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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE Executive Board has asked me to answer publicly for the benefit of our members, some of the comments appearing in the March issue of *SPECIAL LIBRARIES*. First, may I say, that these comments indicate a most hopeful state of affairs in that our membership is interested, alert and expressive—three qualities that will assure our facing the future realistically, courageously, and with a determination to progress. It is a heartening sign.

Our Association, in common with other library associations, is suffering right now from growing pains. Its framework for more than 5500 members is still substantially the same as when we had 2000 members. Perhaps too much emphasis has been put on numbers and too little on qualifications; too much on building a topsy-like organization and too little on our relations with other associations; too much on what we can get and too little on what we can give.

These are some of the matters of policy for which Ruth Savord pleads. They, however, are not matters any one Executive Board can determine. The membership as a whole must do that. You will have the opportunity to do so when the revised Constitution is presented for vote. This should not be done hurriedly but rather after careful study. For this reason it is suggested that the revised Constitution as presented by Ruth Savord be made a matter of study by all Chapters throughout next year, in order that a thoroughly informed membership may be ready to vote at the annual Conference in Atlantic City in 1950.

The question of overspending was discussed in David Kessler's article in the January 1949 issue of *SPECIAL LIBRARIES* where it was indicated that overspending a *budget* is by no means the same as overspending *income*, but rather that wrong guesses were made when the budget was compiled. The budget is a *guide* to what one expects

and if it is not met as set up, it means that all the factors of expense and income were not known at the time or that wishful thinking was used in estimating income.

Now that all the figures for last year are in we can tell exactly where we stand for the year. The Treasurer's Report, read at the Spring Board and Advisory Council Meeting (copies available on request), shows that we used \$702 more in 1948 than we received. However, a substantial deposit was made to the Reserve Fund which now stands at \$42,739.56. Furthermore, half of the Scholarship Fund, carried as a separate cash item in 1947, was deposited in the Reserve Fund. Had this not been done, there would have been a fairly large operating surplus.

The Reserve Fund is set up to carry the Association through *unusual* expenses and in years when its income may be way below par. It is not the place where cash for ear-marked current needs should be placed, but rather it should be *truly* a Reserve Fund from which withdrawals are made only for unusual or "once in a life time" needs.

Naturally one asks from what source was the \$702 deficit paid? The answer is—from the Cash Account, which stood at \$24,743.21 as of January 31, 1949. We hear it said this is "just a matter of bookkeeping" and that it doesn't matter too much whether an item is carried in a Reserve Fund or a Cash Account. However, it *does* matter, and you may be sure this Board means to see that in the future the figures will fall in the proper columns!

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Mr. Donald Clark as Director. Mr. Clark's keen mind and innate ability have made him an outstanding Board Member whose counsel was a tremendous help. We are fortunate in having Mrs. Margaret Rocq, Librarian of the Standard Oil Company of California, San Francisco, accept the

interim appointment to fill his place until June 1949.

A newsletter giving Board and Advisory Council Meeting highlights, notes

on the suggested revision of the Constitution and more Convention news is being mailed to each member.

ROSE L. VORMELKER, *President.*

BLUEPRINTS FOR ACTION SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION 40th ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 12-18, 1949

Headquarters — Hotel Biltmore, Los Angeles, California

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Saturday, June 11

REGISTRATION. Registration Center, Hotel Biltmore.

REGISTRATION, INFORMATION and TICKET OFFICES will be open as follows:

Saturday, June 11—2:00-5:00 P. M.

Sunday, June 12—2:00-5:00 P. M.

Monday, June 13—2:00-5:00 P. M.

Tuesday, June 14—9:00 A. M.—5:00 P. M.

Wednesday, June 15—9:00 A. M.—5:00 P. M.

Thursday, June 16—9:00 A. M.—5:00 P. M.

Friday, June 17—9:00 A. M.—5:00 P. M.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE. Hotel Biltmore:

Monday, June 13—3:00-5:00 P. M.

Tuesday, June 14—2:00-5:00 P. M.

Wednesday, June 15—9:00 A. M.—5:00 P. M.

Thursday, June 16—9:00 A. M.—5:00 P. M.

Sunday, June 12

10:00 and 11:15 A. M.

TOUR I:

Padua Hills, San Gabriel Mission and Garrett Winery. Chartered buses will leave the Hotel Biltmore, West door, at 10:00 and 11:15 A. M. The drive will pass through the Los Angeles Plaza District, past the old Plaza Church and Olvera Street; Pasadena via the Rose Bowl and the California Institute of Technology; down Orange Grove Avenue to San Gabriel Mission and on to Padua Hills for luncheon at 12:30 and 1:45 P. M. Homeward trip leads past Santa Anita Race Track with a brief stop at the Garrett Winery.

1:00 P. M.

TOUR II:

Hollywood and Ocean Way. Chartered

buses will leave the Hotel Biltmore, West door, at 1:00 P. M. The drive will pass through Hollywood via the Broadcasting Center to Beverly Hills and Westwood, through the centers of homes of motion picture stars and the University of California at Los Angeles; Sunset Boulevard to Ocean Way at Santa Monica and back along Wilshire Boulevard.

2:00-5:00 P. M.

Board Room

Los Angeles Public Library

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

3:00-5:30 P. M.

Los Angeles Public Library Rotunda

WELCOME TEA

Host: Southern California Chapter.

Monday, June 13

8:00 A. M.

ADVERTISING GROUP BREAKFAST. (No reservations)

Chairman: Arax Odabashian.

8:00 A. M.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES and HOSPITAL AND NURSING LIBRARIANS GROUPS BREAKFAST.

8:00 A. M.

BUSINESS GROUP BREAKFAST.

Chairman: Isabella Frost.

Let's Get Acquainted! Who and Where are You?

8:00 A. M.

FINANCIAL GROUP BREAKFAST.

Chairmen: Laura Marquis and Elizabeth Holden.

Journey's End in Meetings: We Meet Ourselves and the California Lock.

8:00 A. M.

NEWSPAPER GROUP "EARLY BIRD"

BREAKFAST. (No reservations)

Chairman: Agnes Henebry.

10:00-12:00 A. M.

Friday Morning Club

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Blueprints for Action

Welcome to Los Angeles.

Welcome to Southern California: Eva Louise Robertson, President, Southern California Chapter.

Welcome to the West Coast: Phyllis Anderson, President, San Francisco Bay Region Chapter.

Introduction of Guests: Eva Louise Robertson.

Introduction of the President of Special Libraries Association, Rose Vormelker: Guy Marion, One of the "Founding Fathers."

Address: Special Librarianship Today; Blueprints for Action: President Vormelker.

12:45-2:00 P. M.

Hotel Biltmore Bowl

GENERAL LUNCHEON

Welcome.

Special Libraries—An Asset to Business, Eleanor S. Cavanaugh, Standard & Poor's Corporation, New York.

Special Guests: Business Representatives of the Los Angeles Area.

2:30-5:00 P. M.

FINANCIAL GROUP MEETING

Chairman: Laura Marquis.

Shop Talk. *Library Statistics, Report to Management; How to Weed; Retention Records; Subject File—Books, Trade Directories and Services.*

2:30-5:00 P. M.

INSURANCE GROUP MEETING

Business Meeting.

Chairman: Elizabeth Ferguson.

2:30-5:00 P. M.

Hotel Biltmore

NEWSPAPER GROUP MEETING

Methods, Robert Grayson, *New York Herald-Tribune*.*Methods and Short-Cuts in One- and Two-man Libraries*, Mrs. Louise Brown, *Cleveland News*.

2:30-5:00 P. M.

Staff Room

Los Angeles Public Library

SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Business Meeting.

Chairman: Gretchen Little.

3:00-5:00 P. M.

MUSEUM AND GEOGRAPHY AND MAP GROUPS

Tour:

Art Galleries of the Beverly Hills area: Stendahl Galleries, Waiter Arensburg Home, Modern Institute of Art, Edward G. Robinson Gallery, Ludington Home, Associated American Artists Gallery.

6:00-10:00 P. M.

Plummer's Park

49ER BARBEQUE AND HOE DOWN

Tuesday, June 14

9:30-11:30 A. M.

Los Angeles Public Library Staff Room

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ADVISORY COUNCIL OPEN MEETING

12:30-4:30 P. M.

Institute of Aeronautical Sciences

SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY GROUP, ENGINEERING-AERONAUTICS SECTION, LUNCHEON MEETING

Hostess: Nell Steinmetz.

Symposium: *Standard Aeronautical Indexing System Versus Other Methods of Indexing Aeronautical Engineering Literature.*

Panel Participants:

History, Purposes and Present Status of S.A.I.S., Leslie E. Neville, Director, S.A.I.S.*Application of S.A.I.S. and Other Indexing Systems in the Central Air Documents Library*, Eugene B. Jackson, Civilian Chief, Documents Requirements Section, Central Aid Documents Office, Navy Air Force, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.*Advantages of Alphabetical Subject Headings and Numerical Classification Systems of Indexing Methods*, Marion L. Stute, Librarian, Engineering Library, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, Calif.

12:30-5:00 P. M.

Glendale Hotel

SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY GROUP, PHARMACEUTICAL SECTION

LUNCHEON MEETING

Business meeting to follow at Harrower Laboratory, Glendale, Calif.

