

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LIBRARY SCHOOL
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To the University of Illinois Library School Alumni Association

DEAR FELLOW-MEMBERS:

The Alumni Association, at its last meeting, elected a president who was not there, consequently her communication in this issue of the *News Letter* will discuss the meeting solely from the point of view of the minutes. The most significant thing in these was Mr. Windsor's report on the possibilities of graduate work at the School. His conclusion, if I interpret the report aright, is that graduate work is being done, that a graduate school is quite feasible, but that the demand for its products would not be sufficient to warrant it at this time.

That transaction which demands the immediate consideration of our members is, however, the amendment of the constitution to provide for life memberships as the basis of an endowment fund, the interest of which it is proposed to use,—though not so demanded by the Constitution,—for a scholarship in the Library School.

The University of Illinois is among the oldest of the Library Schools of the country; it has an alumni body numbering nearly a thousand, over half of whom are now in library work, and consequently supposedly interested in the advancement of the profession. The Alumni Association has a membership of less than a hundred fifty.

If we are to found a scholarship we need two hundred life members. We need in addition another two hundred to pay the running expenses of the larger association. Shall we set the goal at half this for 1926? Can we go to the semi-centennial of the A. L. A. in October and report at our annual meeting there that we have reached or even passed this goal? That meeting will be a great celebration in the history of our profession; let us make it a red letter day in our Association annals as well.

Will you send your check to the treasurer next month? Will you influence your friends and classmates to send theirs? Of course we want life members if we can get them, but we want members. How near can we come to one hundred per cent membership for those still in the work? Some of those who have left it still retain their membership and more of these will join the Association as it grows. Do you accept the challenge?

Sincerely,

LAURA R. GIBBS, '02

President

Executive Board, 1925-1926

President—Laura R. Gibbs, 19 Exeter St., Boston, Mass.
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Attention Alumni!!!

The amendment creating the Life membership has been passed, and with it the Association has embarked on a new policy. At every meeting where it has been discussed the idea of a scholarship has been met with enthusiasm by those who felt that the Association would be bigger and stronger if it had such a worth while goal for which to work. The real test is yet to come for the President has set the goal for one hundred life members and two hundred regular members by October, 1926. Can we do it? We can. Twenty-five dollars is not a large sum, especially when it can be distributed over five years. We have elected Trustees; we must now gather a fund for them to administer, so send in your check as soon as you can to the treasurer. An Honor roll will be published in the next letter.

The secretary has received the following letter from Mr. Windsor expressing his appreciation of the action of the Association:

DEAR MISS HOUCHENS:

I am glad that some of our alumni are becoming life members of the Association, chiefly in order to create a permanent endowment fund; it is but another manifestation of loyalty to the School and to the profession on the part of our former students.

Graduate study and research in other subjects are commonly promoted by the offering of scholarships and fellowships to a selected few of the more recent college graduates; if the Library School can make a similar offer, it will attract into the profession a still larger number of these graduates.

We frequently are in correspondence with good students who can not come to the School even for one year of study, because of the expense; and every year there are students who do not return for the second year's study, for the same reason. They do not feel justified in going into debt for the whole of the very considerable sum necessary for a year's work.

Money should also be available for publishing such student and faculty studies as would be valuable to the profession at large. A publication fund will promote the preparation of suitable theses and monographs.

These are two of the present needs of the School which our alumni can supply if enough of them take out life memberships. No doubt other needs will arise in future years. The building up of a permanent endowment fund by these life memberships, and by other gifts, will give a value, a dignity, and a permanence to the work of the Association, which are most desirable.

And, in addition to all these more serious considerations in favor of the plan, if you are a *lifer*, the treasurer won't be sending you every year a bill for the annual membership fee! I sincerely hope every one who can will become a life member.

P. L. WINDSOR

Minutes of the Seattle Meeting

The annual dinner and meeting of the Illinois Library School Alumni Association was held on June 9, 1925, in the Italian Room of the Olympic Hotel, Seattle. Miss Batterson, President of the Association, presided. There were seventy-five alumni present.

The meeting was opened with the singing of Illinois Loyalty. The President then called on the different classes to stand up; the earliest class represented was 1896, by Miss Ahern, and the latest, 1926, by Miss Evelyn Foster. Almost every class since the opening of the School had one or more representatives; 1906 with six members was the banner class in point of numbers. Miss Marvin gave greetings from the Northwest and plead for greater tolerance, scholarliness and mental alertness for librarians. Miss Hutchins gave news of the Library School faculty, the new Library building and the summer Library School. Telegrams of greetings were read from Mr. Windsor and letters from Miss Esther Smith, ex'05, and from Mrs. Ida Almy Dobbins, who was a member of the first class of Armour Institute.

The minutes of the last annual meeting and the report of the Secretary-Treasurer were read and accepted. The proposed changes in the constitution, with reference to a Life Membership amendment, were read and discussed. Miss Hutchins and Miss Price explained the need for a scholarship fund to be used in competition with graduate school scholarships in other departments of the University. The following amendments were adopted:

Article III—Membership—Section 3. Life members. All persons who have been members of the Library School of Armour Institute of Technology or of that of the University of Illinois may become life members of the Association on the payment of the required fee.

