility that she might go on full pay?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: You mean return to full service?

MR. DUDGEON: If you have the possible contingency of not continuing the salary to April 1, we ought not state it quite so broadly. What I mean is this: You said subject to circumstances and conditions. If we pass this, there will, of course, be no backing out of that. I don't know that we want to.

SECRETARY MILAM: My recommendation, quite apart from my effort to transmit it the other day, is that the Secretary be authorized to make a half-time arrangement with Miss Ford from August 1 to April 1, 1938. That doesn't instruct me and doesn't compel me to do that unless the conditions are such as would seem to justify it. What we hope is

that she will be able to put in half time.

MR. COMPTON: I would so move.

... The motion was seconded ...

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: What is Miss Ford's salary?

SECRETARY MILAM: \$3,000.

MISS TOBITT: That takes care of full salary to August 1?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Yes.

SECRETARY MILAM: That in effect, figuring on the basis of three years, as I told the Board, gives Miss Ford a full month's vacation and a full month of sick leave for three years and gives her six months off with full pay. I don't want to do anything less than full justice to Miss Ford and I want you to know that is the basis on which we are trying to figure it.

MR. DUDGEON: The point I was making is this: that is in moral effect a granting to her of half-time, no matter what her condition, until April 1.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Whether she can perform that service or not?

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes.

Is that what you wish?

MR. DUDGEON: Yes.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: You have heard the

motion and it has been seconded.

SECRETARY MILAM: You ought to know before you vote on that that we are now employing practically as much help as we would employ if Miss Ford had been run over by a street car and were entirely out of the picture. It makes a heavy drain on the budget. There is no question about it.

MR. HOPPER: Every organization runs up against that.

SECRETARY MILAM: On the other hand, here is Miss Ford, the oldest employee we have.

MR. DUDGEON: I think we are all agreed on that.

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Now we will have the approval of publication of Professor Works' Report on College and University Libraries.

SECRETARY MILAM: This is a recommendation from the Editorial Committee.

... Secretary Milam read the recommendation ...

SECRETARY MILAM: The Editorial Committee was asked to pass on that and it had before it communications from the members of the Advisory Committee, all of whom have approved the report, all of whom think it should be published and distributed, and one or two of whom think that it would have greater weight if it were published by some other agency than the A.L.A. because it is directed not to libra-

rians but to administrative officers, and we have here a rather strong letter from Mr. Keogh to that effect. The Editorial Committee, considering however the source of the suggestion that it be published by the A.L.A. and the difficulty of revising that arrangement with Dr. Keppel in South Africa, reached the conclusion that it would be at least reasonably satisfactory to have this published by the A.L.A., the A.L.A. to appear only as the publisher and to take particular pains to see that that report is a report on University Library Administration, or whatever it is, by G. A. Works prepared under the auspices of the Association of American Universities with a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. That pretty well submerges the A.L.A. and the library influence and leaves the University at the top.

MR. BELDEN: Under the circumstances, I move the approval of that recommendation.

... The motion was seconded ...

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Walter is Chairman of both Committees and if you care for further information, he can probably give it to you.

MR. WALTER: The only point is that, as you know, this was done, as Mr. Milam suggests, with a view of getting before administrative officers something regarding university libraries. Most of them would not read anything prepared by librarians.

The way this Advisory Committee started was this: President Coffman as a member of the Commonwealth Fund asked for suggestions for a reserve which they had. I wrote in to suggest that no survey of university libraries had been made. He took it up with the Commonwealth Fund which referred it to the Carnegie Corporation, which got Capen and Works to do this work. Then they called five of us in as an Advisory Committee. We had nothing to do with preparing the material. It was purely a non-librarian affair except as we helped Works get the terminology.

I am saying this to show what is behind Keogh's letter. I think it is important that this should go out to the universities. It is too late for the budget this fall but I think it ought to come along in time for the next one. While we all agree with Keogh in theory, I think we ought to waive theoretical objections and push the matter.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: I think we can all see Mr. Keogh's point.

MR. WALTER: The only point is to keep this from going in the waste basket.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The motion has been seconded that this recommendation be approved.

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: No. 5 -- Library of Congress, Catalog Division, Adequate Financial Support.

What are the documents on that?

SECRETARY MILAM: There is a rather confused lot of material, Mr. President, which I have not had full time to digest. The best I can make of it is this: that from Wilmer L. Hall, Chairman of the Catalog Section, I have a letter addressed to Dr. Locke giving a lot of enclosures which I have not read calling attention to the inadequacy of the financial support for the Library of Congress, with particular emphasis apparently on the Catalog Department of the Library of Congress. A regional group suggestion to the Section was that the Catalog Section appoint a committee to collect data and statistics on the service now rendered by the Catalog and Card Division and facts showing the pressing need for substantial increase in the appropriation to provide more trained assistants and experts in special fields of knowledge and otherwise to extend and accelerate the present service that the Chairman of the Catalog Section be a member of the A.L.A. Committee; that consideration be given to the proper financing of such advice; that Mr. Hall go to such representatives of the Catalog Section for the Committee if the Board approves.

