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The Special Libraries Association completed its first year at the meeting in connection with the A. L. A. at Mackinac, June 30 to July 6, 1910. The year has been one of steady progress for the association and marked increase in the interest in special libraries.

Thus far the work of the association has been largely in developing the field of special libraries, discovering the various kinds of libraries and their activities, and in formulating by experiment, sound plans of co-operation. Many special libraries have heretofore been too little known when the significance of their work is considered. There is a decided stimulus to similar activities when the usefulness of such libraries is appreciated. The association will continue to bring such libraries out for public inspection and possibly emulation by other organizations.

In co-operation the policy will be followed of doing only those things which are not already being done by other agencies. The various committees representing the dif-

ferent kinds of libraries will plan co-operative schemes and so far as possible Special Libraries will be used in carrying them out until some other publication shall see fit to take them over. The aim is to do nothing which shall duplicate other publications. Duplication cannot, of course, be entirely prevented, but it can be reduced to the minimum.

Special library co-operation differs from that of the general libraries because it deals more vitally with material than with method. The general library has already developed its leading reference agencies; the special libraries have theirs largely to develop. It is the question which cannot be answered by the general library which finally finds its way up to test the resources of the special library. Each class of special libraries will need special aids. The association has appointed committees to develop plans for a trades index and for a public affairs and newspaper index. These will be of great value to all libraries, general as well as special.

During the coming year, two meetings will be held. The first will be held in Boston at a date in November to be announced and the second in Chicago during library week, early in January.

The association at the Mackinac meeting formally asked for affiliation with the A. L. A. This step was taken in the belief that the co-operative purposes of the association could best be furthered by a separate, though affiliated organization.

The editor of Special Libraries wishes to express the earnest hope that this publication be made truly co-operative by helpful suggestion and aid from every member of the association or subscriber. Only in that way can the association secure the ends for which it was organized.

DIGEST OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION MEETINGS AT MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN, 1910.*

Guy E. Marion, Secretary.

The second annual meeting of the Special Libraries Association was called to order by the president, John Cotton Dana, in the Casino of the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Michigan, at 9:30 a. m. July 1, 1910, with an audience present of between 100 and 150 persons, many of them members

* A synopsis of the papers presented was printed in Special Libraries, June 1910

of the association. After a few general remarks he introduced Mr. N. D. C. Hodges, president of the American Library Association, who spoke very felicitously of his earlier connections with a special library, trying to justify his presence at such a meeting as that of the Special Libraries Association. He then spoke a few well chosen words of welcome to those in attendance.

Mr. Dana then proceeded with the business of the association. Mr. Ranck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Whitten, of New York City, to the effect that the president should be authorized to draft a letter to the council of the A. L. A., asking for a definite statement of the relations to exist in the event that this association should become a section of the A. L. A., or if it should become an affiliated organization. This motion was readily carried and the morning's program opened with an interesting talk by G. W. Lee, of the Stone & Webster Library, of Boston, upon "Library Bulletins, Publicity and Methods of Keeping a Special Clientage Informed Concerning Current Literature of Interest." Mr. Lee fully illustrated his paper with many exhibits showing not only methods in general use, but those found most valuable in his own special library. Mr. Lee's talk was followed by a general discussion with special reference to the needs and methods of particular libraries, started by W. F. Stevens, of Homestead, Pa., who read an interesting paper drawn out of his own experience as a technology librarian. The secretary, Guy E. Marion, of Arthur D. Little, Inc., Boston, then presented a paper entitled "The Library as an Adjunct to Industrial Laboratories." This paper was followed with a talk by Robert H. Whitten, of the Public Service Commission, New York City, bearing especially upon conditions as existant in his library, and describing particularly the recently adopted methods of keeping his office staff advised of new library developments. Owing to the illness of Mr. D. N. Handy, of the Insurance Library Association of Boston, his paper was omitted and the meeting thrown open to the floor. The president then related some of his own special library experiences and told of the arising of the present movement which has culminated in the forming of this association. Mr. Bruncken, of Washington, then offered suggestive ideas and Mr. Wright, late of St. Joseph, Mo., recounted in an interesting way the new developments in his public library along specializing lines. Mr. Legler, of the Chicago Public Library, took up the active defense of public libraries, pleading for the maintenance of their past traditions, while still giving attention to the newer order of things, which Mr. Dana had previously urged. Miss Parsons, of Joliet, Ill., was soon upon her feet in de-

