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To the Association

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS:

The University of Illinois Library School seems quite remote to many alumni who have not seen the University Campus for a number of years and who have not been in a position to take an active part in the management of Alumni Association affairs.

But this should not mean that we are indifferent to the activities and progress of the Association. Rather, we should all be glad to do what we can for the advancement of the School and for the encouragement of newer members of the profession.

More life memberships are needed before the Katherine L. Sharp Scholarship can become a reality. Any alumni who have not yet taken out life memberships and who decide to use this means of helping students to secure a second year in the library school and a Master's Degree in Library Science, will be making a worth while investment.

Those who cannot become life members immediately can at least keep up the annual membership. Though the membership fee is small, each one helps to swell the total, and each member's support is needed.

More scholarships are desirable, not only for second year students, but also to encourage university graduates to enter the Library School for their first year of training. After sufficient funds have been secured to provide for the Katherine L. Sharp Scholarship for graduate study, it will be a fine thing for the Alumni Association to establish other scholarships which will serve as a means of recruiting new workers for the library profession.

Do you know the other Illinois Library School people in your own state? Whether there are many or few it is worth while for Illinois alumni to get together whenever there is opportunity. An Illinois Library School alumni luncheon or dinner can be arranged in connection with the annual meeting of the State Library Association of almost any state and will be found most enjoyable.

We should like to know when there are such luncheons. Please let Miss Houchens know about it, if there has recently been one in your state.

RUTH E. HAMMOND,
President

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TRUSTEES OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Harriet E. Howe, 1927-28; Margaret Hutchins, 1927-30; J. S. Cleavinger, 1927-29

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Most of us have the feeling that any small contribution which we may be able to make would be quite insignificant toward improving the equipment of a great state-supported institution like the University of Illinois. With the recent action of the Library School Association, creating an endowment fund, the income of which will provide opportunity for the best students to continue professional work, an attractive means is provided for us to express our loyalty to the School and our desire to promote professional development and fitness in the field of librarianship. It is much more satisfying to feel that we are contributing directly to the vital personal side of library development and indirectly helping our School, than merely to feel that we are helping to add to, for instance, the physical equipment of the School.

By the action referred to, all life membership fees become a part of the principal of the endowment fund. The income from this fund will be used to provide annually a scholarship, to be known as the Katherine L. Sharp Scholarship, to some person who is a candidate for the M.S. degree in the School. The award will be on a competitive basis and the competition will be open to all who meet the requirements for admission to the second year's work. This makes graduates of the other accredited library schools eligible and gives a broader scope to the competitive element. The plan should not be confused with the student loans as made in past years. These were loans to be repaid later. The present plan contemplates a bona fide scholarship as a contribution to the student's opportunity for a second year of study and research.

By action of the Association no award may be made until the amount is sufficient to yield \$200 or more annually. The Trustees believe that to be really effectual at least \$5000 as a principal invested sum is needed. We have at the present time \$2000 invested, and \$800 additional pledged. This will be augmented by the interest as it is received and by the payments of additional memberships. A life membership may be secured upon payment of \$25.00 which may, if desired, be paid in annual instalments of not less than \$5.00 each. We must realize that the present total, 114 life memberships, includes many of the more active alumni of the School, and that it will take considerable effort to increase that number so that we may reach the desired goal within a reasonable time. The Trustees wish at this point to urge upon each one of you the desirability of doing three things:

- (1) Becoming a life member yourself and paying up the entire amount as rapidly as possible, as the income cannot be earned until the principal is paid.

- (2) Taking the responsibility of talking to other alumni of the School about taking out life memberships.

- (3) Urging upon all who might be interested the necessity for gifts and special helps if the fund is to grow as it should. It is a pleasure to record that two alumni of the School, Miss Ahern and Miss May Inglis, who recently lectured at the School, contributed the fees for their lectures to the Endowment Fund. It is entirely possible

to interest outsiders in making a contribution to professional librarianship in this way either by direct gift or by providing for further bequest.

If the aims of the Association are to be realized each one of us must do his part. Other schools have done far more in this direction than we have. Will you not give the matter serious thought and take your own proper share of responsibility in seeing that this fund is built up?

