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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday Morning, June 23, 1930

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.,
Dr. Andrew Keogh, President, American Library Association,
presiding.

The following were present:

Dr. Andrew Keogh
Everett R. Perry
Judson T. Jennings
Linda A. Eastman
Harry M. Lydenberg
Adam Strohm
Carl H. Milam
Miss Bogle

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I declare the meeting opened.

Shall we read the minutes of the last meeting?

SECRETARY MILAM: The minutes were sent to all
the members of the Board and presumably were received, and
no corrections have been suggested.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Unless I hear to the contrary,
I shall declare the minutes accepted as sent out. Does any-
one raise a question? Would you like any minutes read?
Then they are approved.

Correspondence Votes.

SECRETARY MILAM: This is a matter of reading
into the minutes the votes which have already been carried
by correspondence.

... Secretary Milam presented the Correspondence
Votes ...

SECRETARY MILAM: All these votes were carried by correspondence, not always unanimously, but always without dissenting vote. Some refrained from voting.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: You have enough proxies to make this quorum legal?

SECRETARY MILAM: We didn't do that through the form of proxies, but the Board voted by correspondence to authorize this Board without a quorum to transact business necessary for the Conference. Any other business transacted will presumably have to be submitted to the Board as a whole for approval.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Would anyone like to ask questions about these various correspondence votes? If not, is there anything we have to do?

SECRETARY MILAM: No action is necessary on that.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Item 3, Treasurer's Annual Report and Finance Committee Report.

SECRETARY MILAM: This is also a matter of form, Mr. President, to have the report of the Finance Committee approved by the Executive Board, before it is presented to the Association. It is printed in the annual reports, the May number of THE BULLETIN, and will be found on page 246.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I presume you have all read and studied this report carefully. Is there any motion?

SECRETARY MILAM: Perhaps I should read a para-

graph.

... Secretary Milam read the certified public accountant's statement in regard to the Financial Report audit ...

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Do you want action on that?

SECRETARY MILAM: That should be approved.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Shall we approve the Treasurer's Report?

SECRETARY MILAM: This is the Financial Report. The Treasurer's Report is a long, statistical report.

... A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Financial Report.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Is any action needed on the Treasurer's Annual Report?

SECRETARY MILAM: I assume that action carries it all.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Very well. Unless there is some dissenting voice, I shall assume that to be the thought.

No. 4, Mr. Milam. You have recommended something.

SECRETARY MILAM: I have suggested to Mr. Reece, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, that it is perhaps time for us to have a revised statement of the duties of the committees.

You will remember that in 1923 the Committee on Committees presented an extensive report including a defi-

MR. PERRY: And the elimination of any committees that the survey might show to be unnecessary.

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes.

MR. LYDENBERG: The Executive Board has the power to abolish committees?

SECRETARY MILAM: It would be the Council or the Executive Board.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Would that depend on who appointed the committee originally?

SECRETARY MILAM: That question has never been settled in any court decision and the action is entirely inconsistent. The Executive Board will do it one time, and the Council next, and the vote will be accepted.

MR. PERRY: Mr. Keogh, Miss Bogle and I had the task of working through a long list of committees the summer of last year. The opinion formed at the time was that it was barely possible that we had too many committees. I don't know whether there is anything in that idea or not. It makes a very cumbrous bit of machinery to have all those committees. They may all be necessary.

MR. JENNINGS: As you stated your recommendation, Mr. Milam, did you state that too?

SECRETARY MILAM: "To present to the future meeting of the Council the general statements of the Committee on Committees." I shall be very glad to have that revised if you think that doesn't comprehend all we want.

MR. PERRY: If it is in order, I should like to suggest that these other matters be brought out specifically. I don't know whether it is in order or not. I have reference to the possible overlapping of various committee functions and the elimination of unnecessary committees, and so on.

MR. LYDENBERG: I think that was implied in the purpose of the recommendation.

SECRETARY MILAM: I think Section 20 of the By-Laws also has a bearing on that.

"There shall be a Committee on Committees which, after conference with the President, shall recommend to the Executive Board the appointment or discontinuance of the committees other than provided by the Constitution and By-Laws.

"The Committee on Committees shall define the duties of all committees so to be appointed. All committees shall be appointed annually and their members shall hold office until their successors shall be qualified."

That has been interpreted to mean not that the Executive Board and Council cannot appoint committees, but that the Committee on Committees is a committee to make such recommendations at any time from the outside, as it were, of the machinery of the Association. So it would be entirely appropriate to include it, but it is also included in the Section.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Does that cover your point,

Mr. Perry?

MR. PERRY: I think so.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Mr. Jennings?

MR. JENNINGS: Yes.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Shall we take the recommendation as it stands?

Those in favor say aye; those opposed no.

The motion is carried.

No. 5, Endowment and Special Memberships.

SECRETARY MILAM: I would suggest that you take a few moments to look at the report which follows the docket in your folder. Do you care to ask any questions?

MR. PERRY: Mr. Milam, do you know whether Mrs. Dixon has been in correspondence with a Mr. Newton? I wondered if you wanted to see him during this convention.

SECRETARY MILAM: I am perfectly willing to see him if we can find time, and would be glad to talk with him, but I have usually found that it is better not to reach any agreements with people on a personal or on a conversational basis, but to have all that settled by correspondence.

MR. PERRY: I thought it might be wise to make a personal contact to form an idea about his qualifications.

SECRETARY MILAM: We have made arrangements with a man in Los Angeles to handle a certain number of letters for us at a nominal charge. Every letter which he writes or which he formulates is to be submitted to the A. L. A. head-

quarters for approval before it is sent out.

That was simply an effort to make use somewhat intensively of the publicity and the interest in the Association which would result from this Conference.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Are there any questions you would like to put to Mr. Milam about the ballot, about anything connected with the special memberships?

SECRETARY MILAM: No special action was expected on this. It was submitted to get suggestions, if the Board were willing to make any, and we will be glad to get them.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: We are very timid about making any appropriations under \$500,000.

SECRETARY MILAM: I think there have been several sustaining memberships since we have reached the \$500,000, but Mrs. Dixon has been attempting to capitalize the fact that we have reached in the past the half-way mark as a means of stimulating our enthusiasm for further efforts.

MR. PERRY: Is there a time limit on this campaign?

SECRETARY MILAM: There is no time limit stated because there is no formal conditional grant. It is simply a gentleman's agreement and there was no time limit specified. The time element probably enters through the fact that Dr. Keppel may not continue forever to be President of the Carnegie Corporation, and our arrangements are with

him.

If he should be succeeded by somebody else we might or might not be able to go ahead with this plan.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Let us pray for long life for Dr. Keppel.

Is there any other business?

SECRETARY MILAM: I have two or three things here.

We should announce in accordance with the practice of the past two years the President has appointed a Resolutions Committee in advance of the meeting of this Executive Board at the beginning of the Conference, and he has named Miss Anne M. Mulheron, Miss Estelle Lutrell and Charles W. Smith as the Resolutions Committee, and they have accepted. I think that appointment ought to be ratified by the Board.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Is there such a motion?

MR. PERRY: I so move.

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

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Next business.

SECRETARY MILAM: At the last meeting of the Executive Board I was asked to make suggestions at the next Executive Board Meeting concerning conference places for the next few years. This Board without a quorum presumably would not wish to reach a conclusion, but it might seem that we were wasting our accumulated information if we did not discuss it and perhaps record here our own opinions as to what ought to

be done.

You will remember, of course, that we formally voted to hold the 1933 Conference in Chicago in connection with the Centennial Exposition, and you appointed a committee consisting of Mr. Utley, Mr. Rhoden, and myself to investigate the hotel possibilities.

We have made the investigation. We have found that the manager of the Stevens Hotel will welcome the A. L. A. Conference at almost any time. The hotel manager in this instance is Mr. Stevens himself. He says that his rooms are for sale at any time, and that if we make our reservations in advance, we have prior claim to anybody else who happens to drop in and says, "I have been coming here every year once a year and you have always taken care of me, and now you don't."

So we can choose our own time as to 1933, if we wish. It is also possible to make this arrangement, that if we accept now or soon the Stevens Hotel as headquarters for 1933, we can postpone that for a year or whatever time we wish if the Exposition itself is postponed. That would not relieve us, however, from the contract if the Exposition is not held.

Of course the people in Chicago think there are no such possibilities of its being cancelled, but we all know that expositions are sometimes not ready when they think they are going to be.

Another condition which is somewhat unusual

would be that reservations in the Stevens Hotel would be accepted only for people who expect to remain at least four days; and another, that any person who registers and fails to show up without having given twenty-four hours' notice of cancellation, will be expected to pay for one night.

I don't see why hotels don't enforce that all the time as well as during conventions, but they say they would have to do that at a time of the year when they would probably have to put people out of rooms in order to make room for our delegates. Then if our delegates failed to arrive, the room would be vacant and the hotel would lose.

I also told them that in offering to take care of at least 2,000 of our people, which I named as one of the conditions, I would be perfectly willing to accept this further condition, that they will agree to take reservations from 2,000 people in that one hotel for our Conference provided 2,000 request rooms two weeks before the Conference opens. Anyone who makes his reservation within two weeks before the opening of the Conference must take his chances with anybody else.

Perhaps that is all a little complicated as I presented it, but Mr. Utley and Mr. Rhoden and I think it is entirely reasonable. The Stevens Hotel would be practically the only place in Chicago where a satisfactory A. L. A. Conference could be held in 1933.

MR. LYDENBERG: Where is it?

SECRETARY MILAM: The Stevens Hotel is on Michigan Avenue about five blocks below the Art Institute, about four blocks south of the south end of the loop, and it has 3,000 rooms. It has a magnificent ballroom which would be big enough for our general sessions, and it has almost unlimited exhibit space on the basement floor, which is perhaps the best kind of exhibit space we could hope for. It is the last word in hotel organization for conventions so far as I know.

There would be this complication which I think is not too serious, that we probably should have to have most of our general sessions if held in the ballroom, or perhaps all of our general sessions, in the morning or possibly the afternoon, but not at night.

I think they seat somewhere between 2,000 and 3,000 people at banquets in the Grand Ballroom and they would not be willing to give that up for certainly more than one night without charge for a mere meeting which does not bring them any additional revenue.

That wasn't so stated but I should anticipate that would be their requirement. There is, however, a theater which is controlled by the hotel and is immediately adjacent, which can be used for evening sessions if we chose.

MISS EASTMAN: A morning general sessions would not be objectionable. There wouldn't be any local reason particularly for getting people. People wouldn't be

coming in the evening locally anyway, would they, to any extent?

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't think so. I think there would be an advantage in having our general sessions in the morning when we are attending an exposition because a lot of people will want to go out to the grounds of the Centennial Exposition when the lights are bright.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Do you desire any action on this statement, Mr. Milam?

SECRETARY MILAM: Well, that is your pleasure. Before you consider action I must also report that Mr. Dudgeon, at the earnest solicitation of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee and later the Chamber of Commerce itself with perhaps the Mayor, I am not sure, has presented invitations for us to hold our Convention in Milwaukee, which they say is within commuting distance from Chicago, and have one or two days in Chicago for the exposition, with lower rates and less confusion.

I promised to present that to the Executive Board without recommending its acceptance.

MR. JENNINGS: You started out by saying you would lay out programs for three or four years.

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes. The year 1931 is tentatively settled by the Executive Board's action at last year's meeting when it approved formally the recommendation, somebody's suggestion that we go to the Atlantic Coast for our meeting in 1931, and it was stated by Mr. Keogh that he

expects to be able to invite us to New Haven.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: We are now able to do that.

SECRETARY MILAM: In order that you may have a picture as a whole, it was also suggested or formally stated, I forget which, that the Executive Board's choice was for somewhere in the South in 1932, and I have since been able to visit Memphis and New Orleans.

My conclusion after those visits was that either city would take good care of us. One of the best hotels in the whole country is now to be found at Memphis, the Peabody Hotel, which is rather unusually good in many respects. It is quite out of the ordinary. The meeting rooms would be a bit scattered but the other hotels are nearby. The exhibit space wouldn't be perhaps any more satisfactory than it is here, and it is pretty well chopped up here. But they could take care of such a conference as we would have there with a maximum attendance of 2,000 without inconvenience to anybody. They are very eager to have us. That goes for the library and apparently all the rest.

New Orleans has no new hotels but there have been some changes there which make it more of a possibility. The Roosevelt Hotel would perhaps be able to take care of 600 or 800 of our people as a maximum, but there are other hotels almost around the corner within a radius of three or four blocks. The hotels could take care of 2,000 or 3,000 of our delegates without inconvenience, and we would hardly have as

many as that in New Orleans.

The meeting rooms can be taken care of without the use of the auditorium which is eight or ten blocks away. The hotel has agreed to provide a theater which is next door to the hotel for general sessions in case the attendance is large enough to make their own convention room, which seats about 1,300, too small. The theater is owned by Tulane University and is not used regularly but only for traveling companies or special performances of one sort and another.

I realize that a promise made by a hotel in 1930 for a theater in 1932 is subject to revision, but it might be arranged before we get there. As things now stand New Orleans will be able to take care of us and will be delighted to have us. Mr. Usher and Mr. Moore, the Public Librarian, are here to urge the acceptance of the invitation from New Orleans. Mr. Cunningham is here, or will be here, I believe, to urge the acceptance of Memphis. There may be other possibilities in the South but so far I have seen nothing which can compete with those two.

I assume you would not wish to go as far west as Dallas, Texas, which in the minds of many people would be a western rather than a southern meeting, though I am told Dallas would take excellent care of us. However, I haven't investigated.

That tells the story so far as I know it.

MR. JENNINGS: Isn't it true the Association

has met in Memphis and never in New Orleans? Perhaps Nashville.

SECRETARY MILAM: Did we meet in Nashville?
It was Asheville, North Carolina. I don't think we have ever
been in Nashville.

MISS BOGLE: Asheville and Little Rock.

SECRETARY MILAM: They are a long way from South
Carolina.

Of course, the meeting which is nearest to us
and on which we must make earliest decision is 1931.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I spoke about that at the last
meeting, mid-year, and said at that time that I hoped the Yale
Corporation would invite the Association there in the summer of
1931.

The chief doubt at that time was whether the
new library building would be ready. That doubt has been com-
pletely removed because there is no question but that it will
be ready and formally opened in April or May next year. We
propose to begin the moving of books on the seventh of July,
just as soon as I get back, and work all summer. The reading
rooms will not be ready until January but everything will be
in readiness for a formal opening in April or at the latest,
May.

The date that seemed best there was immediately
after commencement. I don't know the exact date of commence-
ment next year but this year it was on the eighteenth. It
doesn't vary very much. It is always around the eighteenth,

presumably the nineteenth.

We have at commencement a great number of graduates, parents of graduating students coming back, and we always have 5,000 or 6,000 people in town at the time, and no doubt the same number will come next year, a little more perhaps than usual because of the new building.

