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General Sessions

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

The first general session of the sixty-ninth annual conference of the American Library Association convened in the Music Hall Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday evening, July 17, 1950. Milton E. Lord, ALA President, presided. Mr. Lord called the meeting to order and introduced Clarence S. Metcalf, honorary chairman of the Local Committee, who gave a word of welcome. Mr. Metcalf then introduced Louis H. Wieber, president, Cleveland Public Library Board of Trustees, who welcomed the ALA as a representative of the Cleveland Public Library. The official welcome was given by the Hon. Thomas A. Burke, mayor of Cleveland.

Guests

President Lord introduced the following guests: Linda Anne Eastman, honorary professional chairman, Local Committee; Gurgis Awad, chief librarian, Iraq Museum, Baghdad, Iraq; Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, professor of library science, University of Delhi, Delhi, India, and president, Indian Library Association; A. Parthesarathy, India; Enriqueta Martin, librarian, Institute for Girls, Madrid, Spain; Jean S. Wright, librarian in charge of country library service, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Lippincott Award

Esther Johnston, chairman, ALA Committee on Awards, presented Joseph W. Lippincott, donor of the award bearing his name. In presenting the 1950 Lippincott Award to Halsey William Wilson, Mr. Lippincott said, in part:

"Halsey William Wilson--friend of booksellers, teachers, authors, scholars, publishers and particularly of librarians! Where others have failed, you, with infinite patience, have triumphed, basing your work on that most successful of all attributes--quality. Yourself a publisher, bookseller, author, honorary member of the ALA, you have issued

almost endless indexes, catalogs, guides, bulletins and manuals--the tools of librarianship. You have rendered a great service for many, many years, to librarians and through them to the public. In the name of the American Library Association I have the privilege of presenting to you this, the Association's highest award, for outstanding achievement in the field of librarianship."

Addresses

President Lord read his address which appeared in abridged form on pages 310-12 of the September 1950 ALA Bulletin.

Brooks Emeny, president, Foreign Policy Association of the United States, was introduced. His address also appeared in abridged form in the July-August 1950 issue of the ALA Bulletin, pages 273-77.

President Lord then introduced L. Quincy Mumford, chairman, Local Committee, who paid tribute to the various individuals and committees who aided in the planning of the conference.

Following a reminder of the reception at the close of the meeting, Mr. Lord declared the first general session adjourned.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

The second general session convened in the Music Hall Auditorium on Tuesday morning, July 18, with John Boynton Kaiser, Second Vice President, presiding. Mr. Kaiser called the meeting to order and announced the theme of this session to be a tribute to the Library of Congress in honor of its 150th anniversary.

Addresses

Mr. Kaiser then introduced Milton E. Lord, ALA president and director, Boston Public Library. President Lord's address appeared in the October 1950 ALA Bulletin, pages 346-48. Mr. Kaiser then called upon Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress, who spoke on "The Strength by Which We Live." An article based on Dr. Evan's address appears on pages 339-45 of the October 1950 ALA Bulletin. The presiding officer then introduced Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, president, Indian Library Association, who conveyed the Indian Library Association's greetings, good will and best

wishes to the Library of Congress in its sesquicentennial year.

Roy B. Eastin, superintendent of documents, Washington, D. C., spoke of the many services the Library of Congress offers. He noted the broad view librarians have today of the public service nature of a library's program and said that the Library of Congress was in the forefront of this concept. He noted the many similarities between the Division of Public Documents and the Library of Congress, and the cooperative relationship between the two agencies. On its 150th anniversary, Mr. Eastin paid tribute to the Library of Congress as a truly great organization and an outstanding agency of the Federal Government from the standpoint of efficiency and service.

John Cotton Dana Awards

Harold L. Hamill, chairman, Committee on Public Relations, presented the John Cotton Dana Awards for 1950. Seven awards were presented, chosen from 33 entries from libraries in 19 states and Hawaii. The contest is sponsored annually by the ALA Public Relations Committee and the Wilson Library Bulletin. The following were recipients of awards: Public Library, Mount Vernon, Wash.; Public Library, Everett, Wash.; Public Library, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Public Library, Milwaukee, Wis.; Fresno County Free Library, Fresno, Calif.; Grover Cleveland Junior-Senior High School, Seattle, Wash.; and the New York State Library. Details of the awards, and a list of libraries receiving honorable mention, appear on page 282 of the July-August 1950 ALA Bulletin.

Letter Awards

Esther Johnston, chairman, Committee on Awards, presented the Letter Library and Librarian Awards of \$100 each for the donor, Mrs. Ada McCormick. Recipients of the awards were the U. S. Information Library, Prague, Czechoslovakia, represented by Katharine Kosmak; and Eva Santee, librarian, Public Library, Vancouver, Wash.

The U. S. Information Library at Prague was selected for the service it had rendered in giving Czechoslovakians an accurate picture of American life; and for the fine professional spirit of Miss Kosmak in sustaining the work of the library under difficult conditions until its enforced closing. The award was presented

to one library in recognition of the work of many librarians in U.S. Information Libraries in foreign countries.

Miss Santee received the Letter Librarian Award for pioneering work in developing two libraries in the state of Washington, and for warm human qualities combined with organizing ability.

After calling attention to the exhibits, Mr. Kaiser declared the second general session adjourned.

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

The third general session convened in the Music Hall Auditorium on Thursday morning, July 20, with President Milton E. Lord presiding. Mr. Lord called the meeting to order and announced that the main subject of the session would be the observance of the golden anniversary of two ALA groups--the Children's Library Association and the Division of Cataloging and Classification.

Children's Library Association

After reading greetings to ALA from the Cleveland Board of Education, Special Libraries Association, Pacific Northwest Library Association and the Girl Scouts of America, Mr. Lord turned the program over to Margaret M. Clark, chairman, Children's Library Association. Miss Clark introduced the guest chairmen for the 50th anniversary program of CLA: May Masee, Siri Andrews, Elizabeth Briggs, Muriel Gilbert, Julia Carter, Leslie Newton, Clara Breed, Harriet Long, Mrs. Frances Clarke Sayers, Harriet Leaf, Elizabeth Groves, Virginia Chase and Frederic G. Melcher.

Miss Clark then introduced Louise Seaman Bechtel, Juvenile Book Review Editor of the New York Herald Tribune and guest speaker of the session. Mrs. Bechtel delivered an interesting and stimulating summary of the highlights of a century in the philosophy of children's reading.

Division of Cataloging and Classification

Following Mrs. Bechtel's address Miss Clark turned the program over to President Lord, who introduced Laura C. Colvin, president, ALA Division of Cataloging and Classification. Miss Colvin was in charge of the program for the observance of the division's fiftieth anniversary.

Miss Colvin introduced the former chairmen of the Catalog Section who were attending the conference: Helen K. Starr, Harriet D. MacPherson, Bertha Bassam, Rudolph H. Gjelsness, Arnold H. Trotier, Jens Nyholm, Minnie Anson Lewis, Wyllis E. Wright, Lucile M. Morsch and M. Ruth MacDonald.

The program chairman then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, president, Indian Library Association, and professor of library science, University of Delhi, India. In developing his subject, "Ever Becoming, Ever New," Dr. Ranganathan spoke on the principles and approach to classification and cataloging, as he saw them. He also gave a brief description of the Colon Classification, a system which he developed and which is in use in his library. Miss Colvin then turned the meeting back to Mr. Lord.

ALA 75th Anniversary

Ralph E. Ellsworth, chairman of the ALA 75th Anniversary Committee, was introduced by President Lord and gave a report of the committee's plans for the anniversary year, and particularly for the 1951 Chicago Conference. Mr. Ellsworth's report appears on page 309 of the September 1950 ALA Bulletin.

General Meeting

Mr. Lord then declared the third general session a general meeting of the Association. A report of the meeting appears in this issue of the proceedings, following general sessions reports. After the general meeting the President extended an invitation to delegates to visit the exhibits and declared the third general session adjourned.

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

The fourth general session convened in the Music Hall Auditorium on Friday evening, July 21, with President Lord presiding.

After calling the meeting to order Mr. Lord introduced Charles M. Mohrhardt, chairman, Resolutions Committee. Mr. Mohrhardt presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the American Library Association expresses its appreciation to all who have planned and worked to make this 69th Annual Conference in Cleveland

an outstanding success: To the librarians and trustees of Greater Cleveland who have served as gracious hosts, to the many local committees composed of members of the staff of the Cleveland Public Library and neighboring libraries for meeting arrangements, open house events, entertainment and tours, to the Civic Sponsoring Committee, to the newspapers, radio stations and hotels, to the garden clubs, florists and individuals of Cuyahoga County for floral decorations, to those exhibitors who sponsored the reception, to Halle Brothers Co. for the authors' tea, to the Convention Bureau and Public Auditorium for their cooperation, to the management of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra for arranging a special program, to the Cultural Groups who are participating in the program tonight, and to the citizens of the city of Cleveland for their hospitality.

Citation of Trustees

Mr. Lord introduced Judge Ora L. Wildermuth, member of the Jury on Citations of Trustees. Judge Wildermuth recommended Mrs. William H. Wills, chairman, Vermont Free Public Library Commission, to President Lord for citation. Mr. Lord then read the following:

The Jury on Citation of Trustees of the American Library Association presents to Mrs. William H. Wills, chairman, Vermont Free Public Library Commission, the citation of merit for her years of service to her state, helping to strengthen its Library Commission and to procure through legislation and cooperation of state, local and library organizations, the extension of service to all the people through regional libraries and the use of bookmobiles in the rural areas.

In accepting the citation Mrs. Wills spoke of the progress made since 1922 in revitalizing the Vermont libraries already established, rather than in providing new libraries. She told of the work of the Free Public Library Commission in raising adequate funds and in raising standards of smaller libraries, and also spoke of the many friends the commission has among state government officials, legislators and citizens. Mrs. Wills said, in part: "Probably at no time does one feel more humble than on an occasion such as this, since an honest person realizes that the recipient of such an honor is merely the out-front person for all those fine people in

back of her who make possible this event.... In the name of the goodly company of those with whom I have had the privilege of working toward better library service in Vermont, I acknowledge and accept this honor."

Judge Wildermuth then recommended Anthony J. Cerrato, chairman, Yonkers (N.Y.) Public Library Board, to President Lord for citation. Mr. Lord presented Mr. Cerrato with the following citation:

The Jury on Citation of Trustees of the American Library Association presents to Anthony J. Cerrato, member, Yonkers Public Library Board, member, Library Trustees Foundation of New York State, the citation of merit in recognition of his many years of service to the library of his city, helping to enlarge its services to the public and to improve working conditions for its staff, to the associations of librarians with helpful advice, to the trustees of his state by organizing and stimulating their efforts, and to his state especially as a working member of Governor Dewey's Committee on Library Aid where his knowledge of libraries, together with his legal acumen, help to bring forth results of a far-reaching nature.

Mr. Cerrato, in accepting his citation, said in part: "In accepting this citation, I do so only on behalf of my many fellow trustees in New York State who have actively and conscientiously labored to improve library finances, personnel standards and library service areas throughout our state. We know that library trustees are charged with the responsibility of securing adequate funds with which to operate libraries, to appoint competent trained personnel to manage their operations, and to establish service areas that can support good service along the lines of the American Library Association's national plan. My fellow trustees in New York State have recognized and accepted this obligation and during this past year we have made great strides in New York State toward the establishment of a state-wide library system of which we all can be proud."

Elections

Mr. Lord then introduced Ralph T. Esterquest, member of the Committee on Elections, who presented the report of his committee. The report appears on pages 283-84 of the July-August 1950 ALA Bulletin. Mr. Lord introduced Clarence R. Graham and

turned the office of president over to him. In a short inaugural address President Graham stressed the importance of librarianship and urged librarians to be more aggressive in assuming responsibilities during the present world crisis.

Films and Libraries

Mr. Graham then introduced Irving Jacoby, of Affiliated Film Producers, Inc., New York City, who spoke on "Films and Libraries." Mr. Jacoby spoke not as a film writer, but rather as a representative of a considerable group of film-makers in this country and abroad who see in librarians' new interest in the distribution of films through libraries the possible cause of a great and important change in their professional lives.

Mr. Jacoby spoke of the many poor films that are the stock-in-trade of the American motion picture industry, and the gifted people that are forced to produce such pictures by the nature of the film business--a nature determined in the long run by exhibitors and distributors. He said that exhibitors have proven that they do not know what people like in the way of movies, but because they are still closer to the public than Hollywood producers, their opinions continue to prevail.

In the work of the Audio-Visual Board and the Film Office of the ALA, and the subsequent introduction of films into many public libraries, Mr. Jacoby said film people see considerable hope for the future. In librarians' interest in films, these film-makers see the possibility of a new kind of exhibitor and distributor--one whose tastes, judgment and values are more like their own, who is related to the cultural life of our times, and who has some sense of responsibility to the audience. Mr. Jacoby gave the audience some idea of how the film-maker tries to go about making good pictures, so that librarians could understand how closely the production process is mirrored by the successive steps in the use of a living motion picture.

Folk Dances

A beautiful pageant of folk dances, presented by the Cleveland Cultural Groups especially for delegates of the American Library Association Conference, was well received by the group. After the pageant President Graham declared the fourth general session adjourned.

General Meeting

The general meeting of the Association was held following the program of the third general session on Thursday morning, July 20, in the Music Hall Auditorium. President Lord presided.

Walter T. Brahm, chairman of the ALA Finance Committee, was introduced by Mr. Lord and reported that his committee had approved the estimated income of the Association for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1950. The estimate of income, he reported, had been made in accordance with the policy presented in the committee's report at the 1950 Midwinter Meeting. Estimates for the year 1950-51 had been prepared, and the accounts of the Association for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1949, had been audited and were in order.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Werner B. Ellinger, a member of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, was introduced by Mr. Lord and gave his report, which was approved as follows:

Article I, Section 2 of the By-Laws, the provision relating to continuing members, was amended to read: Continuing Members, No dues; Bulletin. (Addition of the word "Bulletin".)

In Article I, Section 4 (b) of the By-Laws, the words "Proceedings" and "Handbook" were omitted after the word "Bulletin".

Article II, Section 5 of the By-Laws was reworded to clarify regulations concerning votes by mail. The section, as amended, appears in the May 1951 ALA Bulletin, page 173.

Article III, Section 2(a) of the By-Laws was amended to read: "The Nominating Committee shall report its nominations in the Bulletin not less than three weeks before the midwinter meeting of the Association. At the midwinter meeting of the Council, the names of the candidates shall be announced. The presiding officer shall call the attention of the Council to Sec. 2 (b) of this Article." This means that the report of the Nominating Committee, published in the Bulletin in advance of the Midwinter Meeting, cannot be varied in subsequent communications to Council. There is, however, a procedure for further nominations.

Article III, Section 2 (c) of the By-Laws was amended to add the words "in good standing" following the phrase "who is not a mem-

ber of the Association."

The last sentence of Article IX, Section 3 of the By-Laws was amended to read: "The terms of approximately half the members shall expire each year." This change was made to eliminate obsolete language.

Article IV, Section 1 (a) of the By-Laws was amended by substituting the words "shall be entitled to" for "shall elect," and by addition of the words "by the members of their divisions" at the end of the last sentence.

Article IV, Section 2 (a) of the By-Laws was amended to read as follows: Twenty-four councilors shall be elected by the Association at large for terms of four years, six being elected each year. (Underlined section added.)

Article VI, Section 1 (a) of the By-Laws was amended to read as follows: The Council may authorize the organization as a division of any group of not less than 300 members of the Association who are interested in the same general field of activity, upon petition of such group. Under exceptional circumstances, the Council may admit as divisions groups having fewer than 300 members.

Article VI, Section 1 (b) of the By-Laws was amended to read as follows: The Council by a vote at two consecutive meetings may discontinue a division when in the opinion of the Council the usefulness of that division has ceased.

Article VI, Section 3 (c) of the By-Laws was amended by deletion of the words "for Class A library members or".

Article IX, Section 2 of the By-Laws was amended by addition of the words "in addition to the Executive Board established by the Constitution," and "unless otherwise specified."

Article IX, Section 5 of the By-Laws was amended to read as follows: Nominations for appointments to boards and standing committees of the Association shall be made as follows: (Obsolete language eliminated.)

Article IX, Section 5 (a) was repealed and Sections 5 (b), (c), (d), and (e) were redesignated Sections 5 (a), (b), (c), and (d) respectively.

Article IX, Section 8 was revised to make it clear that regulations covering votes by mail applied to the Executive Board as well as other boards and committees of the Association.

Article X was added to the By-Laws as follows: **ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY. Sec. 1. Robert's Rules of Order. (Revised), in the latest available edition, shall govern the Association in all cases to which it can be applied and in which it is not inconsistent with the Constitution, the by-laws, or special rules of order of the Association.**

Council

During the sixty-ninth annual conference of the American Library Association in Cleveland, Ohio, Council held two sessions: Monday afternoon, July 17, and Friday afternoon, July 21.

FIRST SESSION

After opening the first session, President Milton E. Lord gave a brief report on the outstanding fields of interest on the part of the ALA Executive Board. This report was printed in the September 1950 ALA Bulletin, pages 310-12. President Lord then introduced the Executive Secretary, John Mackenzie Cory, who gave his report to Council. Mr. Cory's report also appears in the September 1950 ALA Bulletin, pages 314-18.

Appointment of Finance Committee

President-Elect Clarence R. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Committee Appointments, presented his report recommending to Council the reappointment of the 1949-50 Finance Committee, consisting of Walter T. Brahm, M. Ruth MacDonald and G. Flint Purdy, for 1950-51. Council adopted the recommendation unanimously.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

William R. Roalfe, chairman, Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, presented his report for advice of the Council. Council action, concerning the Constitution recorded below, was purely advisory since formal amendments to the Constitution will be presented for a first vote at the 1951 Midwinter Meeting. (Amendments to the By-Laws, however, voted at the 1950 General Meeting of the Association and reported in the proceedings of that meeting, are final.)

1. That the Executive Board members be elected at large, that they be made members of the Council with voting power, and that they be fully responsible to the Council.

2. That a motion requesting the past president to be retained as an ex officio member of the Executive Board be tabled.

3. That there be no change in the decision that final approval of the budget should be made by the Council.

4. That the second vice president and retiring president be dropped from the Executive Board.

5. That Article VII, Section 1 (a) read as follows: Sec. 1 (a) Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association and eight members chosen in the manner specified in the by-laws. The executive secretary shall not have the right to vote. The Executive Board shall act for the Council between Council meetings in accordance with its directions, shall prepare an agenda for each Council meeting, shall each year prepare a preliminary estimate of income and a budget allocating general funds for submission to the Council for its consideration and prior to its final adoption by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have power to review all administrative decisions relating to the management of headquarters made by the executive secretary and any action taken by the executive secretary shall be subject to review upon the request of any member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall perform such other duties as are specified in the Constitution and By-laws.

6. That Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: **ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES.** Sec. 1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a president, a president-elect, who shall serve as vice president, an executive secretary, and a treasurer. The president-elect, and the treasurer shall be elected at the annual conference of the Association, the president-elect for a term of one year and the treasurer for a term of four years beginning with the year 1952. The executive secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Board, and shall hold office at its pleasure.

