

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LIBRARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS LETTER

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To the Association

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS:

From the report at the Illinois Library School dinner at Atlantic City, it is evident that the School has started on a new era. The first unit of the New Library is completed, the second under construction, and there are good prospects that the third unit will be provided. This means not only adequate facilities for the general library for many years to come, but provides the Library School with enlarged quarters and an unusual laboratory for practice work. The President and the Board of Trustees have given further evidence of their high regard for the quality of work done in the Library School by making it a definite part of the Graduate School, and conferring the degree of M.A. for two years work.

What are we, the alumni of the School, going to do to show our appreciation of what it is doing? Surely every one of us wants to have a part in this forward movement. Then let us decide, first, to have a Library School Association with a hundred percent membership. At present, not quite half of the former students now in active library work are members. Membership means, financially, only a dollar a year, but as an indication of loyalty and interest in the school, it means far more.

We now have 78 life members but we must increase this number to at least two hundred in order to build up an endowment fund. It was evident at the Atlantic City dinner that many were hesitating to become life members until more definite plans were announced regarding the use of the money. You will remember that at Saratoga Springs, it was decided that the principal should be kept inviolate, as a perpetual fund. A committee has been appointed to draw up regulations governing the disposition of the interest, and is to report at the Toronto meeting in June. If you have any suggestions to offer, please write to any one of the committee, which comprises:

Margaret S. Williams, Chairman, School of Library Service, Columbia University, N. Y.

Adam Strohm, Detroit Public Library, Detroit.

Willia K. Garver, University of Illinois Library, Urbana.

Miles O. Price, U. S. Patent Office Scientific Library, Washington.

Laura Gibbs, Public Library, Boston.

The aim of the committee will be to make the regulations flexible enough so that the money can always be used in the way most beneficial to the School, at the same time respecting the wishes of the Association as nearly as they can be ascertained. It is probable that for several years, at least, the money will be devoted to scholarships as that seems to be the immediate need.

Will not each one of you who reads this constitute yourself a committee of one to do what you can to boost the Association? Become a member, become a life member if you can, and if you have already joined the Association, encourage others.

Sincerely,
OLA M. WYETH,
President

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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AT ATLANTIC CITY

The University of Illinois Library School alumni held a most enjoyable dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Thursday, October the seventh. Eighty-one alumni were present.

After the dinner the Alumni Meeting was held, Fenimore Schwartz, the vice-president, presiding.

Elizabeth Forrest read an abbreviated statement of the treasurer's report. She also discussed the possibilities of the use of the income from the Life Memberships, and spoke of the establishment of one or two scholarships open either to first or second year students, or of the publication of an alumni directory or later of monographs or theses by faculty or students as alternatives for the expenditure of our Membership fund. She also spoke of the contingent opportunity of appropriating from the general treasury to supplement our Life Membership fund, and attention was called to the very wise feasibility, suggested by Mr. Windsor, of putting our fund into the trusteeship of the University of Illinois and thereby securing confidence and stability. Miss Forrest spoke of the hope that later wealthy alumni would give us larger donations and remember us in their wills. She said that it had been the wish of some alumni to use part of the fund to secure the representation of either the director or the assistant-director at every A. L. A., but that this is rendered unnecessary by the fact that the University will now grant such travel expenses. Miss Forrest closed by urging the necessity of increasing our number of life memberships, as it would be necessary to have 200 life members which would mean \$5000 capital before any use could be made of our income. She then made a motion to have the incoming president appoint a committee to study the situation and report. After discussion this was adopted. In the discussion it developed that the sense of the meeting was strongly in favor of using our Fund for the support of a scholarship.

The name of the Association was changed by vote from that of the University of Illinois State Library School Alumni Association to that of the University of Illinois Library School Association. This brings us in line with the present nomenclature of the School. The word Alumni

was dropped, as there are many members who are not graduates of the School.

Ola Wyeth, Savannah, Georgia, was elected president; Minnie E. Sears of H. W. Wilson Company, first vice-president, and Ruth E. Hammond, Wichita, Kansas, second vice-president; and Josie B. Houchens was continued as secretary-treasurer.

Mary Billingsley presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Director of the University of Illinois Library School has already contributed the sum requisite for life membership to the endowment fund of the University of Illinois Library School Association; and

WHEREAS, He has rendered a signal service to the Library School by the unusual ability he has shown in the conduct of the School since 1909;

Resolved, That Mr. Windsor be elected to honorary life membership in the University of Illinois Library School Association.