JOHN S. CLEAVINGER

INCORPORATION

It is probable that during the year the Executive Board will take steps toward incorporating the Association under the laws of Illinois. This will be necessary so that the Association may become a responsible business organization prepared to receive gifts and bequests, own property and, in general, transact any business that may come up. This may involve slight constitutional changes which will be submitted through the News Letter to the membership and come up for action at the next general meeting. If any alumnus has an opinion or advice to offer in this matter please send it in to the Secretary as soon as possible.

Honor Roll of Life Members—New Names

Phoebe Parker, F. K. W. Drury, Flora M. Hottis, Helen K. Star.
Gifts—George B. Utley, \$25.00; Mary E. Ahern, \$15.00.

SCHOOL NEWS

The increased enrollment in the School during the past two years and the current academic year is of great interest. In 1925-26, we registered a total of 61 students; in 1926-27, the total reached 74, a gain of over 21 per cent; and in 1927-28, the total has climbed in the *first semester only* to 107, a gain of over 44 per cent above last year's total, or of 75 per cent over the enrollment of two years ago. There is reason to expect the return of six to eight former students at the beginning of the second semester, which will raise this year's total to at least 115. Evidently some good friends among the alumni are doing excellent recruiting service and the School is profiting by their work.

The move into the permanent quarters in the second unit of the Library has not yet been accomplished but it is hoped that it will take place before the beginning of the second semester.

Students receiving advanced degrees last June were appointed to the following positions:

Carol P. Baber, librarian, Kansas State Teachers' College, Emporia, Kan.

Sigmund von Frauendorfer, classifier, International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, Italy.

Helmer L. Webb, assistant to the librarian, Seattle, Wash.

Gertrude M. Suess, Order department, Oregon Agricultural Library, Corvallis, Ore.

Mary S. Buffum, librarian, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan.
Lois Holladay, librarian, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark.
Mrs. Elleine Harrison McLellan, Reference department, Public
Library, Dayton, O.
Mary A. Mann, Catalog department, University of Illinois Li-
brary.

Students who received the degree of B.S. in L.S. were placed as
follows:

Mary F. Austin, readers assistant, Cincinnati Public Library.
Alice H. Buckner, cataloger, Beaumont, Texas, Public Library.
Virginia I. Carter, assistant, Kansas State Agricultural College.
Helen M. Clark, assistant, High School Library, Indiana Library
and Historical department.
Mildred L. Dillingham, assistant cataloger, Ohio State University
Library.
Mrs. Jessie Dobbs Bestow, assistant, Akron, Ohio, Public Library.
Anna J. Evans, loan assistant, Des Moines Public Library.
Mary E. Hanson, assistant cataloger, University of Tennessee.
Helen L. Edmonson, reference librarian, Kansas State Teachers'
College.
Nina A. Frowein, assistant, University of Iowa Library.
Florence M. Nichol, assistant, Illinois State Library, Springfield.
Florence Irwin, branch librarian, Peoria Public Library.
Edith C. Jones, librarian, Missouri School of Mines.
Mary E. King, high school librarian, St. Charles, Ill.
Elsie C. Klosterman, assistant, Chicago Public Library.
Carlyle Morris, Reference department, Chicago Public Library.
Janice Parham, assistant cataloger, University of Florida.
Mae Parkinson, School Library division, New York State De-
partment of Education.
Martha M. Parks, high school librarian, Denver.
Mrs. Harriet S. Potter, assistant, Bridgeport, Conn., Public Li-
brary.
Ruth C. Ringo, assistant, Cincinnati Public Library.
Mary V. Soukup, assistant, Circulation department, Mason City
Public Library.
Esther Stallman, librarian, Junior High school, Flint, Mich.
Virginia L. Thornsburch, Sterling High school library, Cicero, Ill.
Wilma A. Troxel, assistant librarian, Illinois Wesleyan University,
Bloomington, Ill.
Alice Van Zanten, Circulation department, Fort Wayne, Ind., Pub-
lic Library.