7. That Article VIII, Section 2 be amended to read as follows: Sec. 2. Duties of Officers. The president, president-elect, executive secretary, and treasurer shall perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices and such other duties as may be approved by the Executive Board. The president-elect shall serve the first year after election as vice president, and the second year as president. The president, for the Executive Board, and the executive secretary, for the headquarters staff, shall report annually to the Council. The executive secretary shall be in charge of headquarters and its personnel; he shall carry out the activities provided for in the budget and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to his office. He shall submit a

monthly report to the Executive Board.

8. That Article III, Section 1 be amended to read as follows: Members. Any person, library or other institution interested in library work may become a member upon the payment of the dues provided for in the by-laws. The Executive Board may terminate a membership or may suspend a member for cause after hearing by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Executive Board and may reinstate a member by a three-fourths vote of the members of the Executive Board.

9. That Article VII, Section 4 be amended to read as follows: Votes by mail shall have the force of a vote, if conducted under the conditions specified in the by-laws.

Special Committee on Acquisitions

President Lord, as chairman of the Committee on Boards and Committees, presented his report to the Council. The Council unanimously accepted the report as follows:

1. That there be established a Special Committee on Acquisitions to study the functions and activities of the existing ALA groups in the field of acquisitions and to make recommendations to the Committee on Boards and Committees for the coordination of acquisition interests within the ALA by consolidating, discontinuing or modifying the functions of existing groups as advisable. It recommended that membership of this committee include, but not necessarily be limited to, the chairmen of the following ALA groups: Book Acquisitions Committee; Order and Book Selection Section, Division of Public Libraries; Acquisition Department Heads of Research Libraries Round Table; Serials Round Table; and Board on Resources of American Libraries.

Minimum Specifications for Library Bindings

Leo R. Etzkorn, member of the Joint Committee of Library Binding Institute and ALA, presented a report on minimum specifications for library bindings. Council voted unanimously to add the following changes to the minimum specifications:

Page 1, Column 1, Paragraph 3: Ordinary Magazine - volume. Last sentence changed to read: "An ordinary magazine volume ranges in height from about 8" to 16", with width in proportion and thickness not exceeding 2½".

Page 2, No. 13: Protective Lacquer of Backs. The words "and lightly" are to be inserted in the second line after "evenly."

Page 6, Part V: Approved Materials - Tests and Approval. Paragraph 2 is to be omitted. The following statement is to be inserted in its place: "The Joint Committee shall hereafter maintain a free testing service available to any library operating its own bindery and to any binder operating a certified bindery submitting samples of materials represented as meeting the requirements of the Minimum Specifications, but which have been judged unsatisfactory by the library or bindery."

SECOND SESSION

Edward J. A. Fahey, member of the Advisory Committee to the Public Library Executive Office, presented a report on the constitution for a proposed association of public libraries - to be a merger of the Library Extension, Public Libraries and Trustees Divisions.

Council approved a motion that a special committee be appointed by the Executive Board to report to the board for putting the procedure into effect as promptly as possible.

Committee on Boards and Committees

President Lord, as chairman of the Committee on Boards and Committees, presented his report to Council which was approved as follows:

1. That the following committees be discontinued: ALA Headquarters Salaries Schedule; Annuities, Pensions and Life Insurance (functions of this committee to be transferred to the Board on Personnel Administration); Great Issues; Income; Special Committee on Letter Awards (functions of this committee to be transferred to the Awards Committee); ALA Accounting, Budgetary Controls and Financial Reporting; AIA Archival and Library Materials; ALA Properties; ALA (1949) Regional Conferences Planning Committee; Committee of Five.

2. That the following joint committees be discontinued: Documentation Service; Educational Film Library Association and ALA; National Committee on Film Forums; Importations; Library of Congress Cataloging; Library of Congress Catalog Cards, Longtime Plan for Financing.

3. That the Joint Committee on Library Service to Labor Groups be accorded the continuity of a standing committee with the concurrence of the cooperating organizations.

The Committee on Boards and Committees recommended to the Division of Cataloging and Classification that it consider the appointment of a committee on the cost of cataloging, and a committee on descriptive cataloging rules.

Committee on Intellectual Freedom

David K. Berninghausen, chairman, Intellectual Freedom Committee, presented his report to Council. The report appeared in abridged form on pages 305-06 of the September 1950 ALA Bulletin.

Resolution on Loyalty Programs

David K. Berninghausen, chairman, Intellectual Freedom Committee, presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously by the Council:

WHEREAS, A democracy must preserve freedom of thought and expression if it is to survive; and

WHEREAS, Loyalty investigations of Library employees may create an atmosphere of suspicion and fear and tend to limit intellectual freedom by rendering it hazardous to hold or express other than popular or orthodox views; and

WHEREAS, Librarians have a special responsibility to provide information on all sides of controversial issues, but cannot do so if intellectual conformity becomes a factor affecting their employment or tenure; and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association has received evidence that loyalty tests may easily lead to the violation of the constitutional rights of library employees, and in some cases already have done so; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Council of the American Library Association, strongly protest loyalty programs which inquire into a library employee's thoughts, reading matter, associates, or membership in organizations, unless a particular person's definite actions warrant such investigation. We approve the affirmation of allegiance to our Government. We condemn loyalty oaths and investigations which permit the discharge of an individual without

a fair hearing. We hold that in a fair hearing the accused is furnished a statement of the charges against him, is allowed to see the evidence against him, is given an opportunity to prepare and to present his defense and to question his accusers with the aid of legal counsel, is presumed innocent until proved guilty, and is given the opportunity, if adjudged guilty, of judicial review.

Council voted that the former resolution on loyalty, adopted in June 1948 and amended in January 1950, be rescinded.

Maryland Ober Law

The following statement, also presented to the Council by Mr. Berninghausen, was unanimously adopted by the Council:

We, the members of the Council of the American Library Association, record our opposition to the Maryland Ober Law because we believe it to be a definite threat to the constitutional rights of librarians since it permits their discharge on the principle of guilt by association in lieu of direct evidence of subversion, and we support the Maryland Library Association in its efforts to have the law repealed.

Federal Relations Committee

Raymond C. Lindquist, chairman of the Federal Relations Committee, presented his report which was approved by the Council. This report was printed in the September 1950 ALA Bulletin, pages 307-08.

American Association of School Librarians

Raynard C. Swank, chairman of a Council committee to make recommendations on the AASL petition for division status, read his report entitled "Report of Special Committee on Petition of AASL to Become an Independent Division of ALA." The committee found that the AASL was qualified for division status, and believed that if the majority of AASL members wanted division status, Council should grant it. It felt, however, that a broader expression of opinion should be obtained on this issue. In accordance with the committee's recommendation, Council voted

that separate division status for the American Association of School Librarians be approved, effective with the 1951 membership year, subject to confirmation of the petition by the AASL membership in a mail vote this autumn in which a majority of the ballots cast shall constitute confirmation.

Round Table on Library Service Abroad

Marion A. Milczewski, vice chairman, Round Table on Library Service Abroad, presented the following resolution which was approved by the Council:

WHEREAS, The American Library Association is impressed with the great importance of the information program of the Department of State in promoting American ideals of democracy and freedom of communication throughout the world and in interpreting the facts of American life to other peoples; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Council of the American Library Association, an association of 20,000 professional librarians, in session in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 21, 1950, directs its President to transmit to Senator Benton, to the chairman and members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and to other members of the Congress, as may be appropriate, communications asserting in strong terms the support by the American Library Association of the purposes and proposals of Senator Benton's Resolution (S 243).

Resolution of Library Service to Labor Groups

Dorothy Bendix, chairman, ALA Joint Committee on Library Service to Labor Groups, presented the following resolution which was approved by the Council:

WHEREAS, One of the major dangers in Western Germany and Austria is the resurgence of Nazism; and

WHEREAS, The trade unions in these countries are one of the strongest forces in fighting for democracy; and

WHEREAS, During the war the libraries of the labor schools of Western Germany and Austria were destroyed; and

WHEREAS, They are now being rebuilt, and there is a great need for books written both in English and in German; and

WHEREAS, These books are needed on the subject of the American labor movement as well as in the general field of the social sciences; and

WHEREAS, A Committee on Books for Labor Schools in Germany and Austria is being set up by the American Labor Education Service (1776 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.); Therefore, be it

Resolved, That librarians be encouraged to cooperate with this Committee and probe the possibilities of donating gifts of books to fulfill the often-expressed needs of the students and teachers of the labor schools of Austria and western Germany.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, President Lord declared the meeting adjourned.

Divisions

Associations of College and Reference Libraries

The ACRL general session was held on July 18 in the Little Theatre of the Cleveland Public Auditorium.

Dr. Carl F. Wittke, dean, Western Reserve University Graduate Library School, spoke on "The Changing Concepts of History." Dr. Harriet D. MacPherson, dean, Graduate School of Library Science, Drexel Institute of Technology, delivered a paper on "The Role of Biography as a Literary Form."

President Wyllis E. Wright opened the business meeting with a discussion of the effect of the number of ALA general sessions on ACRL conference activity. It was voted to be the sense of the meeting that the number of ALA general sessions should be diminished in order to provide more time for meetings of specialized groups. The membership accepted a proposal made by the ALA Executive Board for the basis of support of ACRL. According to this ACRL will receive 60 per cent of each ALA dues dollar paid by members also enrolling in the division. In turn ACRL will assume responsibility for its executive office as well as other expenses. Exceptions were made for \$3.00 memberships and those over \$10.00.

The Board of Directors met for breakfast and business on July 18 and again on July 21. Scott Adams was appointed ACRL representative on the ALA Council to fill out the term of Katherine Anderson, resigned. The board approved a proposal for a research planning committee to identify problems for research or service studies, and to plan the study of these problems. The executive secretary was instructed to study and define the duties of all the committees of ACRL with respect to overlapping duties of new committees and related matters. The board approved in principle the free distribution of its journal, College and Research Libraries, to all ACRL members, subject to the findings of a special committee authorized to study and report on the matter. The budget for 1950-51 was approved.

Minutes of both the general session and the meetings of the Board of Directors are printed in greater detail in the October 1950 issue of College and Research Libraries.

--Arthur T. Hamlin, Executive Secretary

AGRICULTURAL AND ENGINEERING SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTIONS

The Agricultural Libraries Section met jointly with the Engineering School Libraries Section on July 19, with Nelle U. Branch, College of Agriculture, University of California, Davis, presiding. Approximately 25 persons attended.

Pauline Whitlock, U. S. Department of Agriculture, read a report by J. R. Blanchard summarizing results of a survey concerning the need for concerted action in handling foreign exchanges. The section voted to accept an offer by Ralph R. Shaw, U. S. Department of Agriculture, to finance a committee to study ways in which the USDA Library may adapt its activities for greater assistance to other agricultural libraries, both on foreign exchanges and otherwise. The committee is to report at the 1951 Midwinter Meeting.

Donald E. Thompson, Mississippi A. & M. College, reported that the ACRL Publications Committee had approved the proposal for compilation of a checklist of serials most useful in agricultural libraries. There followed a discussion of the need for such a list, and of suitable methods of compilation.

The proposal to combine the two sections represented in this joint meeting as a science-technology section was next discussed. It was voted that a committee, including section chairmen, be appointed to prepare a statement of the pros and cons to be sent to all members of the sections, as an invitation for further expression of opinion. No decision is to be taken before the 1951 Midwinter Meeting.

--Whiton Powell, secretary, Agricultural Libraries Section

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

An open meeting of the committee was held on July 19, with Robert H. Muller, Southern Illinois University Library, Carbondale, presiding. The rather unusual and successful meeting had as its purpose a critical evaluation of four college library buildings by the

librarians now in charge of those buildings. Speakers were Eleanor W. Welch, Illinois State Normal University Library, Normal; Roscoe F. Schaupp, Eastern Illinois State Teachers College Library, Charleston; Lois E. Engleman, Denison University Library, Granville, Ohio; and Felix E. Snider, Southeast Missouri State College Library, Cape Girardeau. Each building was carefully described with the speakers pointing out the good points and "pulling no punches" on the faults. At the close of the meeting many of those present expressed the view that similar meetings in the future would be helpful.

--Robert H. Muller, Chairman

COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION

The College Libraries Section of ACRL met on July 20 with the Chairman, Wyman W. Parker, Kenyon College Library, Gambier, Ohio, presiding. Fremont Rider, Wesleyan University Library, Middletown, Conn., presented a paper on "Compact Book Storage" — a condensation and summary of his recently published book of the same title. Following his paper Mr. Rider answered questions from the floor on some of the problems involved in his compact storage scheme.

The chairman then introduced Arthur T. Hamlin, ACRL executive secretary, who presented his proposal for a research program. Mr. Hamlin suggested that a topic be selected by the section for research and investigation, that this topic be broken down into a variety of subheadings, that members attending the next conference be assigned to a study group for one of these subheadings, and that a general session of the section be held as a wind-up of the conference, at which a resume of these findings could be presented. Mr. Hamlin was asked to go ahead and initiate action on this proposal.

Lee C. Brown, Pennsylvania Military College Library, Chester, Pa., reported on the findings of the "Shaw List" Revision Committee. Opinions expressed from the floor indicated some sentiment as to the dangers of a crystallized list, although there was no question of the necessity of a revision of the "Shaw List." The committee was asked to continue its investigations through the medium of the study group program which presumably will go into operation at the Midwinter Meeting.

A Nominating Committee consisting of Marian F. Adams, Carleton College Library, Northfield, Minn., chairman; Stith M. Cain,

Central College Library, Fayette, Mo.; Edna R. Hanley, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.; and Edward C. Heintz, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.; presented its report which was unanimously adopted.

--David T. Wilder, Secretary

JUNIOR COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION

The Junior College Libraries Section held its meeting on July 19 with Frances L. Meals, chairman, presiding. Ira J. Peskind, director, Audio-Visual Education, Wright Junior College, Chicago, spoke on "Organization of an Audio-Visual Unit in a Junior College Library." Mr. Peskind described the program at Wright Junior College and expressed the opinion that audio-visual materials should be centralized in the library and that the library is best equipped to organize such a program. He cited practical examples in his experience at Wright Junior College to show that use of the film program has greatly increased the use of the library in many other areas. Many helpful hints were given in the question period following Mr. Peskind's talk. Answers indicated that at Wright Junior College audio-visual materials are ordered in the same manner as books; the budget for films is separate within the library budget; student projectionists are paid by the hour and trained informally as the need arises; rules for cataloging are made up, for the most part; records are accessioned and arranged by accession number (records are found through subject entries in the card catalog; no separate accession list is kept.

The chairman requested that suggestions for the "List of Materials for Junior College Libraries" be sent to Frank J. Bertalan, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress. The chairman also announced the death of Louise Roewekamp, former chairman of the section, on May 6, 1950. Miss Roewekamp was librarian of the East Los Angeles Junior College and edited and compiled the Junior College Directory, 1947-49. Lottie Skidmore, librarian, Joliet (Ill.) Junior College, volunteered to assume responsibility for distributing and selling the directory.

Officers for 1950-51 were elected at the meeting.

--Ruth F. Scarborough, Secretary

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee met in Cleveland on July 19 with Lewis C. Branscomb, chairman, presiding. The committee voted in favor of Donald Thompson's proposal of a basic list of reference books and serials in agricultural, engineering and allied pure sciences. Everett O. Fontaine, chief, ALA Publishing Department, was asked to go on with the arrangements for execution of the project. Elizabeth Redmond, ALA Publishing Department, reported that Mr. Thompson had indicated interest in working on the project, but stated that he did not want full responsibility for it. Since Charles Brown, Iowa State College, is working on a frequency list of journals in scientific fields, Mr. Thompson is anxious not to duplicate that work and will therefore stress books in his project.

The committee also voted approval of a list of books in the history field proposed by Mr. Barrows as a buying guide. Miss Redmond reported that Mr. Barrows had not proposed to prepare an annotated list. She stated that the ALA Publishing Department felt that the list would be of interest only if it were annotated. It was also suggested that out-of-print books should be included.

The following motion was passed: "In view of the appointment of the new committee (an over-all ACRL committee to be set up with the obligation of meeting for relatively long periods at least twice a year to determine research problems on which work is desirable) the Publications Committee recommends that the Board of Directors investigate the duties of the two committees and re-define the duties of this committee, perhaps looking toward the possibility of assigning such duties to the new committee."

--Katharine M. Stokes, Secretary

REFERENCE LIBRARIANS SECTION

The ACRL Reference Librarians Section held a combined program and business meeting on July 21. The past chairman, Robert W. Christ, presided in the absence of the chairman and vice chairman.

Mrs. Frances B. Cheney, Library School, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., read a paper on "The Patterns of Reference Service in Southern Universities," based upon visits to 16 libraries in the southeastern U.S. in the autumn of 1949. Her paper should be of special interest to administrators and teachers

of reference courses as well as to reference workers.

The second paper, "The Reference Function of the Lamont Library," was read by Morrison C. Haviland. Mr. Haviland, librarian of Wabash College Library, was formerly assistant to the librarian of Harvard College Library. His paper was a revision of one published in the Harvard Library Bulletin in 1949.

Alton H. Keller, chairman of the Joint Committee on the Reproduction of Bibliographical and Reference Works, reported that the committee held its first meeting on July 19 and plans to communicate with all member libraries of ACRL asking reference librarians to recommend titles of reference books which should be reproduced for preservation and use. The committee will then select from 10 to 25 titles and circularize the libraries again, asking them to list in order of preference the 10 titles which might be used to initiate the project. Mr. Keller asked the names of the reference librarians be given to him to insure that the questionnaires reach the right desks.

The names of officers for 1950-51 were announced.

--Marjory H. Drake, Secretary

LIBRARIES OF TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS SECTION

The section met on July 20 with about 70 persons attending. Chairman Frances G. Hepinstall, librarian, State College for Teachers, Buffalo, N. Y., presided. A number of those present deplored the conflict of meeting time of this section with that of the College Libraries Section, and the chairman reported that according to a staff member at ALA Headquarters the conflict could not be avoided. Eugene Watson moved that the section go on record as recommending that the number of general sessions be reduced to eliminate conflicts in group meetings. The motion was defeated. There was some feeling that the group should not stipulate what adjustments should be made in order to avoid conflicts in meeting hours.

Dr. Robert White, dean, College of Education, Kent (Ohio) State University, spoke on "The College Library and the Education of Teachers--As I See It." Donald Woods, librarian, State Teachers College, Milwaukee, Wis., took the subject of "Service to the College Community through Public Relations." Considerable discussion followed both papers.

Miss Hepinstall announced the rules of the election of new officers for the section to serve during the year 1950-51.

--Marion Grady, Secretary

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES SECTION

Edward A. Henry presided at the section meeting held on July 20. Approximately 300 attended to hear the following program: "Progress Report on the Midwest Inter-Library Center"--Ralph T. Esterquest, director, Midwest Inter-Library Center, Chicago; "Bibliographic Control through Punched Cards"--Ralph H. Parker, University of Missouri Library, Columbia; "The Rapid Selector"--Ralph R. Shaw, librarian, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

1950-51 officers were elected at a short business meeting.