Assuming that commencement would be on or about the eighteenth, we thought it would be a good thing to let a day or two elapse between the commencement and the American Library Association Convention so that the dormitories might be cleaned and the departments put in order and all that sort of thing.

Let us say from June 20 to July 4 we shall be completely idle. We have no summer school in the regular sense. There is a summer school held but it simply means the University offers its buildings to the state which conducts a normal school there and the University itself does not have a summer school. They don't come until the fifth of July and it is mostly girls who come.

But between the twentieth of June and the fourth of July there would be no reason whatever why you wouldn't be able to be with us. We should propose to house in the dormitories at a nominal rate, without profit, of course, all who would care to live in the dormitories; and there are, of course, hotels in the city that could take care of you. The University would supply meals at cost, and as they serve

meals all the year round to the satisfaction of all the students, I think you can be sure that the meals would be satisfactory.

There again the Hotel Taft and other hotels in the city could be used for meals by those who didn't care to eat at the counters, and there are a great many restaurants nearby.

The great halls that we have, the Yale, Wilsey Hall which is used for the conferring of degrees, and all the other small halls of varying sizes, would all be at the service of the convention without rent.

The only doubt that we have there is as to exhibition space. We have never had at Yale anything that would require a large exhibition space. Mr. Milam has been there and also Mr. Fontaine of the staff. They looked over the ground and thought it might be possible to cut the dining room in two, using part of it for meals and the other part for exhibition. That would work excellently so far as exhibition is concerned because it is a perfectly marvelous room, but the head of the dining room doesn't think it would be possible to feed 2,000 people in two seatings of 1,000 apiece unless the whole room were at your service.

There are other rooms nearby but I don't know whether they would be quite acceptable. One of the suggestions was to take the recitation hall and remove the seats from all the rooms. That could be done quite easily and would be done without expense to the Association, but it would mean breaking

up the exhibition into a series of six or eight or ten rooms. There are good points and bad points to that.

Another suggestion is to use the basement of the Commercial High School which is not of course a Yale building, or the Municipal Building which has already been offered to us if we want to take it. That is only one block from the library, and the only objection we could see to that was that you had to go deliberately one block to the west to get there. It is not in the thoroughfare and it may be some of the exhibitors would think people would not go a block to see an exhibition.

Another suggestion is the space in the assembly hall in the basement, but people might not like to go to the basement. It is, however, big enough, and is nearby.

The library itself would, of course, supply any number of small rooms for committees and for round tables and anything of that sort, and if there were too many in the library at one time, although it is hardly possible, there are plenty of other halls nearby that would be available.

I haven't the slightest doubt everything of that sort would be provided.

The Corporation passed the vote unanimously and expressed the hope the Association would come. It has never met in Connecticut at all and therefore it has never met in Yale, although it has met at a great many places in the East, and it is time it came to Connecticut and this

seems to be the opportune year when this new library is about to be opened.

It would be almost certain that the public library of the city and the Chamber of Commerce and possibly the libraries of Bridgeport and Hartford on either side of New Haven would join in an invitation or would at least take part in staging exhibitions or doing whatever else they could do.

Practically everyone who went to New Haven would go either through Bridgeport or Hartford even if they went by automobile, and certainly if they went by train.

I am not sure that I have left anything out, Mr. Milam, but I do want to say to the Executive Board that Yale would feel it an honor to have the Association meet in New Haven and would make every effort to make things pleasant for them.

I may add that they would give a luncheon or dinner without charge to the whole Association and would supply all the clerical services and everything of that sort without charge.

SECRETARY MILAM: Does it mean luncheon and dinner every day?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I mean one. (Laughter)

SECRETARY MILAM: One of the great advantages of going to New Haven would be the low cost for living arrangements, and it would be perhaps well enough to do that after

coming to one of the fine hotels of the country, that is, immediately following a very expensive hotel, so that the people who feel they could not afford to come this year and those who came and think they spent too much, would find some compensation in next year's meeting.

The difficult situation, as Mr. Keogh has said, is the one of exhibits. It isn't simply that we like to have the exhibits because we think they are an educational feature, but that they have become a source of revenue for the expenses of the conference.

The items which are budgeted to conference expense by Mr. Dooley total about \$5,000 and the estimated receipts from exhibits vary from \$3,500 to \$5,000. This year I think our estimate was \$3,500 because the exhibit space is relatively limited. Last year the receipts from exhibits ran to more than \$6,000, but on the other hand the expenses were unusually high.

Of course, against that exhibit income one has to place a minimum expenditure of at least \$1,200, so that if our receipts are \$3,500, our net margin to cover conference expenses other than exhibits would be somewhere around \$2,000.

If we do not have satisfactory exhibit space in New Haven, we probably would not get the exhibits for New Haven, or if we got them, we would be handicapped in getting future exhibitors because they were dissatisfied with what they found in New Haven.

Mr. Fontaine and I have not been able to visualize anything there in satisfactory exhibit space except a portion of the dining hall, but Mr. Keogh asked the other day whether it was more important to eat or for us to have exhibits. I don't know that there is any answer. If we are going to eat, we have got to pay for it, and the exhibits help.

I didn't look at any of the other buildings when I was there with exhibits in mind because that seemed to be the one place where satisfactory exhibits could be arranged. I don't think there would be any serious inconvenience in having the exhibits in classrooms, the seats being removed, in a series of classrooms in one building, provided that building is the one into which people will go. No exhibitor is going to be willing to pay \$60 or \$100 for his booth if he himself must attract the people to it. He wants to be in a place where people will pass his booth and where he will have more than an even chance to catch people if they are interested. Whether we can get that combination I don't know.

The map of the New Haven campus is here, if anyone here wishes to look at it.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: There is another method we thought of but haven't been able to carry into effect. There is a great paved court outside the main hall with a flagstaff in the center, a very beautiful flagstaff, and we got the idea of putting a tent around that flagstaff and enclosing it.

The difficulty is that the weather in New Haven at the end of June is so uncertain that we couldn't take any risk. It would have to be a very fine marquee because we might be deluged. There is no marquee and if Yale had to purchase one they might object to the cost unless it might be used again.

MR. JENNINGS: Is it necessary to have all the exhibits in one place? Would it help any to have the publishers' exhibits in classrooms and classify them and split them up a little?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I should perhaps have mentioned that we have a public library in New Haven which is only two blocks from the new library. The rooms available would be upstairs and it is Mr. Milam's contention that people would not go upstairs to look at exhibits.

SECRETARY MILAM: I shouldn't like to be quoted as being quite as dogmatic as that, but our experience indicates the exhibitors are not satisfied customers, if you please, unless the exhibits are placed somewhat as they are this year, on an approach to an important meeting place or in the very lobby of the hotel as they were at West Baden, where people have a chance to see them without going out of their way.

If the Executive Board wishes, we can absolutely eliminate the exhibits for 1931 and try to find some other way of meeting the conference expenses, but I doubt whether we could have satisfactory exhibits scattering them in places

where everybody will not go. Suppose you had the book exhibits in one building and a block away had the supplies exhibits. What are you going to do to get the people to see those exhibits? If we had the exhibits in a public library this year how many of the members of the conference would go over to see them even a block away, across the street? Exhibitors think they won't, and I don't know.

MR. JENNINGS: Put them on floats. (Laughter)

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The exhibitors or members of the conference?

I wish I could have made a perfect invitation but there is this handicap and I wanted to be frank with you.

MR. STROHM: Mr. Chairman, I am outside here but doesn't it seem as a proper tribute of dignity to Yale University and the library that we don't have any commercial features?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Yale doesn't object to that. That question was raised by Yale and you see we have to think of the relation to the city. Yale could not collect a fee of any kind for space in any of its buildings, but it wouldn't in this case. The A. L. A. can collect any fees and use them. Yale wouldn't touch a penny of it. So that was ruled out as not being worthy of any further consideration. There was no feeling that it would be undignified for Yale to have such an exhibition.

MISS EASTMAN: What is the location of the

recitation hall?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: It is a half block from the library.

MISS EASTMAN: And the dining hall?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: It is half way between the Sterling Library and the hall.

MISS EASTMAN: Would they pass it?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: They would pass the building but would not have to go into the building.

MISS EASTMAN: I think they would go in, though.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: That building would also be used as a meeting place because there is a very beautiful hall which we want to use.

MISS EASTMAN: I should think that would be pretty good.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: There are plenty of rooms.

MISS EASTMAN: I don't think dividing it up into different rooms is wholly bad. I think there are some advantages.

SECRETARY MILAM: We haven't the dimensions on that and we didn't look at it with that in mind when I was there.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I think you would find it big enough. There is no question about that.

SECRETARY MILAM: Do you remember how many recitation rooms there are on that floor?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: You see the very center of the building is occupied with the hall and the classrooms are all around it. There must be twelve or fourteen recitation rooms on the first floor of different sizes.

They wouldn't go further than the first floor, of course. Some of the exhibits could be kept in the library if there is anything small and appropriate; there are such things.

MR. LYDENBERG: My recollection of it is it is quite as large as anything we have had in recent years.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: West Baden, of course, was perfect. There they had the exhibits in the middle of the hotel. When anybody had to go anywhere he had to pass the exhibits.

SECRETARY MILAM: The general sessions would be held in Wilsey Hall, which is adjacent to the dining hall.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: In fact, it is all one building. Everything is really within two blocks.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. President, I should like to say to the Executive Board that while we haven't the exact figures on that, without the exact figures on that I feel unable to say definitely whether we can or cannot use it. We have found our own guesses so far off from actual facts this year. The general dimensions of the exhibit space in this hotel looked ample; when Mr. Fontaine began to lay out actual booths he found that there were pillars and corners and passage-

ways that didn't show up at all in a casual glance; and so we have at least ten or twenty per cent fewer exhibit spaces, I think, and perhaps an additional reduction in the size of the exhibit spaces by another ten per cent than showed on the face with the plans in front of us.

I feel reasonably certain that the attractions of New Haven will be sufficient to enable us to make some sort of compromise on the one question which remains, namely, the exhibit space, even if we have to put up a street fair.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: There would be no objection to having a street fair because it will be the vacation period you see.

Is there any action desired on this matter?

SECRETARY MILAM: This Board, of course, might go on record with a recommendation to the incoming Board so that your deliberations might not be wasted, or you might think it inappropriate if you are not all hold-over members to express an opinion.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I could get those measurements by the next meeting of the Board, which is by next Saturday.

SECRETARY MILAM: I think it might be desirable.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: If you will tell me a little later what you want, and if it is simply the area of the floors of the rooms on the first floor, I will get the answer

back.

SECRETARY MILAM: Inasmuch as all these members presumably will be present. Perry, you are the only one who wouldn't be present at the next meeting. I was wondering if you wish to record your vote as the Executive Board, or whether you wish to take it up at the session which follows the Conference. I haven't any recommendation.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Has anyone a motion? Suppose we leave it over until Saturday, Mr. Milam, when we will have the figures before us. Is that agreeable?

MR. JENNINGS: We couldn't do anything here anyway, could we?

SECRETARY MILAM: We can't settle anything.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Is there any other business?

SECRETARY MILAM: Do you wish to discuss the 1932 location or will that go over to the Saturday meeting? Remember, if you please, that the Saturday meeting is to be one of short duration. Mr. Strohm must catch the nine forty-five Santa Fe train to meet an appointment in Detroit, and we have suggested therefore that the meeting be held from seven to nine. There again apparently we are not going to have a quorum and any action taken will be subject to ratification by correspondence vote.

Suppose we ask for an informal recording of opinion as to a southern meeting in 1932. First, whether we should go to the South; second, whether the choice is for

Memphis or New Orleans or some other place.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Will those who think we ought to go to the South hold up their hands? (Lydenberg, Eastman, Jennings and Perry) If we go shall it be Memphis or New Orleans? Those in favor of Memphis hold up their hands. (None) Those in favor of New Orleans. (Lydenberg, Eastman, Jennings and Perry) I didn't vote to go to either place.

Do you want something more?

SECRETARY MILAM: I would like to know in general in passing, because we may possibly not get to this on Saturday evening, if you approve in general the proposed arrangements with the Stevens Hotel which I described a few moments ago.

MR. PERRY: Mr. Milam, it is pretty hard to carry all that in mind. I didn't understand whether or not a contract had to be made with the hotel a long time in advance.

SECRETARY MILAM: The contract would consist simply of an exchange of letters which, however, would have effect, presumably. The agreement would be that the A. L. A. accepts the Stevens Hotel as headquarters for a conference in 1933, that if the Centennial Exposition is postponed, our conference at the Stevens Hotel will also be postponed to such time as we may choose during the Centennial Exposition.

If the Centennial Exposition is cancelled, our contract to hold a conference in Chicago at the Stevens Hotel will hold. There are other minor conditions, but that is the main feature of it.

MR. PERRY: That means meeting in Chicago whether there is an exposition or not in 1933.

SECRETARY MILAM: But if there is an exposition we will meet during the exposition.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Would you like an informal expression of opinion on that?

SECRETARY MILAM: I would like to know what they think.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Shall we make a regular vote? Those who think such a contract would be proper will hold up their hands. (Two) Those who think it would not will hold up their hands. (One)

MR. JENNINGS: I don't think we should tie ourselves up with that last feature, meeting there if there is no exposition.

SECRETARY MILAM: You don't want to go to Chicago if there is no exposition. If there is no exposition you would rule Chicago out.

MR. JENNINGS: I think there is a good deal of opposition to a big city meeting and a meeting at the Stevens Hotel would not particularly please a lot of people unless there was a World's Fair at the same time. I may be wrong. I am expressing my personal opinion.

MR. PERRY: How long since we have met in Chicago?

SECRETARY MILAM: Not since '93.

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MISS EASTMAN: I am wondering, Mr. Milam, having spent one night there in a front room, how many of the A. L. A. members would be happy for a week being waked up every hour with the trains.

SECRETARY MILAM: I have been happy in a front room and have not waked up every hour, so you have two questions to answer there. I think none of us would be happy if we were waked up every hour, but I think there are a great many of us who would not be waked up by a train a distance of two blocks away.

MISS EASTMAN: I think that is very true; if those who do not wake up would have the front rooms, everything would be all right.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Can we do anything more for you, Mr. Milam?

SECRETARY MILAM: I would like to talk this out a little bit because if we are going to the Stevens Hotel during the Chicago Centennial Exposition we will have to make up our minds pretty soon. There will be other conventions that will want to come to Chicago during the Centennial and the Stevens being the biggest hotel, is the one which attracts the largest number.

Our choice as to dates is now almost unlimited with the exception of the first week of June, which I should not recommend in any case. If we wait a year from now I suspect we will have to take one of perhaps four or five weeks

between June 1 and October 31 rather than have our choice.

I had assumed that the Executive Board thought the Association would wish to come to Chicago whether we had a Centennial Exposition or not, and the fact that all of our people who wish to can really live in one hotel, and the fact that all of the meetings can be held within that hotel, would perhaps balance the fact that it is a city meeting.