Chairman: Alberta Brown.

Reports on Section Projects:

Unlisted Drugs, Winifred Sewell, E. R. Squibb and Sons.

Union List of Periodicals in Pharmaceutical Libraries, Gertrude Bloomer, Wm. S. Merrill Company.

Punch Card Systems for Chemists, Gertrude Horndler, Schering Corporation.

Services to Business, Martha E. Schaaf, Eli Lilly and Company.

Library Building Plans, Edith Joannes, Abbott Laboratories.

1:00-3:00 P. M.

ADVERTISING, BUSINESS AND NEWSPAPER GROUPS LUNCHEON MEETING

Chairmen: Arax Odabashian and Isabella Frost.

How to Tell Your Story to Business.

Meeting to be followed by a visit to Prudential Life Insurance Company Library, Miracle Mile, for Social Hour, 3:00-5:00 P. M.

1:00-3:00 P. M.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES and HOSPITAL AND NURSING LIBRARIANS GROUPS LUNCHEON MEETING

Symposium: *Recent Advances in Medical and Scientific Research*.

Radio-Isotopes Research, Dr. Albert Bellamy, Professor of Zoology and Dean, Sciences and Life Department, University of California at Los Angeles.

Recent Research in Polio, Dr. Clarence Dail, Assistant Professor of Therapeutics, College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles Division.

Recent Publications in the Field of Medical and Scientific Research, Ella Moyers, Librarian, White Memorial Library.

1:00-4:00 P. M.

FINANCIAL GROUP LUNCHEON MEETING

Human Relations and You, Robert Sale, Librarian, United Aircraft Corporation, East Hartford, Conn.

Social Hour at Prudential Life Insurance Company Library, Miracle Mile, 4:00-5:00 P. M.

1:00-4:00 P. M.

NEWSPAPER GROUP LUNCHEON MEETING

Classification for Smaller Newspaper Libraries, Alma Oberst, Evansville Press.

Meeting to be followed by a visit to the Los Angeles Times.

1:00-5:00 P. M.

INSURANCE GROUP LUNCHEON MEETING

Chairman: Elizabeth Hinkel.

Hostess: Sherry Taylor.

Meeting to be followed by a visit to the Prudential Life Insurance Company Library, Miracle Mile. The Business, Advertising and Financial Groups will join the Group for a Social Hour, 3:00-5:00 P. M.

2:00-5:00 P. M.

Art and Lecture Room
University of Southern California
UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE GROUP
BUSINESS MEETING

Chairman: Dr. Jerrold Orne.

Program to be announced.

Tea in Colonial Rooms, Doheny Memorial Library, 4:00 P. M.

2:00-5:00 P. M.

GEOGRAPHY AND MAP GROUP MEETING

3:00-5:00 P. M.

Los Angeles Municipal Reference Library
City Hall, Room 300

SOCIAL SCIENCE GROUP, MUNICIPAL REFERENCE DIVISION MEETING

Chairman: Josephine Hollingsworth.

Round Table: *Proposed Plan for Indexing Municipal Reference Documents*, Rebecca B. Rankin, Librarian, New York Municipal Reference Library.

Round Table: *Municipal Reference Library Survey, 1945*. Panel Discussion of Findings with Implications.

Panel Participants: *Administrative Relationships*, Jane Rechenbach, Cincinnati Municipal Reference Library. *Financing of Municipal Reference Libraries*, Frederick C. Ault, St. Louis Municipal Reference Library.

Functions and Services, Beatrice Hager, Seattle Municipal Reference Library. *Library Location and Materials*, Evelyn Benagh, San Diego State Governmental Reference Library.

7:30-9:00 P. M.

Staff Assembly Room

Los Angeles Public Library

GROUP AND CHAPTER RELATIONS
MEETING

Chairmen: Kenneth H. Fagerhaugh, Group Relations Committee; Elizabeth W. Owens, Chapter Relations Committee.

Projects and Publications.

Speakers:

Group and Chapter Projects in Relation to Publications, Mildred Benton, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Wash- ton, D. C.

Publications Sponsored by the Associa- tion, Lura Shorb, Hercules Powder Company Experiment Station, Wil- mington, Del.

Mechanics and Procedures of Group and Chapter Publications Projects, Marion E. Wells, First National Bank of Chicago.

Royalties for SLA Publications, Melvin J. Voigt, Carnegie Institute of Tech- nology, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Discussion Leaders: Anne Nicholson and Agnes Henebry.

Other speakers to be announced.

Wednesday, June 15

9:30 A. M.

HUNTINGTON LIBRARY TOUR

Chartered buses will leave the Hotel Biltmore, West Door, at 9:30 A. M. Leave Hunting- ton Library at 11:30 A. M. for Los Angeles; for Disney Studios for Museum Group; for Pasadena for Science-Technology Group.

12:30 P. M.

INSURANCE GROUP LUNCHEON. (No reservations)

12:30 P. M.,

Disney Studio Cafeteria
Busbank, Calif.

MUSEUM GROUP LUNCHEON. Tour of the Studios limited to two groups of twelve each, 1:30-2:30 P. M.

Hostess for the tours: Mrs. Konita Roxby, Librarian, Disney Studios.

12:30-4:00 P. M.

NEWSPAPER GROUP LUNCHEON
MEETING

Chairman: Agnes Henebry.

Clearing Photos and Clips, Ford Pet- titt, *Detroit News.*

Meeting followed by visits to newspaper libra- ries.

12:30-5:00 P. M.

SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY GROUP

and other interested members of SLA. Luncheon at Athaeneum, Pasa- dena, Calif. Meeting at California Institute of Technology following luncheon. *P.B. Reports,* O. W. Hollo- way, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. Sound motion pic- tures of Mount Palomar telescope. Tour of Institute libraries. Tea at 4:00 P. M. Visitors welcomed at Mt. Wilson Observatory Library.

Hostesses: Dorothy Armstrong, Acting Librarian, California Institute of Technology; Elizabeth Connor, Libra- rian, Mt. Wilson Observatory, Cali- fornia Institute of Technology.

1:00 P. M.

Pasadena, Calif.

GEOGRAPHY AND MAP GROUP LUNCHEON and BUSINESS MEETING

Followed by trip to Mt. Wilson Observatory. Transportation provided by Pasadena Public Library.

1:00-4:00 P. M.

Foote, Cone and Belding Company
Los Angeles, Calif.

ADVERTISING GROUP MEETING

Chairman: Mabel Adams.

Speaker: Charles Melvin, Research Di- rector, Foote, Cone and Belding Com- pany.

1:00-4:00 P. M.

HOSPITAL AND NURSING LIBRARIANS
GROUP

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

1:00-3:30 P. M.

Police Academy

SOCIAL SCIENCE GROUP, SOCIAL WEL- FARE SECTION LUNCHEON MEETING

Followed by sightseeing in Chinatown and Olvera Street with dinner at La Golondrina, Olvera Street.

2:00-5:00 P. M.

Staff Assembly Room

Los Angeles Public Library

INSURANCE, BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL
GROUPS MEETING

Work Simplification Clinic.

2:30-5:00 P. M.

SOCIAL SCIENCE GROUP, INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS SECTION

Visit to California Institute of Technology.

6:00-8:00 P. M.

La Golondrina Restaurant
Olvera Street

SOCIAL SCIENCE GROUP DINNER
MEETING

Hostess: Josephine Hollingsworth.

6:00-9:00 P. M.

SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY GROUP, CHEMISTRY SECTION DINNER MEETING

Chairman: Dr. Leora E. Straka, Librarian, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

Speakers:

The Use of a Classified Catalog in the Technical Library and the Techniques of its Application, Margaret Hilligan, Librarian, General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.

Evaluation of Outside Services in the Field of Chemistry and Technology, Dr. Jolan M. Fertig, Librarian, Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Art of Searching, Lucy O. Lewton, Librarian, Celanese Corporation of America, Summit, N. J.

6:00 P. M.

TRANSPORTATION GROUP DINNER
MEETING

Air Transportation: International Cooperation.

7:00-9:00 P. M.

NEWSPAPER GROUP MEETING

Training: A discussion.

Discussion Leaders: Verona Bekkedahl, University of Washington School of Journalism; Milton Prenskey, *Pathfinder*, Washington, D. C.

7:00-10:00 P. M.

Los Angeles County Museum
MUSEUM and GEOGRAPHY AND MAP
GROUPS RECEPTION

Host: Dr. Walter Rothman, Librarian. All Conventioneers are invited to attend. *Greetings* from Dr. James Breasted, Jr. Tour through Leonardo da Vinci Gallery conducted by Director-Consultant, Wilhelm R. Valentiner; through the Science Division by Dr. Chester A. Stock, Senior Curator; through the California and

South Pacific Halls by Dr. Arthur Woodward, Curator of History. Refreshments at 9:00 P. M.

8:00-10:00 P. M.

Room 150, City Hall

SOCIAL SCIENCES GROUP MEETING
Chairman: Margaret Kehi.

Planning the Future of a Great Metropolitan Area, Charles B. Bennett, Director, City Planning Department, City of Los Angeles. Illustrated with exhibit of master plans and projects of urban redevelopment.

Thursday, June 16

9:00-12:00 A. M.

NEWSPAPER GROUP
BREAKFAST MEETING

What Is Your Problem? A panel discussion.

