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To the Association

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS:

The annual dinner to be held at West Baden, during the A. L. A. Conference, should mark a milestone in Illinois Library School Association history. At least it should set a new record for attendance. The Middle West is the stronghold of Illinois alumni. So let us take advantage of the Middle Western Conference, and be present in large numbers.

The Dinner Committee, composed of Effie Abraham, and Nellie Coats of Indianapolis and Nelle Signor of the University of Illinois Library are working hard to arrange a program which will be full of interest. The business meeting will be short but important, and all Illinois alumni will find it worth while to be present and find out what is going on in the Association.

Are you a member of the Association? We now have 133 life members and 103 annual paid members. If you are one of those who have failed to keep up your membership won't you turn over a new leaf and help the school and the Association by sending in your dollar now, before you forget it?

Cordially yours,

RUTH E. HAMMOND,

President

ASSOCIATION DINNER

The dinner will be held at the West Baden Hotel on Thursday evening, May 31st. A more detailed announcement will be posted on the bulletin board at the Conference. The committee would like as many as possible to notify them in advance, so that they will have some idea of how many to plan for. If you are sure you are going, please send a card to Miss Effie Abraham, Indianapolis Public Library.

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WHY WE NEED SCHOLARSHIPS

"But why did you go 'way out to Illinois to Library School?" a question frequently asked of one of our Eastern alumnae of 20 years ago, could be answered with the reply that only there could be found

a library school connected with a University and requiring an A.B. for entrance. But for the college graduate of today, considering a school for library training, this argument no longer holds good. Illinois led the way. Others have followed her lead.

Now, the college senior or graduate casting about for the "right school" needs something more to throw into the balance. Differences between schools in quality of instruction and equipment are hard to distinguish without experience. Unprejudiced opinions are equally difficult to obtain. If a number of schools, then, appear equally good, it is more than likely that the determining factors will be proximity and economy. The former varies with the student. The latter is determined by the institution.

Scholarships and fellowships abound in some fields of learning. The young college student expects such opportunities in all professions, but finds them strangely lacking in the library profession, which he also hears does not promise a large salary from which to repay loans.

If we believe in our profession and if we believe in our Library School, should we not make our loyalty real by completing the roll of life memberships needed to make it possible by scholarships to attract and to *keep* promising students? Surely, there *are* two hundred alumni of Illinois who believe in their profession and their School, and can spare twenty-five dollars!

And is there anything else we can do? Recently it has been reported that one of our eastern cities is suffering from "frozen money" bequeathed inalienably to them for certain charities in superabundance. On the other hand, state universities are generally ignored as beneficiaries. Would it not be a benefit to all concerned if individuals and foundations who have more money than they know what to do with could have their attention diverted from institutions suffering from an embarrassment of riches to our library school students suffering from an embarrassment of debts or overwork? How about it? Anybody got a pull?

MARGARET HUTCHINS, '08

Honor Roll of Life Members—New Names

Esther Anell	Gladys F. Pratt
Nelle U. Branch	Julia C. Pressey
John H. Dougherty	Bertha Bond Putney
Edna L. Goss	Bertha M. Schneider
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Alice S. Johnson	Helen Wilkinson
Laura Peck	Gertrude Wulfekoetter
Edwin M. Pfutzenreuter	

HOW TO GET YOUR PH.D.

In 1897 the University of Illinois established a Library School, offering a two-year curriculum first to students who had completed

two years of college work, and later in 1903, to those with three years of college work, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Library Science.

Since 1911 the University of Illinois has offered through the Library School a two-year course of study open to college graduates. Recognizing the merits of the claim frequently made that the degree should have a higher rank than that of a second Bachelor's degree; and in appreciation of the educational importance of the work of libraries, and of the thoroughness and scholarly character of work done in the Library School, the Executive Faculty of the Graduate School in 1926 approved Library Science as a major subject for the Master's degree and this action was approved by the Board of Trustees. Students who desire to become candidates for this degree must have completed at least thirty semester hours of work in Library Science in this University or in one of equal standing before registering in the Graduate School, in which they must complete a full year's work under the regulations governing the conferring of the degree.