The objections to a city meeting which I have usually heard are that people are scattered in different hotels and there is no center. That would not necessarily be true at the Stevens. We could dominate at least the convention floor or one of the convention floors pretty completely ourselves, and there would be a center.

However, if the Board is unwilling to commit itself to Chicago, then we will have to negotiate for a change in the contract or else take our chances.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Have you any idea of the cost of the hotel at that time?

SECRETARY MILAM: You mean the rooms?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Yes.

SECRETARY MILAM: The rates are from \$2.50 up, in actual practice from \$3 to \$3.50 European plan. There are four dining rooms including a counter and grill in the basement where the prices are quite low, an eighty-five cent luncheon in a very nice room on the main floor, and a \$1.50 dinner. The Stevens is not as expensive as the Drake or the

Edgewater Beach or the Blackstone. It is rather in the class I should say of the Pennsylvania in New York.

MR. JENNINGS: I suppose these arrangements they offer you are the same other associations are accepting.

SECRETARY MILAM: I can't say as to that. I presume they are making the same kind of conditions for 1933.

MR. STROHM: May I ask, have you any dependable information as to the prospect of the exposition in 1933. Isn't that pretty well sewed up?

SECRETARY MILAM: Well, to all intents and purposes it is sewed up. The men responsible for it feel certain about it. Of course, as you know, the chairman of the outfit is a brother of General Charles Dawes, Ambassador Dawes. Ambassador Dawes is himself in Chicago now, as he was about six months ago, to assist in the financing of the plan. The public has been assured that there are \$10,000,000 in pledges from the wealthy people of Chicago which can be used for construction. They have sold something like \$3,000,000 worth of tickets to Chicago people in advance, and the public has been assured that none of that money will be used for construction or anything else until the exposition actually opens and will then be used for operation.

The ground has been definitely set aside and is ready. The plans of the architectural commission have been accepted and detailed building plans have been accepted for one building. The National Research Council Committee has

made its report and a committee on the coordination of exhibits headed by Professor Crew, who is retiring from Northwestern University as the Head of the Physics Department, has been appointed.

It would be very hard to find anybody connected with the exposition officially who would admit there is the least possible doubt of its going through. On the other hand, there are skeptics in and out of Chicago, as there have always been about expositions.

It seems to me it is as certain as any exposition can be.

MR. JENNINGS: I should think if the Stevens Hotel men were as optimistic as that, they would be willing to cancel if the exposition were cancelled.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Anything else?

I think we ought to meet in Chicago once every forty years, Mr. Secretary, even without an exposition.

MR. PERRY: That's the way I feel, too. I think Mr. Milam would appreciate it if he could get a little following in this discussion.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I should vote for holding it there even if there is no exposition, and what you said about the Stevens is, I think, a fair contract. Do you suppose the prices would be lower if it were not an exposition year?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think the prices would not be changed. That is one thing we didn't put into our dis-

cussion at all because it has, I think, become the established principle of the Hotel Men's Association that there shall be no increase in rates for expositions or conventions, and the Stevens Hotel is certainly owned by an honorable group of men that has operated the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago for many years. It just didn't occur to me that there would be any change in rates on account of the exposition, but perhaps I ought to put it in.

MR. PERRY: I think it generally does happen. Rates generally do go up, perhaps not at hotels, but people with rooms to rent always raise their rates.

MR. LYDENBERG: We can't control that.

SECRETARY MILAM: We could get that into the contract. That's a very good suggestion.

Then I would like to shift, Mr. President, for just a moment to get your advice, your consideration of the time of the year.

The Committee composed of Mr. Rhoden, Mr. Utley and myself, recommends an autumn meeting, the last half of September or the first half of October. That was very successful, as you will recall, in 1926. The attendance was large. It came after the schools and colleges were open and the librarians, the head librarians could get away. It would be perhaps the best season of the year, so far as climate is concerned, in Chicago. Our autumns are rather more reliable than our springs. It would come late enough to provide an

exposition which is not just opened, and it is hardly conceivable if they open on June 1 that every exhibit will be ready on June 1.

I wonder what the members of the Board think about that?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Are there any opinions on the date?

MR. LYDENBERG: As to whether September is preferable to October?

SECRETARY MILAM: No, I shouldn't think so. On the whole I think October would be preferable to September. There is an occasional week in September when it is as hot in Chicago as it is in Los Angeles, which is pretty hot for September, and is likely to be oppressive. I added that last for Mr. Perry's benefit.

MR. PERRY: You have been reading about the thermometers going over 100.

SECRETARY MILAM: We can report that from actual experience.

MR. STROHM: Isn't it true that ordinarily in the last week of September and the first weeks in October there are a large number of state associations meeting?

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes, that is very often true. If our program is made far enough in advance, I think all the associations will be glad to cooperate.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Of course, that comes into

the Yale opening period.

SECRETARY MILAM: When do you open?

PRESIDENT KEOGH: About the twenty-fifth of September. So that if it were over by that time, it wouldn't make any difference. I have two courses of lectures beginning that time of year. I could get away but it would be a little inconvenient.

Of course, it doesn't matter about me, but it is perhaps typical of others who are teachers.

SECRETARY MILAM: The schools and colleges open from the first day after Labor Day until the first of October, that is, they cover that stretch just as commencements cover the period from the last of May to the first of July. I think perhaps in the coast states you may open even earlier than that.

MR. PERRY: Yes, we do.

SECRETARY MILAM: So we are sure to run into commencement period in June and we are sure to run into an opening period in September. I had thought by running it into the first or second week of October perhaps the people would be able to get away more easily than they would in September.

MISS EASTMAN: I think many would.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: The second week certainly. I have no strong feeling about it either way. I should be willing to accept any date you fix.

SECRETARY MILAM: In general I gather the group favors the autumn date. There is an added advantage if we

are trying to make this a particularly important conference, and of course we hope it will have international features. The additional three or four months given to the officers to get ready for the conference will be very much appreciated, even if we have to have a very short period following.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Does that cover all the points?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think so.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Have you other business?

I have a telegram reading as follows:

Greetings from two members of your official family who are reluctantly absent. Our best wishes for a fine conference.

Maria V. Leavitt and Jennie M. Flexner

Then we have a letter from Mr. Bay of the Crerar Library of Chicago, saying:

"Owing to a sudden serious turn in the condition of Dr. C. W. Andrews, I may not be able to arrive in Los Angeles at the opening of the Conference of the American Library Association. I therefore take the liberty of calling in this way the attention of the Association to the fact that our colleague suffered a sudden relapse a few days ago and now is confined to his room at the Grant Hospital in this city.

"While we hope that he may rally, his condition is very serious, as several complications have set in.

"A short while ago Dr. Andrews said in a private

conversation that his professional ideals had always been guided by the collective inspiration derived from the activities of the American Library Association.

"I think this sentiment might properly be brought to the attention of the Los Angeles Conference. While I am now prevented from talking with him, I know that he would ask me to convey his best wishes to the conference, and I can do it in no better way than by quoting the aforesaid statement."

Mr. Strohm said Mr. Tetum is here and brings latest information with a statement in the bulletin, so perhaps we could see him. It might be a desirable thing to send a message to Dr. Andrews either from the Board or Resolutions Committee, perhaps, after we hear further information from Mr. Tetum to know whether any immediate action is desirable.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. President, it seems to me entirely appropriate that the Executive Board should authorize the President to communicate the good wishes of the Executive Board at his discretion, and also refer this letter for action to the Resolutions Committee.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: That sounds good.

MR. JENNINGS: I so move.

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

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Has anyone any business to bring before the Board. If not, we will adjourn until Saturday.

SECRETARY MILAM: Unless the President chooses to call a meeting in between.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: I have no intention of calling an extra meeting.

MR. STROHM: Mr. President, I appreciate the courtesy extended to me.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Thank you, sir.

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Bogle and Mrs. White and I will be glad to give any information we can about the arrangements for the Conference if you have any questions to ask and Mr. Perry will be able to carry that much further as to local arrangements if you have any questions. It isn't easy to find one's way about here in the first few hours and we found last night between ten and eleven when the A. L. A. headquarters staff were having a meeting there were a lot of things we didn't know.

MR. PERRY: The suggestion was made to me last evening that there might be a sign put up down toward the end of what they call Peacock Alley, indicating people should go in that direction to get to the exhibits and the Sala de Oro and all there is there.

MISS BOGLE: Mr. President, we were speaking with Mrs. Anderson about that this morning and some signs are being arranged and then Mrs. Anderson has gotten several people to act as guides, placing one or two at the head of the stairs from the lounge and then at cross sections of the galleries.

SECRETARY MILAM: Good. I think the signs ought to be there corresponding to the road signs, at the fork of the road, indicating what is down this way and that way, and I know something of that sort was in preparation and we will try to follow it through.

MISS BOGLE: There are guiding signs to the meeting rooms, signs such as we have on this door, but with arrows pointing in the direction of the rooms.

SECRETARY MILAM: I want to say to the Executive Board also that quite unexpectedly and without any apparent reason and without anybody being able to overcome the difficulties, the exhibitors were delayed in installing their exhibits. Nobody broke any contracts and there is no blame for anybody, but I wanted to say to you that the exhibitors themselves are in large measure not responsible for the confusion which exists down on the exhibit floors this morning. I think all of them have done their best to get things ready, but it was simply impossible to do it because it was impossible to get into the hotel soon enough to do it.

In saying that I don't want to put any blame on the hotel or anybody else because I think it is an insurmountable difficulty. They hope to have the exhibits ready by noon today in practically every case.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: Is there any other business? If not a motion to adjourn will be in order.

SECRETARY MILAM: We adjourned a little while

ago.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: We did, thank you.

Have you anything to tell us or ask us?

MR. PERRY: I think not. I think preparations are complete as far as we can make them. We hope everything will move along smoothly. I stand ready to do anything further that may be required.

PRESIDENT KEOGH: That's very nice.

... The meeting adjourned at eleven-forty o'clock ...

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday Evening, June 28, 1930

The meeting was called to order at seven forty-five p. m., President Strohm presiding.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. President, I suggest that inasmuch as we have been discussing New Haven, we take that on the docket first, which is Item No. 7 on the second page. There are five members of the Executive Board here tonight.

PRESIDENT STROHM: That is not a quorum.

SECRETARY MILAM: It is two less than a quorum. Seven makes a quorum. It will therefore be necessary for us to submit to the Board as a whole for correspondence vote any action taken tonight. I do not think, however, that ought to interfere with our proceeding with the docket because other members of the Board will no doubt be much more willing to accept proposals by mail if they know they have been discussed by five members of the Board.

MR. JENNINGS: What places have been suggested for next year's meeting except New Haven?

SECRETARY MILAM: We have submitted none. Boston would be glad to have us. I haven't any alternatives in mind other than Boston or in the vicinity of Boston. Frankly, does it seem necessary to find alternatives. There seems to be such general agreement that New Haven is desirable.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Is there any member present who wishes to suggest an alternative?

MR. KEOGH: I will pass around the vote of Yale Corporation authorizing the invitation. It shows how simple the Yale actions are.

"Voted, to invite the American Library Association to meet at Yale University in the summer of 1931.

"Yale University"

MR. KEOGH: Columbia invited us.

SECRETARY MILAM: We have innumerable invitations from other places.

MR. JENNINGS: I was thinking of that section of the country.

SECRETARY MILAM: I assume that you do not care to hear them even read. We have invitations from Kansas City and Detroit. We usually get one from Detroit and New York City.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Is there anybody who would consider the possibility of our discussing anything else excepting the opportunity we have to have you serve again, sir, but at Yale?

MR. KEOGH: Well, if there is no competition, the subject is ended.

SECRETARY MILAM: Those are the formal invitations.

MR. KEOGH: There is nothing on the Atlantic Coast except New York City.

PRESIDENT STROHM: It is unique to have an

invitation of this kind that isn't prompted by boosting or hope of revenue from having a convention.

Mr. Secretary, you are better informed on this item than anybody else. Is there anything you wish to say about this invitation?

SECRETARY MILAM: As Mr. Keogh has stated, Mr. President, the only matter is exhibits. Mr. Fontaine and I have been there, and others know it, know the situation. We have not found the room available which we originally intended to recommend for exhibits, and so this raises a new question. I feel certain that the difficulty will be solved somehow and the advantages of New Haven will easily make it worthwhile for us to meet there even if there are some slight disadvantages in one or two matters.

I should therefore be inclined to suggest that the Executive Board select the Yale Campus at New Haven as the place of meeting next year, if satisfactory arrangements can be completed for the necessary convention features. That is the customary motion.

MR. LYDENBERG: I make the motion and will let Mr. Jennings second it.

MR. JENNINGS: I second it.

PRESIDENT STROHM: There is a definite motion made.

MR. LYDENBERG: Wouldn't it be better form to say that we express our opinion and put ourselves on record

as favoring that, and request a mail vote from the other members of the Committee?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think it will be more simple if we report it. We will take care of it in a communication.

PRESIDENT STROHM: If there is no further discussion of it, a vote is invited.

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

PRESIDENT STROHM: It is a vote of record, and you can do the rest.

MR. KEOGH: May I say something there, Mr. President? Of course, I expect the cooperation of the New Haven Public Library, and I know that I will get it so far as the services of the Board and Library Board. They have been very hard hit financially this year and I was told this morning that it will be necessary to put an extra mill on the tax next year, which makes it impossible, in Mr. Brown's judgment, to look forward to any financial aid from the city for any purpose connected with the Conference. I told him that didn't matter so far as the Yale Conference was concerned.

Mr. Brown brought up yesterday at great length the question of the financial situation of the town and he was a little fearful of the effect upon the New Haven Aldermen and Board of Finance if they learned in a telegram from Los Angeles or from Chicago that the American Library Association was coming to Yale, and without New Haven being offi-

cially informed. I told him that I thought I could straighten that whole matter out during the summer because either I or some other officer of Yale would look after the Mayor, who is a Yale man, and the other members of the Board, and would try to straighten out any difficulty that may arise.

It would therefore, in my judgment, not be wise to make any public statement at this time as to the choice and it will perhaps be quite impossible anyway in view of the fact that we have not yet been able to show that we have the satisfactory conditions.

MR. JENNINGS: Couldn't it be announced as New England?

SECRETARY MILAM: It has already been announced as the Atlantic Coast and there is no occasion for any announcement at all.

MR. KEOGH: I want to make clear that Yale has no objection to the announcement. The objection comes from the city.

PRESIDENT STROHM: I think it is a matter that is hard to discuss. Is it more polite in regard to the people who have to deal with the citizens, as we have to, that everything should be left to you and the Secretary, you as the diplomat and you, Mr. Secretary, as the announcer, to settle to the full satisfaction of everyone with regard to the civic pride and the municipal administration of New Haven and proper relations of cooperation between the two. That can be trusted

to you.