--Samuel W. McAllister, Secretary

Cataloging and Classification Division

In recognition of its 50th anniversary as an organized group within ALA, the Division of Cataloging and Classification sponsored extensive participation in the Cleveland conference. In addition to one general program meeting and its annual business session, a golden jubilee dinner was held, sponsored by the Committee on Public Relations; three classification workshops were presented by the Committee on Classification; and a personnel panel was sponsored jointly by the Special Committee on Personnel and the ALA Board on Personnel Administration. In addition, there were four scheduled meetings of the Executive Board including a breakfast, and a luncheon of the Council of Regional Groups.

General Program Meeting

The topic of this meeting was "The Card Catalog at Mid-Century," based on the Subject Catalog Inquiry of the University of California Library, Berkeley, and a special study made at the Library of

Congress.

Three papers directly based on the University of California Inquiry were presented as follows: "Based on Interviews of Users," by Anne Ethelyn Markley, School of Librarianship, University of California, Berkeley; "Based on Call Cards of Books Used," by LeRoy C. Merritt, School of Librarianship, University of California, Berkeley; "Based on Reference Department Use," by William H. Brett, Public Library, Oakland. In the absence of Miss Markley and Dr. Merritt, their papers were read by Dr. Frances B. Jenkins, acting head of Branch Libraries, University of California Library, Berkeley, and Dr. Raynard C. Swank, director, Stanford University Libraries.

Charles Sumner Spalding, Catalog Maintenance Division, Library of Congress, also presented an interesting paper on "The Use of Catalog Entries by Readers in the General Reading Rooms of the Library of Congress."

These papers will be presented in the professional press.

Golden Jubilee Dinner

Approximately 200 attended the reception and dinner at the Carter Hotel on July 19. Under the direction of Mary D. Herrick, mistress of ceremonies, all enjoyed the attractive souvenir program, the clever place cards and the interesting program.

After welcoming those present, Laura C. Colvin, DCC president, paid tribute to the Library of Congress which is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 1950, mentioning especially the accomplishments of that part of the institution now known as the Processing Department. Miss Colvin then turned the program over to Miss Herrick who introduced the first speaker, Jane C. Hall, of the Library of Congress.

Miss Hall spoke on "Reminiscences of an L. C. Cataloger." She told how 27 years ago all processes were done in one department. There were few specialists except possibly in some of the lesser-known languages. Manuscript cards were beautifully and perfectly made with quill pens. The only typewriter was in the chief's office. Capitalization was a subject for disagreement then as now, and the only concern about production was the producing of a really good job.

The next speaker was Julia Pettee, whose subject was "A Few Highlights in the Progress of Cataloging." She began by saying that although cataloging is as old as libraries, individual catalogers were not mentioned in the early years. There were librarians

such as Dewey, Cutter and Jewett who made outstanding contributions to American cataloging and evolved many of the practices familiar to us today. "J. P.," as she is affectionately called by her friends, recalled her first ALA meeting in 1902 where an entire meeting was devoted to the subject of capitalization. There were heated discussions and details loomed large in the early days. Subject headings were no problem. If you weren't sure of a book's subject you gave it a general heading such as "Philosophy." Miss Pettee went on to say that when the number of books increased and catalog departments had to be set up, a new and distinguished group of catalogers appeared such as Martel, Hanson and Mann. As catalogers, however, assumed responsibility for the entire process, administrators lost interest. During the depression years administrators began again to take an interest in the cataloging process and insisted upon a cut in costs. The speaker felt that this had led to many necessary reforms. She then stressed the importance of the necessity of subject knowledge for subject catalogers, especially since she feels that bibliographies may take the place of card catalogs some time in the future and catalogers will then necessarily be both scholars and technicians.

Miss Herrick then introduced Esther A. Smith who is now retired after 43 years in the Catalog Department of the University of Michigan Library. Miss Smith developed her topic, "Some Reminiscences," by beginning with tales of the problems involved in trying to use L. C. cards and subject headings when the only way of finding authority for a heading was to hunt through the L. C. depository catalog. She then recalled early ALA conferences and entertained the audience with many recollections, particularly of the Sarasota Springs Conference (1918) where a hotel man described librarians at a convention as follows: "No tips, no booze, won't double up. Poor but genteel." As chairman of the DCC Council of Regional Groups from 1930-45, Miss Smith felt that she had had a unique opportunity to aid in the growth of the division.

The fourth speaker, Joseph L. Wheeler, was unable to be present due to illness. Milton Lord, President of ALA, then brought greetings from the parent association, congratulations on the recent growth and development of the DCC and hearty good wishes for the future. Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress, regretted his inability to be present at the dinner, but requested Frederick Wagman, chief of the L. C. Processing Department, to read a letter of congratulations on his behalf.

Among the numerous distinguished guests was Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, professor of library science, University of Delhi, and

president of the Indian Library Association, who spoke briefly and said that the reminiscences of the earlier speakers had made him think of his early years in cataloging. He was given anonymous books to catalog first. "Anon," he said, "writes on all kinds of subjects!"

The program then concluded with the introduction of all those past-presidents of the division and its predecessor, the Catalog Section, who were among those present. Miss Herrick pointed out that they truly represented the history of the group.

Classification Workshops

Three very successful workshops were sponsored by the Committee on Classification, Ruth S. Leonard, School of Library Science, Simmons College, Boston, chairman. In her absence, Henrietta Howell, University of Cincinnati, was the presiding chairman.

On July 18 "The DC and the Consumer" was discussed. Panel participants were Elva Krogh and Mrs. Eleanor Hungerford of the Library of Congress, and Mrs. Lela de Otte Surrey of the Brooklyn Public Library.

Miss Krogh described the operations of the Dewey Classification Section at the Library of Congress, stressing that there are only four on the staff; and that when Dewey numbers were first assigned in 1930 the stipulation was made that card printing should not be delayed. All books must move on daily, and when the number of titles falling in the priority groups is great it is necessary to delay assigning numbers to foreign language books. The speaker also emphasized that the staff has no collection to guide its decisions. Contents only are used. A shelf list has been set up with rules for use of the classification number. Conferences are held to discuss new numbers and the results form the basis for Notes and Decisions.

Mrs. Hungerford stated that the revision of Dewey was authorized in order to give libraries the classification scheme they thought was useful. Returns on a questionnaire indicated that 73 per cent of public libraries desired more than a five-figure decimal; of college libraries, 30 per cent favored a five-figure decimal and 29 per cent favored more. She also reported that the new standard edition will define terms and modify them, correlate related schedules, relate new subjects and reduce others. Canadian and South American librarians have helped revise the history and literature schedules of their countries.

Mrs. Surrey spoke on the use of shorter class numbers with fuller cataloging, illustrating her points from practice in the Brooklyn Public Library. She also stressed that today the trend in classification is toward usefulness on the shelf.

On July 19 "The L.C. and the Consumer" was discussed by David Haykin, chief, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress. He mentioned that the Superintendent of Documents now sells all schedules; that his department does not always know when the supply is exhausted; and that it is not always possible to make revisions before reprinting. Schedules issued prior to 1928 are being revised first. Later it is hoped schedules can be combined and a relative index to the whole published. The long-awaited Guide to Subject Heading Practice was reported to be at the printers. Questions at the close of the meeting were related to such points as possible simplification of the classification scheme, modernization of the Psychology Section, use of a relative index to make a classed catalog, etc.

The third workshop was held on July 20. This meeting was also devoted to the DC, with special emphasis on reclassification problems. The panel participants were Dora M. Pearson, Public Library, Washington, D. C., and Julia C. Pressey, Decimal Classification Section, Library of Congress.

Miss Pearson described the reclassification project now under way in her library through which 800,000 volumes are being changed from Cutter to Dewey. She pointed out that the decision must be made as to whether or not there is to be a violent disruption for a short time or small inconvenience over a long period. Miss Pearson stated that in her library, new accessions have had priority, with the older material being handled in order of popularity or usage. They have maintained two catalogs during the project.

Miss Pressey spoke about Notes and Decisions issued by the Decimal Classification Section at L.C., and stated that fuller notes are to be given. It is a quarterly available for a nominal charge.

Personnel Panel

On July 21 the DCC Special Committee on Personnel and the ALA Board on Personnel Administration presented jointly a program consisting of a film entitled Four Steps Forward (demonstrating on-the-job training) and two speakers. Pauline Seely, Public Library, Denver, Colo., chairman of the DCC Special Committee on Personnel, presided.

The first speaker, Alex Ladenson, Chicago Public Library, reported on a "Survey of In-Service Training Programs." The second speaker, David Clift, Yale University Library, described "The Orientation Program at Yale University." These papers will appear in the professional press, therefore no attempt is made to report them here. The meeting evoked great interest and was extremely well-attended.

Annual Business Meeting

The business session was held on July 19 at the Carter Hotel. Miss Colvin presided and presented her presidential report summarizing the activities of those committees whose reports had not contained recommendations requiring the attention of the membership and therefore were not to be presented during the session. In addition the president reported briefly on the work of the Special Committee on Relations with ALA, the DCC's Journal of Cataloging and Classification, and our representatives to the Council of National Library Associations. Since an Annual Report for the DCC will be published in the Journal, no further details of the president's message will be reported here.

Report of the Executive Secretary

Margaret W. Ayrault, DCC executive secretary, reported a balance on hand on June 30, 1950 of \$3,059.25. It was explained that this amount, and funds to be received during the rest of the fiscal year, were already committed. Miss Ayrault also spoke of the need of a paid staff to handle the increased volume of work. She also acknowledged the debt owed to many members for their volunteer help, particularly those in the Washington, D. C. area. Those specifically mentioned were M. Ruth MacDonald, Anita Welge, Montgomery McCrary, Evelyn Stone and Barbara Westby. Miss Ayrault also acknowledged the contributions made by the Library of Congress, the Army Medical Library and the Department of Agriculture Library.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted.

Honorary Memberships

Benjamin A. Custer, member-at-large on the DCC Executive Board, presented the following nominations for honorary division membership for life: William W. Bishop, Ethel Bond, Sophie K. Hiss, Grace O. Kelley, Mary W. MacNair, Margaret Mann, Anna M. Monrad, Julia Pettee, Harriet W. Pierson, Marie Louise Prevost and Isabella K. Rhodes. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

The group also accepted a petition of the Catalogers' Section of the New Jersey Library Association for affiliation as a regional group.

Journal of Cataloging and Classification

Winifred Johnson, acting editor, mentioned that chief developments of the year in connection with the Journal were the enlargement of the editorial board, authorization of the sale of back issues, and the resignation of the editor, Arthur Berthold. Miss Johnson said that an attempt had been made to maintain certain publication standards in regard to style and form, but that high quality of content is also essential. Members were urged to contribute to the Journal.

Committee on Public Relations

Mary D. Herrick, chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, reported that during the year the committee had compiled a list of speakers for library schools and state library associations; handled publicity for four events, including the Golden Jubilee Dinner; planned an informal luncheon during the ALA Midwinter Meeting; planned the routing of the Catalog Exhibit; mailed letters of congratulation to 50 new catalog appointees. Upon recommendation of the committee, represented by Miss Herrick, the group voted to refer to the DCC Executive Board, for consideration and possible action, the proposal that three separate committees be established to handle the work of the Committee on Public Relations and its two subcommittees.

The executive secretary, reporting in the absence of Sarah K. Vann, chairman of the Subcommittee on Recruiting, told of the preparation of a pamphlet on recruiting. Upon recommendation of the subcommittee the group voted that a mailing list be compiled

to expedite distribution of the recruiting pamphlet, and that subject to approval of the Executive Board as to number of copies and cost, the pamphlet be published and distributed as soon as possible. The subcommittee also proposed establishment of a "Margaret Mann Citation" to be awarded beginning in the year 1951 to a member of the division. This was also approved and the award will be made in the field of cataloging and classification.

Special Committee on a Division History

Winifred Johnson, in the absence of the chairman, Evelyn M. Hensel, reported the preparation and publication of the division history in an edition of 2700 copies. At the request of the committee the group voted dismissal of the group with a commendation of the work accomplished.

Special Committee on the Proposed Census of Cataloging and Classification

Ian W. Thom, committee chairman, reported a survey indicating a rather negative attitude of administrators toward the census as originally proposed and outlined. Upon recommendation of the committee it was voted that the work should not be carried forward at present.

Special Committee on Relations with ALA

Mrs. Alice Phelps Pattee, chairman of this committee, reported that on July 18 Mr. Cory would present a statement of financial needs of the division, prepared by the special committee, to the ALA Budget Committee. This included the request that ALA funds available to divisions be distributed more equitably, without serious loss to any division now receiving support. The statement also presented a plea for DCC support by the ALA. Mrs. Pattee reported an encouraging meeting with the ALA Budget Committee the day before and expressed hope for a favorable decision.

Joint ALA-MLA Committee on Music Cataloging

The executive secretary, reporting in the absence of Mrs. Virginia Cunningham, joint committee chairman, stated that the committee had completed work on revision of the MLA Code for Cataloging Music and had forwarded copies of the manuscript to the executive boards of MLA and DCC. It was moved and voted that the manuscript be referred to the Executive Board for study and appropriate action.

Interim Committee on a Board on
Cataloging Policy and Practice

This report was read by Dorothy Charles in the absence of the chairman, Maurice F. Tauber. The report told of the extensive work of the committee and pointed out the need for a board to be established, and outlined possible duties of such a board. Miss Charles then said that the DCC Executive Board had accepted the report unanimously and moved that the division instruct the Executive Board to take the necessary steps to establish a Board on Cataloging Policy and Practice of the DCC. After much spirited discussion the motion carried.

Committee on Descriptive Cataloging

Mrs. Dorothy F. Livingston, chairman of this committee, told of the extensive work of the group and stated that its report had been duplicated and distributed. Upon the motion of Mrs. Livingston the group voted to refer the report to the DCC Executive Board for study and action and to instruct the board to present a progress report to the membership at the Midwinter Meeting.

Nominating Committee

Marian Young, committee chairman, presented a supplementary report to the slate of officers which had been submitted earlier in the year. The report urged establishment of a fund for traveling expenses for the president, and also urged that work of the executive secretary be set up as a part-time job for some one working at ALA Headquarters. The committee felt that these changes were necessary if it were to be possible to continue to get good candidates for division offices. The report was accepted.

--Margaret W. Ayrault, Executive Secretary

Division of Libraries for Children and Young People

Two program meetings, one a joint session with the Library Extension Division, and a business meeting were held by the division. Open house was held on two afternoons at the Hotel Hollenden, division headquarters. Exhibits were maintained throughout the conference in the Auditorium exhibit area and in the division lounge at the Hotel Hollenden. The division board had three meetings.

The joint meeting with the Library Extension Division was a panel discussion under the leadership of Sarah L. Jones, State Education Dept., Atlanta, Ga., on a basis for evaluating book-mobile service to schools. Distinction was made between public library services to schools and school library services, by book-mobile.

At the general meeting Mrs. Ethel Gilbert, reconstruction liaison officer with the New York office of Unesco, spoke on "Unesco and Children and Books." (See ALA Bulletin, 44:360-63, October 1950.) Mrs. Ruth Gagliardo, Library and Reading Committee chairman of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, spoke on "Books for All Children and Youth." (See ALA Bulletin, December 1950.) Mrs. Margaret Johnson of the Cleveland Press described here recent visit to the International Youth Library, Munich, and discussions with young people in western European countries.

Business Meeting

The division business meeting, conducted by President Elizabeth A. Groves, was held on July 21. Louise Rees, treasurer, reported a balance as of July 10 of \$2,174.24. Membership in the division, as of July 1, was reported as 4195 (division only, 141; AASL, 2197; CLA, 1458; AYPL, 735. These include some who hold membership in two or more sections. Results of the election of officers were also announced.

The special CLA anniversary issue and the reporting of regional conferences were the major factors in the year's planning of Top of the News. Mrs. Alice Brooks McGuire was announced as editor beginning with the fall 1950 issue.

The need for a division committee to plan meetings at the 1951 Conference was indicated. Margaret C. Scoggin reported on general ALA plans.

The Publications Planning Committee, according to the report of the chairman, Sue Hefley, advised on ALA publishing proposals, examined three manuscripts and made some suggestions of needed publications.

The Magazine Evaluation Committee, under Doris Cole's chairmanship, prepared the magazine list for inclusion in the 1950 annual supplement to Standard Catalog for High School Libraries. It was voted that the committee explore with the H. W. Wilson Company the addition to Children's Catalog of a magazine list for children below high school age. It was voted that this committee be a joint committee if AASL becomes a separate division.

The List Committee, under Sara I. Fenwick's chairmanship, has sought and received many lists for publication, thus making it possible for many libraries to share the results of good list preparation. Miss Fenwick outlined the many problems which arise in making good lists available.

Margaret Scoggin, chairman of the International Relations Committee, announced that plans are being made for expansion of the Unesco-CARE Book Program to include children's books. Alice Louise LeFevre, one of the division directors, will spend a week at the International Youth Library in Munich, to assist Mrs. Jella Lepman in planning for the library.

President Groves commented on the petition which AASL had voted in Chicago, January 1950. She reported that at a special meeting of the division board the following resolution was passed: "The Constitution of the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People states 'the objectives of this Division shall be to promote librarianship and library service for children and young people in all types of libraries, whether publicly or privately supported, and to cooperate with the American Library Association and other library and educational groups in the promotion of enterprises affecting the welfare of youth.' The Board of the Division feels that in two areas accomplishment has been outstanding, namely in Top of the News which has grown out of the news bulletins of the three sections, and in the extensive projects accomplished through Division Committees. The concern of the Board is with actions which jeopardize the underlying principles on which this Division is built. The Board regrets the processes through which the American Association of School Librarians has petitioned for withdrawal from this organization, but reaffirms its faith in the over-all objectives of the Division as

stated in the Constitution. We extend every wish of success for the future development of the plans of the American Association of School Librarians and hope there will be continuing opportunities for carrying out the principles of the Division as stated above."

Miss Groves explained the plan for financing ACRL which that division is trying experimentally for 1950-51. Because of the possibility of a change in the make-up of DLCYP it will continue under the current plan for 1950-51.

--Mildred L. Batchelder, Executive Secretary

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

The AASL held a preconference meeting in Cleveland preceding the Annual ALA Conference. The group held two business meetings, and presented Dr. Alonzo Grace, dean of the College of Education, University of Chicago, in a program meeting. The theme of the workshop was "Growing in Democracy." It attempted to point out the role of the library and the librarian regarding materials and the curriculum. A summary of the workshop will be published in Top of the News.

Dr. Grace gave a stimulating talk on "Growing in Democracy," or saving our democracy. He stated that education means everything to all, but that there is a need to learn how to work. All children should have equal access to education and in the process learn to differentiate between moral values and materialism. Democracy cannot be realized through totalitarian methods, and therefore cultural services abroad and the Unesco budget must be increased. At the same time certain controls are necessary for self-discipline.

Business Meetings

The first business meeting of AASL was held on July 17, with Chairman Margaret K. Walraven presiding. A resume of the progress of the organization for the past two years was given. The final roll call of the council by states showed a total of 34 states and one territory represented. After the secretary's report, the chairman gave a resume of the progress of the petition for division status for AASL. It was voted not to reopen the question of division status.