fense of the particular problems as found in the special libraries themselves, pointing out their lack of similarity to those of the public libraries. At this point Mr. Ranck took the floor and still others followed until the president with difficulty brought it to a close amid enthusiasm at shortly after 12 o'clock.

The following evening in the hotel parlor the second session was called to order at 8.30 o'clock. Mr. Purd B. Wright, in the absence of Joseph L. Wheeler, of Washington, D. C., presented the work of the evening by reading the plan previously outlined by Mr. Wheeler for a Trades Index. Mr. C. W. Andrews, of the John Crerar Library, continued the discussion in a very interesting fashion. He began by saying that he wished to accept the ideas thus far advanced only as a beginning and in no way covering the whole topic. He pointed out the value of including in the index such topics as watch making, jewelry, blacksmithing, gun making, leather manufacture, carriage making, mill wrighting, boot and shoe manufacture, foundry work, tailoring, baking, flour milling, etc. He called special attention to the necessity of having such work very well edited by one individual, and suggested the use of the Readers' Guide as a sample for the form of the work. He discussed the matter of suggestive headings at some length, with its bearing upon editorial work, and also the value of accumulating this work periodically. Much of his discussion bore also upon the Newspaper Index, which was later discussed. John A. Lapp, of Indianapolis, took up the matter of the Public Affairs Index, presenting in a very definite fashion the points necessary to make this the success which he felt it ought to be. Mr. Ranck followed him in the discussion and then Mr. Meyer, of Washington, touched upon methods in use in some of the Library of Congress work. The following gentlemen also took part in the discussion: Mr. Bruncken, Mr. Wilson, of H. W. Wilson & Co., Minneapolis, who gave a very illuminating talk based upon the work of the Wilson company along a similar line; Mr. Paxon, editor of the Bulletin of Bibliography; Mr. Schenck, who spoke upon the difficulties which had presented themselves in the law reference work; Mr. Marion and Mr. Hanson, of the Library of Congress. The entire meeting was devoted to the Trades Index and Public Affairs Index, also the Newspaper Index, and brought many useful ideas. The meeting adjourned about 10:45 p. m.

The third and last meeting was called to order in the sun parlor at 2.15 p. m. on July 4. This meeting was the business session and much of the work was, therefore, of a routine nature and does not need to be reported here. A few interesting facts may be noted. The report of the secretary showed that over one hundred memberships

had been already taken in the association, and also that the outlook was very encouraging for the future. The treasurer's financial statement was most gratifying in the light of one year's experience. The various committees reported for the year's work, and under new business a committee of three was appointed to confer with the N. A. S. L. with regard to the publication of a municipal year book, and a committee of five was appointed to further the work in regard to the Public Affairs Index and the Newspaper Index.

TECHNOLOGY NOTES AND REFERENCES.

Joseph L. Wheeler, Public Library, District of Columbia, Chairman of Technology Libraries Committee.

Artisans' Trades Index.

The work on the Artisans' Trades Index will be begun in January, 1911, and the magazines for 1911 will be indexed without going over the material published in 1910. As it is so late in the year and a definite plan of publishing the index has not yet been formulated it would hardly seem feasible to go back over the early months of 1910. The index of building material in a few July, August and September magazines will show the form of entry, choice of subject headings and the selection of material from the magazines. A glance at this simple piece of indexing will immediately show how much value it will have in any public library and in offices and factories where work of this nature is carried on.