MR. KEOGH: I shall be very glad to look after it, and as a matter of fact, you will find, if you will approve, that you will, before the summer is over, have an official request from the city of New Haven to be allowed to cooperate in entertaining and welcoming the visitors. At the moment I can't promise that.

SECRETARY MILAM: As a matter of fact, the action you have taken does not settle the matter. It is still not ready for public announcement.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Do you want to add anything more about that? Is that satisfactory?

SECRETARY MILAM: Now 1932 in the South. You have all been importuned no doubt by Memphis and New Orleans during the week in a friendly rivalry to consider claims of those two cities. We also have had numerous letters and telegrams from Miami, Florida, about which we know very little so far as hotel accommodations are concerned, and convention possibilities.

You will remember, Mr. President, that the Executive Board at its meeting last December expressed the hope that we might lay out the plans for the next three or four or five years and presumably keep them so ahead in order that we might not leave people so much in doubt as to the section of country to which we are likely to go. It interferes very decidedly in the election of officers for the section to

elect a Californian and find the meeting is in New Haven.

I wonder whether you are willing to take any further action, whether you wish to take any action now for the meeting in 1932. Invitations from those three cities should be considered. There are also other possibilities, San Antonio, Dallas, that will no doubt welcome the convention.

MR. JENNINGS: Do you think it is advisable to act now on the 1932 meeting place?

SECRETARY MILAM: I should be content if the Board would reiterate its intention of planning for a Southern Conference in 1932 and leave the matter open for further consideration. There is certainly no haste. We can't make a contract with a hotel under normal circumstances which will be binding. If they were to rent the theater which they expect us to use, then we couldn't use it, that's all.

MR. JENNINGS: Would this be any advantage in settling the question between Memphis and New Orleans if it were settled now?

PRESIDENT STROHM: May the Chair ask, doesn't it seem a matter of fairness to have a quorum in deciding a question of that kind? There may be some discussion from which the others are shut off. You can't quite get the angle of the thing by mail as you do around a table.

MR. LYDENBERG: I should think that Miami ought to be ruled out because it is the Atlantic Seaboard, and following New Haven would put it off to the southeast

corner of the country, and either Memphis or New Orleans would have the advantage of being in the Valley as well as in the South. I should certainly think we could defer any further action until at least the mid-winter meeting.

PRESIDENT STROHM: I suppose I am using pressure, but would you all like to get away from that consideration of 1932. We don't need to be concerned about that, but I think we could profitably acquire more information about Memphis and New Orleans. Don't you think so?

SECRETARY MILAM: We don't need any more information. I am not at all sure that you want what I have tonight, and I see no particular harm in delaying the matter. On the other hand, if this group will informally express itself as to preference, we may be able to allow one or the other city to slip out of the picture gracefully without being actually voted out.

As a matter of fact everyone who has expressed an opinion to me, whether on the Board or off, has favored New Orleans, and I don't see any reason why we shouldn't say to Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Ogleby, the Trustee, "So far as we have sounded out the sentiment of the Executive Board and the Association, it is for New Orleans, and while the matter isn't settled, we think it will be very likely to go to New Orleans."

It would let them ease out gradually instead of coming to an issue if they want it. That's the only advantage, and I think that ought to be an informal statement rather

than anything else for the reason Mr. Strohm mentioned.

PRESIDENT STROHM: I haven't been present in the discussions so I don't know the individual opinions of all. Is it your desire to give an opinion without it being recorded, or a formal vote? I think it might help the Secretary and the Chair would like to put it before you.

MISS EASTMAN: I think we all agree with what Mr. Milam just said.

MR. KEOGH: So do I.

SECRETARY MILAM: Is there anybody who disagrees? What do you think?

MR. JENNINGS: I prefer New Orleans. Wouldn't you like to have this Board at this time reaffirm its intention of meeting in the South in 1932?

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes.

MR. JENNINGS: I so move.

MR. KEOGH: I second it.

PRESIDENT STROHM: It has been moved and seconded that the Executive Board record its preference to meet below the Mason-Dixon line in 1932.

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

SECRETARY MILAM: Now, Mr. President, we perhaps ought to take some formal action on the next in order that a form of contract may be entered into with the Stevens Hotel if we are to go to Chicago in 1933. Because of the Centennial Exposition we cannot delay that as we would an ordinary meeting

in an ordinary city under ordinary circumstances.

The Board at its previous meeting indicated a willingness to have us negotiate with the hotel on the plan which was at that time outlined. I think you were all present but you did not, as I recall it, definitely authorize such a contract.

PRESIDENT STROHM: If I am not mistaken, wasn't there a reservation made there by the members of the Board?

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Jennings asked whether it was necessary to go to Chicago if the World's Fair were not held.

PRESIDENT STROHM: If it weren't held at all.

MR. JENNINGS: The sense of the other members seemed to be that they would like to go to Chicago anyway, that being the A. L. A. headquarters. I think I would agree with that.

SECRETARY MILAM: Without going into detail, I would say that so far as I know no other hotel except the Stevens in Chicago is as well qualified and well prepared to take care of all the features of a convention, meetings and exhibits, as this one. I know of no other, outside of these two hotels, which could provide meeting rooms for practically all of our sessions, general and special; so it would not be a bad place to hold a meeting even if there weren't a World's Fair.

MR. JENNINGS: May we have again just the gist

of that contract? Not in detail at all.

SECRETARY MILAM: The dates, any time except the first week in June or the first week in September, I think they mentioned informally might be held for something else.

"Because the demand for rooms will probably be very heavy, and in taking care of a large convention it would necessitate holding a large number of rooms for a couple of days in order to insure that we would be able to assign rooms to conventionites, we would request that some sort of agreement be made stipulating that rooms reserved for the American Library Association must be taken for a minimum of days, say four. Any reservations which had been made and were not cancelled would require payment for one day whether they came or not."

MR. LYDENBERG: They can't enforce that. They can put it in.

SECRETARY MILAM: They might make the A. L. A. responsible. They have something of that sort in mind.

PRESIDENT STROHM: It is a good rule of conduct.

MR. LYDENBERG: I have my doubts as to the advisability of the Association engaging to pay for cancelled rooms. I don't know about that.

SECRETARY MILAM: The other conditions were that if the Centennial Exposition is not held in Chicago but is postponed, we will postpone our contract with the hotel. If the Centennial Exposition is cancelled, we will go through

with our contract in 1933.

Those are the essential things as I recall them. They will undertake to provide accommodations for at least 2,000 of our guests, our delegates, if 2,000 ask for reservations as much as two weeks before the conference opens. Those who make their reservations after two weeks before the conference opens, will take their chances with other guests.

MR. KEOGH: That is reasonable enough.

MISS BOGLE: It might be pertinent to say that I was talking with the man who is making the arrangements for that year for the National Underwriters' Association, and in checking over with him the conditions, they were very similar to ours. The Stevens Hotel had notified them of three dates which were reserved, one since we left evidently. They have 4,000 people to take care of.

PRESIDENT STROHM: From a practical point of view it can be assumed that the members of the A. L. A. would play the game and observe those rules. From the legal point of view I think we are right. However, I think it is going to be embarrassing.

SECRETARY MILAM: I would like definite authority.

MR. JENNINGS: This postponement is just for one year.

SECRETARY MILAM: That wasn't discussed.

MR. JENNINGS: That is the implication.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Rhoden, Mr. Utley and I discussed the matter that if the Exposition is postponed for a year or two, as sometimes happens, whether we ought to be free to postpone our Chicago conference until that time. Of course if it were postponed for ten years we could hardly be expected to commit ourselves. That isn't likely.

MR. JENNINGS: Would you probably want to write back to the members of the Executive Board for formal vote when the details are more specific?

SECRETARY MILAM: Well, I am willing to. I wouldn't unless I were requested. No, if they fall within the range of the terms discussed.

MR. JENNINGS: Those specific points you would make specific in the contract whether there was a year or two year postponement.

SECRETARY MILAM: I would expect to do this with Mr. Utley and Mr. Rhoden who were at the last meeting designated with myself to make the plans with the hotel. They are both somewhat experienced, Mr. Utley particularly, in matters of this sort, and unless something new came up, we would not submit it to the Board again unless you wished.

PRESIDENT STROHM: As I understand, the Secretary invited a vote to be authorized to go forward.

MR. KEOGH: I make such a motion.

MR. LYDENBERG: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT STROHM: A motion has been made and

duly seconded that the Secretary be authorized to close negotiations with the Stevens Hotel at Chicago in accordance with the articles you voted.

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

SECRETARY MILAM: While we are over here on the second page, Mr. President, I suggest we take up No. 8 next, Recommendations from the Editorial Committee that we publish Fargo's "The Program for Elementary School Library Service," also "Library Service to Children," by Miss Power.

This recommendation comes from the Editorial Committee after, I think, due consideration, and comes to the Board as a matter of form for endorsement or rejection.

MR. JENNINGS: I move we approve the publication.

MISS EASTMAN: I second it.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Any discussion? If not I will call for a vote.

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

SECRETARY MILAM: The next item, Mr. President, is this. Miss Merrill has been invited by the Second Pan-Pacific Women's Educational Conference which is to be held in Honolulu in August, that is, the A. L. A. has been invited to send Miss Merrill as an official delegate to be one of the five principal speakers on the educational section with the possibility also of presenting summaries of her remarks at the general session.

The invitation comes from the Union on the recommendation of Mrs. Reeves, for some years President of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, who is in charge of the educational section.

The first congress was held in Honolulu a couple of years ago and Jane Addams was the President. For this congress President Woolsey is the President. The Library Extension Committee has voted as follows:

"That the Committee recognizes the importance of the invitation to the Executive Assistant to speak at the Second Pan-Pacific Women's Educational Conference at Hawaii and the opportunity it offers for library participation in a great educational meeting, and recommends it be accepted if financial arrangements can be worked out by the Secretary of the American Library Association and the Executive Assistant."

We have no funds that we can yet pigeon-hole for this particular enterprise. Miss Merrill has been very modest about it and has shown no particular enthusiasm for going, though I know she would like to go. We haven't quite known whether it was an obligation or not. I am rather inclined to think that it may be.

Of all the countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean probably no country but the United States and possibly Canada could present the library movement before the group, and if those people are interested in finding out what America has done, it is entirely possible that you will decide that

we have some moral obligation to do some little thing toward making that representation possible.

My inclination would be to try to get some money from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, \$500 or \$600 would probably cover it, and I would like very much to do it, as the Library Extension Committee would, if we can find it possible to get the funds. But the matter is presented to you for action.

I may say that I presented the matter to Dr. Keppel because he was in the conference in Kyoto last year of the Institute of Pacific Relations, which was also an outgrowth of the Pan-Pacific University. He said, "I don't know anything about it but I am rather inclined to favor it."

I went to see Mr. Haskell of the Carnegie Corporation to ask his advice and he untactfully assured me that he knew nothing whatever about it and referred me to Mr. Carter who is the research assistant of the Institute of Pacific Relations. I have not yet heard from Mr. Carter though I wrote to him.

MR. LYDENBERG: I will bring the matter to his attention.

SECRETARY MILAM: I was not able to see him in New York and so I wrote to him on my return. That was some two weeks ago and I have had no answer so far as I know. I shall be glad if you will bring this up if you care to.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Mr. Secretary, those two

answers from the two gentlemen don't differ from some answers that have been given here during the convention. Someone spoke to me about this. Shouldn't you widen this opportunity? Isn't there some way whereby Miss Merrill or somebody else could stay long enough so that they could survey the situation there?

I don't know the first thing about the educational and ethical conditions in Hawaii, but our American library ideas perhaps can't be successfully planted in a country like that.

MR. JENNINGS: They have a very nice library service over there. It covers all the islands.

MR. LYDENBERG: Mrs. Reece is in charge.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Mrs. Reece talked to me about it. I could sense some problems there that we don't have here at all.

SECRETARY MILAM: The point is, Mr. President, this is a conference made up of women from all the states bordering on the Pacific Ocean. It is not primarily concerned with Hawaiian problems. On the other hand the Territory of Hawaii has complete county library service which is financed almost wholly by the Territorial Government, which makes it different from any county library service so far as financing is concerned, in the United States proper.

A difficulty which confronts Miss Merrill is this, that she is hurrying back now to take part in the

Institute for Field Workers for Library Extension Work and that she would have to leave for Hawaii within a week or two after that is concluded, if she goes. In the meantime she would be expected to prepare her principal address and send it on in time to have it printed before she arrives.

Still one other thing. The Library Extension Committee would, I am sure, expect Miss Merrill to take the necessary time and take the necessary money, at the expense of the Library Extension Committee, to do an adequate bit of visiting of the county libraries in Hawaii. That need not, however, be considered as a part of the fundamental budget.

MR. LYDENBERG: I move Miss Merrill be appointed subject to the securing of funds from any source.

MISS EASTMAN: I am glad to second that.

PRESIDENT STROHM: It has been moved and seconded that Miss Merrill be selected to represent the A. L. A. subject to traveling expenses being made available. Is there any further discussion?

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

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Merrill told me this afternoon that she had learned that Miss Ahern is going from here to Hawaii and that she expects to remain over for the conference. The question immediately arises as to whether we wish to designate Miss Ahern or any of the Hawaiian librarians as a joint delegate. I make no recommendations.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Does this come from

Miss Merrill?

SECRETARY MILAM: The information comes from Miss Merrill. There is no recommendation from Miss Merrill to offer me.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Mr. Lydenberg suggests that Item No. 3 be taken up. Is that satisfactory to you?

SECRETARY MILAM: All right.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Librarian of the American Library in Paris.

SECRETARY MILAM: The status of that should be reported first, perhaps. We have had no letter as yet from the President of the Board of Trustees of the American Library in Paris notifying us of the resignation of Mr. Stevenson and calling upon us to make a nomination.

I had only a personal and rather confidential communication from Mr. Stevenson himself who told me he was leaving immediately, asking me not to reply to the library because he would not be there. He said, I think in that letter, that there had been some pressure brought by Colonel Olds for the appointment of a friend of his who had had no library experience, as director. He would recall that the charter of the American Library in Paris provides that the librarian shall be elected on the recommendation of the American Library Association Executive Board.

I think the title given was Librarian and Stevenson has been called Director. Whether that will allow

them a technical variation is of course open to question. I should like, however, to have you consider the two proposals that have been made, one, Mr. Frederick A. Blossom, who has been suggested by Mr. Bishop as a possibility, and the other, Mr. William Webb of Flint, suggested by Mr. Strohm.

Is there anyone here who knows Mr. Blossom? You know him, I presume, Mr. Lydenberg?

MR. LYDENBERG: I move the nomination of Mr. Webb of Flint. That brings it on the floor for discussion.

MR. KEOGH: I don't know Mr. Webb.

PRESIDENT STROHM: May I address you? Mr. Webb is a man I should say of thirty, maybe a shade more. Mr. Webb is, as far as a library career is concerned, a graduate of the New York State Library School.