At the second business meeting, on July 19, the treasurer's report indicated that income from the preconference had been sufficient to pay all expenses of the meetings. Reports of standing and special committees were read and approved. Digests of these reports are as follows:

BUDGET: The new budget awaits action of ALA Council on division status and will be presented at Midwinter 1951. Edna Gustafson, Chairman.

CONSTITUTION: This committee reported that its work also depends on division status. Rheta Clark, Chairman.

READING FOR BACKGROUND SERIES: Work of this committee has been concluded and members were dismissed with thanks. Eloise Camp, Chairman.

AUDIO-VISUAL: Efforts are being made to have an issue of See and Hear magazine devoted to library materials in the near future. Mrs. Dilla MacBean, Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP: The distribution of members by states was shown and all state membership chairmen were urged to make a special effort to have blanks at the fall educational meetings. Margaret Nichol森, Chairman.

PLANNING SCHOOL LIBRARY QUARTERS: Dear Mr. Architect is being revised under the direction of Sue Hefley and it is hoped to enlarge the section on plans for elementary school libraries. The committee is building a folio of materials to lend. Lucille Vickers, Chairman.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY ACTIVITIES: This committee is corresponding with librarians in foreign countries. The International Youth Library was commended. The October issue of Top of the News will emphasize international activities. Marion Horton, Chairman.

HONORARY MEMBERS: The report of this special committee summarized growth of school library work during the past 50 years and the many pioneers honored. Committee members were discharged with thanks. Anna Clark Kennedy, Chairman.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES: Plans have been made to compile a leaflet and enlist the aid of the National Association of Elementary School Principals in this project. Promotion plans for establishing elementary school libraries are being studied. Hazelle Anderson, Chairman.

At the close of the meeting election of officers and directors for 1950-51 was held.

Division Status

On July 21 the ALA Council voted unanimously to grant division status to the American Association of School Librarians as of Jan. 1, 1951, subject to approval by a majority of the AASL membership--the vote to be taken by mail.

--Jean E. Lowrie, Secretary

ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIBRARIANS

The AYPL meetings of the Cleveland Conference showed quite clearly the need for more opportunities for the exchange of ideas among librarians. The program was planned so that people from all sizes and types of libraries serving young people would find something to interest them and to which they could contribute from their own experience. The record audiences even at the 8:30 A.M. book meetings were a challenge to future program committees to produce more satisfactory plans for audience participation. Because of the large numbers, the book meeting groups were divided into two sessions but even then there were too many people for everyone to take active part.

"How Can the Librarian in a Small Library Which Has No YP Department Best Serve the Teenage Reader?" was the first topic on the Monday afternoon program. Various types of clubs, book selection committees, and other activities were described. Enthusiasm for work with young people and confidence that young people were worth every effort in their behalf was the keynote. One speaker presented the opposite opinion and made a good case for her ideas. The audience expressed regret later that no time could be devoted to questions and remarks. The last half of the program was devoted to activities in a large public library where special departments and librarians have opportunity for large projects.

J. Donald Adams of the New York Times Book Review, speaking at the Tuesday luncheon stated that young people should be introduced to authors like Emerson, Carlisle and Whitman. According to Mr. Adams the so-called teenage book, often badly written and poorly constructed, seldom holds a challenge to the young reader and does little to promote his thinking.

Summaries of the talks and the book discussion meetings will appear in Top of the News. Quite exciting plans are under way

for the young people's meetings at the 1951 ALA Conference. Names of officers of the section for 1950-51 were announced.

--Elinor Walker, Chairman

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Since 1950 marks the golden anniversary of the Children's Library Association, the Cleveland Conference was especially gay and stimulating for the children's librarians. Four functions were held: a program meeting, a luncheon honoring children's editors of the Children's Book Council, the Newbery-Caldecott Awards Dinner, and a business meeting.

Program Meeting

The program meeting was held on July 21. Mrs. May Hill Arbuthnot, Western Reserve University, spoke on "Children's Reading in Today's World and One to Grow On." She urged children's librarians to search out books that develop both a zest and reverence for life. She deplored the "So What?" school of fiction for very small children, in which a story goes on and on with no plot. Mrs. Arbuthnot also made a plea for more books of romance for girls 11 years old and up. She pointed out the need for books that face squarely the social problems of the day, but asked that they also be strong stories with good characterization--not mere social tracts. Mrs. Arbuthnot concluded by saying that no matter how many books children may be exposed to during school classes, they will always need that extra something from the librarian--the "one to grow on."

Luncheon for Children's Editors

CLA honored the children's editors of the Children's Book Council at a luncheon on July 20, followed by a discussion on "Needs and Trends in Children's Books." Elizabeth Riley, Thomas Y. Crowell Company, summarized a recent survey of titles that children's librarians would like to have back in print. She deplored the frequent disagreement among librarians, noting that no survey title received more than 10 votes.

Miss Riley urged children's librarians to write to the editor whenever they disapprove of a book. Mrs. Frances Clarke Sayers, New York Public Library, led a question and answer period after Miss Riley's talk.

Newbery-Caldecott Awards Dinner

The Newbery-Caldecott Awards Dinner was held in the Rainbow Room of the Carter Hotel on July 18, attended by over 900 people. In honor of CLA's 50th anniversary a souvenir copy of A Birthday Garland, by Elinor Parker, was given to each person present by the Thomas Y. Crowell Company. The room was darkened before the dessert course and waiters circled the tables carrying lighted birthday cakes aloft while the guests sang "Happy Birthday to You". The Newbery Award was presented to Mrs. Marguerite de Angeli for Door in the Wall (Doubleday). In her acceptance speech, Mrs. de Angeli told of the study and research that goes into all her work, both writing and drawing. The Caldecott Medal was won by Leo Politi for the art work in his Song of the Swallows (Scribners). Mr. Politi kept the audience alternately in laughter and tears as he told of his experiences in writing and illustrating. Both acceptance speeches were published in the Horn Book for July-August 1950. At the end of the dinner the chairman, Margaret M. Clark, presented a gold placque to Frederick G. Melcher, from the CLA, in appreciation of all that he has done for children's books and children's reading in this country.

Business Meeting

The business meeting, held on July 21, was led by Margaret M. Clark, chairman. The treasurer, Elizabeth M. Gordon, gave her report which was accepted as read. The reports of standing committees were accepted as read and appear in summarized form below:

NEWBERY-CALDECOTT AWARDS COMMITTEE: Although centered in a committee, the responsibility for selecting the awards should be keenly felt by each member of CLA. There is a need for getting wider information about the procedure to the general membership. Ruth E. Hewitt, Chairman.

BOOK EVALUATION COMMITTEE: The annual list of "Distinguished Children's Books of 1949" was published in the May

issue of Top of the News and the April issues of the ALA Bulletin and Booklist. Also, the committee compiled the first five-year list entitled "Distinguished Children's Books of 1940-44," also to be published in the three magazines mentioned above. Isabella Jinette, Chairman.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE: The committee reports progress on the proposed brochure to cover the activities of children's librarians in the international field. M. Ethel Bubb, Chairman.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Marie Davis, public relations officer, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, deserves most of the credit for work done on the recruiting pamphlet, A Future in Their Faces, prepared and published this year for distribution by the American Library Association. The pamphlet was financed from CLA funds and a loan of \$100 from the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career. The membership is urged to purchase the pamphlet in quantity and give it wide distribution. Elizabeth H. Gross, Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Hard-working regional and local chairmen of this committee have distributed 3000 copies of the leaflet, It's Time to Join, to prospective members. The goal was set at 25 per cent over last year, and to date 13 states have already reached their quota increase. New memberships to May 1 show a total of 324 as against 314 last year. Total membership as of May 1 is 1310. There is great need for an annual membership list by states. Laura Steese, Chairman.

BOOK PRODUCTION COMMITTEE: For some years the major activity of this committee has been the fostering of traveling exhibits of children's books in various states. In the fall of 1949, 17 states declared their willingness to cooperate in the project. Supervisors in those states were asked to prepare convincing arguments for the continuation of the project, for presentation to contributing publishers. Members feel that the committee is misnamed and recommend that it be changed to "Publishers' Liaison Committee," since its purpose is to increase cooperation between children's librarians and publishers of children's books. Edith Patterson Meyer, Chairman.

After the committee reports the chairman reported on her attendance at the Constitutional Planning Committee meeting of the prospective Public Libraries Division, held in St. Louis in May. After some discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of CLA of joining such a division, it was decided to review the situation and not to take action at this meeting. Marian C. Young, Detroit Public Library, read a recommendation that due to a

serious shortage of children's librarians, a committee be appointed to survey children's work in public libraries; study the status of the children's librarian; and recommend to ALA that more children's librarians be given an opportunity to serve on national committees. It was voted that such a committee be appointed.

The secretary read the report of the Nominating Committee for 1950-51 officers, which was accepted. A unanimous ballot was cast.

--Margaret M. Clark, Chairman

Hospital Libraries Division

President Henry J. Gartland presided at the business session of the Hospital Libraries Division held on July 19. The treasurer's report of a balance of \$1,371.53 as of June 30, and the secretary's report of the minutes of the annual business meeting held during Midwinter, were accepted as read. Eleanor Brandt, Veterans Administration Hospital, Dallas, served as secretary pro tem.

President Gartland introduced Dr. Sanford Larkey, director, Welch Medical Library, Johns Hopkins University, and past president of the Medical Library Association; and Mrs. Sadie P. Delaney. The following resolution regarding Mrs. Delaney was adopted: "Resolved, That congratulations and felicitations be extended to Mrs. Sadie Peterson Delaney by the Hospital Libraries Division at the 69th Annual Conference of the American Library Association. Dr. Delaney, librarian of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala., received the degree of Doctor of Humanities at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., on June 5, 1950, reflecting great honor on herself and also on hospital librarianship in this country." Dr. Delaney responded by saying that she received the honor with great humility and talked for all VA librarians when she said it was a privilege to serve.

Following discussion of the proposed question of federation of national library associations, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the Hospital Libraries Division go on record as authorizing the president and president-elect to consider the proposal of federation at the meeting called by the president of ALA and that they further this proposal by any means possible."

Catharine Heinz, United Hospital Fund of New York, assumed the presidency of the division and thanked Mr. Gartland for his work. She reported that the "Objectives and Standards for

Patients' Libraries" have now been approved by ALA and SLA, and that the joint committees hope to have them approved and published by the American Hospital Association.

Committee Reports

Foster Mohrhardt, director of library services, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., presented a report of the committee which has undertaken the revision of E. Kathleen Jones' Hospital Libraries. He stated that a general outline had been prepared for presentation to ALA, that need for a new book is great, and that the revised edition will be written by experts for use of both students and professional librarians in the field. Discussion followed and it was the consensus of those present that the place of bibliotherapy in the library should be given prominence in the revision. It was agreed that both a physician and a librarian should write sections on this subject.

Margaret Kinney reported on the proposed "Objectives and Standards for Medical Libraries." She distributed copies of the rough draft of the standards and listed changes that had been recommended by SLA and the Medical Library Association. Miss Kinney reported that these two groups had tabled acceptance of the Medical Library Standards until next year; Miss Heinz stated that they required more work by the joint MLA-SLA-ALA committee before presentation for approval.

It was voted that a report of the meeting be sent to each division member.

Program Meetings

Advising hospital librarians to know their staff and patient clientele instead of burying themselves behind the New York Times Book Review at their desks, Dr. E. H. Cushing, assistant chief medical director, Research and Education Service, Veterans Administration, emphasized that the librarian was an essential part of the hospital "heart." Dr. Cushing spoke at the division's opening session held on July 18. Following his talk Clara E. Luciola, head, Hospital and Judd Fund Division, Cleveland Public Library, and Miss Heinz participated in a panel discussion on the appeal of hospital library work to the patient, the public and the volunteer. Henry J. Gartland, division president, presided.

"The Emotional Problems of Reading while Sick" was the topic discussed by Dr. Alfred K. Bochner, Department of Psychiatry, Western Reserve University School of Medicine, at a program-
tea on July 20, sponsored by the Lakeside Library of University Hospitals. Dr. Bochner suggested specific titles for numerous types of patients and recommended that hospital librarians plan long-term reading programs, especially for chronic patients. Hostesses at the hospital were Mrs. Ruth Foote, supervisor of auxiliary services, and Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, librarian. Catharine Heinz, division president-elect, presided. On July 21 an open house and tour of the Crile Veterans Administration Hospital in Cleveland, sponsored by Dorothy Smith, chief librarian, concluded division activities.

Clara E. Lucoli was responsible for the well-planned program provided for Hospital Libraries Division members at the 69th Annual Conference.

--Mariana J. Thurber, Secretary

Library Education Division

The agenda for the annual business meeting of the Library Education Division included the reports of the president, secretary, and treasurer (subsequently published in the division's Newsletter and distributed to all members), several proposals for amendment of the Constitution and the By-laws, and consideration of the idea of a federation of national library associations.

The meeting failed to achieve a quorum, hence matters requiring membership action were deferred to a mail ballot. Most of the meeting was devoted to informal discussion of the "federation idea" emanating from the meeting of representatives of national library associations held in New York on April 29, on invitation from President Lord of the ALA. The consensus of members present at the LED business meeting in Cleveland was: (1) That appraisal of the "federation idea" in the abstract is impossible — a concrete plan is a necessary condition of evaluation; and (2) That the division, as represented at the annual business meeting, is anxious to strengthen rather than weaken the ALA.

The division also participated in a joint meeting with the ALA Board of Education for Librarianship and the Association of American Library Schools. The meeting is summarized in the proceedings of the Board of Education for Librarianship.

--G. Flint Purdy

Library Extension Division

The Executive Board of the Library Extension Division agreed to underwrite publication of the bookmobile standards and specifications completed during the preconference meetings of the Bookmobile Committee, other librarians and manufacturer's representatives. The committee was authorized to print this material.

Members of the division met with members of the National Association of State Librarians, and heard a symposium entitled "Can a More Coordinated Program of Library Service Be Developed in All States Between the State Agency and Trustees of Local Libraries, Librarians of Local Libraries, Specialized Libraries, Special Groups and Individuals Living within the States." This meeting was followed by a tea sponsored by NASL. A joint meeting was also held with the Public Libraries Division and the Trustees Division. At the meeting with the Federal Relations Committee Mrs. Margie Sornson Malmberg, ALA Washington Office, discussed "The Boys on the Hill: Strategy in Working for Legislation."

The County and Regional Section, meeting with the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People, held a panel discussion on the "Report on Bookmobile Service in Schools." Patrons, trustees and librarians participated. A business meeting followed in which the County and Regional Section voted to dissolve in preparation for merging with the proposed new Public Libraries Division. The section also voted to revise the report on bookmobile service in the light of preceding discussion, and to distribute the final report.

At the regular business meeting the division voted to give \$700 again for the operation of the ALA Washington Office. Excellent reports were heard from all the committees. It was announced that a new committee to work toward obtaining money for a survey of state agencies had been appointed by the ALA Executive Board at the request of the Executive Board of the division, and the Library Extension Board. The planning, training and standards committees reported that they had received requests from the Public Libraries and Trustees Divisions to be allowed to join in the work of the committees. Enlargement of these committees to include representatives from these two divisions was approved.

The group heard discussion on broadening the contemplated federal aid bill to allow the strengthening of state agencies. It also voted to discontinue its membership in the Council of National Library Associations and to go on record as preferring to strengthen the development of library service through ALA rather than through a new association. Plans for a joint institute on coordinating school and public library services to children and young people are still in process, as well as plans for a recruiting pamphlet.

The Library Extension Division sent Mildred Sandoe, State Library, Columbus, Ohio, as its representative to the Constitution Planning Committee meeting in St. Louis in preparation for the proposed Public Libraries Division. After Miss Sandoe's report the division voted to merge with the Division of Public Libraries and the Trustees Division to form the new Public Libraries Division, accepting in principle the new constitution and awaiting the action of the ALA Council on the merger in order to act further.

Helen Ridgway, ALA Chief Public Library Specialist, reported on funds donated to her by the division at the Midwinter Meeting. Miss Ridgway said that part of the funds had been used for extra clerical work and that the remainder would finance a field trip to the western states. The group again expressed appreciation and approval of the extension work of Miss Ridgway and also for the work of Mrs. Malmberg in the ALA Washington Office. Officers elected to serve during 1950-51 were announced.

--Lucile Nix, President

Bookmobile Committee

Representatives of manufacturers of bookmobiles and bookmobile equipment, and about 30 librarians, met with the Bookmobile Committee in Cleveland on July 16 to continue the work on standardization of bookmobile specifications.

The preliminary report issued by the committee in June 1950 was reconsidered to determine what changes, deletions or additions should be made. The decisions reached were: (1) That all statements in the preliminary report should be retained in the final report with possibly a few minor changes in wording; (2) That the final report should not deal with the chassis but should, instead, urge that the selection of size and type of chassis be made upon recommendation of the bookmobile manufacturer;

(3) That the final report should contain detailed specifications and recommendations for the heating and electrical systems, for shelving and desks, and for the towing vehicle if the bookmobile is a separate unit; (4) That the report should be printed quickly and publicized through professional journals and state library agencies.

Agreement was reached on the exact wording of specifications and recommendations mentioned in Decision 3.

--Jean Johnson, Chairman

Institute on Demonstrations of Library Service

The Cleveland preconference Institute on Demonstrations of Library Service, sponsored by the Library Extension Division, was held July 14-15 with 75 librarians from 33 states attending. Kenneth Moody, trained discussion leader from the American Wire and Steel Company, Cleveland, was in charge of all discussions. Panels and symposia were manned by extension people. Ralph Dunbar, U. S. Office of Education; Mrs. Margie Sornson Malmberg, ALA Washington Office; and Dr. Paul Hauser, rural sociologist, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, served as special consultants.

The discussion emphasized the need for standards of service in carrying on demonstrations in extension work; planning for individual states and communities rather than for the country at large; basing planning on general standards; and constant examination and evaluation of programs in process.

The institute opened Friday evening with a panel discussion on the Louisiana, Wisconsin and New York programs, which brought out strong and weak points in these state demonstrations. Among the strong points discussed were complete local participation, complete library coverage, professional staff, evaluation, sufficient planning time, variations of establishment aids and termination.

On Saturday morning a symposium on planning, standards and training prepared the way for the afternoon "buzz sessions" which brought out the following needs: a survey of state agencies, minimum standards for state agencies suitable to their stage of development, ALA regional extension field workers, better integration of library school education with current library practices, all demonstrations to meet ALA minimum standards and to give service to total demonstration area.

Buzz sessions brought out the fact that every state agency should have a good legal basis, a staff of specialists and field

workers, and should serve as a bibliographical clearing house and research agency. Its activities should include recruiting, certification, placement, assembling and recording of statistical information.

It was agreed that the state agency should take the leadership in helping to formulate plans for library development and setting up specific goals and standards of service. It should organize and plan for training programs for librarians and trustees in co-operation with library training agencies and practicing librarians.

Ruth Warncke, Kent County, Grand Rapids, Mich. was director of the institute and the steering committee consisted of Helen Kremer, Michigan State Library; Emily Mayne, Division of Libraries, Minnesota State Library; Gretchen Schenk, Summerdale, Ala. and Juanima Wells, Bexar County Free Library, San Antonio. Raymond Lindquist, Cuyahoga County Library, Cleveland, was in charge of local arrangements.