9:00-12:00 A. M.

FINANCIAL GROUP BUSINESS
MEETING

Chairman: Laura Marquis.

The Financial Group Today and Tomorrow.

9:00-12:00 A. M.

SOCIAL SCIENCE GROUP BUSINESS
MEETING

Chairman: Margaret Kehi.

9:30-11:30 A. M.

Los Angeles County Public Library
SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY GROUP,
PETROLEUM SECTION MEETING
Chairman: Jurgen G. Raymond, Librarian, Sinclair Refining Company, New York.

Speaker: *Services in Petroleum Libraries*, Dr. A. B. Johnson, Librarian, California Research Corporation.

Open Forum Discussion: *Cooperative Abstracting in Petroleum Libraries. Is it Feasible and Desirable?*

Leaders: Thelma Hoffman, Librarian, Shell Development Company, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Margaret Rocq, Librarian, Standard Oil Company of California, San Francisco.

9:30-12:00 A. M.

Staff Assembly Room

Los Angeles Public Library
ADVERTISING GROUP ANNUAL
BUSINESS MEETING

Work Manuals: A round table discussion.

10:00-12:00 A. M.
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES GROUP
BUSINESS MEETING

10:00-12:00 A. M.
GEOGRAPHY AND MAP GROUP
MEETING

Visit to United States Survey Office,
Glendale, Calif.

10:30-12:00 A. M.
BUSINESS GROUP ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING

10:30-12:00 A. M.
Staff Assembly Room
Los Angeles County Public Library
SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY GROUP,
METALS SECTION MEETING
Chairman: Ralph Hopp, Technical Li-
brarian, Battelle Memorial Institute,
Columbus, Ohio.

*Symposium: Foreign Metallurgical Lit-
erature.*

Speakers:

*Is there an Iron Curtain in Metallurgical
Literature?* Henry Brucher.

*Foreign Metallurgical Literature Other
than Russian,* John Milek.

*Translation Services for Metallurgical
Literature,* Wayne Kalenich.

10:30 A. M.-3:30 P. M.
Southwest Museum
MUSEUM GROUP LUNCHEON MEETING
Buses leave the Hotel Biltmore, West Door,
at 10:00 A. M. Business meeting at Mu-
seum at 10:30 A. M. Mexican lunch at
Casa de Adobe, 12:00 noon, with *Greetings*
from Dr. Frederick Hodge, Director, and
Dr. Mark Harrington, Curator of Anthropol-
ogy. Visit to Charles F. Lummis House,
2:30-3:30 P. M.

12:00 noon-1:00 P. M.
University of California
at Los Angeles
SOCIAL SCIENCE GROUP LUNCHEON

12:00 noon-3:00 P. M.
Glendale, Calif.
GEOGRAPHY AND MAP GROUP
LUNCHEON MEETING
Address by Mr. W. W. Robinson, Cali-
fornia author.

12:00 noon-3:00 P. M.
NEWSPAPER GROUP LUNCHEON
MEETING
Cost and Work Simplification, Floyd L.
Taylor, Los Angeles May Company.

12:00 noon-4:00 P. M.
Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light

SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY GROUP,
PUBLIC UTILITIES SECTION
LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING
Chairman: Alma C. Mitchill.

Hostess: Mrs. Frances S. Davis, Libra-
rian, Los Angeles Bureau of Power
and Light.

12:30-3:00 P. M.
ADVERTISING GROUP LUNCHEON
MEETING

Television.

12:30-3:00 P. M.,
TRANSPORTATION GROUP BUSINESS
MEETING AND WORKSHOP
Chairman: Agnes Gautreaux.
*Trade Publications in Transportation
Libraries.*

12:30-3:30 P. M.
INSURANCE GROUP LUNCHEON
MEETING
Chairman: Elizabeth Ferguson.
*Insurance Education and Insurance Col-
lections in Public and School Libra-
ries.*

Guests.

1:30 P. M.
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES and HOSPITAL
AND NURSING LIBRARIANS GROUP
Visit to Veterans Administration Library,
Van Nuys, Calif.

2:00-3:00 P. M.
University of California
at Los Angeles
SOCIAL SCIENCE GROUP, PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION SECTION MEETING
Chairman: Mrs. Ione Dority, Librarian,
Bureau of Government, University of
Michigan.

Panel Discussion: *Methods and Pro-
cedures. Dead Dodoes in Live Libra-
ries; Uses and Costs of Library Publi-
cations; Continuations: Insuring
Promptness in Acquisition and Un-
broken Files; Cataloging and Index-
ing Problems: Cost and Shortcuts.*

Leader: Evelyn Huston, California
State Library, Sacramento, Calif.

Participants:

Rebecca B. Rankin, Librarian, New
York Municipal Reference Library.
Mrs. Grace Weiner, Los Angeles Col-
lege of Optometry.

Barbara Hudson, Librarian, Bureau
of Public Administration, Univer-
sity of California, Berkeley.

Ruth Fine, U. S. Bureau of the Budget, Washington, D. C.

2:00-5:00 P. M.

University of California
at Los Angeles

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE GROUP
MEETING

Bus leaves Hotel Biltmore at 1:15 P. M.

Chairmen: B. Rosenberg and J. Hagan.
Branch Librarians and Special Collections.

Welcome by Dr. Lawrence Powell, Librarian.

History and Organization of U.C.L.A. Branch Libraries, R. G. Vosper.

The Engineering Library, Joanna Allending.

The Institute of Industrial Relations Library, John E. Smith.

The Biomedical Library, L. Darling.

Special Collections, Neal Harlow.

Tour of the Library. Tea at 4:00 P. M. in the Administrative Suite.

6:00 P. M.

Olvera Street

BUSINESS GROUP DINNER MEETING

7:00-9:00 P. M.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING

7:00-9:00 P. M.

GEOGRAPHY AND MAP AND

TRANSPORTATION GROUPS
Visit to Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Friday, June 17

8:00-10:00 A. M.

Hotel Biltmore

ADVERTISING GROUP BUSINESS
MEETING

8:00-10:00 P. M.

NEWSPAPER GROUP BREAKFAST
BUSINESS MEETING

The Newspaper Group Bulletin, Milton
Prensky, *Pathfinder*, Washington, D. C.
The Newspaper Group Manual, Ford
Pettitt, *Detroit News*.

10:00-12:00 A. M.

Lecture Room

Los Angeles Public Library

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Presiding: President Rose Vormelker.

12:00 Noon

NEWSPAPER GROUP LUNCHEON
MEETING

(No reservations)

2:00-5:00 P. M.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

2:00-5:00 P. M.

STUDIO TOURS

Saturday, June 18

8:00 A. M.-8:30 P. M.

CATALINA ISLAND CRUISE

SUBMERGED SOURCE MATERIAL¹

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IT should be a fundamental tenet of reference library work that the value of reliable information is in no way lessened by its source. This is to paraphrase an old saying that "gold is where you find it."

Every library, large or small, possesses resources which are likely to remain unknown to its staff and consequently unavailable to the users of its collections. It is the thesis of this paper that these submerged resources are of major importance, that they should be brought to light, and that this may be accomplished in the individual library

by providing analytical entries of a somewhat new type in its catalog, and in all libraries by the compilation and publication of certain bibliographies which do not now exist.

The particular material which I have in mind includes books, pamphlets, documents, newspapers, periodicals, broadsheets, manuscripts, letters, maps, charts and music, when quoted in full or substantially so in the text, or reproduced in facsimile as illustrations in books, pamphlets or periodicals.

It is undoubtedly true that some material falling into these categories is covered by analytical entries in the catalogs of a few libraries, but the practice is neither common nor consistent.

¹ Paper presented before the SLA San Francisco Bay Region Chapter in December 1948.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION — TENTATIVE CONVENTION PROGRAM

Los Angeles, California — June 12-18, 1949

	Breakfasts 8:00	Morning 9:00-12:00	Lunches 12:00-2:00	Afternoon 2:00-5:30	Evening 6:00-10:00
SUNDAY June 12		Tour I— 10:00 A.M. and 11:15 A.M.		Tour II—1:00 P. M. Executive Board Meeting Welcome Tea—So. California Chapter	
MONDAY June 13	Advertising Biological Sciences— Hospital and Nursing— Joint Meeting Business Financial Newspaper	First General Session	General Luncheon	Financial Geography and Map— Museum— Joint Meeting Insurance Newspaper Science-Technology	49er Barbecue and Hoe Down
TUESDAY June 14		Executive Board and Advisory Council Open Meeting <i>(All members urged to attend)</i>	Advertising—Business— Newspaper— Joint Meeting Biological Sciences— Hospital and Nursing— Joint Meeting Financial Insurance Science-Technology (Engineering—Aeronautics) Science-Technology (Pharmaceutical)	Advertising—Business— Joint Meeting Biological Sciences Financial Geography and Map Hospital and Nursing Insurance Newspaper Science-Technology (Engineering—Aeronautics) Science-Technology (Pharmaceutical) Social Science (Municipal Reference) University and College	Group and Chapter Re- lations Meeting
WEDNESDAY June 15		Huntington Library Tour	Geography and Map Hospital and Nursing Insurance Museum Newspaper Science-Technology Social Science (Industrial Relations) Social Science (Social Welfare)	Advertising Insurance—Business— Financial— Joint Meeting Hospital and Nursing Geography and Map Newspaper Science-Technology Social Science (Industrial Relations) Social Science (Social Welfare)	Newspaper Science-Technology (Chemistry) Social Science Transportation Museum — Geography and Map — Reception for all SLA members
THURSDAY June 16	Newspaper	Advertising Biological Sciences Business Financial Geography and Map Museum Science-Technology (Metals) Science-Technology (Petroleum) Social Science	Advertising Geography and Map Insurance Museum Newspaper Science-Technology (Public Utilities) Social Science Transportation	Biological Sciences— Hospital and Nursing— Joint Meeting Science-Technology (Public Utilities) Social Science (Public Administration) University and College	Business Chapter Presidents Geography and Map Transportation
FRIDAY June 17	Advertising Newspaper	Second General Session Annual Business Meeting	Newspaper	Executive Board Meeting Studio Tours	
SATURDAY	Catalina Island				

