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BERKELEY, CAL.

June 7-8, 1915

FIRST SESSION.

Monday Evening, June 7.

Specialization: its advantages and disad-
vantages—Richard Holland Johnston, Li-
brarian, Bureau of railway economics, Wash-
ington.

Administrative problems of the special li-
brarian—Andrew Linn Bostwick, Librarian
Municipal reference library, St. Louis.

Special training for the special librarian
—Clarence B. Lester, Chief, Department of
legislative instruction, Wisconsin free li-
brary commission, Madison.

Suggestions as to making business library
practical, Walter S. Gifford, Statistician,
American telephone and telegraph co., New
York.

Memorandum on the Directory of sources
of information in the District of Columbia—
H. H. B. Meyer, Chief bibliographer, Library
of Congress, Washington.

Report of Committee on classification—
John Christian Bay, Chief classifier, John
Crerar library, Chicago.

Report on "National center for municip-
al information"—Clinton Rogers Wood-
ruff, Secretary, National municipal league,
Philadelphia.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday Morning, June 8.

Presiding officer, R. E. Crandall, Librarian,
Municipal league of Los Angeles.

Forestry and lumbering in the North-
west, from the librarian's point of view—
Mrs. Georgene L. Miller, District librarian,
U. S. Forest Service, Portland, Ore.

The library as an efficiency tool—D. C.
Buell, Director, Railway educational bureau,
Omaha.

Municipal information and research in the
Pacific Northwest—Dr Herman G. A. Brau-
er, Director, Bureau of municipal research,
University of Washington, Seattle.

The opportunities of a special librarian—
C. B. Fairchild, jr., Executive assistant,
Philadelphia rapid transit company, Phila-
delphia.

Municipal music, housing and financial
conditions of Portland, Ore.—Mrs. Caroline
L. B. Kelliher, Municipal reference libr-
ian, Portland.

Progress report of Committee on clippings
—Jesse Cunningham, Librarian, School of
mines and metallurgy, Rolla, Mo.

Programs for the Annual Meetings of the American
Library Association, The National Association
of State Libraries, The League of Library
Commissions and the American As-
sociation of Law Libraries

BERKELEY, CAL.

June 3-9, 1915

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

General Sessions.

(General sessions, except the second, will probably be held in the University of California building, known as the Chemistry Annex.)

First Session, Thursday, June 3, 2:30 p. m.
Call to order by President Wellman.

Address—The book—Henry W. Kent, Secretary, Metropolitan museum of art, New York.

Bulletins and library printing—Everett R. Perry, Librarian, Los Angeles, (Cal.) public library.

The fine art of printing—T. M. Cleland, New York. (Probably illustrated by the stereopticon.)

Second Session, Thursday, June 3, 8:30 p. m.
(Hearst Hall, the Women's Gymnasium.)
Address of welcome.

President's address—Hiller C. Wellman, Librarian, Springfield, (Mass.) city library.

An informal reception will follow adjournment, when it is hoped all will have opportunity to become acquainted.

Third Session, Friday, June 4, 10 a. m.

Reports of officers and committees.

The changing literary taste and the growing appeal of poetry—May Masee, Editor, A. L. A. Booklist, Chicago.

Address—Per contra—Herbert Putman, Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Educational opportunity of libraries in bringing children and books together—Willis H. Kerr, Librarian, Kansas state normal school, Emporia.

Fourth Session, Monday, June 7, 10 a. m.

Business.

The province of the public library—Richard Rogers Bowker, Editor, Library journal, New York.

General discussion.

New features in library architecture—Chalmers Hadley, Librarian, Denver public library. (Illustrated by the stereopticon.)

Fifth Session, Wednesday, June 9, 10 a. m.

How far should the library aid the peace movement and similar propaganda—George F. Bowerman, Librarian, Public library of District of Columbia, Washington.

The theory of reference work—William W. Bishop, Superintendent of reading room, Library of Congress.

Pioneering in Utah—Mary E. Downey, Library secretary and Organizer, Department of public instruction, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Unfinished business.

Report of resolutions committee.

Report of tellers of election.

Adjournment.

Council.

There will be a meeting of the Council on Friday morning, June 4, following the general session and another meeting on Wednesday morning, June 9, after adjournment of the conference, provided there is business to be brought before the Council. Both sessions will be only for consideration of reports and whatever business there may be.

Agricultural College Libraries Section.

Friday Evening, June 4.

The relation between the agricultural college library and the extension work of our country as developing under the Smith-Lever bill.

How shall we induce our faculty and students to more general cultural reading—Elizabeth Forrest, Librarian, Montana state college.