--Juanima Wells

Public Libraries Division

The Public Libraries Division conducted one general business meeting and cosponsored a program meeting and special business meeting during the Cleveland Conference. Meetings were also held by four sections of the division. The Board of Directors met in two sessions.

Business Meeting

The annual business meeting was held on July 21 with President John Richards presiding. Marie W. Barkman, treasurer, reported a balance on hand as of July 12, 1950, of \$4,162.50.

The following statement of policy was adopted concerning the re-organization of the CNLA to form a federation of national library associations: "The division should continue as a member of CNLA as constituted at present with the understanding that the Public Libraries Division does not favor the formation of a federation of library associations which would weaken a strong ALA."

A request for the formation of a reference section within the division was referred to the incoming Executive Board.

The following action was taken concerning the proposed merger of the Library Extension, Trustee and Public Libraries Divisions to form an association of public libraries: The division voted to approve the merger and the plan of temporary organization of the new division, to be submitted by the temporary Board of Directors for general membership approval. Those present indicated a preference for Public Libraries Division rather than Association as the name of the new organization.

The division accepted the report of the Planning Committee which, under the chairmanship of Helen M. Harris, had prepared a statement of objectives and program. This statement appears in the report of the Planning Committee.

The report of the Elections Committee, Vernell C. Dammeier, chairman, was read.

Program Meeting

The Public Libraries Division, together with the Library Extension and Trustees Divisions, sponsored a program meeting held on July 18. A panel discussion was held on "What Books Should We Buy for Our Libraries?" Mrs. Marion E. Hawes, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, presided and introduced the following panel members: John F. Barden, dean, School of General Studies, Cleveland College; J. Donald Adams, editor, New York Times Book Review Section; Esther Johnston, New York Public Library; Anne H. Farrington, State Library Commission, Madison, Wis.

Joint Meeting on Division Merger

Minutes of the joint meeting were prepared by Helen A. Ridgway, ALA Chief Public Library Specialist.

Unlike the preliminary planning session at the 1950 Midwinter Meeting for officers, board members, councilors and invited observers of the divisions concerned, this open discussion meeting on the formation of an association of public libraries urged the attendance of all members of the groups concerned, as well as any other ALA members who might be interested.

Edward J. A. Fahey presided in his capacity as chairman of the ALA's Advisory Committee to the Public Library Executive Office, and reviewed again the growing interest in closer cooperation between divisions concerned with various aspects of public library

service, and the reasons for the proposed merger. He reminded the group of the action taken at the January 1950 meeting in appointing a joint committee to draw up a proposed constitution. The following members served on the committee: Richard B. Sealock (Public Libraries Division), chairman; Mildred W. Sandoe (Library Extension Division); Mrs. Ralph I. Burris (Trustees Division). Margaret Clark and Elinor Walker were asked to serve as observers for the Children's Library Association and the Association of Young People's Librarians, and Louis M. Nourse and Helen A. Ridgway were asked to serve as consultants.

Mr. Sealock summarized the work of the Joint Constitution Committee and expressed the members' approval of the larger and stronger organization in behalf of public libraries that would result. He then indicated action the committee hoped would result from this meeting: (1) An expression of opinion in regard to the proposed merger; (2) Approval of a temporary organization to function during the interim period; and (3) Discussion and acceptance in principle of the proposed constitution. Favorable action on these three points could then be followed by official action by the divisions concerned, the signing of the necessary petition to the ALA Council to create the new division, and the approval by Council either at the 1951 Midwinter Meeting or by mail vote. (The petition was approved by the ALA Council in August 1950 by mail vote.)

Mr. Sealock then moved, and Thomas J. Porro seconded, that the merger of the Library Extension Division, the Trustees Division and the Public Libraries Division into an Association of Public Libraries be approved and that the three divisions be asked to vote on it.

During the discussion that followed there were many vocal spokesmen in behalf of the merger. Harold F. Brigham thought it desirable and important for the public library interests to be merged but wanted to be sure that the over-all strength of ALA would still be maintained. Mildred W. Sandoe agreed, expressing her belief in strong divisions, but also in a strong parent organization, and thought the merger a good device for counteracting present disruptive influences in ALA. Dr. Frank N. Walker also stressed the importance of a unifying force within ALA and thought the merger would arrest the trend toward too great specialization and disintegration. As an extension librarian, Irving Lieberman urged that librarians practice what they preach and be willing to give up some local autonomy in order that all might be stronger.

Playing the role of devil's advocate, James C. Howe asked for some negative expression of opinion and suggested that some people might be opposed to the merger for fear of losing their identity. Elinor Walker, representing the Association of Young People's Librarians, admitted that at first her group had feared possible coercion but instead had found sympathetic appreciation of their problems. A number of others spoke in favor of the merger, including Mrs. Ruth V. Tyler, Robert D. Franklin, John S. Richards, Lucile Nix and James M. Hillard.

A show of hands indicated a strong preference for calling the organization the Public Libraries Division rather than Association of Public Libraries.

The following motion, moved by Mr. Sealock and seconded by Rho B. Slawson, was carried: "When the formation of the new association has been approved by the present divisions concerned, and by the Executive Board and the Council of the American Library Association, the officers of these divisions shall become the temporary board of directors of the association. It shall be the duty of this board to meet at the next meeting of the ALA to choose for the board and the association a chairman, a vice chairman and a secretary-treasurer. This board shall also secure in the manner suggested in the proposed constitution a nominating committee to prepare a list of candidates for the offices listed in this constitution. This board shall arrange for financing its activities by calling upon the merging divisional boards for assistance until the new association is fully established with a constitution, and dues allotments from ALA. The board shall submit the proposed constitution to each member of the divisions concerned for a mail vote."

Mr. Sealock then presented the proposed constitution for general discussion and comment and moved that, after further necessary development, it be submitted to the present members of the divisions concerned for a vote. Ralph Beals wanted it clearly understood that the constitution was being accepted in principle only and recommended that the motion be reworded as follows: "That members of the group here present approve the aim and the principles set forth in the report of the Constitution Committee on the understanding that adjustments may be made in detail in the light of suggestions made here and in the appropriate business meetings being held this week by the Public Libraries Division, the Library Extension Division, and the Trustees Division." The motion was carried as amended.

Miss Sandoe suggested a change in Article IV, Section 1, to indicate that the choice of the executive secretary of the division should be subject to the approval of the executive secretary of ALA, and Mr. Beals suggested that the duties of the executive secretary be further clarified. (Article IV, Section 2c).

--Eleanor Plain, Executive Secretary

ADULT EDUCATION SECTION

The first meeting of the Adult Education Section of the Division of Public Libraries was held on July 18. Mrs. Grace Stevenson, chairman, presided. Mrs. Stevenson called for the report of the Nominating Committee. There were no further nominations and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the officers proposed by the committee. Program members were thanked for their work, with special thanks to Cleveland members, Dr. Fern Long and Mrs. Florence Craig.

Mrs. Stevenson also presided at a panel discussion of "If Not the People's University--Then What?" Panel members were D. R. Jeffers, Public Library, Monterey, Calif.; Mrs. Helen Lyman, Buffalo Public Library; Mrs. May V. K. Valencik, Free Public Library, Allentown, Pa.; Joe Langston, Jefferson County Library, Birmingham, Ala. The panel discussed the importance of adult education in the world today, and the role librarians should play in their communities. After the discussion the room was divided into groups for buzz sessions.

The second meeting of the section was held on July 20. Sigrid Edge conducted a symposium on "Our Best Community Project." Speakers were Violet Myers, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore; Mrs. Carrie Palmer, Royal Oak, Mich.; Mrs. Muriel Javelin, Boston Public Library; Ruth Warncke, Kent County Library, Grand Rapids, Mich. A discussion period followed.

--Beatrice Lorraine, Acting Secretary

BRANCH LIBRARIANS SECTION

The Branch Librarians Section met on July 17 at the 1951 ALA Conference in Cleveland. Subject of the meeting was the "Fundamental Purposes of Branch Libraries." Marie Hurley, South Euclid-Lyndhurst Public Library, Cleveland, served as discussion

leader. Members of the panel were Alice L. Brunat, Branch Department, Minneapolis Public Library; Georgia E. L. Casley, Free Colored Library, Knoxville, Tenn.; Edward D'Alessandro, Eastman Branch Library, Cleveland; Mrs. Margaret O. Cobb, Haughville Branch Library, Indianapolis; and Miriam Mathews, Vermont Square Branch, Los Angeles Public Library.

The report of the Nominating Committee was submitted by Mary E. Hoover, chairman. The nominations were unanimously received and carried.

--Mrs. Louise S. Shepard, Secretary

PLANNING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Planning Committee of the Division of Public Libraries was held on July 20, following a breakfast. Committee chairman Helen M. Harris, Lawson McGhee Library, Knoxville, Tenn., presided. In addition to committee members and officers of the Division of Public Libraries, representatives from the Library Extension and Trustee Divisions were present for a general discussion of the statement of objectives and program prepared by the Planning Committee. The committee recommended for action:

(1) The organization of trustees and citizens in strong and active groups who will attack at every level the problem of adequate public library financial support.

(2) The establishment within each state of at least one large-unit type of library administration to serve as a pilot plan for demonstrating improved service at a reasonably distributed cost.

(3) The device and use of new measurements for evaluating public library service which will be more effective and convincing than statistics on the circulation of books.

(4) The intensification of efforts by public librarians to improve services with resources at hand and to make these services widely known in the community.

Possible ways to implement each of these four points were suggested and it was agreed that joint committees representing the Public Libraries, Library Extension and Trustees Divisions should be appointed to work in the areas covered by the program.

--Eleanor Plain, Division Executive Secretary

Trustees Division

In addition to two joint meetings with the Library Extension and Public Libraries Divisions, the trustees had a dinner meeting, two discussion meetings and an annual business meeting followed by a luncheon. Accounts of the joint meetings appear in the report of the Division of Public Libraries.

Dinner Meeting

Edward J. A. Fahey, division chairman, presided at a dinner meeting on July 20. Ben D. Zevin, president of the World Publishing Company and trustee of the Euclid (Ohio) Public Library, spoke to the 38 guests present. After reviewing the history and hazards of publishing in this country, Mr. Zevin then spoke on "The Library Trustee's Challenge of Leadership." (See ALA Bulletin, September 1950.) Mr. Fahey then announced this year's recipients of the trustee citations--Anthony J. Cerrato, Yonkers (N.Y.) Public Library, and Mrs. William H. Wills, chairman, Vermont Free Public Library Commission. New officers of the division were introduced.

Garceau Report

The panel discussion on July 20 centered on chapters pertaining to trustees in Oliver Garceau's study of The Public Library in the Political Process, a volume of the Public Library Inquiry. Louis H. Wieber, president of the Cleveland Public Library Board, chaired the meeting and the panel consisted of the following members: Mrs. J. U. Reaves, Mobile (Ala.) Public Library; Mrs. Gerald K. Winsler, Summit (N.J.) Public Library; Charles J. Mesnier, St. Louis County Library; and Mrs. Lewis P. Ditman, Prince George's County Memorial Library, Hyattsville, Md., who acted as panel leader. An outline summarizing Dr. Garceau's findings was presented, but there was time to consider only a few of the topics covered. Since so many conflicting views were expressed, those present voted to recommend that the division appoint a committee to make a more intensive study

of Garceau's findings, prepare a digest of his report and add their own recommendations, so that this information would be available. Anthony J. Cerrato and Harold Hamill were appointed to draft such a resolution.

Discussion of Trustee Problems

At the Friday morning meeting those attending discussed many problems vital to the division, ALA in general, and to the work of trustees. Chairman Fahey presented Thomas J. Porro as the first library trustee to be a member of the ALA Executive Board. Mr. Porro expressed his desire to work for a stronger trustees group within ALA and also for a stronger ALA. He said he would not like to see ALA become a part of CNLA since that would subordinate the Association to a weak federation, and that any attempt to bring the various library associations together should be within the framework of ALA. Thomas H. McKaig, president of the New York State Library Trustees Foundation and chairman of Governor Dewey's Committee on Library Aid, told of the library situation in New York.

Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the division was held on Saturday morning, with Chairman Fahey presiding. It was announced that the total number of members in the Trustees Division as of June 30, 1950, was 648. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,339.85 as of June 1, 1950.

A report on the Council of National Library Associations was made by Harold J. Baily, trustee representative to that organization. Several trustees pointed out that the CNLA seemed too weak, ineffectual and indecisive to make a go of federation and that ALA would weaken its position by such an alliance. After further discussion it was voted that the division pay its CNLA dues again this year and continue as a "listening post" in the organization.

Mr. Fahey led the discussion about the division merger and stressed the growing community of interests between the three divisions. He said that Mrs. Ralph I. Burris, trustee representative on the Joint Constitution Committee, had carefully watched out for trustee interests, that trustees will have complete autonomy over purely trustee matters and their own funds, but on

common interests and goals it would be easier to avoid duplication of effort. He also reported that many representatives of all three divisions had given the problem intensive study, and had reached the conclusion that without restricting sectional activity the merger offered the American Library Association, as a whole, better coordination and greater prestige and the new division a larger combined budget and a more effective program. It was then unanimously voted that the Trustees Division participate in the merger of the three divisions.

Mary J. Creech reported on a proposed project for reciprocal relations for libraries and boards on an international basis, and stressed its importance in exchanging information.

Maryan Reynolds was introduced and reported briefly for Miss Ridgway, who was on leave of absence from ALA for a summer teaching assignment at the Illinois Library School.

Announcement was made of the appointment of Mrs. Morris M. Nusbaum as representative of the division on the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career.

After discussion of the correspondence course for trustees, to be cosponsored by the University of Chicago and ALA, a motion was passed authorizing the officers of the division to publicize the course by circularizing the membership to the extent the treasury could afford.

A resolution, presented by Anthony J. Cerrato, was unanimously adopted. This was a resolution that the Trustees Division appoint a committee to give further study to those phases of the Garceau report which deal with trustees and methods of appointment and operation; and that the committee make recommendations for action. It was further suggested that the committee's findings be sent to the entire membership.

Before the meeting adjourned for luncheon, the chairman was authorized to send resolutions to the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library expressing appreciation for their hospitality and many courtesies to the trustees.

Trustees Luncheon

Luncheon followed the annual business meeting, with 22 present. David Dietz, science editor of the Cleveland Press and trustee of the Shaker Heights (Ohio) Public Library, spoke on "The Challenge of Library Trusteeship in a Changing World." Officers for 1950-51 were announced.

--Helen A. Ridgway, Chief Public Library Specialist

Boards, Committees, Round Tables

Acquisition Department Heads of Research Libraries Round Table

The meeting of the Acquisition Department Heads of Research Libraries Round Table was held on Tuesday, July 18, with the chairman, Alton H. Keller, Library of Congress, presiding.

The first speaker was Dr. Jacob Zuckerman, head of the Unesco Clearing House for Publications, who spoke on the Unesco Book Coupon Scheme for the acquisition of materials from Europe. Dr. Zuckerman described the Unesco scheme as a new international currency for books, explaining the reasons for the adoption of the plan and the way in which it operates. Although the plan has been an aid in many countries, there are still some countries without sufficient hard currency to be able to join. For these countries, other methods are being considered so that they may take advantage of the Unesco Book Coupon Scheme. Dr. Zuckerman reported that the program at present included 19 countries and had just recently been extended to include periodical subscriptions, membership fees to learned societies, maps, photostats, micro-films, and scientific apparatus. The talk was followed by discussion of several of the points presented.

The second speaker was Richard S. Wormser, who spoke in his capacity as secretary of the Antiquarian Book-sellers Association of America, Inc. His talk was concerned principally with the ABAA, an association of 250 firms dealing in antiquarian books. The ABAA was established because of the realization of the need for joint action among antiquarian booksellers. Some of the objectives set for the group are to: (1) further friendly relations among its members; (2) stimulate interest in the collecting of antiquarian materials by private individuals and public institutions; (3) uphold the standards of the trade; (4) encourage greater technical knowledge among booksellers and librarians; (5) engage in cooperative action, both in this country and abroad; (6) collect funds to carry out these objectives. Mr. Wormser elaborated upon one of the objectives which has particular pertinence to dealer-library relationships. The objective of upholding the standards of the antiquarian booktrade is important because, although a book-dealer may have essential technical information at his fingertips, he may still need a pattern of action for the benefit of the trade. Complaints against booksellers may be made before the Board of Governors of the ABAA. In this manner it is hoped that disagree-

ments between libraries and dealers may be cleared up, although such complaints may not always be decided in favor of the library. The membership of the ABAA will be held to those dealers of good repute, but not all reputable dealers have joined. Mr. Wormser next told of the organization of the ABAA and distributed the first two publications of the organization. In closing, he discussed some of the difficulties dealers face in their relationships with libraries, summing these up under the two headings of attitudes and procedures.

In the business session which followed the talks, the chairman reported on the resolution which had been passed by the Council at its first session, concerning the establishment of a special committee on acquisitions to study the functions and activities of the existing ALA groups in the field of acquisitions.

It was agreed that the formal organization of the round table should be delayed until the results of the study to be made by the committee of the Council are known.

Alton H. Keller, chief, Order Division, Library of Congress, was re-elected chairman of the round table.

--Alton H. Keller, Chairman

Adult Education Board

The Adult Education Board called a joint meeting of representatives of ALA divisions, board and committees which are concerned in any way with adult education, to meet together at the Cleveland conference. Invitations were sent to 13 groups of which 11 sent representatives as follows: Library Extension Division, Library Extension Board, Public Libraries Division, Trustees Division, Association of Young Peoples Librarians, Audio-Visual Board, Joint Committee on Library Service to Labor Groups, Institution Libraries Committee, Committee on Relations with Business Groups, Joint Committee of Rural Sociologists and ALA, and Projected Books Committee. Conflicting meetings prevented representatives from the Hospital Libraries Division and the Committee on Intercultural Action from attending. ALA Headquarters was represented by John Mackenzie Cory, Helen A. Ridgway and Mrs. Patricia Blair.

This joint meeting was prompted by a survey of adult education activities in the ALA conducted by a subcommittee of the Adult Education Board under the chairmanship of Howard M. Smith. The results disclosed a variety of activities being carried forward. The committee found, however, that a lack of coordination exists, that activities of various units in the ALA have been more or less opportunistic and without continuity, and that there is "a chasm between planning and representation (of ALA) in national agencies on the one hand and the line activities of individual libraries on the other." The meeting was called for the purpose of bringing about more direct communication between groups having common interests and goals, with a view to strengthening adult education work in the Association.

At this meeting, which was exploratory in nature, the time was principally devoted to becoming acquainted with the immediate programs and needs of each of the groups. This exchange of information focused attention on the need of some permanent means of providing information about current thinking and action to those working in library adult education. Several of the groups represented issue newsletters regularly, which naturally reach their own membership primarily. The responsibility of committee members to join other groups, in order to receive this kind of material, was mentioned as one way of being better informed. Another stressed the importance of meetings of chairmen of groups which have common interests, in order to exchange ideas. The Adult Education Board has felt for some time that it should serve more actively as a clearing house for adult education information and plans to check various publications, including those of state library associations, extension agencies and local library clubs, and to summarize the items which seem of particular significance regularly in some national publication. A similar effort will be made in regard to research in adult education being carried on in library schools and allied fields. Dr. Walter Stone, University of Illinois, is chairman of a subcommittee which will select, describe and evaluate research which might not otherwise reach the attention of the practicing librarian, but which might well be translated into practice.