It is quite evident that the expense of publishing a trades index will not be met by the returns from the copies sold. Not over fifty libraries will wish to subscribe. Possibly fifty technical high schools, trade schools and colleges could use it, and an unknown number of manufacturers and business establishments would find it valuable. Between now and January an attempt will be made to interest manufacturers in the project through the technology magazines themselves.

Building Index, July-September, 1910.

Under this very broad heading the American Carpenter and Builder, Building Age, and National Builder, for July, August and September are indexed in the same manner in which it is proposed to compile an Artisans' Trades Index for 1911. Suggestions and criticisms are requested, in order that as many details may be decided on as possible before December.

Arches.

Designs of arches. (brick.) ½p. il. NB. July, '10.

Entrance arch for Templar conclave. (wood.) 2p. il. AC&B. Sept., '10.

Intersection of arches. (brick.) ¼p. BA. Sept., '10.

Architectural Drawing.

Builders' course in architectural drawing:
1. Tools and materials 1½p. il. NB. Aug., '10.

Lessons in architectural drawing for beginners A. Auslander:

6. Wall framing. 2-3p. il. BA. July, '10.

7. Roof framing. 2-3p. il. BA. Aug., '10.

8. Exterior finish of a frame house. 2-3p. il. BA. Sept., '10.

Scales used in architectural drawing. 1p. il. BA. July, '10.

Barn Framing.

How to proportion a gambrel roof. 1-3p. il. AC&B. July, '10.

Self-supporting gambrel roof ¼p. il. AC&B. July, '10.

Barns.

A plank frame barn in Ohio. (42x100, Shawver.) 1p. il. BA. Sept., '10.

Bedrooms.

Interior finish with built-in wardrobe and cases. Details 1½p. il. AC&B. July, '10.

Beds.

Disappearing beds for economy of space. 5p. il. AC&B. Sept., '10.

Bits.

Sharpening an augur bit. ½p. il. NB. Aug., '10.

Blackboards.

Blackboards of concrete ¼p. BA. July, '10.

Boring (Wood).

Power boring machine for framing. ½p. il. AC&B. Sept., '10.

Building.

Suggestions for building a modern dwelling. W. A. Arthur

Cement blocks, plers. 1p. BA. July, '10.

Excavation and foundations. 2p. BA. Aug., '10.

Weights, wood foundations, basement floors, cellars. 2p. BA. Sept., '10.

Building Inspection.

Symptoms of an unsafe building 1-3p. NB. Aug., '10.

Building Superintendence.

The building superintendent. 1p. NB. Aug., '10.

Carpenter Shops (See Work Shops).

Carpentry.

Honesty in carpentry work ¼p. NB. July, '10.

The jobbing carpenter and some of his work E. H. Crussell.

16 Drawing board, trestle and T square. 1½p. il. BA. July, '10.

17 Laying out work and following plans 2½p. il. BA. Aug., '10.

Ceilings.

Stamped metal for beam ceilings 1-3p. il. AC&B. Sept., '10.

Steel ceiling and siding 1-3p. NB. July, '10.

Chairs.

How to make a Dutch chair. 1p. il.
AC&B. July, '10.

Chimneys.

Placing a concrete jacket on a cracked chimney. 1p. BA. July, '10.

See also Fireplaces.

Coal Pockets.

Building coal bins without a floor. ¼p.
AC&B. July, '10

Columns.

To square a tapered column. ¼p. il.
NB July, '10. ¼p il NB Aug, '10

Concrete.

Concrete notes (mixing and depositing).
½p. NB. Aug, '10.

See also Forms.

Derricks.

An improvised iron or stone setter's derrick. ½p. il. BA. Aug., '10.

A novel boom-seat for hoisting derrick.
½p. il. BA. Sept., '10.

Raising large derricks in building construction. 1p. il. BA. July, '10.