The relation of the agricultural college and experiment station libraries to the library of the federal Department of agriculture—Clari-bel R. Barnett, Librarian, U. S. Dept. of agriculture library, Washington.

An index for agricultural periodicals—Vina Elethe Clark, Librarian, Iowa state college.

Round table discussion of the following topics:

Cataloging state station publications.
Continuations, where shall we find information concerning those being published?

Catalog Section.

Saturday Morning, June 5.

1. Proposed manual on the arrangement of cards in a dictionary catalog—C. H. Hastings, Library of Congress.

2. Code for classifiers—W. S. Merrill, Newberry library; Miss L. N. Gosman, Princeton university library; Julia Pettee, Union theological seminary.

3. Classification of federal documents—Mary A. Hartwell, Public documents office, Washington, D. C.

4. Cataloging and classification of music—Bessie Goldberg, Chicago public library.

5. Round-table discussion: Training for cataloging work—Amy Allen, West Virginia university library; Joseph Daniels, Riverside library, California; Alice M. Dougan, Purdue university library; Lucia Haley, Seattle public library; Marietta Hunt, Portland library association; Esther A. Smith, Michigan university library; Helen Sutliff, Leland Stanford university library; Sula Wagner, St. Louis public library.

College and Reference Section.

Tuesday Morning, June 8.

A program for one session is being arranged and will be announced later. It is hoped that Dr. W. Dawson Johnston, of St. Paul, John B. Kaiser, of Tacoma, and Carleton B. Joeckel, of Berkeley, will participate in the program.

Section on Library Work With Children.

Tuesday Morning, June 8.

Inspirational influence of books in the life of children—Mrs. Edna Lyman Scott.

Reading of older boys and girls—Mrs. Alice G. Whitbeck, Librarian, Contra Costa county free library, Martinez, Cal.

Reading in rural districts—Mrs. May Dexter Henshall.

Professional Training Section.

No meeting of the section will be held as very few faculty members of library schools will be able to attend the conference, as the library schools will be in session.

School Libraries Section.

Saturday Morning, June 5.

The School libraries section and the A. L. A.—Dr. W. Dawson Johnston, St. Paul.

The School libraries section and the teachers—Archie E. Cloud, San Francisco.

Discussion.

Symposium on School library activities:

N. E. A.—Library department, Harriet A. Wood, Portland; High school committee, Mary E. Hall, Brooklyn; Normal school committee; Elementary school committee, Effie L. Power, Pittsburgh; National council of teachers of English, Willis H. Kerr, Emporia; Mississippi Valley historical association, Florence Hopkins, Detroit; Vocational guidance association, Fanny Ball, Grand Rapids.

Discussion.

Reports of committees: Library instruction in normal schools, Lucy E. Fay, Knoxville; School library administration; Training for school librarians in library schools, F. K. Walter, Albany.

Election of officers.

Trustees' Section.

There will probably be a session on Friday evening, June 4. Definite announcement will be made in the official program.

Government Documents Round Table.

Round table on Friday evening, June 4. Program announced later.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE LIBRARIES.¹

Eighteenth Annual Meeting.

First Session.

(Probably Monday evening, June 3, but subject to change.)

President's address—J. L. Gillis, State Librarian of California.

County and township library work in the United States; paper in connection with report of Secretary-treasurer.

School and library organization; address by Prof. Ellwood P. Cubberley, Professor of education, Leland Stanford junior university.

National legislative information service; report of Joint committee, George S. Godard, Chairman.

Discussion.

Second Session.

(Probably Tuesday forenoon, June 8, but subject to change.)

Report of the Secretary-treasurer.

Committee reports.

Public archives—H. R. McIlwaine, Librarian, Virginia state library.

Discussion.

Co-operation between legislative reference departments—J. A. Lapp, Director, Indiana bureau of legislative information.

Discussion.

Exchange and distribution of state documents—Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, Librarian, Michigan state library.

(1) One session will be a joint one with the American association of law libraries and the California library association.

Discussion.
Election of officers.
Miscellaneous business

LEAGUE OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONS.

Three sessions will be held—on Friday afternoon and evening, June 4, and Saturday morning, June 5.

First Session.

Devoted to business matters.

Second Session.

Discussion of the following questions:

1. Methods by which the custodians of traveling libraries may be familiarized with the books so that they can enlarge the number of patrons, direct their reading and improve the character of the books circulated.
2. Methods of circularization in traveling library work, to the end that remote communities may understand their opportunities and secure libraries.

Third Session.

Discussion of following questions:

1. Work with foreigners.
2. Extending library service from city library to the country districts, through county library systems, by contract with country districts, and otherwise.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES. (1)

(Dates not definitely settled, but probably two of the sessions will be held on Friday afternoon, June 4, and Saturday morning, June 5.)