In addition to this need for exchange of information, several representatives mentioned particular problems they are facing. It was decided that more study and work must be given to this problem than can be achieved on a volunteer basis. On the state level there is a great need for specialists in adult education since extension work and adult education are almost synonymous. State agencies can demonstrate dramatically to the public what library

service should be, and library schools should train more specifically for this type of work. Several suggested that the function of library adult education needs to be clarified and that criteria for evaluating performance needs to be worked out.

The members present agreed that the informal exchange of ideas provided by this meeting was very profitable and that future meetings of this kind should be held at midwinter meetings and annual conferences.

--Sigrid Edge, Chairman

American Library History Round Table

A program meeting of the round table was held in Cleveland on July 17. Louis Shores, School of Library Training and Service, Tallahassee, read a paper by Hazel Pulling on "The California Gold Rush Libraries." "Ohio's Famous Coonskin Library" was the subject of a paper delivered by Mrs. Vinnie J. Mayer, State Archaeological and Historical Society, Ohio State Museum, Columbus. Carl Vitz, Cincinnati Public Library, reported on "W. H. Brett, Man and Librarian."

--Wayne Shirley, Chairman

Art Reference Round Table

Following a luncheon at the Cleveland Museum of Art, members and guests of the Art Reference Round Table met on July 18 for a combined program and business session.

Chairman of the round table was Jean McK. Murphy, Queens Borough Public Library, who spoke of the importance of art as an instrument for turning men's minds toward understanding and sympathy for other nations and peoples. Katharine Kosmak, Division of Libraries and Institutes, U. S. Department of State, and librarian

of the U. S. Information Library in Prague until it was closed by the Czech government on April 21, 1950, told briefly of her own overseas experience. The function of our 200 libraries on foreign soil is, she said, to give a true picture of life in America. Of this life, art is one part. In addition to its art reference service, the library provided catalogs of more than 100 museums and galleries, demonstrating how the work of contemporary American artists is brought before the public in their own country, and revealing the extent of educational work in museums with both adults and children. Reproductions of American works of art used in displays, and concerts of recorded music by American composers, helped to combat the prevailing notion among Europeans that "American art is something that was wrapped up and brought to the United States from Europe."

Speaking on the topic "Interrelations in the Field of American Art," Dr. Laurence E. Schmeckebier, director, Cleveland Institute of Art, and editor of The College Art Journal, defined "indigenous" American art as art that expresses the cultural heritage of a community whenever or wherever that community may exist. In discussing cooperative efforts of schools, museums and other agencies he mentioned specifically the Red Wing, Minn. survey and commended the 30 years of achievement of the Art History Club and of the Public Library, which has served, along with its many other activities, as a community archive for local cultural history. Our thinking, he declared, must have its roots in the past as well as in the present if we are to arrive at a constructive point of view.

Dr. Thomas Munro, chairman, Division of Art, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and curator of education, Cleveland Museum of Art, spoke on "International Relations in the Field of Art." Recently returned from Paris, he told of his experiences as a member of Unesco's Committee on Art in General Education and of the State Department's Advisory Committee on Art. Dr. Munro asserted that much had been gained in the last five years through an active program of cultural cooperation. This includes the exchange of students and museum workers on a nonpolitical level, and the publication of color print portfolios, translations and selective bibliographies and such useful reference tools as the Catalog of Colour Reproductions of Painting from 1860 to 1949. Such projects as an international art magazine with each issue devoted to a specific country are still awaiting fulfilment. However, the blueprint of the general plan has been laid down and represents an amazing advance in international cultural cooperation.

The business meeting which followed included the treasurer's report and a further report that a constitutional amendment pro-

viding for the collection of dues by the secretary-treasurer rather than by the chairman of the Membership Committee had been passed by a letter vote.

Ruth Schoneman, past chairman, announced that a checklist of holdings of foreign art periodicals in American libraries had been completed and was available from Chicago Art Institute Library at a price of 50¢ in stamps. Miss Schoneman also reported that the H. W. Wilson Company had requested an expression of opinion on the scope of its projected "Index to Reproductions of European Paintings." Discussion covered such points as the beginning date to be covered by the "Index," whether more book indexing was preferable to that of exhibition catalogs, and whether there should be fuller coverage under subject, including the assigning of several subject headings to a picture.

The group approved the report of an ex officio committee of the ARRT which questioned certain points in the report of the Fourth Activities Committee and voted to recommend that Council not accept these points. A special problem clearance committee was recommended for consideration by the incoming chairman and suggestions were made for the publication of a bulletin.

The meeting was then adjourned until the following afternoon when the Art Reference Round Table, the Music Library Association and the Theatre Library Association were guests of the Cleveland Museum of Art for tea and a tour of the Museum.

--Gretta Smith, Acting Secretary

Audio-Visual Board

The Audio-Visual Board met for one full day on July 14, preceding the ALA Annual Conference and the Audio-Visual Workshop, and again on Monday, July 17, to transact official business.

The board approved each item in the public library film list, to be published as Part Two of The Booklist, Sept. 1, 1950. This list was prepared by a special committee under the chairmanship of Norman B. Moore, Public Library, Rochester, N. Y. The board also agreed to ask Mr. Moore to serve for the coming year as the coordinator of film reviews, and to be responsible for getting suitable copy each month to Eileen Duggan, editor of The Booklist.

The cataloging of 16mm film collections was again discussed in relation to an article by Dr. Wei, and in relation to activities of the H. W. Wilson Company, the U. S. Office of Education, Library of Congress and the Copyright Office. The entire board met with several officials of the H. W. Wilson Company, and Raynard C. Swank and L. Quincy Mumford talked with Lucile Morsch and Richard Angell of the Library of Congress. Board members Margaret Rufsvold and R. C. Swank were charged with responsibility to continue these discussions with all agencies concerned.

Mr. Swank met with Verner Clapp, Library of Congress, and will continue to keep in touch with him in regard to appropriate board action when certain types of motion picture work are again developed in the Library of Congress.

The cooperation with Governor Carl E. Milliken, trustee of Teaching Film Custodians, was reviewed. Mrs. Patricia Blair was instructed to write a letter on behalf of the board to request the further broadening of TFC policy to permit public libraries to use not only the educational short subjects, but also to use the excerpted features such as David Copperfield and Anna Karenina.

There was considerable discussion of the types of programs and points of emphasis for Midwinter Meeting programs and for the ALA 75th Anniversary Conference.

The entire board met with ALA Executive Secretary John Mackenzie Cory to consider ways and means of continuing some measure of film service after the Film Project ends June 15, 1951. In accordance with the discussion Mr. Swank will prepare a statement for Mr. Cory and the Executive Board asking for a part-time secretary (possibly one-fifth time) to the board, with enough budget to continue the ALA Film Newsletter and some travel.

Mrs. Blair reported on the survey made by the ALA Film Office with the cooperation of the United Nations U. S. Film Distribution Unit. Of the replies, 786 were usable. These indicated that in addition to the 77 public library units already circulating 16mm films in their communities, 206 medium and small-sized libraries indicated an interest in joining cooperative film circuits if they can be helped to do so; 147 are already renting films for themselves and for community groups; and 161 are giving some measure of film information and reference service.

In keeping with previously formulated policy, it was reported that committees of the board are kept small, appointed for specific tasks and discharged upon completion of that task.

The following committees were discharged with thanks: Cleveland Workshop Program Committee--Patricia Blair, chairman; Janice Kee; Kurtz Myers; Virginia Beard. Publications Commit-

tee--Norman B. Moore, chairman; Karline Brown; Bertha Landers; Kurtz Myers. Committee to Prepare Film Bibliography for Displaced Persons--Beverly J. Hills, chairman; L. Quincy Mumford.

The following committees were continued: Committee to Prepare Policy Statement on Sponsored Films--Karline Brown, chairman; Mrs. Patricia Blair. Television Committee--Robert W. Orr, chairman; Mrs. Aubry Lee Graham. MPA Review Committee (Hollywood feature-length films)--Marilla Waite Freeman, chairman; Edith H. Crowell; Avis Gregory; Gerald D. McDonald; Earl F. Walbridge; Mary Hough Zippich.

The following new committees were appointed: Committee to Formulate Policy Statement on Projection Problems--R. Russell Munn; Francis W. Noel; L. Quincy Mumford.

The Audio-Visual Board also sponsored a workshop on July 15-16 at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, which was attended by 187 people. Features included sessions on "Filmstrips," conducted by Dr. Arthur Stenius of Wayne University; "Records and Radio," conducted by Kurtz Myers, Detroit Public Library, and Karline Brown, Cincinnati Public Library; and on the Northern Ohio Regional Film Circuit, conducted by L. Quincy Mumford, Cleveland Public Library. One film evaluation program was led by Robert H. Schacht, University of Wisconsin, and a panel which in addition to Miss Brown included Mrs. Muriel Javelin, Boston Public Library, and Mrs. Grace Stevenson, Seattle Public Library. A film-based discussion-demonstration was led by Rev. William S. Hockman, religious editor of Educational Screen. The banquet speaker was Arthur Mayer, long-time leader in the motion picture world, film advisor to the ECA, and executive vice president of the Council of Motion Picture Organizations.

The board sponsored a booth at the Cleveland Conference under the chairmanship of Elizabeth Hunady, Cleveland Public Library.

--Mrs. Patricia Blair, Secretary

Bibliography Committee

An open meeting of the Committee on Bibliography was held on July 18 in the Cleveland Public Library. About 75 attended. In the absence of Leslie Dunlap, chairman, University of British Columbia

Library, Vancouver, B. C., Canada, Charles M. Adams, Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C., arranged and conducted the meeting. Gordon W. Thayer, curator, John Griswold White Collection, Cleveland Public Library, welcomed the group to the library. He spoke briefly about the growth of the John Griswold White Collection on Folklore and Orientalia, and Chess and Checkers, and brought a few items of special bibliographic interest to the meeting. The main topic for discussion was the "Unesco-LC Survey of Bibliographical Services." Reuben Peiss, University of California Library School, Berkeley, presented a detailed criticism of this report. This was followed by discussion from the floor. Verner Clapp, Library of Congress, compiler of the report, made a further explanation of the objectives.

A letter from Professor Lewis Leary, Duke University, Durham, N. C., was read, indicating the interest of the American Literature Group of the Modern Language Association in a listing of all manuscript materials relating to American literature as a project for publication. A motion was made to encourage this group in its project. No further business was conducted.

--Charles M. Adams, Acting Chairman

Book Acquisitions Committee

The Book Acquisitions Committee held a program meeting at the Cleveland Conference on July 19, attended by nearly 200 people. The program was arranged and presided over by Phillips Temple, chairman. The first speaker was Donald S. Cameron, manager of the American Book Publishers Council. Mr. Cameron spoke on the subject "The Publisher Looks at the Librarian." He explained that the American Book Publishers Council handles problems of the book trade as a group and does not settle the problems of individual publishers. It cannot set prices and discounts because of controls on monopolies set by the Federal Government. The council includes a number of committees, one of which has just been set up and which will be of particular interest to librarians. It is concerned with reading development.

After a detailed and interesting description and analysis of the organization and activities of the ABPC, Mr. Cameron proceeded

to elaborate on some of the problems that individual publishers face. The publishers' relations with authors, the problem of making selections from the tremendous number of manuscripts submitted each year, the arduous task of rewriting and editing those manuscripts which are selected, and the manufacturing, distribution and advertising of the books published, together with the risk involved in all of these stages, constitute some of the major worries of publishers.

Publishers seldom have direct dealings with the public, Mr. Cameron added. This means that they must count on distributing agencies to get their books to readers. This is where librarians can be and have been of very significant help. Mr. Cameron commended the excellent publicity that many librarians have given publishers' books, especially in the field of children's literature. If children can be encouraged to read at an early age, there is every likelihood that they will continue to be readers throughout their lives. Readers' advisers are another group of librarians who have considerable responsibility in getting the public to read, and to read at increasingly higher levels. Mr. Cameron expressed the hope that librarians who are constantly evaluating all kinds and types of books would not hesitate to tell an individual publisher or the council what omissions or gaps should be filled to meet the needs of the reading public.

Mr. Cameron explained that the American Book Publishers Council had received the recommendations of the Book Acquisitions Committee, which enumerated suggestions for editors of publishers' catalogs and reviewers of current books to follow. These suggestions relate to the inclusion of information, first on format and secondly on printings and editions. Since the council is not a standards committee, no official action could be taken by the council which would bind all publishers. Mr. Cameron explained, however, that the publishers had taken kindly to these suggestions and that many had acted upon them.

The second speaker on the program was Dr. Felix Hirsch, librarian, Bard College, Annondale-on-Hudson, whose topic was "The Librarian Looks at the Publisher." Dr. Hirsch enumerated a number of suggestions which publishers might adopt that would be of specific benefit to libraries and librarians. He added that since libraries purchase about 10 percent of the total trade output, suggestions from librarians should carry some weight. He thought that librarians should encourage individuals to have their own private libraries as well as to borrow books, and suggested that publishers manufacture books inexpensively enough for the young adults to purchase their own copies. Dr. Hirsch mentioned the Home

University Library as an outstanding example of an excellent series of books containing accepted titles. He also drew attention to the tremendous interest that was shown in the German art exhibit which traveled around the country and asserted that if art books were published in greater quantity and less expensively, they would have a large market. Dr. Hirsch believed that librarians have a responsibility to help prolong the lives of better titles. He felt that if good books could have a longer life expectancy, publishers might be able to lower the prices on these titles. He closed his talk by strongly recommending that publishers be more accurate in their advertising, especially in regard to the use of the term "edition" as opposed to "printing." He was confident, as was Mr. Cameron, that two groups whose stock in trade is the same could work together to mutual advantage.

An hour's question period followed these talks. A significant question that was posed was, "How do publishers decide what titles they should let go out of print?" Mr. Cameron answered this question by explaining that the decision was based on what agreement was reached between the author and the publisher and on the economic factors involved - such as manufacturing costs and the volume of sales. He also said that in many cases outlets are circularized to see whether or not there is still a demand for the title before publishers decide to let it go out of print. Mrs. Edith Busby, chairman of the Committee on Out-of-Print Books, told the audience that it was very difficult to get librarians to commit themselves on the purchase of books considered for reprinting, and that to date she had never received enough commitments to warrant any publisher's reprinting a title. Mr. Cameron urged librarians to send suggestions to individual publishers or to the council, explaining what is needed in various fields according to library usage.

Another member of the audience suggested more widespread use of 3 x 5 cards for publishers' announcements. Some librarians felt that these announcements were not usually received far enough in advance of publication date to be of much value on cards. Still another librarian suggested that there should be more readable books on a beginner's level in the significant fields of knowledge.

The meeting closed at noon and was followed by a business meeting of the committee.

--John A. Humphry

Education for Librarianship, Board of

An open meeting on the accrediting of professional library schools was sponsored jointly on July 21 by the Association of American Library Schools, ALA Library Education Division and the Board of Education for Librarianship. J. Periam Danton, dean, University of California School of Librarianship, and president, AALS, presided. He reviewed briefly the importance of maintaining high standards in professional education in order to assure a high quality of professional librarianship and of service in libraries of all types. When continued efforts of the Board of Education for Librarianship to secure funds for a study of standards and accrediting procedures met with little success, the board in January 1950 enlisted the cooperation of the AALS and the Library Education Division in an alternate project with the purpose of revising the "Minimum Requirements for Library Schools" adopted by the ALA Council in 1933, and of improving accrediting procedures. The three groups set up four subcommittees under the direction of the board. Each subcommittee is composed of two representatives of AALS, two of the division and one of the board.

Richard H. Logsdon, associate director, Columbia University Libraries, and chairman, Board of Education for Librarianship, reported the appointment of the subcommittees and the organization meeting of the chairmen on May 5, 1950. He said in part, "In undertaking this task, members of the board and of the subcommittees are keenly aware of their responsibility to the profession at large. In the library profession the ALA through its Board of Education for Librarianship has fallen heir to the responsibility for accrediting library schools on a national basis. In a number of conferences held during the last three or four years the board has deliberately questioned the appropriateness of this arrangement, not with a view to escaping responsibility but rather to insure that representatives of the profession in and out of the ALA supported the present system. In every instance, including the Princeton Conference, these groups have endorsed continuation of accreditation through the ALA." Mr. Logsdon urged that ideas and sugges-

tions be sent to the secretary of the board at ALA Headquarters.

Dr. Danton introduced the chairmen of the subcommittees who commented on their specific assignments and the problems already raised in the short time available to date for their work.

Lowell Martin, associate dean, Columbia University School of Library Service, and chairman of the Subcommittee on Curricula and Degrees, questioned the extent to which standards should specify the nature, content, and length of a graduate curriculum, working relationships between a library school and the institution of which it is a part, degrees, and requirements and methods of admission. The subcommittee felt a need for general decisions concerned with the basis and purpose of an accrediting program.

For the Subcommittee on Faculty and Noninstructional Staff, Jack Dalton, librarian, Alderman Library, University of Virginia, and member of the board, presented a report prepared by Mary Virginia Gaver, chairman. Members of the subcommittee, meeting on June 20, agreed to draft individual statements of standards covering their assignment to be used as the basis for a final report. This subcommittee also raised questions in regard to overall policy decisions affecting the whole project. These were concerned with future accrediting procedures, the interrelationships between the accrediting program of a professional association and that of a regional education association, and most important, the purpose of accrediting.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Wright, supervisor of personnel, Boston Public Library, and member of the board, reported for Ethel M. Fair, chairman of the Subcommittee on Appraisal of Results. This report summarized answers of subcommittee members to questions sent by the chairman by correspondence in lieu of a meeting. The questions sought to determine what procedures might be developed for an appraisal of the success of library school graduates in library service and the extent to which such evaluations might be used in an accrediting program. The members had agreed upon the desirability of using objective evidence in appraising the performance of library school graduates, the possibility of using a questionnaire or rating sheet and the difficulty of determining the degree to which a library school is responsible for a graduate's success. Although disagreeing on the measures to be developed, the members had opened up many questions and offered suggestions for future work.

The Subcommittee on Resources including Finances had no report owing to the resignation of the chairman and the consequent delay in organizing its work.

Dr. Danton introduced the principal speaker, Dr. Ernest V. Hollis, chief of college administration, U. S. Office of Education, whose address has been published in the ALA Bulletin, November 1950. In general discussion several questions were addressed to Dr. Hollis. These included the importance of efforts to measure the product of professional schools, the need for a profession to determine boundaries within which professional schools should be accredited, the desirability of making one group in the profession responsible for drafting standards, the acceptance of such standards by various groups within the profession, and the effect of increasingly high standards in professional education upon the ability of smaller libraries to appoint library school graduates. Dr. Hollis believed that a program of professional education requiring five years beyond high school leading to a master's degree as a first professional degree was a reasonable goal for the library profession.

In addition to the open meeting, the Board of Education for Librarianship held closed business meetings on July 16, 17, and 22. Part of one of the sessions was devoted to a conference with the Council of New Library Schools.

