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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS LETTER

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

Doubtless you all know that the new library building for the University of Illinois is now an assured fact. It is still too early for Mr. Windsor to invite you to the dedicatory exercises, but the contracts are about to be let and ground will be broken in the spring.

Even though a report of the meeting of the Association at Hot Springs can not be called a current news item, I assume that you will be interested in the following brief mention of several subjects which caused much discussion. One was in regard to the classification of librarians in educational institutions, another was the possibility of advance work and degrees being given by Library Schools and finally the matter of establishing a life membership in the association as a foundation for a Scholarship fund. If the latter measure passes the next meeting, the honor of being the first life member will go to Anna May Price, '00, who immediately sent a check for twenty-five dollars to the treasurer with a very enthusiastic endorsement of the plan. Committee reports on these measures will be given at the next meeting of the association.

We are pleased by the signal recognition accorded our school this fall. Mlle. Jeanne Everaerts, a student from Belgium, is the recipient of a scholarship furnished by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the sub-committee on Franco-American exchange of scholarships and fellowships, at the instance of Mlle. Rachel Sedeyn, Librarian of the University of Brussels, selected Illinois as the school for Mlle. Everaerts to attend. She is now a member of the Illini and much interested in her work and in American University life.

There will soon be appointed a number of district chairmen, whose duties will be to keep in touch with the alumni in their districts and arrange for meetings wherever possible. These chairmen will also be asked to send items to the editor of the *News Letter* and do whatever they can to strengthen the Association and further its work and plans.

There was a call made for Illinois Library School songs in the June *Letter*, but only two people responded. We are confident that there is much talent concealed in our midst and hope that a number will be sent in before May, so that they can be printed in time to sing at the Saratoga Meeting. Attention is called to the section devoted to Recent Alumni Publications. It is the intention not only to print such items hereafter but to make an effort to build up a special collection of such publications. This can only be done through the cooperation of the Alumni themselves. Please send all such books and articles to the Library School Office and they will be carefully preserved. We are hoping that this second *News Letter* will assure its permanence and that every one will feel at liberty to make suggestions or send in contributions.

Cordially yours,

REBA DAVIS, *President*

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Salary Statistics for the University of Illinois Library School Alumni

In view of the fact that there is at present much discussion concerning Library salaries, it may be timely to publish the following tables which were compiled from questionnaires sent to the former students of the School during the summer of 1923. Three hundred and twenty-three answers were received out of a possible 433 who are at present in active work.

Similar statistics have been made up before by the School and a comparison of them revealed the facts that the average increase for each three-year period of the largest group receiving the same salary has been three hundred dollars and that the number receiving more than this amount has increased for each period.

1917.....228 replies; 19% received \$1200; 28% more and 53% less.
 1920.....280 replies; 15% received \$1500; 40% more and 45% less.
 1923.....323 replies; 20% received \$1800; 50% more and 30% less.

In Table No. 1 an effort has been made to show how many people are receiving the same salary and also to show whether or not the second year gives any salary advantage. Since 22 women who have had two years receive \$2500 and over, and only 5 women who have had one year receive that much, it would seem that the second year does carry some weight. This does not seem to be true in the case of the men, as seven is the total in each case. The general conclusion in regard to the men students is that the average man will receive more than a woman whether he has had one year or two.

In Table no. 2 the fact that the salary of Department Heads and Assistant Librarians seems to be more than for the Librarian is easily accounted for. These positions are found only in large libraries, whereas the salary for the librarian in the small library lowers the average for that position. In spite of the fact that cataloging is supposed to be unpopular,