First Session.

A social meeting of law librarians and a round table.

Second Session.

Address of welcome—James H. Deering, Law librarian, San Francisco.

Response—Mrs. Maud Barker Cobb, second Vice-president and State librarian of Atlanta, Georgia.

President's address—E. J. Lien, State librarian of Minnesota, St. Paul.

Reports of standing committees.

Third Session.

American digest system for library classification—Glenn Fairbrook, Law librarian, University of Washington, Seattle.

Limitations of law libraries—G. E. Wire, M. D., Worcester county law library, Worcester, Mass.

How may a law librarian be most useful?—A. M. Hendrickson, St. Paul

Necessary support for law libraries—T. W. Robinson, Librarian, Los Angeles county law library.

(1) See foot note on page 81.

The Library of the Chemical Laboratories of the B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, Ohio

By F. FRICKER, Librarian

John A. Lapp, Director of the Indiana Bureau of legislative information, has recently (1) defined municipal reference as "a scheme for collecting, preserving and having ready for use, information which will help to solve problems of municipal government. It is a method by which the experience of the world is brought to bear upon specific problems of city government". By merely substituting the term "industrial" for municipal we may well adapt this remarkably well conceived and concise definition to express the role of the industrial reference library in general and that of an industrial laboratory library in particular. This may not be so obvious at first because each industry may be rightly thought to have its own technical problems to work out. When we consider, however, that all modern manufacturing processes rest upon the sure foundation of pure scientific knowledge, the similarity of the two cases becomes at once apparent.

(1) Spec. Lib. 5, 129 (1914).

For a long time the manufacture of rubber has been carried on, on a more or less empirical basis and it is only in relatively recent years that great efforts have been made to connect the facts brought out in the field of pure chemistry with the problems confronting the rubber technologist in his daily work.

This library has been maintained by the B. F. Goodrich company for a number of years. (2) Only within the last three years however, have systematic efforts been made to classify the accumulated material. The work has now proceeded far enough to en-

(2) In order to prevent any possible misunderstanding, it must be pointed out here that this Company maintains two libraries, a General industrial library and the Laboratory library. The General industrial library is under the able leadership of Miss Grace Stowell, formerly of Olean public library, New York. A short account of the working methods of our General industrial library has been given in Spec. Lib. 5, 131 (1914)

able us to give a general outline of our working methods.

This library possesses now slightly over one thousand carefully selected books and pamphlets. The material is intended to be used primarily by our Research laboratory, General technical laboratory, and the Physical laboratory. The nature of our material thus suggests itself at once. Our collection contains the standard books on general chemistry, physics, chemical technology and the various branches of manufacture. Botany, patent law, and various other subjects are represented in a less complete manner. We have, of course, a practically complete collection of all the works published on rubber. Encyclopedias, English, German and French dictionaries, together with some technical dictionaries, give us a well selected and very efficient "tool," which is able to accomplish more than its rather modest size would lead one to think. We subscribe to a considerable number of both domestic and foreign chemical and trade journals. All these journals are very carefully perused as soon as received. A record is made of all material dealing either directly or indirectly with matters pertaining to the technology of rubber. The more important papers are abstracted in as concise a form as possible. The abstracts are written on specially made 3x5-in. blank sheets of heavy ledger paper. Less important material is simply indexed. We find these abstracts of which our library now possesses many thousands, extremely valuable and we consider them one of the most important, if not indeed the most important, assets of our collection. They enable one to ascertain with a minimum expenditure of time whether a certain paper is likely to contain the information looked for, thus doing away, in most cases, with the wearisome toil of wading through pages and pages of matter having not the remotest connection with the subject under investigation. Anyone even slightly familiar with literary research work knows how few are the cases where the title gives a true indication of the subject matter of a literary production.

Special attention is given to the patent literature. In most cases, the patent specification is secured when patents of the more important industrial countries are involved. Free use is made of the valuable government publications. We have a considerable number of bulletins and technical papers which in most cases represent very valuable contributions to the literature of the many branches of scientific and technical endeavor to which our government is giving such generous support. These publications have the further great advantage that they are obtainable at very small cost, or often entirely free.

Clippings are not made. In fact it is a capital crime in this library to clip any of our journals thus rendering them unsuitable for binding. All our journals are bound

as soon as a volume is complete. The bound journal immediately takes its place on the book shelf.

Trade catalogs have a very small place in our library and we mention them here merely for the sake of completeness.