MR. DUGDEON: Who does this come from?

SECRETARY MILAM: Wilmer L. Hall, Chairman of the Catalog Section, dated June 8. I understand that the Section took action on this presumably at this meeting but I have no resolution to that effect.

MR. WALTER: Hall told me this morning that they had passed it and that they were very anxious to have the Executive Board act on it.

MR. DUDGEON: Aren't we in a little ticklish position to ask for an increase in appropriation in the Library of Congress?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: What are we asked to do -- to ask Congress to increase the appropriation?

MR. HOPPER: Presumably.

MISS TOBITT: I should like to ask of this doesn't include Miss Mann's recommendation?

SECRETARY MILAM: It does not include that recommendation but my suggestion is that it be referred to the Catalog Committee.

MR. BELDEN: I so move.

... The motion was seconded ...

MR. COMPTON: I was present at the meeting and their recommendation later was somewhat more specific. What they brought up there, as I recall, was a recommendation in regard to the adding of D.C. Classification Numbers on the cards and fully analyzing them.

SECRETARY MILAM: That is another proposition.

MR. HOPPER: It sounds to me as though we might be butting in.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: It has been moved that

this matter be referred to the Catalog Committee.

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

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: A.L.A. Journal of discussion -- Recommendation from Editorial Committee.

... Secretary Milam presented a prepared statement on this matter ...

MR. WALTER: Perhaps I ought to tell this group that Dr. Williamson has in mind a publication of a periodical of his own and we ought to be careful not to embarrass him.

MR. DUDGEON: Is there any necessity for us to insist on doing something?

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Williamson has definitely postponed action in his own case pending the action of the Association because he did not want to interfere.

MR. WALTER: You might embarrass him by putting him in two responsible positions.

MR. HOPPER: What sort of thing had he in mind for himself?

SECRETARY MILAM: A Journal which would offer opportunity for publication of D.C.'s and contributions from the faculty not excluding others.

MR. RUSH: Together with personal notes about school affairs.

SECRETARY MILAM: That was to be left out. That was a misunderstanding on the part of somebody on the Editorial

Committee. That was not in his plan as I understand it.

MR. WALTER: He has apparently changed his mind since he wrote to me about it.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Does this recommendation ask the Executive Board to start a magazine?

MR. WALTER: As I understand it, the Editorial Committee recommends that the Executive Board get a committee to work out some feasible plan.

SECRETARY MILAM: That a committee be appointed to present detailed plans for such a journal.

MR. WALTER: Simply take the findings and work on them to see if they are worth while trying.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: What is your pleasure?

MR. BELDEN: I move its adoption with the appointment of the committee with the membership as suggested in the recommendation.

... The motion was seconded and carried ✓.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The next item is the appointment of a delegate to the Conference of World Federation of Education Associations that is to meet in Toronto this next August.

SECRETARY MILAM: The last meeting of the Executive Board voted to invite Dr. Richardson to represent the Association and he has declined. Dr. Locke will be in Europe and Mr. Bishop will be in the north woods.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Maybe the North Woods are near enough so he could come over.

SECRETARY MILAM: He has definitely said he cannot undertake to do it. He must recuperate.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: It apparently requires a person of the caliber of Dr. Richardson and Dr. Bishop with international relations very much in mind.

MR. HOPPER: Is this World Federation largely of the British Empire?

SECRETARY MILAM: No, it originated in the United States.

MR. DUDGEON: How widespread over Continental Europe is this?

SECRETARY MILAM: The last meeting was held in Edinburgh two years ago. I can't tell you.

MISS TOBITT: There were representatives from many countries there.

MR. WALTER: It seems to me that the librarian of the Boston Public Library would be a good person.

MR. BELDEN: I won't be here.

MISS TOBITT: What of Mr. Strohm?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Do we have one delegate?

SECRETARY MILAM: I might say that the Board on the Library and Adult Education and the Board on Education for Librarianship may each send representatives of those Boards

in addition to those appointed by the Executive Board.

MR. DUDGEON: Stroh would naturally be the representative of one.

MR. HOPPER: You will be abroad?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Yes, I will. I think Mr. Stroh will too.

MR. COMPTON: Will Mr. Williamson be in the country?

MR. BELDEN: I think he will be in the country.

MR. WALTER: We are working Mr. Williamson pretty hard.