Mr. Windsor gave a talk on the recent developments in the School. He reported that Library Science had been recognized by the Faculty of the Graduate School as a major leading to the A.M. or the M.S. For the first year's work the degree of B.S. would be given. No official action had yet been taken with regard to the Ph.D. degree in Library Science, as it is realized that we must proceed slowly. The initiative in this desirable action was largely taken by President Kinley, and shows the growing appreciation by him and by the University Faculty of the Library School.

This change in degree will necessitate changes in the curriculum in the second year work, as field or practice work cannot be accepted for graduate credit. However, summer experience in a library will probably be required. There will be a definite effort made, Mr. Windsor insisted, to find substantial, worth-while subjects for the theses and to try to avoid unfortunate selections such as have troubled other fields of study.

Mr. Windsor told us that the first unit of our New Library building is completed; the second is under way; the third will be asked for at the next meeting of the legislature. We will miss the fine old tower with all its associations but the new building has dignity, beauty and convenience, although the exterior is not striking.

As the tuition is lower than that of many universities, we can naturally expect to have fewer scholarships. There are also opportunities for half-time positions in the Library. The Library School, however, will now have its pro-rata share of graduate scholarships on the merit basis, but as our numbers are small this may not mean a scholarship every year.

The Alumni have felt dissatisfaction over the lack of space in the Library Journal and in Public Libraries, but Mr. Windsor explained that the authorities at the University feel that so much attention given to personal notices concerning recent graduates is undignified in a professional journal, so the policy of the Illinois Library School has been to send very few items.

The degrees cannot be exchanged, as some have hoped. This is contrary to University procedure. Those who have the B.L.S. must live and die with it, or study some more.

Margaret Williams told us of her visit to the New Library. She said that the center of the campus is shifting southward, and the New Library is now centrally located. The entry is severe, but everywhere one finds convenience and utility.

Margaret Mann spoke of her Paris Library School experience. She characterized it as hard and interesting. The students were sympathetic, but each point had to be *proved*. France needs our library technique and also our popularization work, but some of the students refused to accept the latter idea unconditionally. The background of the students was excellent. The reference and book selections were given by French teachers. There were fifteen French students, and five of other nationalities. At the close of the school session the students voluntarily appointed a committee to make a subject headings list.

Just as the meeting was breaking up six people pledged themselves for a life membership. They are Margaret Mann, Elizabeth Wilson, Le Noir Dimmitt, E. O. Fontaine, Dorothy Cook, and Amy Moon.

HONOR ROLL OF LIFE MEMBERS ILLINOIS LIBRARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Abraham, Effie Gale
Anders, Mae C.
Baker, Adaline Maitland
Baker, Gladys V.
Barnes, Grace
Bennett, Stella
Bergen, Esther L.
Billingsley, Mary P.
Blackburn, Bertha F.
Bond, Ethel
Booth, Mary Josephine
Boyd, Anne M.
Burwash, Mary G.
Childs, James B.
Cilley, Lillie
Coldren, Fanny Alice
Cole, Agnes M.
Cook, Dorothy E.
Curry, Arthur Ray
Davis, Elizabeth H.
Davis, Reba
Dawley, Helen
Derby, Emily Grace
Dimmitt, Le Noir
Dunbar, Margaret Irene
Felsenthal, Emma
Felter, Alma

Flack, Chas. R.
Forrest, Elizabeth
Garver, Willia K.
Getchell, Myron Warren
Gibbs, Laura R.
Gjelsness, Rudolph H.
Gramesly, Margaret A.
Guinn, Lillian M.
Hammond, Ruth E.
Hayward, Mabel
Hostetter, Anita M.
Hostetter, Marie M.
Houchens, Josie B.
Howard, Clara Eliza
Howe, Harriet E.
Hutchins, Margaret
Inglis, Mary
Jennings, Anna Vivian
Krause, Louise B.
Leatherman, Marian
Lewis, Lucy May
Mann, Margaret
Marks, Mary Ella
Merrill, Julia Wright
Miller, Mabel
Moon, Amy C.
Morrison, Mary

Murphy, Jean McK.
Oaks, Catherine
Palmer, Grace
Patton, Adah
Pierson, Esther
Price, Anna May
Ritchie, Elizabeth P.
Robertson, Eleanor M.
Roe, Miriam
Sanford, Delia C.
Sankee, Ruth
Sears, Rose R.
Simpson, Frances
Smith, Ellen Garfield
Smith, Chas. W.
Stewart, Mrs. Roberta D.
Torrance, Mary
Towne, Jackson E.
Van Tuyl, Ruth
Wahlin, Vendla
White, Ann D.
Wilson, Elizabeth
Windsor, P. L.
Williams, Margaret S.
Wyeth, Ola M.