My recollection is that he stayed with the State Library for a while, in New York. I heard from his classmates from time to time before I ever thought I would have anything of an official interest in him. He is also a graduate of Harvard College and out of consideration to his family or mother rather, he couldn't enlist in the fighting corps and he enlisted with the English Quakers and later with the Hoover Unit and spent two years with them, at least.

I heard he was coming back and I wrote to him and asked him about the possibility of his going to library work again and remaining. He had practically committed himself to go back but his mother persuaded him to consider

the proposition from Detroit. He has the advantage of speaking French very competently. He speaks German very well, not wholly because of his experiences after the War but temperamentally, culturally he has the proper, sane, intelligent sympathy with Europe, its history and its rights as a place in the sun.

As a man he has all the best virtues of his class, modesty, never self-assertive, very human not only in his outlook but in his associations, polite, and what appeals to me, a man who has all the future before him, strong, interested. He has made a warm place for himself in Detroit.

When I asked him to go and take it up he assured me he didn't know enough to assume such responsibilities, and I sensed around the circle no doubt he looked as though he came from Europe, but he learned step by step. Several times in Detroit there were considerations where principles were at stake, where character was tested, and he was my mentor rather than my proxy. He handled certain situations admirably. In Flint he has conquered in a very rapid way.

I have spoken to one of his trustees who is prominent with the Buick Company and they think a great deal of him. He was married just about a month ago. He married a very attractive lady who is wide awake. She has an interest in the world of thought.

I haven't the slightest idea that he is interested. His compensation at present is I think what we have

been paying. To me he represents America's best. In a more special way he represents the American librarian as I like to see him, not too academic, thoroughly human. When he feels it might be appreciated, he can voice some very fine sentiments. He has a very rare familiarity with some of the things that live.

If you don't mind my saying it, I think he is a better type and a different type altogether from what the American Library Association has had the opportunity to have as a representative abroad.

Aside from Paris, which I don't perhaps speak for, I would feel very happy that any library of standing in America would have such leadership as Mr. William Webb represents. I have said all I have the right to say, and I think I can say, without in any way being a publicity man of any kind.

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Bogle knows Mr. Webb.

MISS BOGLE: Mr. Webb has an excellent knowledge of French. He speaks very fluently. He speaks beautiful French. He has a knowledge of the literature of France, which is rather unusual in this country. He has a continental interest and has had for a number of years, which has not lapsed at any time; and as the result of his following the continental interest, he knows continental situations. He has what has not been given to the library before, the benefit of public library experience and which in my opinion is much needed over there

just now. He did a beautiful piece of work during the War. I heard quite a great deal about him over there. I was in contact with some of the English people with whom he had worked and everyone seemed to have a great deal of confidence in his sound, good common sense and his ability to avoid antagonizing people or creating a situation where one might easily be created.

I think he has a certain youthful appearance and a certain seemingly rather indifferent attitude toward things which might take a little time to bring him to just exactly the place in the clubs and in things like that you want over there, but to my mind he is presenting more qualifications for the position than anyone who would seem to be either available or under consideration.

PRESIDENT STROHM: There are two men on our board who saw a great deal of Mr. Webb. As you know, I was away for a while and he took my place in a most tactful manner, and his sense of honor, his loyalty, not diplomatic loyalty, but his loyalty as a matter of principle has been a precious thing to consider.

MISS EASTMAN: I am glad to second Mr. Lydenberg's ammunition.

SECRETARY MILAM: The staff of the Paris Library has had a difficult time for the last five years and I think any American librarian would be a welcome change shall we say in the matter of staff relations? I have heard that Mr. Webb

is particularly good in staff relations, but I don't know from experience.

PRESIDENT STROHM: I don't like to speak about it because I don't know Mr. Bishop's man at all. I might talk about his weaknesses.

MISS EASTMAN: Has he had library experience?

MISS BOGLE: He was in the cataloging department.

MR. LYDENBERG: He was librarian of the Explorers' Club.

MR. JENNINGS: Are there any other names to consider except these two?

PRESIDENT STROHM: Have there been other suggestions? I want you to realize now that I haven't been working on that case at all, and Mr. Secretary will confirm that. I got the word just a day before I left and I ventured to anticipate events and wrote you a line that if nothing had been decided, I would like to present the name, not because I am Chairman, I don't like to talk, but I have the feeling, as long as the Secretary has made the point, that the decent thing, the self-respecting thing on the part of A. L. A. is that now that we have an opportunity won't we please send a man that we take great pride in.

After all, with all our sympathies with Europe something in the way of high grade, substantial contributions, representation of the highest order of A. L. A. should be

brought to the front there if there is such a man available.

MR. LYDENBERG: You have him.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Is there any further discussion?

MR. JENNINGS: Can we hold up taking action?

SECRETARY MILAM: I will withhold action until we are invited to make a recommendation. If it is withheld too long I shall communicate with Mr. Dickman and ask him what we want him to do.

MISS EASTMAN: I like him very much and I think most of us would be particularly anxious to have someone over there who has had public library administration.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Miss Eastman is too modest to tell the full details.

MISS EASTMAN: One of the things I am proudest of about Miss Doris Hart is she absolutely kept confidence and spent all the time she could with me all the time I was in Paris. I thought that was mighty nice.

PRESIDENT STROHM: The motion was made by Mr. Lydenberg, seconded by Miss Eastman, that the Secretary be authorized to open negotiations with Mr. William Webb of Flint for filling the vacancy at the Library of Paris. Is that right? Are you ready for the motion?

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

MR. JENNINGS: Just one question there. Was the charter revised two years ago?

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't think so.

MR. JENNINGS: Wasn't there some change two or three years ago? There was no change in the feature that the A. L. A. recommends?

MR. MILAM: I don't think so. The charter does not appear in the 1929 year book and this came so shortly before we left that I think we didn't look that up. We have the 1921, the original charter. So far as I know, there is no change in this arrangement at all.

MISS BOGLE: I think there is none, and Mr. Milam, someone, I think while I was there, spoke of the action of the board, maybe Dr. Babcock, in making the title Director. It reads: "The title of Librarian shall be changed to Director." That would take care of it.

SECRETARY MILAM: I know that Babcock, when I talked with him a little less than a year ago, was expecting just this kind of arrangement when Stevenson resigned. He knew it was coming sooner or later and he was expecting us to make the nomination. There was no suggestion of any change having occurred.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Is there anything else, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think we will take No. 4.

PRESIDENT STROHM: I have about fifteen or twenty minutes left. Advertising in The Booklist.

SECRETARY MILAM: The Editorial Committee---

PRESIDENT STROHM: May I say I don't think the presence of the Chair is necessary if you can stay when my time is up. I think I shall leave that to you to go on. Will you go on, please, with No. 4?

SECRETARY MILAM: The Editorial Committee voted to recommend that the Executive Board approve the acceptance of advertising in The Booklist of books which have been definitely recommended in the subscription books bulletin. Those books are not always considered for entry in The Booklist.

Up to the present Booklist advertising has been limited so far as books are concerned, to those definitely listed in the Booklist. It is now proposed to extend that to other books which are specifically recommended in the subscription books bulletin.

The members of the Editorial Committee at present, a quorum, felt that we should go slow, but that we need not refrain from accepting advertising if it were properly worded and seemed appropriate to the staff.

MR. JENNINGS: I would vote the approval of that recommendation, Mr. President.

MR. LYDENBERG: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT STROHM: You have heard the motion. Are there any questions or critical remarks?

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

SECRETARY MILAM: I think the next two items, Mr. President, are items which the President himself ought to

have something to say about, more than others. You will remember that during the past three or four years the Eastern Library Associations and clubs, particularly the Massachusetts Library Club and others in New England, have indicated they would like to have a mid-winter conference in the east occasionally, in some other part of the country than Chicago.

I remember that was most fortunately presented at Toronto and the Board decided on investigation; inasmuch as mid-winter meetings are primarily business meetings of the Council and the Executive Board and certain committees, and inasmuch as the staff and the documentary material are in Chicago, it was inappropriate and unnecessary to go away from Chicago.

We are not trying to make those meetings public conferences, but business meetings. You may or may not agree with the Board.

Under No. 6 you will see that we have an invitation from the American Association for the Advancement of Science to hold a meeting in connection with its conference in Cleveland from December 29 to January 3. It is a little more convenient, quite a little more convenient to the members of the staff, of course, to have the mid-winter conference in Chicago, and it saves expense. Aside from that I don't see that it makes very much difference where that conference is held.

PRESIDENT STROHM: N. E. A. has a mid-winter

meeting in various places.

SECRETARY MILAM: That's the Superintendents' Conference. That is an annual conference of that department.

MR. JENNINGS: Would the holding of the mid-winter conference in Cleveland meet the desires of these eastern librarians?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think not.

MR. JENNINGS: I remember a very nice meeting that we had in Cleveland. I would rather meet there than in Chicago.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Eastern librarians would appreciate our disinclination to meet in the east next year as long as we are going there for the annual meeting.

SECRETARY MILAM: That certainly is ample reason for staying in Chicago if we are going somewhere else in the east next year inasmuch as we have definitely decided to hold the annual conference in New England.

MR. JENNINGS: In order to get the matter before us I would move that we have the next mid-winter conference in Cleveland in connection with the American Association for the Advancement of Science on those days.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Is there a second to that?

MISS EASTMAN: I should just like to suggest that it might be wise to get a little more information about the place where that association is to meet and what it would mean for our facilities for hotel accommodations. We haven't

very many hotels that would be desirable. If we could be well taken care of at Cleveland it would be very satisfactory, but otherwise I would rather hesitate. Don't you think it would be wise, Mr. Milam, to find out about that first?

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes, I do. I should like to have an expression of opinion, but the decision can well be delayed.

MISS EASTMAN: We should be delighted to welcome you provided we can take care of you adequately.

MR. JENNINGS: I will add that to my motion, providing the facilities prove adequate.

MR. KEOGH: I second the motion.

MR. LYDENBERG: I am sorry to talk so much, but I want to express a very emphatic vote against that. I feel that one thing that marks the mid-winter meetings of the Association is the concentration on work of the Association, business meetings free from distractions, smaller, more lengthy general conferences, ability to get things through, and they have for me, and I know for others, a very distinct advantage in that respect.

Cleveland would be a delightful place for our co-workers, but if we go to Cleveland with the Association for the Advancement of Science, we must remember we will be part of a large body and perhaps the fellowship of our meeting will be broken up.

MISS EASTMAN: I am very much afraid that it

will be difficult to get proper accommodations at the same time.

MR. LYDENBERG: More than that, we are just part of a big show.

MISS EASTMAN: I think that would be objectionable, too. How many do they have attending?

MR. KEOGH: They get everybody in the locality to join so as to pay expenses.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Any further remarks? Then the remarks as the Chairman understands them are wholly concerned with Cleveland, not with the general proposition of having mid-winter meetings elsewhere.

MR. LYDENBERG: Here we have a specific motion.

MR. JENNINGS: I will withdraw that motion.

MR. KEOGH: I withdraw my second.

MR. LYDENBERG: Go to it. I went ahead and talked. Now let's hear how you feel.

MR. JENNINGS: All we can do here is to get the sense of this meeting, isn't it?

MR. COMPTON: I am inclined to agree with Mr. Lydenberg.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Does the Secretary care to discuss the general proposition to possibly have mid-winter meetings elsewhere? Is that for you to decide?

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't think I have ever quite made up my mind. I find myself feeling rather than

thinking, perhaps, that they ought to be in Chicago for the reasons which were rather adequately stated by Mr. Rhoden, which I reported following Toronto, that business sessions ought to be at the business office. When the Board of Directors meets it doesn't go off to Florida ordinarily, and that is what these are.

On the other hand, the complaint or the suggestion has come up so often that I don't want it to be ignored. It is a good deal simpler for those of us who spend the A. L. A. money to handle it in Chicago. When we do go, perhaps we ought to go to the section of the country which has made criticisms. This would hardly be doing that, as it has been pointed out.

MR. JENNINGS: The thing to do is to get the criticisms in so we can meet in Seattle.

MR. LYDENBERG: If we spread the general meeting over the country I think the advantage of the centralized position of Chicago from each coast to get there with a minimum loss of effort, has very great advantages.

MR. COMPTON: I should like to say that of the hundreds of criticisms I have received, I have not received one on this point, as Chairman of the Activities Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: As a matter of fact, they have come from a group of poorly paid librarians who would like to attend the mid-winter conference and haven't been able to do so.

PRESIDENT STROHM: May the Chair suggest this? It is a good way off. In 1933 I think it would be a proper time to consider having the mid-winter meeting somewhere else.

MISS EASTMAN: Possibly 1933 and 1934, the two that would be on the side of the Chicago Conference.

MR. JENNINGS: The one just previous to the annual meeting might better be in Chicago. They might want to meet there to look over facilities.

SECRETARY MILAM: That might be true, though not necessarily.

Mr. Lydenberg might make a motion that we meet next winter in Chicago.

MR. LYDENBERG: All right, I move that the next mid-winter meeting be held in Chicago.

MR. KEOGH: I second the motion. I have no feeling. I just wanted to get the thing acted upon.

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

PRESIDENT STROHM: Next.

SECRETARY MILAM: Let's turn back to page 1 and let me say this. During the past few months I have been corresponding with Mr. Strohm occasionally in preparation for the appointment of committees; with some more than fifty committees the appointment is a whale of a job.

Every President, I think, since I have been Secretary, has come in with the determination to appoint new blood, to get new blood on the committees. There are a lot of

people who have been over-worked and perhaps a great many people who ought to be put to work and who have not been used. In order to facilitate the action, however, Miss Bogle and I have prepared a list of the committees which we think for one reason or another probably ought to be reappointed without change.

The first is the Committee on A. L. A. Activities composed of Charles H. Compton, Gratia A. Countryman, and H. H. B. Meyer who were commissioned to do a specific job which was expected to take two or three years. It would be absurd, of course, to remove that committee or to try to change the personnel of it.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Has the committee been appointed for three years?

SECRETARY MILAM: How long, two years?

MR. COMPTON: It will be two years the first of the year.

SECRETARY MILAM: The committee was appointed after the West Baden Conference, so technically that committee has been in existence two years, although the actual appointment was deferred.

I should like, Mr. Chairman, to save time, if I may, and pass down these, and if there are no objections voiced, say the committees will continue. Is that all right? On this particular group, you see.

PRESIDENT STROHM: The Chair invites the criti-

cism of the membership on endorsement. Is there a motion either way? Acquiescence is voted by consent.

SECRETARY MILAM: The next is, Curriculum Study Advisory Committee, which was appointed to supervise the curriculum study committees and text books, and the Committee has done nothing, practically, for a year or two, but it has been felt by Miss Bogle, Miss Hostetter, and myself that the Committee should be kept in existence until the final text book in the series is in the printer's hands. Something might arise which would necessitate going back to that. I think the Committee will not be called upon to do anything. I would suggest it be kept in existence as is until Miss Power's book, which is the last one, is in the printer's hands.