The ordinary treatment, for example, of maps contained in a book is to include on the catalog card in the collation such data as: 1 l., 216 p., maps; and for reproductions of manuscripts: 2 l., 342 p., facsim. This may have a minimum of value but it is so slight as to be practically worthless in guiding a research worker to needed material. Under these conditions it must frequently be true that a microfilm or photostat of a map or manuscript is ordered from a remote source when an adequate reproduction is actually available in the local library. If the original is in a private collection or in a foreign library, a microfilm or photostat may be unobtainable. In many instances the existence of a particular map or manuscript may not be known at all.

Examples of specific items which have been included in the contents of books, pamphlets and periodicals will make the importance of such submerged material immediately apparent.

The great bibliography of Mexican books of the Eighteenth Century, *Bibliografía Mexicana del Siglo XVIII*, by Nicolás León was published in five volumes, 1902-1908.¹ León included the text of a number of extremely rare Mexican books and periodicals in his bibliography. He also published the text of many important Mexican historical manuscripts for the first time.

One of the rarest Mexican books is the *Relacion Historica de la Colonia del Nuevo Santander y Costa del Seno Mexicana* by Fr. Vicente Santa Maria. No copy of the first edition was known to León. He was able, however, to locate two copies of the reprint which appeared as a part of the *Periodico Oficial del Estado Tamaulipas* published in Ciudad Victoria. The complete text, based on this reprint, is made available to scholars in Seccion I, Parte 4, p. 389-

¹ There is a sixth volume (Seccion I, Parte 5) which was never completed. A few copies exist including one in the writer's private library.

515. Few, if any, libraries in the United States have copies of this rare book. Many probably have it as a part of León's bibliography. How many libraries having this bibliography will catalog the entries contained in it and also other books and manuscripts made available by León?

During World War II, clandestine presses were in operation in every occupied country of Europe and in Germany itself. The newspapers and periodicals issued by these underground agencies are extremely rare and complete or partial files are to be found in only a few large libraries. Facsimiles of single issues have been published in many newspapers and periodicals. I have a record of more than one thousand of these facsimiles. There are undoubtedly many more.

One of the more important of the French underground newspapers was *Combat*. A periodical, issued by the Free French, *Les Documents*, published in London and reprinted in Canada, reproduced many issues of *Combat* including nos. 34, 37, 39-42, and 44-47. Earlier issues were also reproduced in *Les Documents* and scattered issues in *Free France* (New York). Since both *Les Documents* and *Free France* were widely distributed, many libraries which are unlikely to possess even single issues of *Combat* do actually have long runs of this important paper in facsimile.

The so-called República Española maintains a government-in-exile in Mexico. Its proceedings are regularly reported in the Mexico City newspaper, *España Popular*, which also publishes facsimiles of Spanish underground newspapers and government documents. For example, the August 1948 issue of *Republica*, organ of the A. F. A. R. E., appears in *España Popular* for October 1, 1948. The current interest in Spanish affairs would seem to justify making this valuable material available through analytics in libraries which regularly receive *España Popular*.

The scores of musical compositions, many of which are rare and difficult to locate, frequently have been reproduced in books, periodicals and booksellers' catalogs. In Joseph Muller's *Bibliography of Francis Scott Key's "The Star Spangled Banner"* (New York, 1935), I find facsimiles of five compositions with other titles in addition to many versions of *The Star Spangled Banner*. Although Richard Wagner's *Das Liebesverbot* had not yet been printed at the time, I find a piano arrangement by Franz Mikorey inserted as a separately-paged supplement in Houston Stewart Chamberlain's *Richard Wagner* (Munich, 1897). This has the caption title: *Das Liebesverbot oder, Die Novize von Palermo. Grosse komische Oper in zwei Akten von Richard Wagner. (1. Akt: Finaie; Gesang der Isabella)*.

There are thousands of manuscripts, letters and maps reproduced in a great diversity of publications. Many of these are not otherwise available. Although there is a published volume of the letters of D. H. Lawrence, many important letters are not included. Some of these have been published in most unexpected places, e. g., in a Chinese literary journal and in a student publication of the University of California.

The necessary analytics to bring such material to life can be made in conformity to the Library of Congress' *Rules for Descriptive Cataloging* and the *Joint Code* of the American Library Association and the Library Association (London). There is no particular difficulty about the technical treatment of such entries. The increase in the number of such entries implies that our catalogers should be permitted a much wider latitude in their treatment of material. The time and expense involved will be justified by the results. Such analytics actually place additional books upon the shelves, witness the case of Vicente Santa Maria's *Relacion Historica*.

The making of analytics, of course,

serves only the users of a particular library. There would be no need for these entries if adequate bibliographies could be provided to cover submerged material, thus making the information available in every library which acquired the bibliographies in question. This is in line with the recognized weakness in the subject approach via the library catalog as compared with the bibliographical approach.

There have been a few bibliographies of this kind published. All of these, as far as I can determine, are extremely limited in their scope. They variously refer to the letters of a single author, to maps of a limited area, etc. Unfortunately many of these are themselves submerged and consequently unknown to the majority of reference librarians and users of libraries.

The bibliographies for which there is a real need include the following:

1. A bibliography of published letters and manuscripts exclusive of those included in collections of letters. This should cover American sources and include material in books, pamphlets, newspapers (excluding of course "letters to the editor"), periodicals, booksellers' catalogs, auction catalogs, library reports, etc. It would probably be desirable to compile such a bibliography so that single volumes would cover decades beginning, perhaps, with the period, 1939-1948, and progressing in both directions to completion. Similar bibliographies are of course needed for British, French, German and other national coverage.

2. A bibliography of published maps and charts exclusive of those included in atlases and separately published maps and charts. This could conform to the prescription for the bibliography of published letters and manuscripts as to periods covered.

3. A bibliography of books, pamphlets and broadsheets reprinted in American publications.

4. A bibliography of facsimiles and

other reproductions of newspapers and periodicals included in the content of American publications.

5. A bibliography of musical compositions included in American publications exclusive of those in collections of music.

The three bibliographies, mentioned above, probably would not be too voluminous if they covered twenty-year periods.

There are no insurmountable difficulties in the compilation of such bibliographies. Access to large collections would be necessary and initial subsidies might be required to cover the cost of compilation in some instances. The sale of copies upon a service basis should bring in enough revenue to give the projects continuity.

There are types of material, other than those already referred to, which are already covered by moderately adequate indexes such as the *Dramatic Index*, the *Essay Index*, the *Portrait Index* and others. The *Bibliographical Index* covers bibliographies in all fields. *Chemical Abstracts* and *Biological Abstracts* note bibliographies separately published or appended to books and journal articles in their respective fields.

It should be noted, however, that none of these publications is complete in its coverage and that all are likely to miss an item if it is published in an obscure or unexpected place.

Vocabularies (dictionaries in miniature), relating to minor languages, dialects, slang, trade jargons, etc., are important. These are ordinarily covered by analytics in library catalogs as far as books are concerned. They are also noted, together with those published in journals, by *American Speech* and by other philological journals. Like bibliographies, vocabularies published in unexpected places are likely to be overlooked.

An interesting vocabulary of American Negro words was published, of all places, as an appendix to Carl van Vechten's novel, *Nigger Heaven*. During World War II, I located, for a government agency, an excellent note on the language of the Island of Yap accompanied by a comprehensive vocabulary published as an appendix to a book of travel which had not been analyzed in the library catalogs to which I have had access. The extent to which such material is scattered will become evident to every reader of H. L. Mencken's *American Language* with its rich bibliography and extensive footnotes.

The resources of even the largest libraries are often inadequate to meet the needs of a particular research project. The inadequacy of the smaller libraries is obvious. Let us make the best possible use of our resources, large or small, by bringing to light as much of this hidden material as possible.

TRIANGULAR TRAINING FOR THE TECHNICAL LIBRARIAN

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OF all basic geometric figures commonly embodied in structural design, the triangle is overwhelmingly the engineer's favorite. When severe side thrusts are applied, it staunchly resists to the extreme limit of rupture any change in configuration. Con-

tiguous triangles impart maximum strength to bridges and roof trusses, while permitting slenderest frameworks consistent with high factors of safety.

The triangle's inherent strength and stability commend it for characterizing analogous situations of less tangible

form, such as the framework of the technical librarian's preparation, which rests upon a groundwork of experience. Its sides may be named: (a) librarianship, (b) subject specialization and (c) broad education.