MR. BELDEN: With the sanction of the President, might it not be proper for the Executive Board to leave the matter in his hands?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: If that is the wish of the Board, I would be very glad to do it.

MR. DUDGEON: I so move.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Is that understood?

MR. DUDGEON: By common consent.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: The next item is that of the Endowment Campaign. (Should this go over until adjournment of the Luncheon Meeting?) The time for adjournment now is very close.

MR. BELDEN: After the luncheon meeting will there be a continuation of the Executive Board meeting to

sum up?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Yes.

MR. BELDEN: I think that had better be left until later because there ought to be considerable discussion.

MR. HOPPER: Can we tend to the other things?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: We will pass on to the meeting place for 1928. There is a long list of applicants.

... Secretary Milam read the list of places suggested for the meeting place in 1928 ...

MR. HOPPER: How about the South? Is there much demand for it?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: They had a very active campaign committee working last week for New Orleans and they made many converts.

MR. BELDEN: Is it not true that it would be unwise to consider the East for next year. We have had several meetings in the East.

MR. HOPPER: Atlantic City, and then Toronto is in the East.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: What shall we do about the meeting place question? Of course, it is impossible to decide on any place right now.

MR. DUDGEON: Wouldn't you suggest that we could eliminate the extreme East?

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Wouldn't it be advisable to compile information as to the availability of these places and the capacity of the hotels there?

MR. HOPPER: Can we meet in resorts any more except at Atlantic City?

SECRETARY MILAM: West Baden is possible with French Lick.

I would like to endorse what Mr. Dudgeon has said. I don't want to have to investigate forty cities. If we know now that we are not going east of the Alleghanies or if we are not going west of the Rockies, let us eliminate those and say we want to meet in the Middle West or the South or whatever your wishes are.

MR. HOPPER: I should favor the elimination of the Far East and the Far West.

MISS SMITH: I second that motion.

MR. BELDEN: It would be desirable to give considerable consideration to the South? What would be the effect of an A.L.A. meeting fairly well in the South? The weather would probably be pretty hot. It is pretty hard to measure the amount of stimulation that is obtained by a meeting in the South. I know at the Chattanooga meeting we felt there was a tremendous stimulus all through the southeastern section of the state and they were very enthusiastic over it. I have had several letters from Florida stating that the in-

fluence had reached there.

MR. DUDGEON: With that suggestion, Mr. Hopper, of the extreme East and the extreme West, would that include Estes Park?

MR. HOPPER: Yes, I wouldn't eliminate Estes Park. I think from Denver to Chattanooga ought to be included as possibilities.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Shall we take that as a tentative agreement, that a list is to be compiled of possible places for the 1928 conference, eliminating the Far West and the Far East?

MR. RUSH: What are we to think of the suggestion to have the President and the Secretary look over the field and select perhaps three or four of the most feasible places and submit that by mail for mail consideration?

MR. HOPPER: They would like to be helped to this extent, that we eliminate some of the cities.

MR. DUDGEON: Personally, I would like to know what the rest of the Board thinks about the necessity of finding a place where the convention can be housed in one or two hotels because of the impossibility of meeting people otherwise.

MR. WALTER: On the other hand, if you go to one hotel you can't find people either, which is the situation we had in Detroit.

MR. HOPPER: I think it would be easier than it has been to meet people here but almost everything else has been favorable.

MISS TOBITT: I would like to go to another campus.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Do you think we could call out the names and have some of them eliminated?

... Secretary Milam read the list of the cities, checking those cities which the members desired to have eliminated ...

SECRETARY MILAM: That leaves in Chattanooga, Chicago, Estes Park, French Lick, West Baden, Memphis, Nashville, New Orleans, and Des Moines.

MISS TOBITT: They held the N.E.A. convention and the National Conference of Social Workers convention in Des Moines.

MR. HOPPER: If we went to New Orleans, wouldn't it have to be earlier?

MR. DUDGEON: Not later than April.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: We went to Hot Springs in April and it was balmy then. By the way, one of the delegates from New Orleans who went to Hot Springs said he never could understand why we went there. That, it seemed to me, left out the local sectional aspect on their campaign. That was a delegate from New Orleans.

SECRETARY MILAM: That is true of the New Orelans group but not of the Southern group. Miss Rothrock and Miss Crimmins and Mr. Cunningham, and I am sure Mr. Wilson and Miss Barker and Miss Templeton would welcome a meeting in the South.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: Then it is the sense of the meeting that this matter be left for the Secretary and President to secure further information and report at a subsequent meeting.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. President, the Executive Board members are the hosts and hostesses today of this luncheon. I respectfully suggest that we adjourn to the other room in order that we may be there to welcome our guests.

PRESIDENT ELECT RODEN: We will leave these other items and come back as soon as the other meeting adjourns.

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