Desks.

How to make a writing desk. 1½p. il
AC&B July, '10.

Drawing (See also Architectural Drawing).**Eaves.**

Interesting problem in eaves trimming.
½p. il. BA. Aug, '10

Estimating (Building).

Excavators', bricklayers' and masons' quantities and memoranda. 1p. NB July, '10.

1. Uncertainty of estimating. 3p.
AC&B, July, '10.

2. Costs that should be figured. 3p.
AC&B. Aug., '10.

Excavating.

Excavators', bricklayers' and masons' quantities and memoranda. 1p. NB. July, '10.

Fireplaces.

Open fireplaces and house chimneys 2p.
il. BA. July, '10. 2p il. BA Aug., '10. 1½p. il. BA. Sept, '10.

Fireproofing.

A fireproof house. ½p. il. NB July, '10. 1¼p. il. NB Aug, '10.

Floors.

Oak flooring Grades and sizes 2½p. il.
AC&B Aug., '10.

Flour Bins.

A handy flour bin 1-3p il. AC&B Sept, '10.

Forms (Concrete).

Form work for concrete construction. 3p il. BA. Aug., '10.

Notes on plain and reinforced concrete construction 2p. il. BA July, '10.

Sectional steel molds in concrete construction. 1p. il BA Aug, '10.

Framing.

Door and window framing for "Stucco" houses. 1p. of details. AC&B Aug., '10

Joins in heavy timber framing.

4 Proper splicing, fishing, scarfing, etc.
2p il AC&B. Aug., '10

See also names of buildings, and parts to be framed.

Gates.

Details of a "pergola" garden gateway.
1½p. il. AC&B Sept., '10

Gum Wood, Red.

Red gum, the new wood 3p. il. AC&B Sept, '10.

Heating.

Stoves vs. modern heating. 3p. AC&B Sept., '10

Joins (Brickwork).

Joins and pointings 2-3p. il. NB. Aug, '10.

Knots and Hitches.

Knots, bends and hitches used in building 3p il. AC&B. July, '10.

Lettering.

A good system of lettering for plans. ¾p. il. NB July, '10.

Lettering drawings for builders. 11-3p. NB. Aug, '10.

Levels.

Truing up a level or plumb rule ½p. BA. July, '10

Logging.

From logs to lumber. 5p. il AC&B. Aug., '10.

Lumber Sheds.

Lumber storage shed constructed of waste material. 1¾p. il. BA. July, '10.

Magazine Stands.

How to make a magazine stand (Mission style, with cupboard). 1¼p. il. AC&B. Sept., '10.

Mills.

Improvement in mill construction. ¾p. NB Aug, '10.

Mitering.

Clamp for mitering. ¼p. il. AC&B Aug., '10.

How to miter the bed mold. ¼p. il AC&B July, '10.

Molds (Concrete) (See Forms. Concrete).**Music Racks.**

Plans. ½p. il. AC&B. Aug., '10

Painting.

Painting old walls and woodwork. (Oil vs water paint.) ¼p. AC&B Sept, '10.

Painting (Interior).

Glaze color paints for walls and ceilings. 2p il. AC&B. Aug, '10

Pine, Yellow.

Yellow pine for interior finish. 4p. il. AC&B. July, '10

Planing.

Science and art of hand planing 1½p. AC&B July, '10.