In that random sequence, let us consider these sides, aspects or facets of a technical librarian's training. Because of his own background of experience, the writer bears particularly in mind the science-technology libraries of colleges and universities, but the discussion may well apply to a wide range of special libraries in scientific fields.

LIBRARIANSHIP

Librarianship connotes much more than mere completion of a specified program of courses at library school. Factors of personality, aptitude, character, ability and intelligence are of such prime importance as to evoke the statement, "Librarians are born, not made." Accordingly, these attributes must not be overlooked while we focus attention on the rôle of the library schools in our training. Have these institutions kept pace with our special professional needs in this increasingly technological era? Danton states, "The picture today is of thirty-two accredited American schools, all institutionally associated, training librarians . . . Twenty-one of the thirty-two schools require 'a bachelor's degree' or 'college graduation' for admission; ten schools offer work for the master's degree; two—Chicago and Columbia—offer doctoral programs. The schools—all but the few named—are still in the basic tradition with respect to curricula and approach that they were sixty years ago—this in spite of the fact that they are no longer apprenticeship affairs, their admission requirements are higher, their curricula 'more academic,' their faculties better and their standards improved in every way."¹ Hoole adds further criticism that "the area of techniques is admittedly the only one that the library school has mastered."² Evidently, problems of cataloging, classification, selection, bibli-

ography, organization and administration receive ample treatment in the courses generally offered. But do these vocational techniques crowd out intellectual content? Martin believes they inevitably do so, for "introduction of sufficient subject or interest-area content into the one-year professional curriculum to develop college graduates into specialists appears to be a forlorn hope unless we are prepared to sacrifice far more of the training in library skills than now appears either practicable or advisable. Reduction of the technical courses by one-fourth or even one-third is not likely to leave enough time for adding the many units of study necessary. This policy of 'save a little to add a little' is likely to leave the content courses as an accessory attached to the core of process courses."³

The acknowledged fact that introductory library courses yield a large body of fundamental techniques should not in itself be decried, for basic disciplines and the accumulated knowledge of sound methodology must be passed on to each successive generation of librarians. In Fair's words, he "who shall successfully recognize, organize and mobilize for use the information requisite to an immediate piece of work must likewise have command of techniques."⁴ Second-year courses offer wider opportunity to draw upon other departments of the university for special subject material. Moreover, enlightened library schools have already begun to clothe this skeletal configuration in a mantle woven from social, educational and philosophical implications of librarianship.

SUBJECT SPECIALIZATION

Subject specialization, the second leg of our hypothetical triangle, is of equal importance to a technical librarian. Unless he is sufficiently familiar with the fundamental aspects of his chosen subject, he presents a sorry picture in his dealings with workers in the field. The latter are seldom consciously interested in library techniques *per se*, even

though they may at times register appreciation of the special tools and services available in libraries. Soule declares, "... the true success of a library is not measured in terms of the number of books correctly classified, but by the rate at which satisfied readers leave the front door."⁵ Information furnished, not bibliographical process, is the user's chief criterion. Very meager indeed will be the transfer of information when the librarian is unfamiliar with the subject about which his patron is talking. Even if the inquirer is at fault in not stating his problem with sufficient clarity and specificity, the librarian with strong subject background is able to narrow the search by judicious questioning. When special subject workers sense that a librarian shares their special interests, concerns and knowledge at a reasonable level of competency, they are more inclined to concede him the professional status of fellow researcher rather than the menial position of clerk. Rapport so established greatly facilitates effective utilization of library resources.

BROAD EDUCATION

The remaining side of the training triangle has been labeled *broad education*. Philosophically speaking, one might interpret this term to subsume total conscious experience, but our present concern is life preparation derived from formal course work. While two-thirds of our library schools include college graduation as an admission requirement, recognition of the value of a college education is by no means confined to our profession. Standards are rising in *all* fields as mass education renders increasingly attainable the democratic ideal of maximum self-realization limited only by individual potentialities and abilities. Armstrong declares, "The curriculum of a liberal arts college with its possibilities for concentration in any number of fields, its opportunities for the enrichment of the cultural background of the student, and its emphasis on the training and de-

velopment of the whole man rather than the purely practical side of existence forms an excellent foundation for the specialized training of the library school."⁶ The prospective technical librarian should receive from his college program of studies adequate orientation in the physical, social and biological sciences, for all divisions of knowledge are interrelated in spite of artificial subject boundaries. For example, we now have areas of chemistry, physics, physical chemistry and chemical physics, whose territories will overlap more and more as this atomic era progresses. Already invaded by other natural sciences and the several branches of engineering, they are engulfed in seas of economic, governmental and humanitarian considerations. Under such conditions, subject compartmentalization is untenable and broad preparation mandatory. Language barriers to understanding, technical or otherwise, must likewise be destroyed by a working knowledge of foreign tongues, particularly German and French.

Before leaving *broad education*, let us widen it even further to include Education as it would appear, capitalized, in the curricula of teachers' colleges. Our claim that we are educators is gradually gaining recognition. Library staff members are receiving instructional or faculty status in more and more colleges throughout the country. As educators, then, we should be acquainted with sound educational practice, even though our teaching activities are but partly of classroom variety. Courses might profitably be taken in educational psychology, teaching and history of science, administration and guidance, curriculum trends and objectives, etc. In fact, the Ed.D. curriculum offers librarians a promising path to the doctorate based on competent professional performance rather than upon narrowly specialized research.

CONSTRUCTION OF TRIANGLE

A geometer would now probably

inquire how we would actually proceed to construct our triangle. Several alternatives are presented. A subject specialist might receive library training. Conversely, a general librarian might undertake special subject study. The question of librarian vs. specialist has been amply surveyed by the writer⁷, Orton⁸, Wilson⁹ and others, to the effect that a special librarian should be *both* librarian *and* subject specialist. The route taken to achieve that desirable combination is relatively unimportant. From personal experience, the writer knows that it is physically possible to undertake a five-year college program leading to a bachelor's degree in engineering, and then to take two years of library school training and courses towards the doctorate concurrently with library employment, varying from a part-time student assistantship to full-time professional service. Fair⁴, Bauer¹⁰ and others cite similar instances of at least four years' majoring in science or engineering prior to library school attendance. Martin would even ". . . enroll students in library schools at an earlier level—after the second year of college, for example, and . . . put them through a combined professional and subject program over a period of several years. Such a program dovetails with the mounting notion of the first two college years as the capstone of general education, represented in the junior college emphasis and in the lower division units which have appeared within universities. This arrangement permits a selection from total university offerings that corresponds to both the inclinations of individual students and the requirements of library positions and opens the possibility for integrating library skills with content by means of scheduling courses from the two sources throughout the several-year period in addition to new courses in the bibliography of subject fields. While it has not done so thus far, this approach could lead to a new curriculum rather

than to a modified traditional program."⁸ Meanwhile, Wilson and Tauber suggest that "courses in special librarianship, as developed at Columbia University and elsewhere . . . will materially reduce the learning periods of librarians who serve clientele with special demands."⁹

To those who maintain that special subject proficiency may be just as easily acquired through practical experience "on the job", we pose the rhetorical question, "Why not close *all* educational institutions, and let *everyone* learn by experience?"

Cynics who examine the foregoing references and particularly an article on science librarianship by Hunt¹¹ may rightfully declare that librarianship as a career demands an early orientation and extended training entirely disproportionate to the compensation given, but the correction of this unfortunate situation is beyond the scope of the present paper. On our part, however, we must prove to be "educated librarians rather than trained bookkeepers."⁶ Throughout this article the word "training" appears more prominently than "education" merely because the latter term was preëempted.

Reverting to triangular nomenclature, the relative importance of each of the three sides—*librarianship*, *subject specialization*, and *broad education*—may be considered more or less acute depending on the various angles from which they are approached, but to advocate weakening any of these beyond safe limits would be most obtuse!

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THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL LIBRARIAN!¹

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LIBRARIES exist because of the continued domination of medieval superstition. When the printing press was invented, it began to spoil good white paper at such an incredible rate as to awe all watchers. So filled with awe were they that they dared not do the obviously sensible thing and throw away this spoiled paper. They were fearful that if the product of this monster were destroyed it might also spoil the destroyers. So institutions, called libraries, were organized to preserve this spoiled paper. The superstition seems even more compelling today than in the past, and any institution that does not keep quite a lot of spoiled white paper is out of step with the times.

A librarian, the keeper of spoiled white paper, must be proficient in magic. He must keep his masses of spoiled paper in a space not more than half as large as he needs—and frequently not more than a quarter as large as he ought to have. He must operate, including adequate acquisition of the massive output of the printing press monster, on a budget far smaller than can possibly suffice. Faced with these requirements, he will inevitably fail unless he is a

first class practitioner of magic.

Secondly, the librarian must be aware during every moment of his life that he is the most unimportant of persons. The lowliest office boy handles current operating documents of the company including the memorandum from one officer to another reminding him of a lost bet on last Saturday's baseball game. The newest file clerk cares for numerous official forms, most of which no one will ever see again. The librarian merely handles printed material which, though it contains all the knowledge and wisdom of the ages, contains no single official company paper. The librarian must always remember that he is less important than the office boy or file clerk, and about on a par with the cleaning woman since both handle papers in which no one else has much interest.