The University now proposes to take another step in the way of providing opportunities for study and training beyond the Master's degree, thereby making it possible for a student exceptionally well qualified for scholarly work in the libraries of this country to acquire the Doctor's degree. To be more specific, the purpose of such advanced study is to prepare men and women for such positions in our larger public and university libraries as (1) directing the building up of great collections of books and manuscripts for the use of scholars; (2) giving bibliographic service to investigators using the libraries; (3) pursuing advanced study in the larger problems connected with the administration of libraries and the classifying and cataloging of books; and (4) prosecuting research in certain fields.

A prolonged consideration of methods for accomplishing this purpose has led to the approval of a program in which a major in any one of several of the better established fields of study or scholarship is combined with work in Library Science, and the Doctor's degree, though given in a major subject other than Library Science, may be given for work chosen in large part for its relation to the kinds of library work named above. These close relations are clear in such subjects as history, the languages, economics, political science, and education.

In time, as the material and technique of research in library science become more nearly adequate, a major may be established in that subject (or in bibliography, paleography, etc.).

SCHOOL NEWS

Seven students will receive their M.A. degree this year, five in June and two in August, the names with the theses subjects are as follows:

Ambuhl, Frances I., Miami University, A.B. "The cataloging of sacred books and anonymous classics."

Battles, Frances M., Ohio State University, B.S. "An account of the public library movement in Ohio with special reference to some outstanding libraries."

Black, Dorothy M., University of Arkansas, B.A. "The influence of public libraries as revealed by biography and autobiography."

Latshaw, Ruth N., DePauw University, A.B. "A comparative study of the rules for the alphabetical arrangement of cards in the catalogues of certain libraries of the United States, Canada, and Great Britain."

O'Harra, Downing P., Southwestern College, A.B. "Book-publishing in the United States from 1860-1901."

Prichard, Louise G., University of Illinois, A.B. "History of the Chicago Public Library."

Wilcox, Jerome K., Wesleyan University, A.B. "The adult education work of the United States Government."

APPOINTMENTS

The following members of the class of 1927-28, and candidates for the degree of B.S., have already been appointed to positions:

Corinne M. Linqvist will be librarian of the Public Library, Helena, Ark.

Mary E. Hoff will be on the staff of the Kansas Agricultural College Library, Manhattan.

Mrs. Lois B. Payson goes to the Agricultural College Library at Bozeman, Mont.

Ellen Creek will be assistant librarian at Wichita University, Wichita, Kan.

Vera Kreis, Helen E. Laughlin and Edith Bond will have temporary positions this summer in the Los Angeles Public Library.

Hortense Elaine Boylan will return to her old position at the State Library Commission of Oklahoma. During the summer she will teach in the summer school of the University of Oklahoma.

Mattie Lois Albert will be librarian of the Avondale Branch of the Birmingham Public Library.

Aurelia Bismaier will return to the Evansville, Ind., Public Library.

Faye Cantrell returns to her position at Butler College Library, Indianapolis.

Eleanor Conway returns to the Library of the University of South Dakota.

Mildred A. Kenney returns to the Denver Public Library in charge of the genealogical collection.

Lena Nofcier will be librarian of Ashbury College, Wilmore, Ky.

Mrs. Vera H. Pate has a position in the Indianapolis Public Library.

Paul L. Randall has a position at the Western State Teachers' College, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Virginia Rinard returns to the Public Library of Kentland, Ind., as librarian.

Phianna Suttan will be first assistant cataloger at the Des Moines Public Library.

ALUMNI GOSSIP

Laura Gibbs, '02, has been appointed head of the readers advisory service in the Boston Public Library.

Iva McConagha, '25-'26, has accepted a position at the Kansas Agricultural College Library, Manhattan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook (Catherine Oaks, '12) announce the birth of a son, Charles Wright on Jan. 20th at Geneva, N. Y.

Sylvia Laithwaite, '25-'26, is an assistant in the John Monteith Regional Branch, Detroit Public Library.

Agnes Smalley, '25, has accepted the position of librarian of the Public Library at Alma, Mich.

The marriage of Grace A. Anderson, '23-'24, to Mr. Clair C. Olson on the fourth of February, 1928, has been announced. They will be at home at 553 Alexander street, Rochester, N. Y., where Mrs. Olson will have a position in the Public Library.

Myron T. Getchell, '22, librarian of the Eastern State Normal School at Madison, N. D., has been appointed associate editor of the Decimal Classification. He and Mrs. Getchell (Louise Winn, '27) will live in Washington, D. C.