Plank Framing (See Barns).**Plans (See also Architectural Drawing).**

- Plastering.**
External plastering. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. NB. July, '10.
Internal work. 1p. NB. Aug., '10.
- Plate Racks.**
A hanging plate rack. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. il. NB. July, '10.
- Plumbing Specifications.**
Incompleteness of details. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p. AC&B. July, '10.
- Pointing.**
Joints and pointings. 2-3p. il. NB. Aug., '10.
- Porches.**
Details of porch with plastered columns and exposed rafters. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p. il. AC&B. Sept., '10.
Porch details; colonial porch. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p. il. AC&B. July, '10.
- Rafters (See Roof Framing).**
- Roof Design.**
Intersection of gambrel and half-pitch roofs. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. il. AC&B. Sept., '10.
Roof planning. $\frac{3}{4}$ p. il. NB. July, '10
- Roof Framing.**
Lessons in architectural drawing for beginners.
7. Roof framing 2-2-3p. il. BA. Aug., '10.
Problems solved.
7. Finding lengths and cuts of rafters for any shaped corner. 2p. il. AC&B. July, '10.
8. Finding angles in degrees by steel square. 2p. il. AC&B. Aug., '10.
9. Use of imaginary cube for finding cuts. 2p. il. AC&B. Sept., '10.
A question in rafters. (Discussion of length and run of common and hip rafters) 1p. BA. July, '10. 2-3p. BA. July, '10. 1p. BA. Aug., '10. 3p. BA. Sept., '10.
To frame a broken hip roof. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. il. AC&B. July, '10
To frame uneven pitches. $\frac{3}{4}$ p. il. AC&B. July, '10.
See also Trusses.
- Roof Trusses.**
How to find stress by simple graphic methods. 4p. il. AC&B. Sept., '10.
Loads on wooden trusses; proportion borne by each member. 2p. il. AC&B. July, '10.
- Roofing.**
Economy and practical advantages of tin roofing 2p. il. AC&B. July, '10
Gravel roofing, specifications and directions. 2p. AC&B. Aug., '10.
Lead roofs in England $\frac{3}{4}$ p. il. NB. July, '10. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p. il. NB. Aug., '10
Metal shingles. 1p. AC&B. Sept., '10
Rules for the measurement of slate and tile roofing. 2-3p. BA. July, '10
- Safety in Buildings.**
Symptoms of an unsafe building. 1-3p. NB. Aug., '10.
- Sandpapering.**
A sandpaper plane. $\frac{1}{4}$ p. il. NB. July, '10.
- Sash (See Windows).**
- Scaffolds.**
Portable scaffolds in England for steel frame buildings. 3p. il. BA. Sept., '10.
- Screens.**
How to stretch screen wire. $\frac{1}{4}$ p. il. AC&B. July, '10.
- Seats.**
A corner or window seat. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. il. BA. Sept., '10.
- Septic Tank.**
Construction of a septic tank 1p. il. BA. Sept., '10
- Sideboards.**
Scale details for "built-in" buffet. 2p. of details. AC&B. Aug., '10.
- Skylights.**
Vertical versus inclined sawtooth sash 1p. il. BA. Sept., '10.
- Stairs.**
Laying out panel soffits for a geometrical stairway. 3p. il. BA. July, '10.
Questions on stair-building answered. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. AC&B. Sept., '10.
- Stairs.**
Some comments on the construction of outside stairs $1\frac{1}{2}$ p. il. BA. Aug., '10.
Stair-building details. $\frac{3}{4}$ p. il. NB. Aug., '10.
- Steel Square (See also Framing).**
- Stucco.**
Stucco work in building construction. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p. BA. Aug., '10.
Variations in stucco work $\frac{1}{2}$ p. NB. July, '10 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. NB. Aug., '10.
See also Plastering
- Superintendence (See Building Superintendence).**
- Swings.**
Directions and plans for porch swing. 1p. il. AC&B. Aug., '10.
- Tabourets.**
Directions and plans 1p. il. AC&B. Aug., '10.
- Tanks.**
Concrete tank for crude oil. $\frac{1}{4}$ p. AC&B. July, '10.
Constructing and waterproofing a reinforced concrete water tank. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. BA. Sept., '10.
- Terrazzo.**
All about terrazzo. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. AC&B. July, '10.
- Timber.**
Carrying lengths of timber. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p. il. BA. Sept., '10
Taking hewn timber out of wind. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. BA. Sept., '10
- Trusses.**
Construction of trussed beams. 1p. il. NB. July, '10
Roof trusses for a garage. $1\frac{1}{2}$ p. il. BA. Aug., '10.
Truss for concrete block barn. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. il. BA. Sept., '10.
See also Roof Trusses

Wall Framing.