TABLE NO. 1
General salary statistics

SALARY	TWO YEAR COURSE		ONE YEAR COURSE		Total
	Men	Women	Men	Women	
\$5000+	1		1		2
4000	1			1	2
3600		2	1	2	5
3400	1				1
3300		2	1		3
3200	1	3			4
3000	1	3		1	5
2800		3	1		4
2700	2	2	2		6
2600		4			4
2500		5	1	2	8
2400	1	13	1	6	21
2300		15		2	17
2200	1	10		3	14
2100		7		8	15
2000	1	19	1	12	33
1900	1	7		9	17
1800	1	28		33	62
1700		7		11	18
1600	1	9	1	21	32
1500	1	7		12	20
1400		3		7	10
1300		4		5	9
1200				4	4
1100		1		2	3
1000				1	1
900		1		2	3
Total no. of Persons	14	155	10	144	323
Average Salary	\$2850	\$2265	\$2880	\$1795	

catalogers and classifiers number seventy-three. While only nine are numbered as Instructors, many others combine that duty with a regular library position, but under this heading only people devoting their whole time to teaching were counted.

In the division into different types of Libraries, the Public and the Institutional nearly balance; 158 are in Educational institution libraries, while 154 are in libraries whose work would rank them as Public. Special library work, which includes Editorial, Information service and Private Libraries, numbered 11.

TABLE NO. 2
Average Salaries Classified by Position and by Type of Library

TITLE OF POSITION	EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS		PUBLIC AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES		TOTAL NO. REPORTING
	Number Reporting	Average Salary	Number Reporting	Average Salary	
Librarian.....	53	\$2086	33	\$2284	86
Assistant Librarian.	12	2200	7	1714	19
Branch Librarian...	10	1840	4	1650	14
Department Heads.	13	2177	15	2046	28
Head Catalogers....	13	2284	10	2330	23
Classifiers.....	2	1900	3	2066	5
Catalogers.....	24	1545	21	1566	45
Reference Librarian.	8	2114	7	2000	15
Assistants.....	14	1600	22	1515	36
Children's Librarian			2	1650	2
Extension and Commission Heads.			4	2624	4
High School Librarian.....			26	1952	26
Special Librarian...			11	2854	11
Library School Instructors.....	9	2611			9

Table no. 3 will answer the question which is often asked, "Do the recent graduates receive more than the people who have been out for some years?"

TABLE NO. 3
Average Salaries by Five-Year Groups

1893-97 (Armour) (13).....	\$2485	1907-11 (42).....	\$2135
1898-1901 (23).....	2487	1912-16 (53).....	2013
1902-1906 (59).....	2322	1917-22 (105).....	1948

Table No. 4 will show how many Illinois people are now actively engaged in Library work in each state. If any alumna would like a list for her own state the Secretary would be glad to furnish it.

TABLE NO. 4
Geographical Distribution

Arkansas.....	6	Michigan.....	24	Pennsylvania.....	3
California.....	34	Minnesota.....	19	Rhode Island.....	2
Colorado.....	4	Missouri.....	16	South Dakota.....	9
Connecticut.....	1	Montana.....	3	Texas.....	9
D. of C.....	13	Nebraska.....	11	Tennessee.....	6
Idaho.....	1	New Jersey.....	1	Virginia.....	1
Illinois.....	108	New Mexico.....	1	Washington.....	13
Indiana.....	18	New York.....	15	West Virginia.....	1
Iowa.....	20	North Carolina.....	2	Wisconsin.....	11
Kansas.....	10	North Dakota.....	5	Wyoming.....	2
Kentucky.....	1	Ohio.....	26	China.....	1
Louisiana.....	1	Oklahoma.....	5	P. I.....	1
Maryland.....	1	Oregon.....	16	Syria.....	1
Massachusetts.....	11				

School and Alumni News

The Alumni were unusually well represented at the Mid-Winter Meetings in Chicago; there were about sixty-five present but there was no time for a special reunion.

The Seniors will start on their month of Field work the first of February.

We have been very fortunate in having had the following visiting lecturers: Miss Della F. Northey, School Librarian of the Indiana Library Commission; Mr. Frederick G. Melcher, Executive secretary of the National Association of Booksellers; Mr. Judson T. Jennings, Librarian of the Seattle Public Library and President of the American Library Association and Mr. Samuel H. Ranck, Librarian of the Grand Rapids Public Library.