Helen Bagley, '04-'05, instructor in the Library School at Drexel Institute will give courses in cataloging at the summer session of the School for Library Service at Columbia.

The marriage of Corinne Brag McClelland, '27-'28, to Mr. Joseph D. Mitchell on the 28th of February, 1928, has been announced. They will make their home in Pawhuska, Okla.

Jessie L. Arms, '11, has had a three months' leave of absence from her position as classifier at the University of Minnesota Library and spent most of the time in Southern California.

Mrs. Cora Case Porter, '23-'24, librarian of the Muskogee Public Library, made the trip to Paris with the American Legion and afterwards spent some time in England and Scotland.

Jerome K. Wilcox, '28, was married to Grace L. Griffin, of the staff of the University of Utah Library, on December 25, 1927, at Salido, Colo.

Adah Patton, '02, head of the catalog department of the University of Illinois left in March for a six months' motor trip in Europe with Prof. and Mrs. Fred Clark (Carrie Patton, '10).

Margaret Oldfather, '26-'27, who has been spending the year in Europe with her family will return in the fall and has accepted the position of cataloger in the Lawrence College Library, Appleton, Wis.

Julia E. Pressey, '27, instructor in cataloging at the Library School of the Carnegie Library at Atlanta, will teach in the summer session at the University of Illinois Library School.

Elleine McClelland (Mrs. V. S.), '27, who has been at the Dayton Public Library since September, sailed for San Salvador on May 5th. There she will join her husband who is engaged in railway work. Her address will be care International Railways of Central America, San Salvador, El Salvador.

Jane A. Craig, '09, has returned to Urbana after spending the last seven months in California, part of the time she was acting librarian of the California Agricultural College at Davis, while Nelle U. Branch, '16, who is librarian there, made a trip round the world.

Christine Sanders, '26-'27, who has been librarian of the Public Library of Helena, Ark., has accepted the position of Secretary of the Arkansas Library Commission at Little Rock.

Helen T. Kennedy, '03, second assistant librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, has been recuperating from an illness out on the desert at Twenty Nine Palms, Calif.

Mary Buffum, '27, has resigned her position at Southwest College, Westfield, Kan., and in September will become librarian of the Texas State College for Women at Denton.

Lucy B. Foote, '26-'27, has been appointed head cataloger of the State University of Louisiana Library at Baton Rouge.

Frances Simpson, '03, will sail on June 30th on the S. S. Lituania, Baltic American Line. She will be a member of Dr. Koch's Bibliographical Tour.

Nell Young, '27-'28, withdrew from the school in December and recently has been married to Mr. Albert H. Searle. Their address will be Manila, P. I., care of the Bureau of Education.

While not exactly Alumni News, most of the former students of the school will be much interested to learn of the marriage of Mary Frances Windsor to Dr. Gordon Harding, on December 25th, 1927. They will make their home in Akron, Ohio, where Dr. Harding has a position as technical expert in the Akron Pure Milk Co.

J. S. Cleavinger, '08, Associate professor in the School for Library Service at Columbia University, Mrs. Cleavinger and Martha will spend the summer in England.

F. K. W. Drury, '05, Associate librarian of Brown University, with Mrs. Drury and their son Jack (who is a freshman at Dartmouth), are spending six months in Europe.

Ida Tod, '21-'22, librarian of the Education Seminar of the University of Illinois Library, is in the Burnham hospital in Champaign, suffering from a broken leg and other injuries as a result of being knocked down by an automobile about six weeks ago.

Word has been received of the death of Esther Braley Tower, '01-'02, of Santa Barbara, Calif., on Jan. 14th, 1928. She was the first librarian of the Kalamazoo State Normal School, going there from the University of Michigan in 1905, and continuing until 1918 when she was granted a leave of absence for work in France. She spent a year with the American committee for devastated France, doing reconstruction work in the district of the Aisne. On her return she resigned from the Normal school and went to the University of Michigan as librarian of the Romance Language seminar. In 1920 she married William L. Tower and since that time has lived in Carmel, Calif.

The staff and faculty of the University of Illinois Library would like to remind the Alumni that West Baden is not so very far from Urbana, and a cordial welcome is extended to all who can stop over and see the new Library and the many new buildings on the campus.