We are anticipating the receipt soon of the final report of Dr. Charters, which will, of course, go to that Committee.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Any objection? If not, it is so ordered.

SECRETARY MILAM: A new Fire Insurance Committee was authorized at the mid-winter conference. We invited Mr. Josselyn to accept the chairmanship, and it was some months before we got his acceptance. He has now recommended for appointment Mr. Thomas P. Ayer and Joseph L. Wheeler with him. We are expecting additional suggestions.

My recommendation is that Mr. Josselyn be reappointed and that these two men be appointed with addi-

tional members recommended by Mr. Josselyn, with the approval of the President.

SECRETARY MILAM: They haven't begun yet.

PRESIDENT STROHM: I had a letter from the Committee. That is acceptable.

SECRETARY MILAM: The Guide to Historical Literature. Mr. Lydenberg, do you happen to be in touch with that?

MR. LYDENBERG: You have got to work in connection with the American Historical Association in that, and the A. L. A. is simply going to drag along with them.

Shearer is a hold-over officer. Fletcher is sick. They are working and it is a concrete job.

PRESIDENT STROHM: The Chair will say again that it is acceptable.

SECRETARY MILAM: Index to Art Periodicals. This was an art committee appointed a few years ago at the request of some art association. It resulted in the Wilson Company taking up the production of the index. The committee expected to go out of business but Mr. Wilson asked that the committee be continued.

It consists of E. Louise Lucas, Gladys Caldwell, J. T. Gerould, and H. M. Lydenberg.

PRESIDENT STROHM: It is only a matter of two weeks now that a rather interesting questionnaire came from the secretary of that committee. I don't know who brought

it to my attention, and I must say we are eagerly interested in it in Detroit.

MR. LYDENBERG: We have got to go on.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Wilson wants the committee to continue for three years.

PRESIDENT STROHM: I think it is in good hands.

SECRETARY MILAM: List of Foreign Government Serials. Mr. Gerould is Chairman. It is a five or six years' job that is four years on the way. It seems to me it is inevitable the committee will stand. We won't embarrass Mr. Lydenberg by reading the names of the membership.

The Membership Committee is one that is constantly changing. It is a very large committee with representatives sometimes of two or three in a state. Miss Beatty who as you know is our Membership Secretary at headquarters, recommends reappointment of that committee with individual changes which may number twenty-five to fifty. People who have not been active or satisfactory we do not want to continue, but we would like to continue the same Chairman, Miss Leavitt.

MISS EASTMAN: Can she be persuaded to continue?

MR. LYDENBERG: She is willing to serve but she wants to get off.

MISS EASTMAN: I don't think you could get a better one.

SECRETARY MILAM: I would like very much to

have Miss Leavitt continue until after the New Haven Conference. She knows the New England states. It has taken Miss Beatty and Miss Leavitt some part of the year to establish their relations. I think Miss Beatty will be able to carry more of the heavy work this year than she was last year when she was new. We would like Miss Leavitt to continue because she has established a reputation for success which we would like to capitalize.

PRESIDENT STROHM: May I ask a question here? Is there any way whereby some time can be given by these people to attend state conferences? I am quite sure that even in Michigan there could be more support gained if there were proper representation. I think that someone in Michigan and someone in a library is always at a disadvantage in asking indirectly for money that way, but a national representative can do it much better, or an A. L. A. representative can do it much better. That is my suggestion from my own experience.

SECRETARY MILAM: The expense, of course, would be considerable and it would be doubtful whether any person could take the time.

MR. LYDENBERG: So far as Miss Leavitt is concerned, I can speak with authority there. She can have the time to go. I think so far as her traveling expenses, the library can't divide that. That is a national affair and should properly be cared for by the general organization. I will give the time.

PRESIDENT STROHM: I haven't Michigan so much

in mind, just because I mentioned the state of Michigan. I don't mean these little state meetings, but don't you have consolidated meetings?

SECRETARY MILAM: There are regional conferences.

PRESIDENT STROHM: That is what I had in mind.

SECRETARY MILAM: I shall be glad to consider that suggestion as against the budget and see whether we can't make some arrangements for doing a little of that, at least, next year. I think it is highly desirable.

MR. LYDENBERG: Miss Leavitt is an admirable representative for that purpose.

SECRETARY MILAM: She is indeed perfect.

MR. JENNINGS: It might be tried this year with one or two.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Now that Mr. Keogh has carried on his sustaining memberships so well, we want to keep the steam up that way.

MR. LYDENBERG: Let us have Miss Leavitt at the library occasionally. I hope you won't want her every week.

SECRETARY MILAM: We won't overlook that.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Otherwise the committee stands unchanged so far as leadership is concerned.

SECRETARY MILAM: In choosing new people for these committees we will indeed try to get people not on other committees. We will try to get the younger people who

are willing to work for the good cause and haven't been put at it.

Public Library Branches in School Buildings is a committee appointed some years ago to make a report on that question as to branches, whether they are desirable in school buildings or whether they must be separate.

The committee presented a report which was not brief enough to be used in the ordinary annual reports. There was much too much in it and it was not, we felt, quite good enough, it hadn't been quite sufficiently edited to be printed as a separate document. The committee was asked to continue until it could in a reasonable length of time put the matter into shape for publication.

MR. JENNINGS: There is a new government bulletin on that subject now. It came out I guess since they did their work.

PRESIDENT STROHM: Who are the members?

MRS. WHITE: Bostwick, Bailey, Morgan and Carl Vitz.

PRESIDENT STROHM: May I suggest that we consider replacing members or adding members. That is the one committee where I think you should have a trustee. I don't know that I have ever seen as good expression on that particular matter as I have from the library trustee.

SECRETARY MILAM: Can anyone suggest a trustee?

PRESIDENT STROHM: If I had time I might. Do

you need to have that today? It came to me at once that there is a matter that could be looked upon from the point of view of a responsible assistant in the development of the complex educational dovetailing agencies, and while they can cooperate, they should not be sleeping in twin beds or anything like that.

We had a very interesting and delicate situation because it involved an institution which I never heard ask for information before; it was a parochial institute and I don't think the library could have handled it. He drew a brief that was excellent.

I am going to give you a note of relief. The Chairman has to withdraw. Mr. Keogh, will you step in? I am sorry. At any other meeting I will be glad to be padlocked to the table until it is concluded.

... President Strohm left the meeting room ...

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Acting President, I would suggest that we continue that committee and authorize the President to add one member to it.

MR. JENNINGS: Possibly Mr. Strohm.

SECRETARY MILAM: Probably a trustee. Do you think Mr. Bostwick would have any objection to that?

MR. COMPTON: I don't think so.

MR. JENNINGS: It is a question of larger policy anyway.

MISS EASTMAN: Mr. Barman had that matter up with Congress.

MR. JENNINGS: They have had a bulletin.

MISS EASTMAN: Yes, he sent it to me.

MR. JENNINGS: I asked for ten copies and after I got them he asked me to send some of them back.

SECRETARY MILAM: Resources of American Libraries. For many years Mr. Gerould has been Chairman of this Committee but he did not wish to continue, as you will recall, Mr. President, during the past year. We finally rather late in the year succeeded in persuading Mr. Henry of Cincinnati to accept the chairmanship.

MISS EASTMAN: What was the committee?

SECRETARY MILAM: Committee on Resources of American Libraries. The other members of the Committee are: Frank H. Chase, Donald Coney, James T. Gerould, Mr. G. R. Lomer, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. H. H. B. Meyer, Miss Louise Prouty, John Ridington, Robert J. Usher, and Nathan van Patten.

You will observe it is a geographical committee. I think they are not hold-overs. In any case the Chairman at about the time he accepted this appointment, was also appointed Chairman of the College and Reference Year Book Committee of the Section, and he has therefore hardly begun his work in this field. I therefore recommend that the Committee be reappointed as it stands.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: I think that is highly desirable. Unless there is something to the contrary, we will approve that.

SECRETARY MILAM: Study of Development of Reading Habits is a joint committee with the National Association for Adult Education, our two appointees being Mr. Williamson and Miss Power. It seems wiser to me to have those two continue with Dean Gray, Dr. Thorndike and President Suzzalo. We question the desirability of changing our own since the other appointees have not been changed.

The Subscription Books Committee is hard at work and they probably would like to see their journal through the first year at least under the present administration.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Approved.

SECRETARY MILAM: "Travel" you know.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Reappointed.

SECRETARY MILAM: Union List of Periodicals.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Approved.

SECRETARY MILAM: Unfinished business.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: What about ventilation?

SECRETARY MILAM: That has been a committee for twenty years and they have never made their report. Mr. Ranck is the Chairman and the other members are Ashley, Hooker, and Lydenberg.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: I think we ought to wait until they present their report. In the case of Lydenberg, take him off the Committee. (Laughter)

George Washington Lists.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Shearer is Chairman.

... Secretary Milam read the list of the membership of the Committee on George Washington Lists ...

SECRETARY MILAM: Dr. Hart proposed several additions to the Committee tentatively but he wanted to consider them further, and so I am not ready to make any recommendations. We wanted to get a geographical representation having a man from Virginia where Washington was born, and so on.

I would recommend the reappointment of this Committee. It is at work and the job is barely started.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: We can add others when we want to. Any objections? Reappointed.

SECRETARY MILAM: Back to the first page.

The most important vacancy perhaps is that of the Board of Education for Librarianship. Mr. Hirshberg's term expires. There have been two communications which concern this. The question came from someone, Miss Elva S. Smith.

"Will it not be necessary for Mr. Hirshberg to resign now that he is directly connected with a library school? In that case I think someone from a public library should be selected to fill vacancies as Miss Flexner will be the only member on the Board representing the public library now that Mr. Strohm has resigned.

"Mr. Craver as Chairman suggests as his first choice Mr. Keogh, as his second choice Mr. Munn or Miss Tyler, as his third choice Mr. Brigham or Miss Howard."

MR. LYDENBERG: Seriously, you went off that only because you became President (addressing Mr. Keogh).

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: I resigned because I hadn't time to continue it and because I thought I had done the thing that I could do for the Committee, that is, lay down standards and have the schools. I don't know anything about training classes. I wouldn't be able to do as good work as others in that particular field. Besides, I have been looking forward to loafing next year.

SECRETARY MILAM: I am sure you would like to hear what Miss Bogle has to say about that.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: I should like to hear from Miss Bogle.

MISS BOGLE: The presiding officer has put up a barrier which is rather difficult for me to cross. I think the thing which Mr. Keogh contributed at the time he was a member of that Board is just as badly needed now as it ever was, if not even more so.

MR. LYDENBERG: I think as long as he is Mr. Craver's first choice, you can't emphasize too strongly the support of the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: What could I do in the present situation that couldn't be done as well or much better by somebody else? In that long trip that we made when we had to interview university and college presidents I thought I was doing something because I am accustomed to joshing presidents,

but what could I do in a public library board with regard to training classes, for example. I don't know what I am talking about.

MISS BOGLE: With the support of the budgeted Board as it now would seem to be, there would be little time to pay much attention to training classes, and I think the feeling of the Board itself with its Chairman is that maybe its function would be to encourage the study of the training classes through the section. That has been started and there is to be cooperation there.

But just at this time when education for librarianship has attracted the attention of the universities and university presidents, and when the Board is busy proving that librarianship is a profession to these presidents, the weight of your opinion would be no small one.

Furthermore, the thing which you bring from a great university is one of the best things that can come to that Board.

MR. JENNINGS: It seems to me that is a Board that ought to change very little.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: I don't like it. Miss Tyler has retired now, has she not? She has time and she is from a university.

SECRETARY MILAM: She is also a member of the Library Extension Committee which is one of the three major groups. We hesitate a little bit to ask any one person to

serve on three because there ought to be wider representation in important bodies and because of the work involved, the responsibility involved.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Will you hold that over and let me think about it and possibly see Craver. I don't like to do it and on the other hand I don't like to give it up. I should like to see what is expected of me. Shall we go on to the next?

SECRETARY MILAM: On May 14th at a dinner meeting in Chicago the following names were suggested; inasmuch as they are arranged alphabetically, I presume that they are not arranged in the order of their preference. This was a meeting of members of the Board on Library and Adult Education. Harold F. Brigham, Charles H. Compton, Miss Gratia Countryman, J. T. Jennings, Ralph Munn, C. E. Sherman to take the place of Mr. Belden.

In the office and in so far as we have discussed the matter with the members of the Executive Board, there has seemed to be a feeling that the time has come for us not to continue to reappoint for five year terms the men who have served or the women who have served for long terms. We don't want to get into a continuing policy which will make it impossible to get new blood on those important boards.

MR. JENNINGS: I should like to have said that myself since you have my name on that.

SECRETARY MILAM: There is no harm in your say-

ing that again if you can say it more effectively, if you can emphasize it.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: This is just a choice of one person, that is Belden to be replaced.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Belden's term expires. The others hold over.

MR. JENNINGS: Has Mr. Dudgeon expressed any opinion?

SECRETARY MILAM: Do you know Mr. Dudgeon?

MISS EASTMAN: I do not. I am sorry. There was quite a little general discussion. Who suggested whom I don't know.

SECRETARY MILAM: I can't recall either.

MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Brigham is pretty busy on salaries and pensions, isn't he?

SECRETARY MILAM: He is taking the chairmanship of the new Committee on Pensions which is a separate committee and is likely to be a committee of considerable importance and activity. Perhaps I ought to say here in passing that I recently renewed our discussions with Dr. Keppel on the matter of pensions and annuities for librarians and he assures me that this is on the slate. It may be three or four years before they get to it but they are going to do something about it. What it will be they don't know. He put it to me like this: "I wish you would tell me some time what the situation is with regard to librarians. Tell me particularly what we could do to

keep the profession young," realizing that many people stay on in the library profession longer than they should for their own health and for the welfare of the work, because they haven't any basis on which to retire.

MR. COMPTON: So far as I am concerned, I don't think I should consider sufficient responsibility on our own account.

MR. JENNINGS: The Activities and also the Editorial Committee ought to be eliminated. I felt that about Mr. Brigham and Mr. Compton. Both of them had pretty heavy responsibilities. What has Mr. Munn and Mr. Sherman?

MR. LYDENBERG: Sherman has a list of all those names.

SECRETARY MILAM: Sherman is carrying nothing so far as I know.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: I will hear a motion that Mr. Sherman be added to the Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: I would like to have you consider also whether Mr. Sherman can make a contribution to the Committee.

MR. JENNINGS: When we started out the adult education program I think Mr. Sherman expressed himself as not much in sympathy.

SECRETARY MILAM: He was a cynic about it.

MR. JENNINGS: But I think he has changed emphatically because they are doing something.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Who else is there?

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Munn. He has been Chairman of the Committee on Federal and State Relations. That is his principal activity. He hasn't been reappointed yet and if you want to choose him for a bigger job, for a five year job, that is your privilege.

MISS EASTMAN: Is there a university librarian on there now?

SECRETARY MILAM: No.

MISS EASTMAN: There probably should be.