ALUMNI GOSSIP

Miriam Herron, '26, has resigned from her position in A. L. A.
Headquarters and gone to Flint, Mich., as librarian of the Northern
High School.

Grace Wormer, '09-'10, is acting director of the University of
Iowa Libraries and head of the Order department of the library.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul O. Germann announce the birth of a baby daughter, Ruth Ann, on September 14. Mrs. Germann was Ruth Balsam, '24-'25.

Margaret Herdman, '12, has returned from her year in Paris with the American Library and accepted the position of instructor in the McGill University Library School.

Elizabeth Henry, '18, is in Palo Alto, Calif., in charge of the Cataloging and Classification departments of the Public Library.

Maude Enochs, '23-'24, is an assistant in the Masonic Library, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Jessie A. Reid, '23, has resigned her position in Rockford, Ill., and has accepted the position of cataloger in the Santa Monica Library, Calif.

Edith H. Ford, '13, librarian of the Folger Library, Minonk, Ill., has a fourteen months' leave of absence and will spend most of this time in Sidon, Syria, with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Ford.

Louise B. Krause, '98, librarian of the H. H. Byllesby Co., Chicago, Ill., was elected as a member of the Executive Board of the A. L. A. at the Toronto conference.

Mrs. Bertha Bond Putney, '05, for several years the librarian of the Urbana Public Library, has gone to the Ridgewood, N. J., Public Library in charge of Cataloging and the Reference work.

Alma Penrose, '15, has resigned her position in the University High School, Minneapolis, Minn., and accepted the librarianship of the Public Library of St. Cloud, Minn.

Several cards have been received from James B. Childs, '21, en route to Constantinople on exchange business for the Library of Congress. A rumor is that he is married and we would like to have him confirm this, with details as to the lady's name and the date.

Edna White, '17-'18, writes that in December, 1926, she was married to Mr. J. S. Decker and is now at home at 3751 Seventy-ninth street, Jackson Heights, N. Y. She has been librarian of the Public Library of Port Angeles, Wash.

Minnie E. Sears, '00, is in charge of the courses in Cataloging and Classification at the Columbia University School of Library Service.

Annabelle Fraser, '11 (Mrs. Frank E. Lidendecker), is now senior assistant in the Science and Technical department on the staff of the Los Angeles Public Library. Her home is 909 North Broadway, Compton, Calif.

Myrtle Weatherholt, '26-'27, is librarian of the Public Library at Bicknell, Ind.

The Illinois Library Association meeting at Peoria, Ill., was the scene of a luncheon for the Illini gathered there. Pauline Dillman, S. S. '22, librarian of the Junior High School library arranged for the luncheon and there were about twenty present.

Ruth Hammond, '17, arranged a similar luncheon at the Kansas State Library meeting. She reports the following alumni engaged in library work in Kansas: C. P. Baber, Grace Derby, Louise Edmonson, Charles R. Flack, Fay Moys, Alice L. Beach, Mary S. Buffum, Mil-

dred Camp, Virginia Carter, Elizabeth Davis, Maurine Irwin, Ruth Larimer.

Mary E. Quick, '26-'27, is an assistant in the Public Library, Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. A. W. Errett (Lucy Wilson), '10, has been elected President of the Illinois Library Association. She has been a very active trustee of the Kewanee Public Library and was secretary for the Association last year.

Elizabeth Palm, '15-'16, has been appointed assistant librarian of the Lansing, Mich., Public Library, where she has been a staff member for several years.

Norma L. Herreid, '26-'26, is children's librarian in the Beloit, Wis., Public Library.

Edith R. Wilson, '26-'27, is an assistant in the University of Michigan Library.

Lucy B. Foot, '26-'27, is on the staff of the Library of the University of Louisiana, Baton Rouge.

Selam L. Lindem, '26-'27, is librarian of the High School Library, Evanston, Ill.

Margaret Oldfather, '26-'27, is spending the year in Europe with her family. She is studying in Vienna at present.

Avis M. Pillsbury, '20-'21, has just been appointed to a position in the Library School of McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Helen T. Kennedy, '03, assistant librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, visited the school in November, and gave a very interesting talk on her trip to France with the American Legion.