An especially interesting meeting of the Library Club was held just before Christmas at which Mrs. Emma Rhoads Nickoley talked on Conditions in the Near East, and told also about her experiences as Librarian of the American University of Beirut. Mrs. Nickoley is taking some courses in the Library School while her husband is spending a Sabbatical year at the University.

Elizabeth Bryan '10 will sail February 2nd for a Mediterranean cruise. The trip will occupy four months, part of which will be spent in touring the continent.

Another voyageur is Sabra Nason, ex '07, who is making a trip around the world. She sailed from Seattle on October 5th and will be gone a year. She was to meet Cornelia Marvin '95 in Italy.

Ola M. Wyeth '06 has been appointed Librarian of Rockford College for the remainder of the year.

Laura R. Gibbs '02, Information Chief, of the Tel-U-Where Service in Boston, has been appointed editor of Special Libraries, and Secretary-Treasurer of Special Libraries Association.

Amelia Krieg '20 has accepted a position in the Library of the Western Engineers Society in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Bennitt (Clara Brooks, '12) announce the birth of a daughter on January 19th, at Saunemin, Illinois.

Bess Lowry '19 has accepted the position of Reference Librarian at the Iowa State College Library.

Marian Leatherman '16 is Librarian of Drake University, Des Moines.

Margaret Gramesley '04 was appointed instructor in the Library School to succeed John S. Cleavinger '10, who has gone to Saginaw, Michigan as Librarian.

Among the unfortunates in the Berkeley fire were Margaret Kingsbury Foote '10, who lost her home and all her possessions, and Stella Bennet '03, who suffered a similar loss but the other Illini at the University of California were lucky in living outside the burned area.

Marie M. Hostetter '22 has accepted a position in the Omaha Technical High School Library.

News has been received of the marriage of Mildred Noe Johnson, ex. '17, to Mr. Barnabas Bryan, Jr; they will make their home in New York City. A belated notice was also received of the marriage of Dey Smith, ex. '16, to Dr. O. S. Pavy; they are living in McFadden, Wyoming.

Miles O. Price '21 writes that he is much interested in the work of the Patent Office Library in Washington, where he is Librarian, but he divides this interest with a six months old son and a new house.

The Wilson Bulletin announces that Miss Minnie E. Sears, '00 formerly First Catalog assistant, Reference Catalog Division of the New York Public Library, has been appointed to succeed Miss Corinne Bacon as Editor of the Standard Catalog Series.

John Lester Feek, ex. '22, died on January 13th in Bloomington, Illinois after a long illness. He completed the Junior year of the Library school in 1921, after his return from overseas, where he was a member of the American Expeditionary Forces. After leaving the School, he went to the University of Chicago; while there he developed tuberculosis, which finally caused his death.

Recent Alumni Publications

Thomas P. Ayer ex. '16 has compiled a very complete Bibliography of the literature relating to the Price of Coal; this was printed in The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science for January, 1924.

Anna V. Jennings '03 has compiled, with Sarah M. Findley, a classified list of "Books for Elementary Schools," which has been published by the Nebraska State Teachers College, Kearney, Nebraska.

Margaret Hutchins '08 contributed a short skit entitled "The Reference Librarian," to the Illinois *Alumni News* for June, 1923.

Miles O. Price '21 was chairman of the Committee of Government Librarians in Washington, which recently published a most interesting "Brief and Specifications for Library Service in the Federal Government." This was printed by the District of Columbia Library Association through subscriptions received from a number of large libraries.

Elsie L. Baechtold '16 is the author of "The Business Librarian's Opportunity," which appeared in the News Bulletin of the Bureau of Vocational Information for October 15th.

Arthur R. Curry '21 had several of his poems included in a recently published volume entitled "Illini Verse," which was edited by Bruce Weirick, Associate in the English department of the University.