SECRETARY MILAM: The other members are Miss Eastman, Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Dudgeon and Charles E. Rush. He represents college libraries.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Not quite.

MR. COMPTON: Some university libraries were expressing themselves very forcibly about the lack of representation.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Which was the most forceful?

MR. COMPTON: Mr. Windsor and Mr. Walter.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Is Mr. Windsor on any committee?

MR. COMPTON: They spoke of this committee in particular.

MR. JENNINGS: If we are taking up alumni education as we are, it is highly desirable to have a university man.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Is the librarian of Vassar a member of the A. L. A.?

SECRETARY MILAM: I presume so.

MISS EASTMAN: Mr. Wilson would be good on that.

SECRETARY MILAM: Mr. Wilson is on the Board of Education.

MR. JENNINGS: It would be desirable to have a library that is doing a good deal in alumni education.

SECRETARY MILAM: In which case you mean Mr. Bishop.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: That is not being done by Bishop.

MISS EASTMAN: Mr. Bishop was on at first.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Wilson, I believe, is doing the most of the university libraries.

MR. JENNINGS: Could we leave that to the President in consultation with Mr. Dudgeon and the Secretary?

MISS EASTMAN: I think so.

SECRETARY MILAM: With the suggestion that they consider a university librarian.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Vassar has just issued a reading list for its alumni, a very good one. It is true that Miss Borden didn't have much to do with it. It was done by a committee of the faculty. Miss Borden is a fine person and she should be brought into the A. L. A. activities.

SECRETARY MILAM: I recommend that the Com-

mittee on Books for the High School Library be discharged.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: It is so ordered.

SECRETARY MILAM: Editorial Committee. The membership at present are: Mr. Utley, Mr. Compton, Elsa Loeber, Carroll Moore and Charles B. Shaw. Miss Miller has at my request put down four names of people who might serve. Miss Mary K. Reilly of Madison, Clarence Sherman, Miss Mary Rothrock who was on the Committee until two years ago, and Mr. H. S. Ranck.

Mr. Utley, as Chairman, has oftentimes expressed the opinion it was time for him to get off, that he had done his job, but being generous of his time and never protesting too violently, we have continued him. It is a great advantage in this job to have a Chicago chairman, and I don't think any of us at headquarters would like to see Mr. Utley dropped from that Committee. At the same time we don't want to be unfair to him for too long a time. I don't know who would be a good chairman to substitute for him.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Is there any nomination?

MISS EASTMAN: I should like to see Mr. Utley continue.

MR. COMPTON: He is certainly a good chairman.

SECRETARY MILAM: I think he is an excellent chairman. The Editorial Committee work is not as easy as it used to be. We are issuing now some forty or fifty publications. It means that the time has passed when the Committee

itself can read the manuscripts in any considerable number of cases or even examine them. It must therefore be a Committee that will help the members of the headquarters staff to see that the manuscripts are examined by people who are competent in the special fields.

For example, we get a junior college list. What are we going to do with it. There is nobody on the Committee that knows junior college work at all, and there are many subjects of that kind. The editor with the advice of Miss Bogle and myself and others in the office, picks one, two, or three college librarians just a little above the junior field, a man like Shaw who knows the field. We get their opinions.

Every once in a while the Editorial Committee says it seems absurd until we get the opinion of So-and-so, or that we have a committee who would like to read it, and he or she asks for a report and we send it. But it takes a good deal of rather wise watching of everything on the part of all of us to avoid publishing things we ought to have submitted to somebody and which we failed to do.

Mr. Utley is particularly good at that through his long years as Secretary of the A. L. A. He knows the whole machinery.

MISS EASTMAN: Mr. President, would it be in order to suggest that Mr. Utley be proposed as Chairman and that the other members of the Committee be selected by him and by the President, with the names suggested passed on to him?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think that is entirely appropriate.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: It is so ordered unless we hear to the contrary. Next.

SECRETARY MILAM: Graded List of Books for Children. Their work is finished and we recommend they be discharged.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: It is so ordered.

SECRETARY MILAM: Index to Art Periodicals. Didn't we take care of that?

Institution Libraries. The Chairman, E. Kathleen Jones, recommended that the membership of the Committee hereafter shall include at least three members of the American Prison Association in close touch with prison libraries.

We have presumably no authority to appoint members of the American Prison Association. On the other hand, I know of nothing that will prevent our inviting members of the Prison Association to serve with our Committee. We can do it either that way or we can ask the American Prison Association to designate three members.

MR. LYDENBERG: Why should we select the American Prison Association for institution libraries? If it means anything, it covers many other forms of library work than prison libraries.

SECRETARY MILAM: It doesn't in actual practice.

That is our name for prison library committee work, that's what it amounts to. It covers reformatories and things of that kind. It formerly covered all sorts of state institutions, but it has since been primarily a prison committee.

Miss Jones says in addition to what I have already quoted, "I want to retain Mrs. Johnson, Miss Carey, Miss Anna McDonald and Mr. Bassett (who is, I believe, a prison chaplain or supervisor) because they have been so very helpful to me this year.

"I would also like to retain Miss Stockton^{ett} and Isabel J. Horn. Miss Horn has been developing the library in the Michigan State Prison. Miss Rosseen I would like to keep on because I want to make her do most of the work in assembling things at the Louisville meeting. Miss Nesbit has written to me that she is leaving the Nebraska Library Commission this fall and would therefore not be available."

MISS EASTMAN: There are a couple of men. Who was that reader's advisor?

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Chancellor of the Federal Service.

MISS EASTMAN: And a young man down in Mansfield who was a graduate of Western Reserve. Either one of them would be very excellent material for that committee, Chancellor particularly.

SECRETARY MILAM: Chancellor, who is the head of Library Service for Federal Prisons, would be a very

appropriate man. I would suggest, Miss Eastman, the same action here that you took in the case of the Editorial Committee -- the appointment of a chairman and the appointment of the others to be approved by the chairman and the President.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: It is so ordered.

SECRETARY MILAM: The next, you heard at the Council this morning of the situation that has developed there. I had hoped to have before the end of the week and before this meeting a more detailed report from Mr. Randall who was to be the managing editor of the Journal of Discussion, which will not be called that, by the way. It will probably be "The Library Quarterly." The situation has changed somewhat.

The Executive Board a year or so ago authorized the appointment of an Editorial Board for long terms. There was such difficulty in appointing the board at the beginning of the year that we gave up entirely the idea of appointing a permanent board at that time, and really appointed, as the President will remember, a committee. It took months to get a chairman for that committee and it finally developed into Mr. Hansen, so that the board which was authorized by the Executive Board has never been created.

Now the situation has changed. The University of Chicago Graduate Library School through the University of Chicago Press proposes to issue a library quarterly. It would like to appoint an editorial board with the approval of the President and the Secretary of the Association, Item No. 1.

Item No. 2, it would like to publish on the cover of the journal or on the title page something like this: "Issued in cooperation with the American Library Association," or perhaps, "With the cooperation of the American Library Association."

It seems to me therefore that the Executive Board ought to rescind its action in creating a board.

MR. LYDENBERG: In connection with the next to the last statement of yours, let me say that just before I left I got a note from the University of Chicago people saying they wanted to have that phrase read: "Cooperation with the approval of the American Library Association," and I waited for you to say it. Didn't they bring it up to you, the Bibliographical Society?

SECRETARY MILAM: They did mention that. I simply forgot it, that's all.

There is no reason for the Board to act with the Bibliographical Society. It is a matter of information which I am glad you brought up.

MR. LYDENBERG: I bring it forward with a bit of hesitancy. They also went on to say that they wanted to serve as the official organ of the Bibliographical Society, and I purposely did not bring it up at the business meeting of the Society. I think there is no chance of the Society agreeing to that last part. I think there would be no difficulty in having the Society express approval, join its name to

that of the American Library Association so long as the Library Association looks on it with acquiescence.

SECRETARY MILAM: I am looking at it this way, Mr. Lydenberg, that to a very large extent with our entire approval in so far as we have had any chance to express approval the matter has been taken out of our hands. Our Committee made the investigation and made certain recommendations. One of its recommendations was that it should be published by a university rather than by the A. L. A.

Now the university has come forward and secured the money and is ready to go ahead with it. It is willing to give us recognition and would like to have our support to the extent that was indicated, the use of our name on the title page.

In the appointment of its advisory board of editors, it wishes also to consult with us and to make appointments; they, of course, must make the appointment because it is a Chicago university institution, but they propose it shall be done only with the approval of the officers of the Association.

So in a sense we have nothing to say as to whether the Bibliographical Society shall be included. That is purely a matter between the Bibliographical Society and the University. Certainly we shouldn't have any objection.

MR. LYDENBERG: It doesn't want to have to ask to have its name brought forward.

SECRETARY MILAM: But it has been invited by the owner of the journal.

MR. LYDENBERG: But it is the younger sister there and it wants to be all-fired sure that the elder sister will be willing, not to say eager, to have it present.

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't think there is any doubt about that.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: It was the motion?

SECRETARY MILAM: This is the first time in my recollection that we have been asked to grant the use of our name in a situation over which we have so little control. On the other hand, it seems to me that it will add dignity and worth to the journal and dignity to the Association to be counted a part of the journal of research in the library field, and may I personally add, to be associated with the Bibliographical Society in this capacity.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: You want us to abolish the Committee and create a board?

SECRETARY MILAM: No, first rescind the action taken at a previous meeting authorizing the appointment of an editorial board for the Journal of Discussion.

MISS EASTMAN: I so move, Mr. President.

MR. LYDENBERG: I second it.

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

SECRETARY MILAM: Second, are you willing to delegate to the President and Secretary the authority to make

recommendations or give approval to appointments to this board? We might make recommendations to the University of Chicago, or they might make recommendations to us, and when they have been approved by the President and Secretary, they would be accepted as representatives in a sense, as having had the approval of the Executive Board of the Association.

The reason I put it in that form: Mr. Randall and I talked about it at length and I have had letters from Dean Lang and Mr. Hansen, and they would like that to be a fairly flexible board. They want it to include some foreigners. They would like to include Dr. Crew and Dr. Colleen among their board of editors. That will require negotiation. It will become very complicated if we have to submit every name to the Executive Board for ratification, but if it can be agreed upon between the Secretary and President of the Association and Dean Lang and Mr. Randall, it will be a relatively simple matter. The question is, whether that is satisfactory to the Board.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Is there any motion? Would the approval of Colleen and Crew by this Association be in order? Have we anything to do with them?

MR. LYDENBERG: The only thing we could do would be to press approval of members of our own body appointed there.

MR. JENNINGS: Is there any special number?

SECRETARY MILAM: It is unlimited. They have

eight or ten in mind.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Part of them foreigners?

SECRETARY MILAM: Only two or three foreigners.

The members of the committee whom they have already considered as being possibilities are the directors of each of the graduate library schools, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Mitchell. That would be all.

MR. LYDENBERG: Would they be ex officio?

SECRETARY MILAM: They will pick the men or women in charge. They have also in mind Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Van Hosen, Mr. H. H. B. Meyer, and then they have named, as I say, two or three foreigners. They have considered Dr. Bostwick as someone who ought to perhaps be on it. They are still considering names.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: You couldn't be wrong with that list of names. Is there a motion?

MR. JENNINGS: I move that be left to the President.

MR. LYDENBERG: I second the motion.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: It has been moved and seconded that the matter be left to the President and Secretary. Are you ready for the question?

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

SECRETARY MILAM: The Library Extension Committee is one of the three major committees and boards, but it has never been authorized as a board with long term appoint-

ments. The appointments are annual. The members of the Committee this year are Mr. Lester, Miss Black, Mr. Ferguson, Miss Templeton, and Miss Tyler. Some of those members have been on from the beginning.

Mr. Ferguson's move to the Atlantic Coast brings up the question whether we should have a Pacific Coast or even a Rocky Mountain member of the Committee. If so, Mr. Jennings would be my first choice. Malcolm Wyre (?) would be good except that the A. L. A. has used him so often. Miss Templeton goes on the Executive Board this year. Moreover, she and Miss Barker who is now field representative in the South, are very close personal friends, a liability as well as an asset.

The question is also raised as to whether there might be an overlapping of the personnel between the Library Extension and the two kindred committees of federal legislation.

One more name has been proposed and that was Mr. Modisette, the very active Chairman of the Library Commission, of Louisiana.

MISS EASTMAN: I was going to ask for someone farther south. I think it would be desirable to keep someone from the south at present on the Committee.

MR. JENNINGS: Are there any terms expiring?

SECRETARY MILAM: They all expire.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Is there a motion?

MISS EASTMAN: I should like to propose Mr. Jennings and Mr. Modisette being among the nominees on the Committee.

MR. JENNINGS: I don't feel I know much about that. I think we ought to have somebody from California in the county library system on that Committee. They would be of much more service than I could.

MR. LYDENBERG: How about Miss Gillis?

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Gillis has been a little bit slow to get action on her Committee for Library Work with the Blind this year, and it makes me hesitate. She is right when she comes through but you have to write and telegraph and swear before she comes through.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Mrs. Babcock?

MISS EASTMAN: How about Miss Vogleson?

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't know her well enough.

MR. JENNINGS: How about Miss Provi^{nt} (?)?

MISS BOGLE: I think she stands well.

MR. JENNINGS: She is a very charming person. She came up once to our A. L. A. conference as the representative of the California Library Association. She made a nice impression. She spoke well. It was at the Sacramento Library.

Don't you think there is something in that idea of California?

SECRETARY MILAM: There is also this in my mind, Mr. Jennings, which isn't entirely consistent with that.

For these major boards we ought to have the same caliber of material that we always like to think we have on the Executive Board, and which I think we usually do have on the Executive Board.

I am a little reluctant to see Lester, Ferguson, and Miss Tyler replaced by anybody else, any one of them. They are strong people in the library extension field. There is no doubt about it.

MISS EASTMAN: I don't think that Committee ought to be entirely new people by any means.

SECRETARY MILAM: Miss Black represents Canada, and Canada is very important on this committee, and I know of no one in Canada today other than Miss Black. That means there is room for only one change according to that analysis of the situation. I may possibly be wrong about Mr. Ferguson. If we could find a person almost as strong who is going to continue in the West, I should be in favor of that person in place of Mr. Ferguson.

MR. LYDENBERG: How about Miss Mulheron?

SECRETARY MILAM: Others know her better than I.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Is there anyone else? I was wondering whether Miss Trell has been used not perhaps for this Committee but for some other committee.

MR. LYDENBERG: Her interests are not in this.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: No, not for this Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: I wish we knew of somebody

in this western section who could replace Mr. Ferguson. We can use him in plenty of other ways and yet he is the outstanding man.

MR. LYDENBERG: Why couldn't we ask his advice, leave it to the Secretary and President to consult with him and nominate a successor -- to consider his continuation or the nomination of a successor?

SECRETARY MILAM: Including, of course, Mr. Lester, the Chairman, in that conference.