SCHOOL NEWS

Last spring, as most of the alumni know, official action was taken by which, beginning with the year 1926-27, students in the Library

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School who complete the first year of work, will be granted the degree of Bachelor of Science; second year students in Library Science now register in the Graduate School as candidates for the Master's degree in Library Science. No action has as yet been taken to abolish the B.L.S. degree and during the current year a few students will receive that degree. Second year Library School courses completed by students before September, 1926, will *not* apply as credit toward the Master's degree in the Graduate School.

This year the enrollment was larger than usual, there being a total of seventy-four. Eight of these are men, and two already have their Doctor's degree; several of the students, as in former years, have a Master's degree in some subject other than Library Science. This year four students will receive the degree of B.L.S.; five will receive the Master's degree, and about fifty will receive the degree of B.S. in Library Science.

At the present time the Library School does not offer more than two full years of work in Library Science and for that reason a holder of the B.L.S. degree cannot register in enough new courses to take the Master's degree in Library Science. It would be more advantageous to take a Master's degree in some other subject, until the graduate courses in Library Science are more numerous and varied.

Owing to the increase in attendance last fall, provision was made for an additional member of the faculty, and Miss Avis M. Pillsbury, 1920-21, recently of the Bangor (Me.) Public Library, was appointed as assistant. The faculty now numbers seven, who give full time to the work of the School.

The temporary quarters of the School are on the ground floor of the New Library building and were occupied at the beginning of the academic year. It is a great pleasure to be in so large a room and one so light and airy. Book cases at one end of the room are so arranged as to make three offices for members of the faculty. Miss Simpson's office and two class rooms are on the same floor of the building. The second unit of the New Library building is now being constructed and there is some hope that the School may be in its permanent quarters, on the third floor of this unit, next September.

The current issue of the *Illinois Alumni News* is carrying an article about the New Library and arrangements have been made for all former Library School students to receive a copy so that they may have some idea of the new building.

ALUMNI GOSSIP

Margaret Mann, '96, has resigned her position on the faculty of the Paris Library School, and is teaching at the Library School which has been established at the University of Michigan.

Betty Jean Britt, '25-'26, is an Assistant in the Public Library at Des Moines, Ia.

Sylvia Laithwaite, '25-'26, worked part of the summer in the Detroit Public Library, from there she accepted a position in the Public Library, Toronto, Canada.

Henry C. Cox, '26, is head Cataloger at the Public Library at San Diego, California.

Margaret Herdman, '14, writes from Paris, France, that she is much interested in the new work that she is taking up in connection with the Paris Library School.

Flora Hottes, '26, is Children's Librarian at the Gilbert M. Simmons Library, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Roxana G. Johnson, '09, has accepted a position as Classifier at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

Maude K. McLaughlin, '20, is located this winter in Washington, D. C., her address is 2910-25th Street, N. E.

Winifred Fehrenkamp, '12, spent the summer in Paris, attending the New York School of Art and Design. She is now Librarian of the Avery Library of Architecture, Columbia University.

Dorothy Dowsett, '25-'26, is Assistant in the Reference department of the Public Library, Flint, Mich.

Louise Lewis, '25-'26, is Librarian of the Public School Library, Columbus, Ohio.

Maurine Irwin, '25-'26, has a position in the Agricultural Library, Manhattan, Kansas.

Mae C. Hessler, '25-'26, has accepted a position in the Library of Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska.

Mary L. Crouch, '25-'26, is an Assistant in the University of South Dakota Library, Vermilion, South Dakota.

Katherine Hitt, '16-'17, writes that she has just accepted a position in the Ryerson Library, Art Institute, Chicago.

Frances M. Battles, '25-'26, is now Librarian at the Bellevue, Ohio, Public Library.

Hortense Eggmann, '25-'26, has just been appointed as Librarian at Taylorville, Illinois.