--Anita M. Hostetter, Secretary

Friends of Libraries Committee

The annual Friends of Libraries luncheon was held at the Hotel Cleveland on July 19 with Leo R. Etzkorn, chairman, presiding. Guests included Linda A. Eastman, honorary chairman; L. Quincy Mumford, local chairman for conference arrangements; Mrs. B. F. McQuate, chairman of the Citizens Library Committee of Ohio; ALA President Milton E. Lord; President-elect C. R. Graham; Executive Secretary John M. Cory; Trustees Division President Edward J. A. Fahey and Howard C. Walker, president, Ohio Trustees Association. Foreign guests were introduced by Marietta Daniels.

Mr. Lord commented briefly on the importance of citizen support in achieving real library progress and pointed out that opponents of the Library Demonstration Bill had made much of the fact that only librarians seemed to be interested in the bill. Catherine

J. Butler reported on the committee's work in preparing a revision of the public library edition of Friends of the Library Groups, with publication expected early in 1951. As the result of questionnaires sent out by the committee, Miss Butler reported 130 active Friends of Libraries groups connected with public libraries in 34 states. Pennsylvania leads with 29 groups. The college library edition of this manual is also being revised, under the direction of Humphrey G. Bousfield. Miss Butler reminded the group of the Friends of Libraries exhibit in the Auditorium and expressed appreciation for the materials contributed.

Louis B. Seltzer, editor, Cleveland Press, was principal speaker of the evening. After being introduced by Mrs. McQuate he asked for a standing tribute to Miss Eastman in recognition of her contribution to library service in America. The group responded with enthusiasm. Mr. Seltzer then spoke on "The Newspaper, a Friend of Libraries." His talk has been published in the September 1950 ALA Bulletin.

In closing the meeting Mr. Etzkorn called upon the 200 present to go out and "win friends and influence people." Mr. Etzkorn continues as chairman of the committee for 1950-51.

--Helen A. Ridgway, Chief Public Library Specialist

Intercultural Action Committee

Edna Phillips, chairman, opened the meeting of the Intercultural Action Committee on July 17 and acted as moderator during the panel discussion.

"Library Service to Displaced Persons" was discussed by Margery Quigley, Montclair (N.J.) Free Public Library, who felt that the current location of displaced persons gives the small and rural library a great opportunity for service.

"The Selection and Purchase of Books in Diverse Languages" was presented by Mrs. Minnie Monti, Cleveland Public Library, and Kate Kolish, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh. Mrs. Monti spoke from the point of view of the order librarian of a large library with a multilingual collection, and Miss Kolish discussed selection from the reader-need point of view, for the library with limited funds and limited shelf space.

"Reading Service as a Force in Intergroup Understanding" was the subject discussed by Mrs. Dorothy Homer, librarian, 135th St. Branch, New York Public Library. Mrs. Homer pointed to books and librarians as the logical beginners in the struggle to eliminate prejudice through understanding and knowledge.

"The Culture of the American Indian," a report by Mrs. Irene Peck, New Mexico state librarian, was summarized by Miss Phillips. The meeting was concluded, after a discussion period, with a suggestion of some minimum activities which might be carried on in small libraries.

--Beulah Chapman Vosburgh, Secretary

International Relations Board

The IRB held a closed business meeting on July 16. Discussions were centered around the exchange of persons, exchange of publications including the CARE-Unesco Book Project, translations of both professional materials and literature depicting life within the U.S., and the Third International Congress of Libraries and Bibliography. Reports were presented on the current developments of the Ramón Guiteras Public Library, Matanzas, Cuba; La Escuela de Bibliotecarios de la Sociedad Económica de Amigos del País, Havana, Cuba; and on the preliminary study of the Japan Library School. A statistical summary of the Joint Subcommittee on Foreign Students in the U.S. was submitted by Harriet D. MacPherson. The board voted the discontinuance of this committee, with thanks.

The membership recommended ALA representation to the International Library Committee meeting of IFLA in September 1950. Annual reports of activities of other international library committees were presented.

Members of the IRB recommended an increase in the size of the board, and voted to establish a subcommittee to serve as an advisory group to the CARE-Unesco Book Project. The chairman resigned his chairmanship and will be succeeded by Miss Flora B. Ludington on Sept. 1, 1950.

--Luther H. Evans, Chairman

Junior Members Round Table

Elizabeth Chambers, chairman, presided at an executive meeting on July 17 and was authorized to appoint a committee to consider reorganization of the round table. Elizabeth Lindsey was appointed representative to the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career.

Approximately 75 attended the breakfast meeting on July 18. Miss Chambers presided and gave a humorous account of the beginnings of the junior members movement.

Speakers urged members of the round table to rotate officers frequently, be active in the field of recruiting, and define the age limit of the junior members and enforce it in both state and national groups. One speaker, James M. Hillard, pointed out that 55 per cent of the librarians who do not belong to ALA are younger people, and that a juniors representative is needed on the ALA Membership Committee.

Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, ALA president-elect, stated that she had received excellent training for the ALA presidency from her experience on the Executive Board, and that she often felt there were too few people making ALA policy. Mrs. Fyan said she liked the idea of junior members serving as an unofficial orientation group for newer members entering the profession.

All people present voted in the election of officers for 1950-51.

--Erika Schnurmann, Secretary-Treasurer

Library Architecture and Building Planning Committee

The Library Architecture and Building Planning Committee held two open meetings and one closed meeting at the Cleveland Conference. The two open meetings were held jointly with the Public Libraries Division Library Architecture Committee. Attendance is evidence of the need for general information being given the membership relative to building problems. Charles M. Mohrhardt, Detroit Public Library, presided at the first meeting with library

lighting as the topic of discussion.

A report prepared by the Committee on Library Lighting of the Illuminating Engineering Society was distributed to the 242 attending the first session on July 18. The main speaker, Chairman James M. Ketch, General Electric Company, highlighted the report by emphasizing the major recommendations as set forth by this committee. A question and answer period followed with questions ranging from how best to convert lighting in an old building to the utilization of daylight.

The second joint meeting on July 20 concerned the problems of renovating the library with particular emphasis on the outmoded libraries built during the Carnegie era. Helen Focke, Western Reserve Library School, served as moderator. Panel members were Will Collins, Alfred Howell, Don Kohlstedt, Lois MacKellar, Carl Vitz, and Sylvia Taylor. The use of color was discussed from the practical approach by Mr. Howell. Librarians were told to take their cue from industry and make wise use of color to increase efficiency and give emotional balance.

Judicious weeding is an answer to the space problem, and it was emphasized that intelligent discarding is as vital as book selection. The group was reminded that rearranging areas and changing the function of rooms made for more efficiency in an old building. Over-ornateness of older buildings was also mentioned as one of the difficult problems of renovation. A chart, compiled by the ALA Headquarters Library and listing the cost of some recent public library buildings, was distributed. The objectives of the meeting made clear the importance of considering building and remodeling needs in relation to the whole area of library service. This meeting was attended by 186 persons.

The closed meeting on July 21 was attended by Robert Mueller, chairman, ACRL Library Building Committee; Edwin B. Colburn, chairman, ALA Library Equipment and Appliances Committee; and members of the ALA and Public Libraries Division building committees. Ernest I. Miller presided. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the function of the ALA Library Architecture and Building Planning Committee, the gathering of building information, and a possible building consultant service. It was agreed that the ALA committee could serve a useful function as a coordinating body. As such it should have as members the chairmen of divisional committees and other Association members who are actively interested in building problems.

--Ernest I. Miller, Chairman

Library Extension Board

The Library Extension Board held its annual business meeting at the Cleveland Conference on Sunday, July 16. Members present: Irving Lieberman, chairman; Raymond C. Lindquist; Maryan E. Reynolds (official proxy for Mrs. Carma R. Zimmerman). Invited guests: Lucile Nix, president, Library Extension Division; Helen A. Ridgway, ALA Chief Public Library Specialist.

The matter of a survey of state agencies was discussed--a project urged both by the board and the Library Extension Division. Mr. Lieberman reported that a survey committee had been appointed, consisting of Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, Walter T. Brahm and himself. In the main there was general agreement on the outline of the committee's plan. A few suggestions were made as to the relative importance and possible inclusions of a broader aspect. The group discussed the compilation of the National Association of State Libraries committee on the structure of state library agencies. It was agreed that this committee's work should prove helpful to the survey committee. It was pointed out that Mr. Brahm was a member of the NASL committee and that continuity could be maintained between the two projects.

Voting members unanimously agreed to request discontinuance of the Board due to the overlapping of activities with the Library Extension Division and the NASL.

--Irving Lieberman, Chairman

Library Service Abroad Round Table

A meeting of the Round Table on Library Service Abroad was held July 18 with Marietta Daniels, Columbus Memorial Library, Pan American Union, presiding. A favorable increase in recruitment was reported by the chairman of the Membership and

Recruiting Committee. State library associations have been requested to help in bringing up to date the roster of librarians interested in library employment overseas. A resolution that the following statement be sent to the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career was made and accepted: "The stature of American librarianship has grown notably during the last decade. It is no longer a profession confining itself solely to the domestic scene. Many librarians are already working in foreign countries and there is a constantly increasing demand for additional qualified people. Library service abroad has become an integral part of contemporary librarianship. We therefore recommend strongly that this phase of library service be recognized, publicized and included as a part of all statements on librarianship as a career."

After a report on the work of the Foreign Visitors Committee, visiting librarians from England, Germany, Australia, India and Finland were introduced. A discussion of training centers for training Latin-American librarians followed. Dr. Luther Evans, chairman, ALA International Relations Board, spoke of the important work done by the round table in supporting library service abroad. Katharine Kosmak, former director of the U. S. Information Library, Prague, told of work under a communist-dominated regime. An endorsement of the Benton resolution in Congress for a "Marshall Plan of Ideas" was adopted. Officers for 1950-51 were elected.

--Katharine Shorey, Secretary

Library Service to Labor Groups Joint Committee

The Joint Committee on Library Service to Labor Groups sponsored two meetings at the Cleveland Conference. The first, held on July 19, was an informal discussion of cases and problems encountered in work with labor groups. Dorothy Bendix, chairman of the joint committee, presided and traced activities of the joint committee since its first meeting two years ago. She also called attention to the Library Service to Labor Newsletter, which is available upon request.

Present to offer labor's viewpoint was Sam Sponseller, regional director, CIO, Cleveland. When questioned as to what should be

the goal of library service to labor, he suggested that it be to make labor better acquainted with the labor movement and its great social goals, as well as with all movements for the improvement of society. It was the consensus that only librarians sympathetic to the labor movement should be in charge of library service to labor groups, and that any printed publicity material for labor groups should bear the union label.

Library representatives reported both success and failure in their efforts to reach labor groups. The majority expressed belief that the successful operation of factory deposit collections required the presence of a trained librarian. There was disagreement on the question of whether library service should be directed to labor leaders or to the rank and file. A number of librarians described specific programs employed in their own institutions.

The second meeting, on July 21, was a panel discussion on "Labor Looks at the Library." Miss Bendix presided. Panel members were: Alex Brackenridge, business agent, Carpenters Local No. 105, AFL; Joe Glazer, education director, United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America, CIO; Bill Kemsley, education director, Michigan CIO Council; James Stewart, international representative, International Chemical Workers Union, AFL.

Mr. Glazer gave a short history of the labor movement and its struggles and spoke of the recent development of workers' education in unions. This summer, 250 to 300 one-week summer schools are being held by unions. The history of the labor movement, collective bargaining, and other labor and related topics are to be subjects of study. Other workers' education activities are classes and schools in local communities--weekend conferences, institutes, etc. It was pointed out that there is a place for the library in all these activities and that librarians should be persistent in promoting their programs.

Mr. Kemsley reported on the one-week summer schools the Michigan CIO has held at its summer camp. The Detroit Public Library and Michigan State Library cooperate by sending book depositories, and three librarians from different public libraries in Michigan spend a week each as camp librarian--on library time. The chief value of the camp library is the encouragement it gives to students to make use of their local libraries when they return home.

Experiences with libraries in local unions have been discouraging. Unions have not been able to keep them up even when a good start is made. Deposits from local public libraries in union offices have not been used, because other activities today are distracting many from reading. Workers might make more use of their

public libraries if librarians were more friendly and if libraries were more attractive and informal.

The third speaker, Mr. Brackenridge, told of the information and reference needs of unions. Because many union library users do not know exactly what they want, it is helpful for the librarian to make herself known and to have material, such as labor papers and magazines, available for browsing. The trade union movement is interested in legislative issues. If this type of information is made available and accessible, it will bring increased support to libraries.

Mr. Stewart dealt with labor's changing role in the community and the need for libraries to recognize it. Unions are interested in public education as well as the education of their own members. Because of economic pressures, the true story of labor cannot be learned from the press. There is a chance for libraries to present the facts if they have the courage. The possible advantages of labor membership on library boards were mentioned.

In the small library, management and industry are represented by their publications, while labor seldom is. One possible project for the small library might be discussions between local management and labor, under library auspices. In the discussion from the floor Dorothea Hyle, librarian, Cass County (Mo.) Library, told about the cooperation of the carpenters' union in her community in building equipment for the library. The union has promised to help in other ways, and this work has inspired the cooperation of local businessmen also. Meetings of the union are held in the library.

--Dorothy Bendix, Chairman

Library Unions Round Table

In view of the fact that only a small number attended the July 18 meeting of the round table, those present voted to hold another business meeting on July 20, at the close of the open meeting. The chairman, Benedict Hirsch, Chicago Public Library, read a statement submitted to the ALA by the Libraries Chapter, New York City Local 111, United Public Workers, concerning the loyalty resolution proposed by the ALA Committee on Intellectual Freedom to

replace the resolution adopted by the ALA Council in June 1948. This statement stressed the need for a courageous stand, and urged that the original resolution be supported since it is stronger than the resolution now proposed. The Library Unions Round Table voted to endorse the statement. A resolution submitted by a member of the Government Workers' Union in Chicago was seconded and defeated.

The group voted to set up a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate to serve on the Executive Committee during 1950-51. It was voted that the Nominating Committee should consist of three representatives, one each from the AFL, CIO and the independent library unions. The majority voted against the inclusion of an associate member on the committee. The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Milton Drescher, Milwaukee Public Library (AFL); Mrs. Helen Collins, Cleveland Public Library (CIO); Dawn Pohlman or an alternate from the New York Public Library (United Public Workers, Independent). The committee was instructed to prepare a ballot to be sent to all library unions in the U. S. and Canada, and to instruct the Executive Committee, when elected, to prepare by-laws and present them to the membership for adoption. It was also decided that the Nominating Committee should make recommendations to the member unions and to associate members on the methods of counting and casting votes.

--Adele Martin, Secretary Pro Tem

Library Work as a Career, Joint Committee

Seven national associations or divisions of national associations, one regional association, eight state associations, and two local organizations were represented by the 21 persons in attendance at the general meeting of the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career, held July 19 during the ALA Cleveland Conference. The chairman, Mrs. Florrinell Morton, director, Library School, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, presided. Dr. Lewis F. Steig, director, Graduate School of Library Science and librarian, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, served as temporary secretary.

The chairman reviewed briefly the history and work of the committee and reported as of that day a membership of 60, representing 39 state and regional associations, 10 national associations and 11 divisions of national organizations. She gave the financial statement pointing out that the committee's present source of income is from sale of its publications.

For the Steering Committee, the chairman presented for discussion a tentative statement of functions for the committee. Discussion which followed brought out the continued need for recruitment with emphasis now upon quality rather than on numbers, and upon special categories where need is still acute.

Elizabeth Gross, director, Work With Children, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, reported on the new leaflet, Looking at their Faces, issued by the Children's Library Association with the assistance of a loan from the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career.

Mrs. Janet Z. McKinlay, supervisor, Public Library Services Bureau of Public and School Libraries Services Division of the State Library Archives and History, State Department of Education, Trenton, N. J., reporting for the Subcommittee for the National Vocational Guidance Conference Exhibit, stressed the importance to its success of the personnel placed in charge of a recruitment exhibit. Mary Elizabeth Miller, librarian, Goucher College, Baltimore, in reporting for the Publications Subcommittee, asked for suggestions for the one unfinished section, that on rewards, of the guide for a general pamphlet on librarianship. A progress report was read for the Scholarships and Fellowships Subcommittee. Eugene P. Watson, librarian, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, editor, reporting on the Clearing House Newsletter, suggested that more frequent issues might add to its value. Comments of the group were favorable to the idea.

The meeting ended with reports of the work of the Greater Cleveland Recruitment Council, by Helen Focke, School of Library Science, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and of the Florida State Association of Student Assistants by Pauline O'Melia, Florida State University, Tallahassee, and discussions of these as types of organizations which might well be developed quite generally as potent factors in recruiting.

--Marguerite Giezentanner, Secretary

Membership Committee

The ALA Membership Committee arranged a reception for new members on Monday afternoon, July 17 and held a business meeting on Wednesday morning, July 19. The reception was held immediately following the meeting of the Council. This type of welcoming function was an innovation at the Cleveland Conference and replaced the traditional new members dinner. The ALA official family, officers, Executive Board, and members of the Council, joined with the Membership Committee in welcoming those who had joined the ALA in the last two years or who were attending their first ALA Conference. The large attendance would indicate popular approval of this method of giving recognition to new members at the conference.

Tommie Dora Barker, Membership Committee chairman, presided at the business meeting. John Mackenzie Cory, ALA executive secretary, and Ralph T. Esterquest, chairman of the Committee on Membership Dues and Perquisites, were present by invitation. The general theme of discussion was "ALA Policies and Practices as They Affect the Work of the Membership Committee." Each committee member had been asked to report on: the most effective and successful arguments used in soliciting memberships, and the reasons given most frequently for not being a member.

Before opening discussion on the topic, Miss Barker gave a brief summary of the membership campaign results through June 30. As of that date, 2300 or 60 per cent of the quota for the calendar year 1950 had been attained. Collection of dues as of June 30, 1950 totaled \$125,000. The total number of new members enrolled since the 1948 ALA Conference was 5700. Miss Barker gave three reasons for the good results obtained by the Membership Committee: (1) Committee personnel represents a cross section of ALA membership; (2) quota system acts as a stimulus; (3) stimulation from promotional literature and from regular reports from Miss Beatty's office is an indispensable spark plug.

In the discussion that followed, some of the reasons given for not joining ALA or for dissatisfaction with ALA were the amount of dues, inequity between dues brackets and salaries, content of

ALA Bulletin, discontinuance of ALA Handbook with membership directory, and discontinuance of annual reports. It was the consensus of those present that the key to more members was more services by ALA.

In commenting on the various points raised, Mr. Cory stated that the only members who pay their way are \$10 members, that all others are subsidized from the endowment fund, that the service which the ALA is providing to the member is the maximum for the present dues scale, unless all can pay \$10. He said there were two further comments he wished to make: (1) that promotion of membership was not enough, that the committee has a responsibility to advise on what programs, policies and practices the Association should undertake, and on the tenor of membership opinion; (2) that the committee should share its promotional responsibilities with the divisions and try to reach nonmembers of the ALA through divisions and sell ALA membership on the basis of divisional membership privileges offered. Miss Barker assured Mr. Cory that the Membership Committee has taken the initiative in trying to develop close ties with divisional membership committees.