MR. LYDENBERG: Of course, Ferguson is not going to give up library extension. He is going to give it up in the technical sense.

I would recommend that he be reappointed unless in the opinion of the President and Secretary he nominates or suggests a satisfactory successor.

MR. JENNINGS: And consulting Mr. Lester, of course.

MR. LYDENBERG: I am in hearty sympathy with Mr. Jennings' expression of consulting the chairman whenever possible.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Shall we approve that, then?

SECRETARY MILAM: Then there is the other question of the southern representative. You have not discussed that. Miss Dublin is there; Mr. Modisette is suggested. Shall we leave that to the President?

MISS EASTMAN: That could be left in the same

way.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Nominating Committee.

SECRETARY MILAM: I would suggest that be referred to the President. That has usually been his privilege -- with power. Is that all right?

MISS EASTMAN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Certainly.

SECRETARY MILAM: The Executive Board voted recently that the President be authorized to appoint a new committee on annuities and pensions for librarians. Mr. Brigham is proposed as chairman, and my recommendation is that he be appointed as chairman and that the President be authorized to make appointments after consultation with him, concerning the membership.

MR. LYDENBERG: Metcalf has a head for that.

SECRETARY MILAM: Very good.

Mr. Compton, this is your committee, Insurance and Annuities. Make it a Committee on Salaries. What about appointments, Mr. Compton. Are you willing to serve another year on that?

MR. COMPTON: Yes.

SECRETARY MILAM: What about the change in personnel?

MR. COMPTON: I would like to make some suggestions later.

SECRETARY MILAM: Same action, the Chairman

will consult the President and Secretary about appointments.

Special Membership. Mrs. Dixon has made some recommendations, the thought being that the Committee ought to be enlarged. If we have a committee of 200 to get \$2 and \$5 memberships, she thinks we need more than half a dozen to get \$100 memberships.

There are, however, no specific recommendations as to personnel. I would recommend the reappointment of the Chairman, and authorize the President to make the appointment of the members after consultation with the Chairman.

MISS EASTMAN: That carries with it the understanding it will be enlarged if he sees fit.

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes, if Mr. Utley thinks wise.

This is a rather long letter from Miss Freeman of Cleveland, more than two pages, which I fear I do not have sufficiently in mind to summarize adequately. The final suggestion at the end, however, is: "If it is not out of place for me to make the suggestion at this time, I hope next year's President may ask Miss Caldwell to continue as the Chairman of the Committee. She has shown such enthusiasm this year over working out the pre-view cooperation with Hollywood producers and we are getting such good results that it would seem a pity for the change to be made in chairmanship next year."

The previous suggestion, I think, had to do with changing the name of the committee. Remember this came

up at the Executive Board meeting last December, and the recommendation from the committee was not approved.

It seems to me that it might be inappropriate in view of that action to take action at this time, but that this might be held until there is a quorum of the Executive Board present. I refer particularly to the fact that the Board disapproved the recommendation previously. Can that be done with common consent, or would you like to appoint Miss Caldwell as Chairman?

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Is that approved?

MR. LYDENBERG: What do you think of her?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think she is good.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Miss Caldwell is appointed.
Work with the Blind.

SECRETARY MILAM: I don't know who ought to be the chairman of that next year. As I said a little while ago Miss Gillis has not been particularly active as Chairman. It has been customary to move the chairmanship rather freely. The same people serve on it because there are only a few who are active in this work, but the chairmanship has been shifted considerably. The previous Chairman was Mrs. Davis of Detroit. Preceding her I think it was Miss Goldthwaite of New York, and before that I think it was someone from the Library of Congress.

The personnel of that Committee is as follows:
Miss Gillis, Dr. Bostwick, Miss Annie Carson, Miss Chamberlain,

Mrs. Grace Davis of Detroit, Miss Delfano, Miss Goldthwaite, Mrs. Fannie Howley, Miss Hoyt, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Peterson of Chicago, Mr. John Ralls of Cincinnati, Mary Esther Sawyer, and S. C. Swift, a Canadian. That is practically all there are.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: If this grant is made, or if any of the grants are made, how would it affect the work of this Committee?

SECRETARY MILAM: The Foundation for the Blind would probably be first consulted by Dr. Putnam because the Foundation for the Blind was the originator of the Bill. He would also call upon the A. L. A. Committee, no doubt, to assist in advising him concerning plans for the administration of the fund, and particularly for the selection of the titles to be Brailled, and probably call upon them for actual regular assistance in suggesting titles for Braille. It would become, therefore, a rather important thing.

That is obviously your material, however, because as Miss Eastman says, that is all of them.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Is Mr. Josephson on that Committee?

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Any motion?

MISS EASTMAN: There isn't a great deal of material left for the chairman.

SECRETARY MILAM: About the only good chairmen

in that group are Mrs. Davis and Miss Goldthwaite. There may be others, but they haven't come to light. Can you think of any others, Miss Bogle?

MISS BOGLE: I was weighing Miss Delfano, but I don't think so.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: When I was down in New York last fall to talk about this Bill, I was very much attracted to Miss Goldthwaite's ability. I had never seen her before, and the impression she made was a perfect one.

SECRETARY MILAM: The New York Library representatives have a wonderful way of getting over their stuff.

MISS EASTMAN: I should be inclined to think that Miss Goldthwaite would be our best material this year.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: What would Miss Gillis think of that, after working through the stress of this year?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think she would welcome it.

MISS BOGLE: I think this is going to be a heavy year with her. I was talking with her and she is acting librarian and she was feeling terribly burdened.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: So that there would be a good excuse if we needed one.

SECRETARY MILAM: There is in addition an excuse that during the winter when this thing was on we had to ask Miss Gillis to let Miss Goldthwaite handle the matter. It couldn't wait for her, and Mr. Keogh came down from New York to meet some of the representatives in order that they

might reach some conclusions. It would be an advantage in having somebody nearer to the foundation and to Washington.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Is there a motion?

MR. JENNINGS: I don't know that this affects it at all, but I have a hazy recollection that when we considered that committee some few years ago, there was quite a little difficulty or embarrassment about choosing between Miss Goldthwaite and somebody else.

I have forgotten who it was. Do you know?

MISS BOGLE: Mrs. Davis, was it not?

SECRETARY MILAM: She is dead now. I don't remember her name. She had been chairman for a long while and we hesitated in taking it away from her. She was there during the war.

MR. JENNINGS: That situation doesn't exist.

MISS BOGLE: She got some grants from books, wasn't that it?

SECRETARY MILAM: I would recommend, therefore, in view of what has been said, the reappointment of the entire Committee with Miss Goldthwaite as Chairman.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: It has been so moved and seconded.

SECRETARY MILAM: Before we pass that I must present the recommendation of Mr. Josephson that the Committee on Books for the Adult Blind be made a separate committee. I do not endorse that recommendation. I propose that it be

continued as a sub-committee.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Do you know what Mr. Strohm thinks about it?

SECRETARY MILAM: I have never discussed this with Mr. Strohm.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Has the motion been seconded that the Committee be appointed with Miss Goldthwaite as Chairman?

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

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Now the second part, the recommendation from Mr. Josephson. Do you want to act on that?

MR. LYDENBERG: I move that we lay it on the table.

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

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Next.

SECRETARY MILAM: The Executive Board Minutes for May, 1929: Proposal of a joint committee representing A. L. A. Education Committee and the N. E. A. A request from the Committee on Education that a joint committee representing the Committee on Education and educators in the N. E. A. be set up in order to bring the work of the two organizations more closely together, and it was voted that the appointment of the joint committee representing the A. L. A. Education Committee and educators in N. E. A. be referred to the Committee to cover, with the new committee to make the appointment.

We probably failed to remind you of it and forgot

all about it. As a matter of fact no action has been taken on that so that the action of the Board can be considered as having just been taken.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Don't you think it stands all right?

SECRETARY MILAM: I think it would be perfectly appropriate.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Inasmuch as the matter has not come up, it still stands. (Laughter)

The next business.

SECRETARY MILAM: Item 2 on the second page is a matter which I think I shall want to present in a letter to the Executive Board and not take your time for it now. I am not asking for any action on this anyhow, and I would rather write to you at some length about it.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: That's all then, except 10 and 11.

SECRETARY MILAM: We have had extensive correspondence with Dr. Richardson, which concerns the research projects of a bibliographical character representing his interest for the past several years. He has sent me not only long letters but a whole book which concerns the subjects which he has had printed.

I want to record before the Board my opinion that one of the most fertile minds we have in the library profession is that of Mr. Richardson and note the fact that

Mr. Richardson is old and not very well, and I think I see in this correspondence and in these documents ideas which ought not to be allowed to remain in obscurity where they now are. The ideas are there. They are excellent and they are big. I don't quite know what they are.

I wonder whether we could not quietly, without announcing the appointment of any committee, but by informal action of this group here, instruct the Secretary to refer that correspondence and those documents to one or two persons who would sympathetically study them and attempt to present them.

I went so far on the way out as to talk with one or two persons about that and to say something of what I have said here, and one of the men was Mr. Doane. He said, "I would welcome a chance to spend two or three week-ends on those letters and documents and tell you whether I can dig anything out of them that is concrete."

I don't want to stop with that. I don't know how good a man Mr. Doane is. I couldn't wish anything better than men like Mr. Lydenberg and Mr. Keogh, if they could find time in the next few months to do that. I don't know whether they can or whether it is reasonable to ask them to. I should not recommend Mr. Gerould. Most of his ideas have originated with Mr. Richardson's documents.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: I have had a good deal of correspondence with Mr. Richardson recently and he has been up to see me twice. He feels that it isn't properly appreciated

and that he has been making suggestions for many years past upon which no action has ever been taken.

SECRETARY MILAM: He recalls the action of the Council at Atlantic City, I forget which of the Atlantic City meetings it was, three or four years ago, when he proposed and the Council adopted these two resolutions, "That the Council approve a request by the Executive Board as circumstances permit for funds to supplement and reinforce the present Library of Congress resources, to be expended through the treasurer of the American Library Association at the discretion of the Library of Congress in continuing and extending union card list of books, manuscripts and special collections available in libraries throughout the world, and for related services.

"Voted that the Council approve a request by the Executive Board as circumstances permit for funds to organize such aspects as the problem of research books as cannot be handled by the Library of Congress, these funds to be expended under the direction of the Executive Board of the American Library Association and through the Treasurer."

Now the first, as I understand it, has been in considerable measure though not in whole taken care of by gifts to the Library of Congress. They probably ought to be supplemented and certainly they ought to be encouraged.

The second, however, as you will note, is negative as stated here: "For funds to organize such aspects

as the problem of research books as cannot be handled by the Library of Congress." What are those aspects? He has attempted to define them and he has described them to great extent and to great length in the documents which are printed and in his letters. They have not been brought out concretely in any form which is acceptable.

I saw Mr. Richardson in Washington about three or four months ago, and by the way, I almost forgot to say this, and I asked him whether he could put into shape the project of what he had in mind, and he said he would attempt to do it. The difficulty was that it was made up of many pieces and that any general description didn't describe and that any description of the whole would be of equal length to his previous documentary statements.

I went also so far, and this is what I almost forgot to say, as to talk with Dr. Putnam about it, and to tell Dr. Putnam that for my part I thought the A. L. A. would make a very great mistake if it failed to use before Mr. Richardson passes out of the picture, his fertile imagination, but that we did have certain difficulties in interpreting his statement.

Dr. Putnam said, "When the matter becomes concrete in any given instance, write to me and I shall try to help you clarify it."

MR. LYDENBERG: I should say any action from us in connection with the first is a work of considerable

obligation, because the Library of Congress would inform us that it was quite competent to handle the funds at its end, at its command, and to secure additional. That work is going along very smoothly and with a very definite plan.

SECRETARY MILAM: Magnificently.

MR. LYDENBERG: Anything from us is unnecessary.

SECRETARY MILAM: Quite so.

Now if the extension of that into these other less concrete fields is what Dr. Richardson is proposing---

MR. LYDENBERG: How would it do if you told him that we did all appreciate, listened very sympathetically to his suggestions but felt that we would be able to work with them much more intelligently if he reduced his statements from the abstract generalization to a few specific suggestions? You did say that to him?

SECRETARY MILAM: Yes, but I am perfectly willing to say it again.

MR. LYDENBERG: Say that we felt sympathetically.

MR. JENNINGS: Can't you make a general statement of the thing and then give one or two illustrations without going into detail?

MR. LYDENBERG: Exactly.

SECRETARY MILAM: He did say one thing more which I ought to report, that in the autumn if the Executive Board is interested, he would be glad to prepare a specific

project.

I think if Mr. Bishop were here (he has worked with Mr. Richardson sympathetically for many years) he would say that unless the lightning strikes, if it has never struck before, somebody else will have to make the project specific. We must hope from Mr. Richardson nothing better than ideas and make use of them.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: That is my own conclusion.

MR. LYDENBERG: But has anybody ever said to him, "Fine, but come down to earth."

SECRETARY MILAM: I did in one syllable, which he understood, and he attempted to do it and he wrote me a five page letter and sent me a book.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: I did that also. There was something written on May 24. I heard he wasn't well and I wrote a sympathetic letter and I said at the end, "You must get well." He said, "Thanks for yours of May 21 and especially for your kind remarks."

... Mr. Keogh then read Mr. Richardson's communication of May 24, 1930 ...

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: I think it would be well to write as you have suggested.

SECRETARY MILAM: Have you any suggestions as to what I might do with the documentary material? Can you suggest one or two others? I prefer, of course, the younger men who aren't overworked; at the same time I would like men

who are working in the field of bibliography and will be much better able to comprehend what he is dreaming than I am.

MR. JENNINGS: Why not reply to him first and see what you get from him?

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Doane is willing to work. He seemed quite willing to take over a proposal that we had.

SECRETARY MILAM: That is as far as we need go.

11. Communications. The American Legion Chapel Organization proposes to erect a cathedral of the air at the U. S. Naval Air Station in Lakehurst.

... Mr. Milam read the letter from the American Legion Memorial Club ...

SECRETARY MILAM: The next communication is from the All Bengal Library Association. Mr. Dutta has asked for permission to present a paper on Indian Libraries, and we told him it was unfortunately too late.

... Mr. Milam read the letter from the All Bengal Library Association ...

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Can you answer that, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY MILAM: I answered that without much hope of favorable action soon.

MISS EASTMAN: That takes care of it.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Will that be all?

SECRETARY MILAM: I have no further business at present.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: Has anyone any further business?

SECRETARY MILAM: That does not cover all committees. I might say it is customary at this time to authorize the President on behalf of the Executive Board to make committee appointments as he sees fit.

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: That is an excellent suggestion.

MR. LYDENBERG: I so move.

MISS EASTMAN: I second it.

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

SECRETARY MILAM: Can you think of anything else Miss Bogle, Mrs. White?

CHAIRMAN KEOGH: All ideas cease at ten-ten.

A motion to adjourn is in order.

... Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at ten-ten p. m. ...