Warren L. Perry, '25-'26, has a position in the Reference Department of the Public Library, Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. Jessie Jones Price, '22-'23, is Assistant in the Catalog department of the Public Library, Rockford, Illinois.

Marie M. Hostetter, '22, has been appointed Instructor on the faculty of the University of Illinois Library School.

Charles R. Flack, '26, is Librarian of St. Benedict's College Library, Atchison, Kansas.

Jessie Jenks, '26, Mrs. Elleine McLellan, '25-'26, and Dorothy Black, '25-'26, have been appointed Assistants in the Reference department of the University of Illinois Library.

Iva McConagha, '25-'26, is Librarian of the Central High School, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Mary B. McLellan, '05-'06, is now Assistant Librarian of the Dearborn Public Library, Dearborn, Michigan.

May Smith, '25-'26, is head of the Circulation department of the Public Library, Hibbing, Minn.

Alberta M. Ackley, '24-'25, resigned from her position in the Lawrence College Library, Appleton, Wisconsin, and is Reference Assistant in the Chicago Public Library.

Arnold H. Trotter, '25-'26, is Assistant Librarian of the State Normal School, Kearney, Nebraska.

Mrs. L. C. H. Woodruff, '25-'26, is Reference Assistant in the Public Library, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Kitchell Adkins, '24-'25, went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this fall as Children's Librarian in the Public Library.

Etta B. Fluke, '25-'26, is Librarian at the Fenger High School, Chicago, Ill.

Gladys V. Baker, '22-'23, is now Classifier in the Catalog Department of the University of Minnesota.

Edith Hague, '18, is now at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, No. 59, Tacoma, Wash., having been transferred from Walla Walla.

Ruth Balsam, '23-'24, announced her marriage on December 5, 1926, to Paul A. Germann. They will be at home at 450 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois. She has just taken a position.

John S. Cleavinger, '10, is Assistant Professor in the School of Library Service at Columbia University. He has been for several years the Librarian at the Public Library in Saginaw, Mich.

Hans E. Mose, '25, was married to Margaret Neilson, June 28, 1926. They spent their honeymoon in Denmark, but he returned to his position in the John Crerar Library in September.

Lucille E. Brumbaugh, '25-'26, is an Assistant at the Missouri State Teachers College library, Maryville, Mo.

Helen F. Barnett, '25-'26, has charge of a branch of the Oklahoma City Public Library.

Mrs. Emma R. Nickoley, '23-'24, has returned to Beirut, Syria, where she may be addressed in care of the American University, Beirut.

Norma Herreid, '25-'26, is Librarian of the Public Library, Chisholm, Minn.

Nellie M. Coats, '21-'22, who is on the staff of the Indiana State Library, was President of the Indiana Library Association last year.

Helen Haug, '25-'26, has a position in the Public library, Dayton, Ohio.

Della F. Northey, '11, has resigned from her position with the Indiana State Library Commission and is at present at her home, 935 Mullan Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.

Mrs. Helen Meisinger, '25-'26, is an assistant in the Children's Department of the Cleveland Public Library.

Ena Oertli, '17-'18, has a position in the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, as Revisor.

Mildred D. Kohlstedt, '25-'26, is Librarian of the Illinois State Normal University, Carbondale, Illinois.

Stella Pierson, '20-'21, is spending the winter in San Antonio, Texas, and her address is 411 E. Evergreen St.

Esther Anell, Fay Hart, Julia Pressey, Meta Sexton, all of the class of 1926, have accepted positions in the University of Illinois Library.

Miriam E. Roe, '26, is head of the Catalog department of the T. and A. M. College, Bryant, Texas.

Gayle Clark, Janet Smith, Inez Smith, and Katherine Bechtel, '25-'26, have positions in the Los Angeles Public Library.

Ada M. Young, '25-'26, has a position at Lawrence College Library, Appleton, Wis.

Agnes E. Smalley, '25, is Assistant Librarian at the Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College, Charleston, Illinois.

It is reported that Edna B. White, '17-'18, is now Mrs. J. S. Decker, and is living in New York City.

Thelma T. Thornsburg, '24-'25, resigned her position in the Los Angeles Public Library, and is now Assistant Librarian of the High School Library at West Allis, Wisconsin.

Jackson E. Towne, '22, has gone to New York University Library as Chief of the Reader's Department.

Mary L. Deaver, '21-'22, has a position in Ball Teachers' College, Eastern Division, Indiana State Normal College, Muncie, Ind.