Article IV—Dues—Section 1. Annual Dues. The annual membership dues for the Association shall be one dollar.

Section 2. Life membership. On the payment of twenty-five dollars any member may become a life member. This amount shall be paid in full, or in annual installments of not less than five dollars for five consecutive years.

Article XIII—Endowment Funds—All receipts from life memberships and all gifts for endowment purposes, shall constitute an endowment fund, which shall be kept forever inviolate. The endowment fund shall be in the custody of three trustees, one of whom shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting, to hold office for three years from the date of his election and until his successor shall be elected. No money from the endowment fund shall be

invested or expended except on check signed by a majority of the trustees. The interest from this endowment fund shall be expended as the Executive Board may direct, in accordance with the approved policy of the Association.

Miss Price recommended that the Secretary solicit each member of the Association to take out a life membership and Mr. Strohm recommended that a full explanation of the intended use of the fund be included in the notice. There was a discussion on how to elect the first Board of Trustees and it was finally decided to elect three trustees at the meeting, who should draw lots for one, two, and three-year terms respectively. There was also some discussion as to who should appoint the beneficiaries of such scholarships and it was decided to leave the appointments to the faculty of the School. The following trustees were elected: Margaret Hutchins, J. S. Cleavinger and Harriet E. Howe.

The Secretary then read a statement on Graduate Study, which had been prepared by a committee of the faculty in answer to the request from the alumni at the Saratoga Springs meeting.

The report of the nominating committee was read and accepted. The meeting then adjourned.

(Signed) MARGARET HUTCHINS
Secretary, *pro tem.*

Report of the Secretary and Treasurer June, 1924, to June, 1925

Balance brought forward.....\$ 809.80

Receipts, 1924-1925

1923-24 Memberships since last report.....	\$ 46.00	
Interest.....	33.97	
1924-25 Memberships	58.00	
Life Membership (one).....	25.00	162.97
Loans repaid.....		300.00
Total.....		<u>\$1272.77</u>

Expenditures

News Letter No. 3.....	\$ 31.00	
News Letter No. 4.....	30.00	
Loan to Student.....	100.00	
Expense A. L. A. Dinner.....	10.00	
Stationery, stamps, etc.....	2.00	173.00
		<u>\$1099.77</u>
June, 1925, Balance on hand in bank.....		\$1099.77
Outstanding loans		250.00
Total Assets.....		<u>\$1349.77</u>

Owing to the fact that the membership due notices were sent out in June instead of January, the collections to date have been small for 1924-25; it is hoped that they will pour in during the summer.

The Loan fund has been used by a student in the Senior class, who borrowed enough to take his field trip, returning it in a short time. One

borrower has returned \$200 on a \$300 loan and there is still \$250 out in loans, which are not yet due.

Three News Letters have been issued since the last meeting, in September, December, and June. The editor finds it very difficult to get news items and urges all alumni to send in changes of position or any other item which might be of interest in the letter. It is especially hard to find notes of all articles, addresses, and publications of the alumni and the editor would be very grateful if a copy of all such publications could be sent directly to her.

The most important item of new business is the passage of the Life Membership amendment and the School hopes that every alumnus at the meeting will sign up for a life membership and that each will recruit others, so that the Scholarship fund may grow.

JOSIE B. HOUCHENS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Alumni Gossip

Helen A. Bagley, Ex'06, for a number of years Librarian of Oak Park, Ill., has accepted a position in the Reference Department of the Detroit Public Library.

Lois M. Woods, '17, is now Librarian of the 11th Naval District, San Diego, Calif.

Arthur C. Curry, '21, and Mrs. Curry announce the birth of a daughter, Jean Eloise, in August. The Currys are now at Fort Worth, Tex., where he is the Librarian of the Texas Christian University.

Opal Williams, S.S. '25, has been appointed to the librarianship of the Randolph College Library at Cisco, Tex.

Wintress Brennan, '17, spent four months in Europe this summer; among other interesting experiences she confesses to having witnessed a Bull Fight in Spain. She has just accepted the position of Reference Librarian at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls.

Evelyn M. Foster, Ex'26, is an instructor in the Library School of the Western Reserve University.

Helen V. Barnes, Ex'26, is a Cataloger in the Public Library of the District of Columbia.

Elizabeth Greene, '05, writes that she is working in New York City on the unfinished Sabin "Bibliotheca Americana."

Beatrice Prall, '16, resigned her position in Little Rock, Ark., and went to the Hoyt Public Library, Saginaw, Mich., in August, where she will be Assistant Librarian.

Ruth Balsam, Ex'25, is now in the Reference Department of the Ryerson Library, Art Institute, Chicago.

Isabella Brokaw, '20, has gone to Whiting, Ind., where she will be the Librarian of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

Wilhelmina E. Carothers, Ex'05, has resigned as Reference Librarian of the James Jerome Hill Library at St. Paul, Minn.

Rudolph Gjelsness, '20, returned in August from a year's study in Norway and has accepted the position of Assistant Librarian and Classifier at the University of Michigan.