Mr. Esterquest asked for an expression of opinion on certain points that were being studied in connection with the work of his committee on ALA dues and perquisites. Opinions expressed by those present were that upper level of personal dues could be increased according to salary; that there is no rich field for institutional memberships under present conditions; that their advice was against increase of minimum institutional memberships to \$10; that they could go along on \$1.00 increase for personal memberships but recommended any increase in dues be earmarked for placement service; and that it was the consensus of the committee members present that they would be able to enrol more memberships, even at an advance in dues, if the ALA could offer more services. Needed services rated by those present, on a priority basis were: (1) placement service; (2) membership directory; and (3) consultant and field work by ALA staff in regions.

The committee also recommended that the use of the membership mailing list be extended on a rental basis to provide revenue for a membership directory, and that the directory carry advertising to obtain a subsidy.

--Tommie Dora Barker, Chairman

Microcard Committee

Fremont Rider opened the meeting with the following report on the year's activities:

The Microcard Foundation published during the year over 1200 volumes of bulky and expensive German chemical sets, including Annalen der Chemie, Annalen der Physique, and Berichte der deutschen Chemischen Gesellschaft. These sets alone represented an initial publishing investment of over \$120,000. It also published 50 more numbers of the Hakluyt publications and a number of smaller items. A considerable list of rare Americana, particularly in literature and social history, was published by Peter Smith. The Canner firm in Boston has issued a dozen periodical sets in microcard form, some complete, in some cases the rarer volumes only. Both of these publishers are bringing out new titles steadily each month. A new firm, the first one especially incorporated to do microcard publishing, Technical Microcard Publishing Corporation, began business in New York City this summer. It will specialize in chemical and medical periodical publications, its first list being under the joint sponsorship of the Medical Library Association and the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies at Oak Ridge, Tenn. The Louisville Free Public Library has added the Saturday Review of Literature to its list of currently issued periodicals. Two colleges are now issuing doctoral dissertations in microcard form and are highly satisfied with the quality of service and economy so effected. As a result, numerous inquiries from other universities regarding thesis publication are now being followed up. The new light-weight, low-price microcard reader has met with enthusiastic acceptance, and reader sales have proceeded steadily all through the past year. Over 400 readers are now in use.

Mr. Rider then brought to the attention of the committee the serious problem that has arisen in connection with the supplying of odd volumes on request, a practice which the committee had promised to follow but which is resulting in too many broken sets in the stock on hand, and is becoming increasingly costly. Following discussion, it was unanimously voted to establish a surcharge to meet this situation.

--David H. Clift, Secretary

Public Documents Committee

Four speakers discussed federal depository libraries at the meeting of the Public Documents Committee on July 18: "The Obligations and Staff Requirements of a Complete Federal Depository," Jeanne E. Hull, Free Library of Philadelphia; "The Advantages and Disadvantages of the Superintendent of Documents Classification System as the Key to a Depository Collection," William F. Barr, University Library, Western Reserve University, Cleveland; "The Advantages and Disadvantages of a Subject System of Classification as a Key to a Depository Collection," Isabel Jackson, University of California Library, Berkeley; "Obstacles and Opportunities in Specialized Treatment of Depository Documents," Mary Brown Humphrey, State University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City.

Following an introductory statement by Jerome K. Wilcox on the subject "Official Checklists and Indexes Versus Library Cataloging of Government Publications," the following persons discussed the subject at the meeting on July 19: "U. S. Federal Publications," Miss Jackson; "U. S. State Publications," Ruth Hardin, Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield; "Foreign Government Publications," Mrs. Violet A. Cabeen, United Nations Library; "International Organizations Including the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies," A. D. Roberts, United Nations Library.

These papers have not been summarized since most of them will be published in College and Research Libraries or elsewhere.

--Jerome K. Wilcox, Chairman

Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Workshop held at the ALA Conference in Cleveland on July 15 was a definite success. Although Harold L. Hamill, city librarian, Los Angeles, and chairman of the ALA Public Relations Committee had estimated that 250 librarians might be interested in public relations in general, and posters and displays in particular, he and his committee were hardly prepared for the enthusiasm of those that crowded into the auditorium of the Cleveland Public Library. The 250 mark was passed early in the morning session, and the committee was forced to turn many away.

Kate Coplan, director, Public Relations, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, held the complete attention of her audience during the morning session as she outlined the objectives of a positive public relations program, emphasizing the need for well-prepared posters and exhibits. Her demonstration of poster-making with a variety of materials was clearly presented with the need of the small-and medium-sized library in mind. Librarians became aware that artistically planned posters and displays advertising their services are possible even with a minimum staff and inadequate budget.

At the afternoon session Mr. Hamill was chairman of a panel discussion of public relations programs. Katherine Laich, administrative assistant, Los Angeles Public Library, described the methods used by them to achieve the maximum coverage of a large city. Eva Louise Robertson, administrative assistant, Tacoma (Wash.) Public Library, spoke on that city's yearly program demonstrating how displays, talks, group meetings, newspaper publicity and booklists can be made parts of a unified program. Miss Coplan stressed good newspaper releases and how to achieve cooperation with local papers. Muriel E. Perry, librarian, Decatur (Ill.) Public Library, stressed the needs of the small and medium-sized library in the public relations field.

Albert Carl Young, supervisor, Public Relations and Exhibits, Cleveland Public Library, spoke on the work done by his office for the whole Cleveland system, while his assistants gave a demonstration of preparing a cut-out and lettering an actual poster.

A tour of the displays in the Cleveland Library with Mr. Young and his assistants as guides closed the day's program. Posters from libraries all over the country lined the walls of the auditorium, illustrating the resourcefulness of public librarians.

--Muriel Perry, 1950-51 Chairman

Religious Books Round Table

The ALA Religious Books Round Table met on July 18 with an attendance of almost 100. Dorothea Whitney, Cleveland Public Library, presided. The report of the Book Selection Committee, presented by Gerald Somers, Norris Neighborhood Library, Milwaukee, was approved. This included the 50 outstanding religious books published from May 1949 to May 1950. The committee is under the chairmanship of Paul Gratke, Milwaukee Public Library.

Raymond Morris, librarian, Divinity School, Yale University, read a paper on "Current Trends in Contemporary Religious Thought." The program concluded with a showing of the film One God. Officers for the year 1950-51 were elected.

--Edna M. Hull, Secretary Pro Tem

Serials Round Table

The annual meeting of the Serials Round Table was held on July 17 in Cleveland. The chairman, Harry Dewey, Southern Illinois University Library, Carbondale, presided. Minutes of the Midwinter Meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved, and a resolution presented originally at the Midwinter Meeting was referred to the new executive board for further consideration.

Alton H. Keller, chief, Order Division, Library of Congress, spoke on "The Union List of Serials on Punched Cards." Mr.

Keller demonstrated the possibilities of the contemplated project of the Library of Congress. The continuous revisions, subject lists, regional lists, etc. which could be obtained from this central file were described. The problems which are still to be solved, and the responsibility of libraries, were pointed out. Discussion followed.

Louis Shores, School of Library Training and Service, Florida State University, Tallahassee, told of "The Place of Serials in the Library School Curriculum." He gave a brief resume of the history of the Serials Round Table and the subjects which had been discussed at past meetings. The rest of his address dealt with the results of questionnaires sent to 19 library schools. These dealt with the presentation of serials work in library school curricula--what phases of the work are being presented, in which courses or in separate courses, and conclusions for the future.

The final paper was read by Arnold Trotter, head, Technical Services, University of Illinois Library, Urbana. This concerned "Persistent Problems of Serials in Technical Processes." Mr. Trotter related the problems and their attempted solutions in their immediate relationship to the University of Illinois organizational set-up. Among other problems, he discussed duplication of records, necessity for economy in records, cataloging costs, binding costs and duplication of magazine subscriptions.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and passed unanimously.

--Jane Ganfield, Secretary-Treasurer

Staff Organizations Round Table

The annual business meeting of SORT was held July 19 during the ALA Conference. Wilma Waite, University of California Library Staff Association, presided. Minutes of the 1949 annual meeting were read and approved, and the chairman announced that the theme of the year would be "Cooperative Administrative Activities."

Laura E. Cathon, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Staff Association, read the treasurer's report and indicated a balance on hand of \$245.42. Three issues of the SORT Bulletin were published at

a cost of \$141.05.

Esther Kelly, Dayton Public Library Staff Association, read the report of the SORT Bulletin editor, Bradford M. Hill. This included the announcement that the microfilm edition of the first 10 volumes of the bulletin, including the index, made possible by the cooperation of the Cleveland Public Library, may now be purchased for \$1.10 through the Gift Section, Order Division, Cleveland Public Library.

Katherine Prescott, Cleveland Public Library Staff Association, announced that the membership of SORT is now 80 active members and six associate members - an increase for the year of 13 new active members and three new associate members.

Mildred T. Stibitz, Dayton Public Library Staff Association and SORT representative on the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career, indicated that the trend in recruiting for librarianship is once more toward quality of personnel rather than quantity.

Miss Prescott, chairman of the Special Committee for the Survey of Cooperative Administrative Activities, announced that mimeographed copies of the committee's report are now available.

Miss Stibitz then spoke on "The History and Purposes of SORT." She voiced her conviction that from the beginning to the present the organization has carried out the purpose of its founding.

Names of new members of the Steering Committee, elected by ballot, were announced.

--Laura E. Cathon, Secretary-Treasurer

Subscription Books Committee

About 75 librarians and publishers attended the Subscription Books Committee open meeting on July 18. "What the Reference Librarian Should Know about Copyright" was the topic for the meeting. The speakers were Abraham L. Kaminstein, chief, Examining Division, Copyright Office, Library of Congress, and Frederic G. Melcher, R. R. Bowker Co.

Mr. Kaminstein confined his remarks to three basic questions regarding copyright: How copyright is secured; how to determine whether a work is under copyright; and whether or not it is safe to copy from a copyrighted work. He explained that copyright

protection is secured in the case of books and other published material by publishing the work with the word "Copyright" or "Copr.," the year, date and the name of the copyright owner. He also explained that the copyright notice for certain materials, such as maps, photographs and works of art, may be abbreviated to consist only of the copyright symbol (c) and the name or monogram of the copyright owner. He showed that there were basic differences between a patent and a copyright and that a copyright could be obtained upon an original literary or artistic expression, but not upon the title of the work, upon names, or upon the ideas expressed. He emphasized that the copyright law extends protection not only to books and music, but also to art works, lectures, dramatic writings of many kinds, maps, motion pictures, commercial prints and labels, and designs.

In determining whether a work is copyrighted, he called attention to the copyright notice and the importance of its location in or on the work. He discussed in some detail the complex nature of this problem in the case of revised editions, indicating that the presence of a current date in the notice for a publication originally issued at an earlier date should not be interpreted as a guarantee that extensive revision had taken place. He reminded the audience that the term of copyright was 28 years and that renewal of copyright could be secured for 28 additional years. Thus at the end of 56 years a work would definitely be in the public domain, whereas after 28 years one could not be sure of its status without checking either with the Copyright Office or in the printed Catalog of Copyright Entries.

Indicating that there was a generally prevalent belief that copyrighted matter could be quoted without permission if the extent of the quotation was limited or if the quotation was to be used for scholarly purposes, Mr. Kaminstein stated that the only safe thing to do is to request permission of the copyright owner. He said that it was customary for reviewers to quote briefly from copyrighted works being reviewed, and such practice was generally approved by copyright owners since a review ordinarily assists in promoting the work itself. Wherever such quotation could be considered to compete with the work, however, it would be doubtful that the copyright owner, if approached, would grant permission. Consequently, unauthorized use of such material might make the user liable to legal action.

Frederic G. Melcher, editor of Publishers' Weekly, spoke from the publishers' and librarians' point of view where copyright is concerned. Some practices followed in copyrighting material of interest to those present were enumerated. An author often

copyrights his material under his own name although some, for convenience, give the publisher of the work authority to apply for copyright under the firm name. For some material, for example maps and motion pictures, copyrights are usually applied for by the corporation concerned.

Mr. Melcher also spoke of the respect that publishers show the copyright law and copyrighted materials. In regard to "fair use" of copyrighted works, he explained, there is no fixed rule to follow. However, most publishers are careful to seek permission to quote copyrighted material. The speaker cited some volumes of anthologies in which several pages of acknowledgements of copyrighted notices appeared. On the other hand, ideas appearing in copyrighted works may properly be used without requesting permission if the expression of those ideas is obviously a new and original presentation.

Many authors and publishers have hoped that the United States might eventually become a member of the International Copyright Union. Membership in the union would provide protection for United States manufactured and copyrighted material in European countries without the necessity of arranging for simultaneous publication in one of the Berne Convention countries. Once published in a member country of the International Copyright Union, material is protected in all other member countries.

Mr. Melcher spoke of the continuing efforts made by publishers' groups to secure needed improvements in copyright legislation. He also referred to the high level of their cooperative efforts to safeguard and protect the rights of authors and of other publishers.

--Joseph W. Rogers, Chairman

Other Organizations

Association of American Library Schools

The Association of American Library Schools held its annual business meeting on July 20 with J. Periam Danton, president, presiding. Reports were presented by the following committees: Publications, Recruiting and Personnel, Research, Instruction and Teaching Methods, and Nominations. The treasurer's report was read and the president reported on the Executive Board meeting. Anita M. Hostetter, secretary, Board of Education for Librarianship, discussed enrolment figures and degrees being conferred by accredited library schools.

A joint meeting with the Board of Education for Librarianship and the ALA Library Education Division was held on July 21. The summary of this meeting appears in this issue of the proceedings in the report of the Board of Education for Librarianship.

The president announced the names of those who are to serve as officers of AALS during 1950-51.

--Virginia Lacy Jones, Secretary-Treasurer

Music Library Association

The Music Library Association met in Cleveland on July 19 and was called to order by the president, Edward E. Colby, music librarian, Stanford University.

Mrs. Virginia Cunningham, chairman of the Joint Committee on Music Cataloging, was called upon to report for her committee. The "Code for Cataloging Music" had been submitted to the executive boards of the Music Library Association and the ALA division of Cataloging and Classification, and she summarized the accompanying letter of transmittal. Mrs. Cunningham then stated that the Library of Congress was preparing rules for cataloging phonograph records. Since it would be better to have one set of rules if possible, she moved that publication of the "Code" be delayed and that the committee try to reconcile the differences in the two sets of rules. The motion was passed.

Gretta Smith, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, chairman of the Information and Organization Committee, reported that her committee had been inactive but thought it a good idea to revive and advertise it. Those present agreed. Mr. Waters, of Library of Congress, moved that the MLA issue a revised form of the pamphlet How to Organize a Music Library, planned possibly in two parts - one for printed music and one for phonograph records - to be distributed either separately or together as requested. The motion carried. Mr. Colby asked the Information and Organization Committee to work with the Publications Committee on the proposal.

Florence Kretzschmar, editor of the Music Index, reported on her publication. She hopes by the end of this year to include all music periodicals in the English language and in 1951 to add the outstanding yearbooks and increase the number of foreign language periodicals. She also hopes to be able to grant a blanket drop in price or put the index on a service basis.

Dr. Helen E. Bush, Library of Congress, chairman of the Committee on Subject Headings, sent word that the complete list of subject headings for music used by LC have been put into one list and this list is now at the printers and will be available for purchase in the very near future.

Mr. Hill, Library of Congress, suggested that a committee be appointed and authorized to study the possibilities of a national music survey of library holdings.

Following the business session, there followed a brief discussion of phonograph records, and then the members were taken on a tour of Severance Hall, home of the Cleveland Symphony, and served tea by the Women's Committee of the Cleveland Symphony.

--George R. Henderson, Secretary

National Association of State Libraries

The 50th annual convention of the National Association of State Libraries was held at Cleveland, July 18. Representatives from a majority of our state library agencies attended. President Charles F. Gosnell presided at both sessions.

The first session was preceded by a closed luncheon at noon,

and was devoted entirely to business matters. The second session was held jointly with the Library Extension Division and was opened by the report of the NASL Committee on the Organization of State Library Agencies in the Structure of State Government, presented by its chairman, Walter Brahm, state librarian of Ohio. The other committee members were Mrs. Hazel W. Byrnes, state librarian of North Dakota, and Roger H. McDonough, state librarian of New Jersey. The tentative report of this committee will be published in full in the NASL 1950 proceedings and papers.

The session was concluded by a symposium on the topic "Can a More Coordinated Program of Library Service be Developed in all States Between the State Library Agency and Various Library Groups?" Anthony J. Cerrato, trustee of the Yonkers (N.Y.) Public Library, spoke for trustees; Irving Lieberman, of the Michigan State Library staff, for librarians of local libraries; Arthur W. Fiske, trustee of the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Library, for specialized libraries; Rose L. Vormelker, head of the Business Information Service, Cleveland Public Library, for business and industrial libraries; Leota Leyda, home demonstration agent of Cuyahoga County (Ohio), for individuals in rural areas; Joseph H. Belair, publicity director, Illinois State Library, on press relations; and Lewis Zender, director of public relations, American Steel and Wire Company, on advertising.

The officers elected for 1950-51 are: President, Eleanor Stephens; first vice-president, Roger McDonough; second vice-president, Mulford Winsor; secretary-treasurer, Alfred Decker Keator.

--Alfred Decker Keator, Secretary-Treasurer

School Library Supervisors City and County

Twenty-three city school library supervisors were present at the meeting of this newly-organized group within the American Library Association. The discussion centered around the status of school library service in each of the school systems represented, plans for the extension of library service at the elementary level, and the ways and means of integrating the library with the total school program. Dilla MacBean summarized the discussion.

Rachael DeAngelo, Yonkers, N. Y. was appointed to edit a bulletin as a means of acquainting the 125 city and county school library supervisors with the activities of the group as a whole, and also those of individuals within the group. Lois Place, Detroit, will work with the state supervisors in planning a one day pre-conference meeting with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development meeting in Detroit, February 11-14. M. Bernice Weise, Baltimore, with the assistance of Daniel Melcher, is investigating the possibility of combined book exhibits for educational meetings. Margaret Girdner, San Francisco, is heading a committee to study the educational requirements for librarians serving elementary schools.

Elenora C. Alexander, Houston, will serve as chairman of the City and County School Library Supervisors for the coming year, and Hazel Atkinson, Chicago, will be the secretary.

--Elenora C. Alexander, Chairman

State School Library Supervisors

The State School Library Supervisors held an informal breakfast meeting July 17 with the chairman, Louise Rees, school library consultant, Michigan State Library, presiding. Thirteen supervisors were present, with Nora Beust, U. S. Office of Education, and Mildred Batchelder, ALA Headquarters, as visitors.

The principal topic for discussion was the possibility of arranging a conference of school library supervisors and other representatives one or two days prior to the February 1951 meeting of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in Detroit. It was suggested that the supervisors study techniques of supervision, inviting other supervisors and specialists in the field of supervision to work with the group. Plans were made to contact the proper persons regarding such a conference.

Sara Krentzman, supervisor of school libraries, Florida State Department of Education, and editor, "School Libraries Page" of the Library Journal, urged the group to let her know of activities going on in the various states which would be of particular interest to school librarians.

Officers were elected for the year 1950-51.

--Louise Meredith