Mary S. Buffum, '16-'17, resigned her position in Valley City, N. Dak., and has returned to the Illinois Library School to take her Master's Degree.

Margaret S. Williams, '16, is teaching half time on the faculty of the School of Library Service, Columbia University, and studying for her Master's Degree.

Miriam Herron, '26, has joined the staff at the A. L. A. Headquarters, Chicago.

Isabella Smith, '22-'23, (Mrs. E. P. Robertson) has resigned from her position as Librarian of the Highland Park Library, Detroit, Mich. She has a baby daughter, Nancy Ruth, born July 2. Her address at present is Royal Oak, Mich.

Helen V. Barnes, '24-'25, is Cataloger at the University of Maryland Library, College Park, Maryland.

James R. Gullede, '19-'20, is Assistant Librarian at the State University of Louisiana, Baton Rouge.

Florence Blackburn, '21, passed her examinations for a teacher's certificate in California this summer, and now has a position in one of the High School Libraries in Los Angeles.

Nellie Bredehoft, '25-'26, has a position in the Agricultural College Library, Bozeman, Mont.

Roberta Dulin, '26, (Mrs. F. M. Stewart) sets a good example by becoming a life member of the Library School Association and also of the A. L. A. She has accepted the position of Reference Librarian of the University of Texas, where her husband is on the faculty.

James B. Childs, '21, Acting Chief of the Documents Division in the Library of Congress, spent several months this fall traveling in Russia, Lithuania and Germany, promoting exchange relations between those governments and the Library of Congress.

Beatrice Prall, '16, is Librarian of the Public Library of Saginaw, Mich. Dorothy Teare, '23-'24, is Assistant Librarian.

F. K. W. Drury, '05, Associate Librarian at Brown University, will spend three months in Chicago this summer working on the new text book on Book Selection for the A. L. A.

Percy D. Hammond, '22, resigned his position as Assistant Librarian in the University of Louisiana, and became Superintendent of the Loan Department at the University of Texas during the summer.

He had been at the University a very short time before the news of his accidental death on October 26th was received by the School. Mrs. Hammond and the children are living in Morgantown, W. Va.

News has just been received of the death of Dorothy Cuthbert Austin, '17-'18, on April 30, 1926, at Hamilton, N. Y., where she had lived for several years. Her husband, Dr. J. C. Austin, is a member of the faculty of Hamilton College. When in Library School Mrs. Austin was Librarian of the Classics Seminar of the University of Illinois Library.

ALUMNI PUBLICATIONS

Margaret S. Williams, "A chronological chart of American and English periodical indexes," *The Wilson Bulletin*, June, 1926.

Ethel Kratz, "Reading for Junior High School age," *The Wilson Bulletin*, Nov., 1926.

James B. Childs, "Hispanic Government Documents in the Library of Congress," reprinted from the *Hispanic American History Review*, Feb.-Aug., 1926.

K. Dorothy Ferguson, in connection with her work in the Bank of Italy Library, San Francisco, publishes a "Library Bulletin," an index to selected articles relating to business and finance, which appears weekly.

Illinois Libraries for July, 1926, carried the following articles: Anna M. Price, "A reading survey"; Lucy P. Williams, "Adult education, are we meeting the challenge?"; Julia W. Merrill, "Why the larger unit"; Nellie E. Parham, "Hobbies of librarians"; Anne M. Boyd, "Ways of influencing children to read the best books"; Ethel Kratz, "Reading for Junior High School age."

The Illinois High School Conference Proceedings for Nov., 1926 (*Univ. of Illinois Bulletin*, vol. 24, no. 17) contains the following papers: Marie Hostetter, "Instruction in the use of books and libraries for High School pupils." Anna M. Price, "High school library service rendered by the Library Extension Division." Ruth Sankee, "Organizing the High School library."

We feel sure that many interesting articles by alumni have escaped notice in this column, and the Secretary would appreciate it if authors would send her a marked copy or even a notice of an article so that the *News Letter* may be an index of the professional activities of former Illinois students.

N. B.—The Office would greatly appreciate it if the Alumni Record blank enclosed in this letter could be filled out by all former students and returned promptly. It will be used as a basis for statistics which will appear in the next News Letter.

**"One Hundred and Fifty Life Members, Two Hundred Annual Members by June!" Can We Make It?
Not Without You!!**