Lessons in architectural drawing for beginners.
6. Wall framing. 2-3p. Il. BA.
July, '10.

Walls.

Importance of party walls; construction and legal points. 1½p. Il. AC&B.
Aug., '10.

Windows.

A circle top sash ¼p. NB. Aug., '10.
See also Skylights.

Woodworking, Machine.

Why machine woodworkers get hurt.
2½p. AC&B. Aug., '10.
See also Planing, Machine.

Work Shops.

Equipment and power for the carpenter shop. 1½p. AC&B. Sept., '10.
A small carpenter shop. ¾p. Il. BA.
July, '10.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, NOTES AND REFERENCES.

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The references given by the committee on legislative and municipal reference departments seek to supplement existing bibliographies by making a selected list of material of use to such departments which would not ordinarily be discovered by most of the librarians, and to lessen duplication of effort by references to unpublished investigations made by any department. Obviously to make this work most effective, all such departments should co-operate to the extent at least of sending to the chairman of the committee, references to important special features of any state or local documents and unpublished material completed in their own libraries or which may be known to them.

The chairman of the committee will examine the court reports and give the leading constitutional decisions of general interest. He will also examine and index any special features in the English parliamentary papers and the U. S. documents which may be deemed of significant value. It is urgently requested that other librarians and directors of departments examine carefully their state and local, general and special reports, with the view of reporting any significant features. Reports of city and state officials, boards of trade, and commercial bodies, reform organizations and special interests which publish material will yield much material of great value.

It is hoped also that departments will indicate any special studies which they are undertaking or bibliographies which they are preparing and thus help to lessen the duplication of work. In a true system of co-operation each department, knowing

what other departments are doing, can aid and be aided greatly. Work done by one department could be secured by other departments merely for the cost of copying. This presupposes, of course, that all departments are unselfish in their zeal to promote the common interests.

References and notes should be sent to the chairman by the first of each month except July and August. All references not used in Special Libraries will be mimeographed and sent to the contributing members. These references should indicate briefly the scope of the article or report, the place where obtainable and the price, if any, the number of pages and the date of preparation or publication.

Bibliography—Philanthropy. The library of the New York School of Philanthropy, Mrs. Helen Page Bates, librarian, issues frequent one-page mimeographed lists of material on social and civic questions, including books, pamphlets, reports, articles, etc.

Bibliography—Public Utilities. The library of the Public Service Commission, New York City, issues one-page bibliographies once or twice a week, giving references to public utility material, mostly from the technical journals, dealing with public utilities. Mimeograph. Stone & Webster, Boston, also issue special lists of material on classified subjects relating to public utilities especially from the side of construction.

Bread—Size of Loaf. Ordinance of Chicago fixing weight of a loaf of bread, upheld in City of Chicago vs. Schmidinger on rehearing before Ill. Sup. Ct., June 29, 1910, 92 N. E. 244.

Bulk Sales. Michigan law (Pub. Acts 1905, No. 223) upheld by the United States Supreme Court in Kidd Dater & Price Co. vs. Musselman Grocery Co., 30 S. C. Rep. 606.

Child Labor. Report of special committee on a uniform child labor law. The best provisions of the laws of Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio and Wisconsin have been included. Amasa Eaton, secretary, Providence, R. I.

Conservation. Addresses at the Minn. Conservation and Agricultural Development Congress, held Mar. 16-19, 1910. Discusses many phases of conservation. Published by Minnesota State Board of Immigration, 1910. 246 pages.