Thirdly, the librarian must be adept in the practice of fraud. He has a vast amount of printed matter which he cannot possibly take the time to read—or ever will have the time to read. But he must pretend that he knows it all. He must appear to be the master of every subject from all editions of today's newspapers to the most recondite abstraction. He must persuade people that he has attributes of knowledge at his command that not all the faculty of the greatest educational institutions possess.

Fourthly, he must obviously have the

¹ Talk given at a luncheon of The Mutual Life Insurance Company in New York, N. Y., November 16, 1948.

utmost competence in doubletalk. Asked about matters of which never in his life has he heard or even dreamed, he must reply with such skill as to persuade the inquirer that he knows exactly what is being discussed, even if the inquirer is really an expert on the subject. He must be able never to seem to stall, or to be at a loss to answer any question.

Fifthly, he must be a truly accomplished liar. He must borrow books, which he does not have, from another library for an officer who, he knows, never relinquishes anything in less than three weeks—and promise faithfully to return the book in two days. He must convincingly tell urgent seekers for a particular volume that it is on inter-company loan on authority of the president when in fact he has allowed his favorite officer to take it to the mountains for vacation.

Now, since we are taught to believe that the deceptions practiced by magicians, frauds and liars are immoral, and since a good librarian must be a master of these practices, we must, perforce, conclude that a librarian must have the requirements of a thoroughly immoral person.

These requirements are, of course, very simple and easily filled. But you may ask why they exist. The answer, I think, is clear.

The role, the real job of the librarian, is to panhandle. The businessman for whom the librarian works has great responsibilities. He must have knowledge at once, or in a very short time, on an endless variety of subjects. Much of what he needs he did not learn at college, and so he must panhandle it from somewhere—and fast—when he needs it. This is the role of the librarian: he must produce it from material he has, or from material he obtains elsewhere. Panhandling is one of the most important features of modern business life, and the librarian is and must be, the super-panhandler of all.

The importance of this role can be seen by a glance at the requirements placed on any modern business executive. Let us look at him in a life insurance company.

He must be up on economics—if only to know when to take his economist seriously. He must know something about politics, to foresee how it will affect life insurance and to have some idea how to act in the next investigation. He must not be short on psychology and psychiatry if he is going to understand the people with whom he has to deal. He must know about mathematics to be able to understand premium rates, mortality rates, dividends, etc., and to be able to try, at least, to defend himself from the actuaries. He must know something about medicine in its relation to mortality; enough about law to keep the company out of trouble; about journalism to secure the right person to write the speeches he is occasionally called upon to make; about education to know how to train his subordinates; about investment to know how to invest the company's money so that he may not lose money for the policyholders; about current events to know their effect upon his business; about history and sociology to give him a background for evaluating current events; about chemistry and physics to know what new technological developments may either affect his company's investments, or be a good field for future investment. He must be prepared to answer endless government questionnaires; must know enough about agriculture to foresee good or bad times; about the international situation to know its effect on trade and therefore business conditions; and about accountancy to read and evaluate financial statements. And last of all, he must know about women, because they are undoubtedly the most important people in the world today.

There is a widely-held belief that women are frail and delicate creatures, with a tendency to fade and decline. No

fiction was ever more fictional, no myth ever more mythical, no fable ever more fabulous. The truth is that men are the frail and delicate beings, and that women are the tough brutes. At any age, the life expectancy of the female is somewhat greater than the male. In addition, they own 70% of the wealth, control 80 to 85% of the buying power, are beneficiaries of 80% of our life insurance policies, and hold more than 40% of the title to the country's homes.

In order to keep abreast of all this information, an executive must be educated continuously, so that he may retain a sense of objectivity and avoid predilections. All this is possible only by panhandling and librarians are elected to do the job. There is no more important role, and librarians are playing it superbly.

But superb and magnificent as that job is, it can be improved. This is a professional, not an individual, problem and for it I have three suggestions.

Firstly, librarians should show more selectivity. For example, instead of giving an executive all election polls last November, only the right one should have been given him. This was

made by the Dean of the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University and published in its bulletin well in advance of the election. That is the one which should have been circulated in our companies. Make the executive read less—but be sure to make him read what is correct.

Secondly, I dream of some system of summary which will enable the executive to discern what he needs to know in one-tenth of the time it takes him to wade through the tremendous piles of literature he receives. Obviously, this is not a job one librarian or one library can do, but can not something be done by many librarians to remedy this situation?

Thirdly, and finally, synthesis is needed. Add economics, chemistry and journalism together and you get a business decision. Frequently, business decisions are even more complicated. Cannot librarians help more in bringing about that synthesis?

I salute the library profession. It is doing a superb and magnificent job. But I want to challenge each and every librarian to do an even better and more helpful one.

SLA CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

In New York on Friday, March 25, eleven Chapter Presidents and three members of the Chapter Relations Committee met for luncheon at the Café Rouge in the Statler Hotel. It was an enthusiastic group that continued its discussion through luncheon and on to the very moment the Executive Board and Advisory Council meeting was called to order. A meeting of Chapter Presidents and of the Chapter Relations Committee will be held at the Convention in Los Angeles. Watch your Convention programs for announcement of the date.

One of the Chapter Presidents made the suggestion that SPECIAL LIBRARIES carry a Calendar of Events in every issue so that Chapter officers could check when reports are due. With this issue, the first calendar will appear (see page 188). Mrs. Stebbins told us that she had not heard from the Employment Chairman of each Chapter in time for her report on March 25th. Chapter Presi-

dents and Employment Chairmen, please see that an annual report is sent to Headquarters at once.

Several Chapters have asked for suggestions for their surplus funds. Why not contribute to the SLA Student Loan Fund which has set its goal at \$5000 minimum? Chicago made a substantial contribution to this worthy Fund as a memorial to Marion Kappes.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS—Please send copies of your annual report to Mrs. Stebbins and to Mrs. Owens, Chapter Liaison Officer, by May 20.

CHAPTER NOTES

The NEW YORK CHAPTER Spring Institute was a great success with more than 575 registered for the meetings.

The SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION is doing a splendid job of public relations. The Chapter exhibit at the Bay Area Industrial Exposition is an example of its efforts to make SLA activities known to the public.

Mimeographed maps showing various routes to the Esso Research Center were included in the NEW JERSEY CHAPTER *Bulletin*. An excellent suggestion for other Chapters when a meeting is to be held in an unfamiliar location.

KANSAS CITY gives a timely warning: "Those who have not paid dues cannot vote or hold office."

SAN FRANCISCO and ST. LOUIS have handsome new directories, printed by courtesy of two Institutional members, Pan-American World Airways, San Francisco, California, and Western Cartridge Company, East Alton, Ill.

CONNECTICUT VALLEY's meeting on "Personnel Practices" sounds like one which every Chapter could include as part of its program.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION held its first Institute on "Techniques and Application of Report Writing." Another suggestion for programs.

We enjoyed BALTIMORE's *Next to the Last Round Up*. It is interesting and tells us about many members. ILLINOIS' *Informat* carries a good "Personals Column." Why not similar columns in other Chapter bulletins? Names

are always news.

Gertrude Bloomer gives some excellent thoughts on recruiting in the CINCINNATI *Bulletin*.

The INDIANA *Slant* reports that Martha Schaaf, of the Lilly Laboratories Library, received an award of \$113.50 from her employers for suggesting that subscriptions to magazines and business services be for a two or three year period instead of for a single year.

Congratulations to Louise C. Grace of the MICHIGAN Chapter who was top winner in the primaries for a six-year term on the Detroit Board of Education.

Have you read: CLEVELAND's symposium on *Advertising Libraries*?

Haven't you all been enjoying that clever, breezy copy about Convention that comes from the desk of Sherry Taylor, Publicity Chairman? If you need anything to convince yourself, or your boss, that you should go to LOS ANGELES, re-read some of her tempting descriptions. Remember the dates—June 11-18.

ELIZABETH W. OWENS,

Chapter Liaison Officer and Chairman,
Chapter Relations Committee.

SLA GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

Final plans have been completed for the joint Chapter-Group Relations meeting to be held in Los Angeles. This meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the birth and development of Group and Chapter projects, discriminating between those which do and those which do not lead to publication; and of those which do lead to publication, discriminating between those which are published under Group or Chapter auspices and those which are published under Association auspices. Ways in which projects are instigated and developed; pitfalls and difficulties besetting cooperative endeavor; rechecking and editing; and other processes will be considered. The possibility of royalties as a means for obtaining more and better publications will be discussed. The granting of royalties would also offer a solution to Group and Chapter needs for more money. This program should be of interest to every active Chapter and Group member and it is hoped that a large number will attend and present their experiences and problems for discussion.

In considering changes in the SLA Constitution and By-Laws, it has been proposed that Groups be known as Divisions, as it is believed that the term "Division" is more descriptive of our Group organization, and more in line with terminology used by other professional organizations. Present proposals would also set the number of persons neces-

sary to Division formation at 50, and would require the Group to have functioned successfully as a Round Table for one year prior to petition for Division status. Opinions from the Groups on these and related matters are solicited; perhaps some discussion at Group business meetings might be advisable. Any suggestions or comments should be sent to Miss Ruth Savord, Chairman SLA Constitution Revision Committee, Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., 53 East 68th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

The Pharmaceutical Section of the SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY GROUP plans to compile and publish a *Union List of Pharmaceutical Periodicals* in 1949. Gertrude Bloomer, Chairman of the Union List Committee, with the help of Myra Spinning, has sent out instructions for the preparation of holding cards.