Our books and pamphlets (3) are shelved together as one collection and classified according to the Dewey decimal system and the Cutler-Sanborn tables. As our collection of books is comparatively small we are able to get along with what little Dewey has given under the subjects of greatest interest to us. For the classification of our abstracts, however, we are using the well developed tables of the "Institut International de Bibliographie, Bruxelles (Belg.)." (4) As these latter represent merely an extension of the Dewey tables, there is absolutely no difficulty in using the two sets of tables simultaneously.

We have now complete author and subject catalogs of all our material. If present plans realize, we shall soon undertake the making of a dictionary catalog. This is to include books and pamphlets only and it is intended to carry out analytical indexing and cross-referencing to a considerable extent. We think that the dictionary catalog will be greatly appreciated by the members of our department.

Most of our books are purely reference works. As such they are reserved almost exclusively for use in the library. They are not, as a rule, removed from the library reading room. Books may be borrowed, however, for a short period with the understanding that they may be called in any time by the librarian. Abstract cards, patent specifications, and catalog cards may not be removed from the library. All this material may be freely consulted in the library, however, and every possible assistance is given to the seeker of information, if he will only state and make known the subject of his inquiry.

The foregoing outline shows that our library is of a rather modest character when the number of volumes is used as a criterion. Its great usefulness is gladly acknowledged, however, by those who know how to use its not inconsiderable wealth of information, and we hope that as time permits us to introduce improvements and refinements, we shall be able to build up a library which will more and more fulfill its mission as it is outlined in the opening paragraphs of this communication.

(3) Our pamphlets are put in the well-known pamphlet binders manufactured by Gaylord Bros., Syracuse, N. Y. These pamphlet binders are giving us absolute satisfaction in every respect.

(4) We intend to deal with this subject more in detail in a subsequent communication.

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The Opportunities of a Special Librarian

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There is in the process of being born a new profession, or, to speak more accurately, the *need* for a new profession.

This thing I have in mind hasn't even a name—that is, one that fits, nor has it yet been adequately defined.

It has to do with the demand from the administrative heads of public, quasi-public and private corporations, and of city, state and national governments for specific information relative to special or specialized subjects.

We see on every hand a recognition of this need in the rapidly increasing class of titles, which includes such wholly inadequate cognomens as executive assistant, special librarian and statistician, while the writer labored in his first job with the handicapped title of analytical statistician.

This need is not for librarians who can supply a given date or find sensible answers to the million fool questions that are asked every day. In truth, it has little to do with the library as such, but a great deal to do with the individual man or woman who has

the analyzing knack; that is to say, the ability to dig up all the factors involved in the special problem in hand, to separate the essential from the non-essential and to present in the last degree of condensation all the facts pertinent thereto.

To illustrate: The mongrel jitney makes its appearance in a town. The executive head of the local street railway company immediately wants to know what other cities have done to regulate the jitney. He does not want to read through a great pile of clippings nor search the pages of the trade journals, nor even to wade through a number of voluminous ordinances or state laws. What he does want is a boiled-down synopsis of the requirements as to indemnity bonds, license fees and police regulations applied to the jitney in other localities. This is but an example typical of this need I am trying to describe. It is something wholly apart from the ordinary theoretical or hypothetical questions with which librarians are unfortunately so familiar. It calls for somebody who can corral, collate and correlate the salient facts bearing upon a

given problem. I mean the thousand and one semi-technical and technical, but wholly practical, problems that are constantly facing the executives who are administering corporation and governmental affairs.

I am convinced that before many years all public utility companies, many of the larger industrial corporations and most of the municipal, state and federal departments will no longer consider their organizations complete without a trained specialist who can do this analyzing of specific questions—a sort of consulting analyst.

Who, I submit, is better qualified to enlist in this new field of practical research than the special librarian? And this is the golden opportunity I am venturing to bring to your attention.

It is a real job for any man or woman. It calls for breadth of vision, highly specialized training, a degree of literary capacity, infinite patience, a non-quenchable cheerfulness, and, above all, the analytical

instinct. The library itself is not the chief requisite, but rather the knowledge of where and how the essential information can be obtained. The sources of information to be utilized are myriad, and I stop to mention only two as typical, namely, the columns of the technical magazines and correspondence with other specializing librarians.

I do not like to begin a thing with an apology, nor, having done a thing, do I like to close with an apology. Therefore, I will not do either. Your president asked me to prepare a paper for this convention and I politely declined. But he insisted, and I told him I would not prepare a paper, but I would come as near as I could to expressing a thought that had been itching for expression for some time. If there has been enough thought-germ here let loose to inoculate any member of the Special libraries association with an appreciation of this developing opportunity for the expert analyzer, I shall be very glad.