Criminology. The Journal of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology began publication May, 1910, Chicago, 87 East Lake street. Bimonthly. \$3. This publication has much of interest to librarians. Besides special articles there are the following, relating to criminology: Notes on current and recent events; judicial decisions and statutes; book reviews and index to periodical literature. The July

number contains also a list of United States government publications on criminology.

Discriminations—Petroleum. A law of Minnesota (1907, ch. 269) prohibiting discriminations in price of petroleum and products thereof between places to destroy competition was upheld by the Minnesota Supreme Court in *State vs. Standard Oil Co.*, 126 N. W. 527.

Employers' Liability—Railroads. In conformity with the weight of opinion of the courts in many states and of the United States, the employers' liability law of Nebraska, which affects employers of railroads engaged in operation of cars or trains, or in construction and repair work, was upheld by the Supreme Court of Nebraska, June, 1910, in *Swoboda vs. Union Pac. R. Co.*, 127 N. W. 215.

Employers' Liability. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the Eighth district declared the South Dakota employers' liability law of 1907 (ch. 219) void. In *Chi. M. & St. P. Ry. Co. vs. Westby*, April 12, 1910, on the ground that it included all employers of common carriers, whether engaged in the specially hazardous employments of such carrier or whether the business of the carrier is hazardous, thereby denying the equal protection of the laws to common carriers. 178 Fed. Rep. 619.

Hotels—Regulation. An act was passed in Iowa, 1909 (Acts Thirty-third General Assembly, ch. 168), regulating hotels having more than ten rooms, and providing for inspection as to fire escapes and sanitary provisions. This was upheld June 10, 1910, by the Supreme Court in *Hubbell vs. Higgins*, 126 N. W. 914.

Immigration. The immigration commission has submitted several special reports, among them being the white slave traffic, the immigration situation in Canada, and changes in bodily forms of descendants of immigrants. Washington, 1910.

Industrial Education. Bulletin No. 11 of the Nat. Soc. for Promotion of Ind. Ed. gives a descriptive list of trade and industrial schools in the United States. New York, August, 1910. 125 pages. This bulletin gives a description of about 180 industrial and trade schools. It is a concrete summary of the progress of industrial education to date.

Liquor. The 1910 year book of the United States Brewers' Association contains a study of local option in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Massachusetts. 131 pages. The clean-up movement, 15 pages; review of liquor legislation, 1909, 21 pages; prohibition in various states. This is a valuable publication from the point of view of those who are against prohibition or local option.

Petroleum Transportation. Kansas law of 1905 (ch. 353) establishing maximum rates for transportation of oil and products held valid in *Tucker vs. Missouri Pac. Ry.*, 108 Pac. Rep. 89.

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Religion in Schools. The reading of the Bible, singing of hymns and the repeating of the Lord's Prayer in a public school is violation of the Constitution guaranteeing the free exercise and enjoyment of religious worship. Illinois Supreme Court, June 29, 1910, *People vs. Board of Ed. of Dist. 24*, 92 N. E. 251.

Taxation. Report of the joint special committee on the taxation laws of Rhode Island. Providence, 1910. 185 pages. This report reviews the taxation problem of Rhode Island and in the appendix gives a digest of tax supervision in the states and territories and of the corporation laws of the different states. Contains also proposed legislation.

Wages—Semi-Monthly Payment. The law of New York (Comp. Laws, ch. 40, sec. 1272, as amended by ch. 205, law of 1909), requiring steam surface roads to make semi-monthly payment of wages in cash was upheld by the Court of Appeals, in *N. Y. Central & Hudson R. R. Co. vs. Williams*, 92 N. E. 404.

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more, Madison, Wis., on riparian rights in Wisconsin; limitations thereon growing out of the public nature of the water. Gov. Printing Office. 66 pages. Senate Doc. 449, 61st Con., 2nd Session.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES.

Under this head will be printed each month a list of special bibliographies wanted in any field of special library work. Any person having need of any special bibliographies should list the same with the editor before the first of each month. The lists will be published unless the desired information is at hand.