Esther A. Horr, '26-'27, was married in September to Mr. George A. Hodges and her address is now 1195 East Cleveland avenue, Decatur, Ill.

There were several other marriages in the class of 1926-27 this fall. Icko Iben was married to Miss Kathryn Tomlin and William O. Baehr was married to Miss Edith B. Moecker. Both Mr. Iben and Mr. Baehr have positions on the University of Illinois Library staff and will complete their work for an advanced degree.

Lenore Schuppert, '23-'24, for several years librarian of the Normal School of Valley City, N. D., is now librarian of the Western College for Women, Oxford, O.

John H. Dougherty, '24-'25, has resigned from his position in the University of Missouri Library, and is assistant librarian of the Cooper Union, New York City.

Jessie I. Dobbs, '26-'27, was married to Fred A. Bestow in January, 1927. They are living in Akron, O.

Flora Case, '13, for several years librarian at La Port, Ind., is now librarian of Mishawaka, Ind.

Margaret Hutchins, '08, formerly of the University of Illinois Reference department, has accepted a position in the Reference department of the Queensborough Public Library, Jamaica, N. Y.

Fay H. Champion, '26-'27, is librarian of the High School, Paducah, Ky.

Carrie O. Larson, '26, is librarian of the East High School, Des Moines, Ia.

Mary Torrance, '13, for a number of years librarian of the Muncie, Ind., Public Library, has resigned and accepted the position of head of the Catalog department of the Emory University Library, Atlanta, Ga.

Grace E. Herrick, '11, is spending this year in charge of the Catalog department of the Okmulgee, Okla., Public Library.

Harriet E. Howe, '02, for several years executive to the Board of Education for Librarianship, has been appointed as associate professor on the faculty of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. She is spending her first year at Harvard University working for a degree in the Graduate School of Education. Her address is Riverbank Court Hotel, Cambridge, Mass.

Thomas P. Ayer, '13-'14, librarian of the Public Library of Richmond, Va., for three years, has been appointed librarian of Reading, Pa., where he took up his work November first.

Octavia Rogan, '24, formerly librarian of the Legislative Library of Texas, is now Reference librarian of the Rosenberg Library, Galveston, Tex.

Maude Davis, '24-'25, is in the Catalog department of the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

Mary LaRue, '26-'27, is assistant in the Decatur, Ill., Public Library.

Margaret S. Williams, '16, is associate in Bibliography at the Columbia University School of Library Service.

Mary E. Ahern, '96, gave a delightful lecture to the School on "What It Means to Be a Librarian." She also spoke before the Library section of the High School Conference held at the University in November.

ALUMNI PUBLICATIONS

Mary J. Booth, '04, has just issued a new edition of her "Material on Geography." It may be obtained direct from her, Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College, Charleston, Ill., for 50 cents.

James B. Childs, '21, "An Account of Government Document Bibliography in the United States and Elsewhere," printed as manuscript by the Library of Congress. 1927. 39 p.

Minnie E. Sears, '00, was editor of the Song Index published by the H. W. Wilson Co. and the name of Phyllis Crawford, '24, appears on the title page as assistant.

Anne M. Boyd, '18, has written as a text for her advanced course, an "Outline for the Course in United States Government Publications as Sources of Information for Libraries." Mimeographed, 169 p. \$2.75 postpaid.

Sigmund von Frauendorfer has just published in the *Berichte über Landwirtschaft, Neue folge, Band 6 hft 4*, the following article, "Übersicht über die Veröffentlichungen der Bundesregierung der Vereinigten Staaten auf dem Gebiete der Landwirtschaftswissenschaft."

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

I will fill out this blank at once, and return it to the treasurer with a check to cover my membership in the Library School Association for 1927-1928.

\$25.00 in full payment for a life membership.

5.00 as a first payment on a life membership, with the understanding that the remainder will be paid in four more consecutive yearly payments.

5.00 as a second, third, payment on my life membership

1.00 as a yearly member.

Name in full.....

Address.....