The special supplement to the *Library Journal* being prepared by the GEOGRAPHY AND MAP GROUP on *Maps in Libraries* has been postponed until August at the earliest, according to Miss Yonge, Chairman of the Group. The time necessary to make contacts with the various contributors is responsible for the delay.

The March issue of the CLEVELAND CHAPTER *Bulletin* contains a symposium of four articles on Cleveland advertising libraries, which will be of interest to all members of the Association's ADVERTISING GROUP.

The BUSINESS GROUP'S *Bulletin* has been outstanding for its useful and pertinent articles, its notes on recent books, and its very practical how-to-do-it items. A feature on "Current Evaluations of Services" is being compiled for later inclusion in the *Bulletin*.

The appearance of the fourth issue of the NEWSPAPER GROUP *Bulletin* puts it among the old-timers. This bulletin packs a great deal of material into a few pages, all written in a breezy informal manner. Newspaper men's techniques have rubbed off on their librarians, for several articles are invariably headlined on the front page with cont. on p--- notes.

As this is the final column prepared for SPECIAL LIBRARIES by the Group Relations Committee under my chairmanship, I wish to thank the various Group chairmen of the past

two years and the many active Group members for their cooperation. My term as Group Liaison Officer has been a pleasant and interesting one, and I have enjoyed working under the presidencies of Irene Strieby and Rose Vormelker. This year has been marked by growing pains and even a few scars from stumbling while rushing headlong toward new goals. Miss Vormelker's patience and wisdom and her unflagging zeal and constructive leadership have bound up our wounds and pointed the way toward a better and more highly professional SLA. Any small contribution which I have been able to make to the Association has been possible only by her direction and support.

HELEN ROGERS,
Group Liaison Officer and Chairman,
Group Relations Committee.

EVENTS and PUBLICATIONS¹

SOURCES OF BUSINESS INFORMATION is written by Edwin T. Coman, Jr., Director of the Graduate School of Business Library, Stanford University. The purpose of this book is to provide the businessman with the means both of locating elusive statistics or essential bits of information to answer a specific problem, and of gaining a broad picture of the business situation that will enable him to evaluate his own position. Furthermore, an attempt is made to provide him with the key to many storehouses of information—public libraries, special libraries and the reference sources presented in yearbooks and handbooks. The user of this book probably will not become an accomplished research worker, but by thoughtfully observing the suggestions and comments made he should be able to work through his problems in the field of business publications with a minimum of wasted effort and time. (New York 11, N. Y., Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1949. 406pp. \$5.00)

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The 1949 cumulated edition of the *Index of International Civil Aviation Organization Documents* is now available. The *Index* is prepared by the Index Unit of ICAO Library and contains, in abridged form, all the references maintained in the master card index. The abridged bookform index will be maintained as a monthly publication with semi-annual cumulations. Subscription rate for the year 1949 is 75 cents in Canadian currency. The cost of the 1947-48 cumulated edition is \$1.00 in Canadian currency. Subscriptions

should be addressed to: The Secretary General, ICAO, Dominion Square Building, Montreal, Canada. Available on request also is the *Weekly List of ICAO Documents*.

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Encouraged by wide approval among executives of insurance companies and organizations, the Insurance Group of Special Libraries Association will continue general distribution of its special publication, *Insurance Book Reviews*, according to an announcement by Hazel Kirk Levins, Librarian of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, editor.

Designed to provide a short listing of all books, pamphlets and outstanding magazine articles of interest to life, casualty and other kinds of insurance organizations, *Insurance Book Reviews* was formerly circulated only among librarians. Last year it was offered, at a subscription price of \$2 annually, to executives, associations and other interested readers and obtained a wide readership.

The new staff of editors of the publication, all volunteers, includes Miss Levins, editor; Emma C. Turner of Hardware Mutuals, Wisconsin, casualty; C. Helen Henry, of National Fire Protection Association, Boston, fire and marine; the Library of the Federal Security Administration, Washington, social insurance; and Katherine E. Cook, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York, life. Editorial assistants are Elizabeth Ann Thompson of Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company and Marguerite Rummell of Prudential Insurance Co., both of Newark, N. J.

Subscriptions to *Insurance Book Review* should be sent to Miss Levins, care of Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., Box 359, Newark 1, N. J.

¹ Where it is possible the Editor has given prices for publication noted in this section. The omission of a price does not necessarily indicate that the publication is free.

Life stories of 343 persons who figured in the news of 1948 appear in *CURRENT BIOGRAPHY 1948*. Because much of the limelight of 1948 focused on our election, many new United States Senators and Representatives are included. Heads of state and political leaders abroad, among them Robert Schuman of the French Republic and Chaim Weizmann of Israel, and world figures, such as Ralph J. Bunche and Albert Schweitzer, appear in this Yearbook, as do other persons important in the fields of science, art, literature, music, labor and industry, the social sciences, education, and the rest of the thirty-two classifications by profession.

In some instances those whose life stories were in the 1940 or 1941 Yearbook (now out of print), such as Jawaharlal Nehru, Sir Stafford Cripps, Harold Stassen and Arthur Vandenberg, but whose added prominence warrants new sketches, are presented again in *CURRENT BIOGRAPHY 1948*. (New York, N. Y., H. W. Wilson Company, 1949. 763pp.)

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STATE LABOR LEGISLATION, 1937-1947 by Sanford Cohen presents a concise and critical analysis of state labor legislation and state judicial decisions (an hitherto neglected field) during the decade, 1937-1947. This period represents a complete cycle in the attitudes of state legislatures toward labor unions. The object of this book is to summarize recent trends in state labor law, to point out the geographic similarities and differences, to show the similarities to and contrasts with Federal labor legislation and to analyze the current directions of labor legislation and their implications for employers, employes and the public at large. The book closes with a penetrating discussion of the philosophy and economic significance of labor legislation in recent years and suggests fundamental criteria for evaluating the developing labor law. (Columbus 10, Ohio, Bureau of Business Research, Ohio State University, 1949. 150pp. \$2.50)

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LABOR IN AMERICA by Foster Rhea Dulles tells the full story of the growth of the organized labor movement in the United States from its colonial backgrounds through passage of the Taft-Hartley Act. It is written with an historical objectivity that gives full recognition to labor's aims and aspirations without ignoring its responsibility in helping to maintain national economic and political stability. The author, who is Professor of American History at Ohio State University at Columbus, has no association with either organized labor or industrial management. On the theory that present-day problems of industrial relations can be understood only against the background of the past, his interpretation of labor's his-

torical role in American democratic society is written for union members and representatives of industry, students of the labor movement and the general public. (New York, N. Y., Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 1949. 402pp. \$4.50)

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The April 1949 issue of the *Bulletin* of the Medical Library Association contains the following articles: "Army Medical Library Research Project at the Welch Medical Library" by S. V. Larkey; "Classification for the Army Medical Library" by Major F. B. Rogers; "Japanese Medical Literature" by J. Grossbeck; "Transliteration; a Game for the Library Sleuth" by E. P. Shaw; "New York University College of Dentistry Library" by H. Hlavac; "Introduction to Medical Terminology II. Terms Drawn from Modern Languages" by G. L. Banay; "Personality of Library Service" by F. R. St. John; and "Anthologies as a Means of Building a Collection of Medical Classics for Small Medical Libraries" by E. Harrington.

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The Scientific Section of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association now has available bound volumes of the circulars issued by them during 1948. This volume includes, besides the circulars, abstract reviews 131-141 and supplements 9-17 to the U. S. Government paint specifications. Some back issues are still available. The cost is \$16.00 postpaid to non-members of the Paint Association. Address all orders and inquiries to National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, Scientific Section, 1500 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

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WHO'S WHO IN INDUSTRIAL MEDICINE is a biographical dictionary of the notable physicians and surgeons, hygienists and dentists in industrial medical practice and related activities. Here will be found complete and accurate biographical and career data, the industrial affiliations and the contributions to their field of the notable and important physicians, surgeons, hygienists and dentists, who are engaged full time, part time or as consultants, in all the various kinds of medical, surgical and hygiene work which industrial medicine requires of the professions. (Chicago 11, Ill., Industrial Medicine Publishing Co., 1948. 422p. \$10)

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A CLUE TO THE RESOURCES AND SERVICES OF BROOKLYN COLLEGE LIBRARY, edited by Rose Zakarin Sellers and illustrated by Saul Lambert, depicts in a clever manner the plan of the library, its history and resources, and its various services. Copies of this handbook, which was prepared for students, are available upon request from Mrs. Sellers, Chief Special

Services Librarian, Brooklyn College, Bedford Avenue and Avenue H, Brooklyn 10, New York.

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PREFACE TO LIBRARY SCIENCE by S. R. Ranganathan is a series of lectures given to the first class in librarianship ever held at the University of Delhi—in fact, ever held anywhere in India. It attempts to map the field and point out both the goals and the methods of attaining these goals. Because the author is both a philosopher and a practising librarian, the lectures contain a mixture of practicality and high spiritualism not common in such efforts.