It is important that all members and subscribers examine this list carefully and send information of any published or unpublished lists, whether complete or not, to the editor. The interested co-operation of the members can make this department at once highly useful. Lists asked for should not be such as are given in the general library journals, but should relate to special topics of the special libraries.

The first list will be published in the October number.

BUREAU RAILWAY ECONOMICS

A Bureau of Railway Economics has been established by the American Railway Association, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Its work has begun this month and will consist of the collection of information relating to the economic aspects of transportation that may be useful to the railways. The director of the bureau is Mr. Logan G. McPherson; the assistant to director, Charles E. Kern; statistician, J. A. Lord.

The librarian is R. H. Johnston, who since 1898 has been connected with the reference department of the Library of Congress and has a large acquaintance with railway and economic subjects. The acquisition of a library will necessarily be slow, and the collections of the government will be drawn on for some time. It will be noted that the mechanical side of railway work is not within the scope of the bureau's work.

LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following investigations have been authorized by the legislatures of different states. The reports are to be made on the dates indicated:

Classification of property for purposes of taxation, Mass. (1910).*
Cold storage, Ohio (1910).*
Conservation—Census of non-productive lands, R. I. (1911).
Conservation of natural resources, drainage and waterways, Iowa (1911).
Corporations and revenue, Pa. (1911).
Criminals; increase, Mass. (1911)
Cost of living, Mass. (1910)*, U. S. Congress (1910).

Corrupt practices in N. Y. legislature, N. Y. (1911).
Delays in administration of justice in civil cases, Mass. (1910).*
Direct primaries, N. Y. (1910).*
Drunkennes, Mass. (1910).*
Election laws, primary and registration laws of Pa., (1911).
Employers' liability and compensation for industrial accidents, N. Y. (1910)*, Wis. (1911), Minn. (1911), Ill (1911), Ohio (1912), N. J. (1911), Mass. (1911).
Factory inspection, Mass. (1911).
Fire insurance regulation, Ill. (1911).
Fraternalities and sororities, Wis. (1911) (Trustees of the University of Wis.)
Guarantee of bank deposits, Wis. (1911) *
Homesteads, Mass. (1911).
Income tax, Wis. (1911)
Industrial education, N. J. (1910) (continued from 1909),* Maine (1911) (Supt. of public instruction), Mich. (1911), Maryland (1910).*
Industrial insurance, Wis. (1911).
Inebriates and persons addicted to drugs and narcotics; Treatment by the state, Ohio (1912).
Labor colonies, Wis. (1911) (State Board of Control).
Life insurance taxation, Wis. (1911) (Tax Commission).
Mining methods, with reference to conservation of life and property, Ill. (1911).
New York City charter, N. Y. (1910) **
Occupational diseases, Ill (1911) (continued from 1909).
Old-age pensions, Mass. (1910).*
Railroads; physical condition, management to effect safety, needs, and the relation of the state and municipalities to railroads, Ill (1911).
School system reorganization, Wis. (1911).
State aid to highways and use of convict labor thereon, Wis. (1911)
State charities—Control of state institutions by a board of control, N. Y. (1911).
State hospital for cases of nervous breakdown, Mass. (1911).
Taxation, R. I. (1910) (continued to 1911).
Taxation for state and local purposes, Ill. (1911) (Tax Commission).
Telegraphs and telephones—Control by public service commission, N. Y. (1910).*
Trade schools and night schools, Wis. (1911) (Pres. Univ. of Wis., director of extension department, legislative reference librarian and supt. of schools of Milwaukee)
Tuberculosis; care of patients by state and local authorities, Mass. (1911).
Unemployment, N. Y. (1911) (Part of the investigation of employers' liability and workmen's compensation)
Vagrancy, habitual drunkenness, etc., Mich. (1911).
Water power—Control by the state, Wis. (1911).

*Report completed.

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