Laura R. Gibbs, '02, is now in the Branch department of the Boston Public Library.

Percy Don Hammond, '22, is Assistant Librarian of the New Hill Memorial Library, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Anita Hostetter, '20, may be addressed at 5820 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. She is assisting Dr. W. W. Charters in his study of the library school curriculum for the Board of Education for Librarianship.

Amelia Krieg, '20, has accepted the position of Head Cataloger at the University of Iowa Library.

Maud McLaughlin, '20, is now at the University of Maryland Library in charge of cataloging.

The announcement of the marriage of Mildred O'Neal, Ex'23, to Mr. Samuel S. Miller has been received; they will live at Kirkland, Wash.

In August, Ada Nelson and Ralph M. Whiting, both of the class of '25, were married and both accepted positions in the Minneapolis Public Library.

Ruth Sankee, '21, has resigned her position at the University of Illinois and accepted the librarianship of the Decatur High School.

Leonore Schuppert, Ex'25, is assistant in the State Teachers College Library, Valley City, North Dakota.

Dey Smith Pavy, Ex'16, is in charge of one of the branches at the Fort Wayne and Allen County Library, Ind.

Grace Murray, '20, has just resigned from her position as Librarian of the Public Library at Sterling, Ill., and plans to spend the winter at her home in Champaign.

Julia Wright Merrill, '03, is now Executive Assistant to the A. L. A. Committee on Library Extension and is located in Chicago.

Jeanne Everaerts, Ex'25, was married in August at her home in Brussels, Belgium, to Mr. A. E. Gray. They will be at home in Akron, Ohio, 509 Crosby St. She has a position in the Catalog Department of the Public Library.

Jessie B. Weston, '17, (Mrs. H. S. Culver) is living at the Plaisance Hotel, 1545 E. 60th St., Chicago.

Thelma Thornsburg, Ex'26, is an assistant in the Science and Industry Department of the Los Angeles Public Library.

Gertrude Wulfekoetter, '23, after spending the summer in Europe has gone to the University of Cincinnati as Order Librarian.

Litta Banschbach Bascom, '07, has returned to library work and is in the Catalog Department of the University of Wisconsin.

Agnes Cooper, Ex'11, after spending several years in China has returned to America and is in the Library of the North Carolina Agricultural College at Raleigh.

Helen Stroup, Ex'26, is an assistant in the Grand Rapids Public Library.

Helen More, '25, is in the Catalog Department of the Washington Agricultural College, Pullman.

Marian Leatherman, '16, spent the summer doing graduate work at Columbia, and in September accepted the assistant librarianship of the Pennsylvania State College, State College.

Miriam Herron, '21-'22, published a selected bibliography of recent non-technical books for the automobile owner, called "Everyone has a car;" it appeared in Publishers Weekly, July 4th, 1925.

Blanche Robertson, Ex'15, has a position on the Library Survey, and her new address is 1106 Union Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

Leora E. Mabbett, Ex'02, is now Head Cataloger at the Purdue University Library, Lafayette, Ind.

Charlotte Newton, Ex'26, has been appointed as an assistant in the University of Florida Library, Gainesville.

Grace D. Phillips, '05, has the divinity degree as well as her B.L.S. and has accepted the librarianship of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

Alice L. Beach, '25, is Librarian at Friends University, Wichita, Kan.

John H. Dougherty, Ex'26, is an assistant in the Circulation Department of the University of Missouri.

Kitchel F. Adkins has accepted a position in the Oklahoma City Public Library.

Emma M. Shoup, Ex'23, is now in the High School library at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Roberta Dulin Stewart, Ex'20, (Mrs. Frank M.) writes that she and her husband are at the University of Chicago doing graduate work; her address is 1377 E. 57th St., Apt. 5A.

Stella Galpin Trowbridge (Mrs. Charles) has a new address, 450 Riverdale Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.

Margaret Kingsbury Foote (Mrs. Francis S.), 2607 Shasta Road, Berkeley, Calif., is busy with a husband, a house, and three children, but takes time to send her dues to the Association.

Another loyal alumna is Florence Beck McGlachlin (Mrs. Thomas L.), 1123 Clark St., Stevens Point, Wis. She writes: "I always regret that I am so far away from all contact with the work which was so dear to me and dream of connecting up with it again in some way to renew the old acquaintances."

Louise DeKraker Buchanan (Mrs. Bruce) is now at 332 E. William Street, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Jessie Glass, Ex'26, has recently accepted the position of Head of the Circulation Department, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

There have been an unusual number of reunions in the last six months. The meeting at the A. L. A. at Seattle, at which seventy-five

alumni were present, was one of the largest ever held. It was the general sentiment that there was not enough time available for a thoroughly satisfactory meeting and it is hoped that next year a whole evening can be devoted to it.

Sixteen different classes were represented at a breakfast which was held in connection with the Tri-State meeting at Fort Wayne, Ind. There were thirty present. The regional meeting of the A. L. A. at Sioux City, Ia., was the scene of a dinner, with twenty-five alumni present. The Illinois Library Association met at Rockford and twenty alumni had luncheon together, a small number for an Illinois meeting which is usually a close second to the A. L. A. in attendance.