The questions discussed in this book are, "What is library science?" "Is there a science of librarianship?" "The laws of library science" and "The scope for pursuit of library science." Throughout the work, Dr. Ranganathan holds that there is a science of librarianship, that it is vital to the welfare of the new nation, which the patriot Indian author hails again and again, and that the pursuit of it will bring creative joy to librarians.

Five laws of library science are enunciated here: "Books are for use. Every reader his book. Every book its reader. Save the time of the reader. The library is a growing organization." It is, of course, with the first and fourth laws that the special libraries of the west and the Special Libraries Association are particularly praised. A plan to provide library coverage for all of India, envisaging more than 35,000 libraries, exclusive of elementary school ones, and including about 2000 special libraries, follows from these laws. In a country like India, where 85% of the population is illiterate, the scheme proposed is indeed a bold one.

Those American librarians who are accustomed to read only practical works in their field might well profit by perusing this work, and glimpsing the whole forest, of which their practical works are only the trees.

ESTELLE BRODMAN.

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Bibliographies:

CHECKLIST OF CURRENT SERIALS IN SOCIAL WELFARE LIBRARY. Bibliography No. 1.

Compiled by M. M. Otto. (New York, Russell Sage Foundation, 1948) 18p. 20¢

CONVENTIONS: HOW TO ORGANIZE AND RUN THEM. Compiled by Business Information Bureau, Cleveland Public Library. (In *Business Information Sources*, June 1948) 2p. 10¢

ELECTRIC RESISTANCE WELDING BIBLIOGRAPHY. Compiled by Harold S. Card. (Cleveland, Ohio, Harold S. Card, 850 Euclid Ave.) 22p. \$2.00

HOW TO DO BUSINESS UNDER THE MARSHALL PLAN. Compiled by the Business Information Bureau, Cleveland Public Library, 325 Superior Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio. (In *Business Information Sources*, December 1948) 2p. 10¢

SOCIAL INSURANCE, PENSION AND PROFIT-SHARING PLANS. Compiled by the Business Information Bureau, Cleveland Public Library, 325 Superior Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio. (In *Business Information Sources*, March 1949) 2p. 10¢

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Annual Reports Due May 20

Send copies to your Chapter President, to SLA Headquarters; and to your National Chairman, e.g. Group Chairman reports to Miss Helen Rogers, Group Liaison Officer; Chapter Presidents reports to Mrs. Elizabeth W. Owens, Chapter Liaison Officer; Membership reports to Mrs. Hazel Izzo; and all reports to Mrs. Kathleen B. Stebbins. June 11-18. Convention, Los Angeles.

ELIZABETH W. OWENS
Chapter Liaison Officer and
Chairman, Chapter Relations
Committee.

Announcements

USBE Issues Newsletter

February marked the first issue of a Newsletter which will go each month to the libraries participating in USBE, as well as to any other institutions or individuals who are interested. Its purpose will be to disseminate general information about the activities of USBE in its two fields of international exchange of publications and educational rehabilitation through the shipment of printed matter to war-devastated or backward areas.

The mailing list for this first issue included many non-participating institutions and other agencies and individuals. It is possible to keep on the list only those who signify their interest in receiving it; therefore, please notify the Book Exchange if you wish to receive the Newsletter. Suggestions of any others who might wish to receive the publication regularly will be appreciated.

The Newsletter will announce the improvements which will be possible from time to time in exchange service. It will give general news in the field of exchange, as well as specific offers and information which are outside of its

regular exchange program. Rehabilitation news, both of needs and of achievements, will be noted. Occasional publications will be enclosed; the first issue, for instance, included in separate form, for easy reference, a set of rules for participants, as well as a leaflet prepared for general reference. The latter is available in quantity for distribution. Address: U.S.B.E., Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C.

Chicago Undergraduate Library of the University of Illinois Receives Architectural Collection

The Chicago Undergraduate Library of the University of Illinois, David K. Maxfield, Librarian, has just received a gift of three tons of architectural books and portfolios. Formerly comprising part of the special library of the prominent Chicago architectural firm of Holabird & Root, the collection was recently appraised at approximately \$10,000. It will be used as a nucleus for the special departmental reading room for art and architecture which the Chicago Undergraduate Library is planning to put into operation next fall.

Additions to the S.T. Bibliography Pool

Mr. Ralph H. Hopp, Technical Librarian, Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus 1, Ohio, announces the addition of the following bibliographies to the Science-Technology Bibliography Pool:

- Audiometry, 1871-1946.
- Beryllium copper alloys, 1938-1948.
- Blood substitutes, 1942-1948.
- Books on glass and related topics, 1697-1947.
- Chemical assay of aspirin, phenacetin and caffeine combinations, 1938-1948.
- Chemical assay of d, l, desoxyephedrine, 1938-1948.
- Determination of benzyl alcohol and benzocaine, 1922-1947.
- Natural occurrence of mannitol and sorbitol, 1806-1938.
- Pepsin, manufacture and uses, 1907-1949.
- Thiophene (thiofuran), 1926-1947.
- Toxicity of cholesterol, 1938-1947.
- Toxicity of nicotinamide, 1938-1947.
- Zoology; A source list up to 1948.

These bibliographies are available for loan for two weeks (formerly one month, but due to the tremendous demand resulting from their widespread publicity, the loan period has been shortened). A charge of 15 cents is made for the loan of each bibliography. Requests and contributions of bibliographies to the Pool should be made to Mr. Hopp.

Proposed Change in By-Law VII, Section 5:

At the meeting of the Executive Board on March 27, 1949, it was voted that the Execu-

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tive Board recommends revising By-Law VII, Section 5, *Dues in Arrears*, to read: "The membership of any person, firm or organization whose dues shall be three months in arrears, and who shall continue such delinquency for one month after notification of the same, shall automatically cease." This revision of the period of grace for delinquent members from six months to three, plus one month's notification, will be voted upon at the annual business meeting of Special Libraries Association on June 17, 1949, in Los Angeles, Calif.

Eileen R. Cunningham Honored by Medical Library Association

Mrs. Eileen R. Cunningham, Librarian of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, was chosen as the first recipient of the Medical Library Association's Marcia C. Noyes Award, at the forty-eighth annual meeting held at Galveston, Texas, on April 11, 1949.

This award, a handsome sterling silver tray suitably inscribed, named after one of the Medical Library Association's charter members and its first woman president, was conferred upon Mrs. Cunningham in recognition of her outstanding achievements in medical librarianship. A past president of the Medical Library Association (1947-1948), Mrs. Cunningham is the author of *Classification for Medical Literature*, now in its third edition, as well as numerous papers pertaining to medical librarianship, medical bibliography and medical history. Her many offices, besides the 1947-1948 Presidency, include: Delegate to the Council of National Library Associations (1948); Delegate on the American Committee on Arrangements of the International Library Congress (1950); Chairman, Committee on International and National Co-operation, Medical Library Association; Chairman, Committee on a Co-ordinated Abstracting Service for Clinical Medicine, Medical Library Association; Chairman, International Federation of Library Association's Committee on Cost and Production of Books and Periodicals; Vice-Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee on Medical and Biological Abstracting of the Natural Sciences Section of UNESCO; and a member of the UNESCO Expert Committee on Scientific Abstracting.

New York Library Association to Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the New York Library Association will be held May 20-22, 1949, at the Hotel Onandoga, Syracuse, New York. Mrs. Kathleen B. Stebbins, Executive Secretary of SLA, has been invited to participate in a panel discussion on the morning of May 22, on "What difference does a library make in a community? in a school? in a

business?" Mrs. Stebbins will speak on the business library.

Margaret Reynolds Retires

Margaret Reynolds, former president of SLA for the term, 1930-31, retired from her position as Librarian of the First Wisconsin National Bank, Milwaukee, as of April 30, 1949, after thirty-one years of service in the library which she organized in 1918. Miss Reynolds is now vacationing on Captiva Island, Florida, but plans to return to her home in Milwaukee sometime in the early summer.

Calling All Members

If you have not already made arrangements to join the special SLA national tour Convention bound, please do so at once. Mrs. Ioan Beckham, Passenger Agent, New York Central System, 466 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., will give you prices to and from your point of departure, and will make your reservation. Only by participation of all members, will this tour be a success, both professionally and financially. SLA needs you—sign up today!

Columbia University to Offer Course in Medical Library Literature and Administration

The School of Library Service of Columbia University will offer a course in Medical Library Literature and Administration for the coming Summer Session, July 5 to August 12, 1949, and for the Spring Semester of the academic year 1949-1950, beginning about February 1, 1950. For matriculated students the course carries three hours of credit, but it is not necessary to register for a degree in order to take the course. Tuition is \$20 a point (credit hour), with a registration fee of \$5 in the Spring Semester and \$7 in the Summer Semester.

Further information can be obtained from Dr. Lowell Martin, Associate Dean, School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York 27, N. Y., or from Miss Estelle Brodman, School of Library Service, Columbia University. Early registration is advised.

Scholarships for Medical Library Students

The Medical Library Association is sponsoring two scholarships of \$150 each for students taking the medical library course at the Columbia University School of Library Service during the summer quarter of 1949. Funds for this purpose have come from a gift made by the Lilly Research Laboratories.

Preference will be given to students giving evidence of an intention to stay in medical library work and who seem to have possibilities of making a real contribution to it

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