

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LIBRARY SCHOOL  
ALUMNI NEWS LETTER

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*To the Alumni*

DEAR FELLOW-MEMBERS:

The Committee on Life Membership made a splendid beginning with thirty members to its credit, the first third of our quota and always the hardest part to get.

Within the past month we have constituted an informal committee of these thirty to continue the good work. Results so far, another ten, who are hereby added to the President's Committee. Those of you who have not yet come in will be most heartily welcome.

The letters which I have already received have been most enthusiastic. One of the busiest women I know writes: "I am very glad to take out a life membership . . . and also to do anything I can to make your plans and work for the school a success." Another says: "One hundred life members seems a very modest goal. I should think every girl who graduated while Miss Sharp was director would wish to be a life member, whether she is still in the work or not, but I suppose you have sent letters to every one of them." (If I have not, you need not congratulate yourselves that you have escaped me. I am only giving you the chance to join voluntarily before I do!) One sounds a less optimistic note: "I am sorry no more responded to the appeal, but I was astonished to read how few belonged to the Association at all." Never mind, let's change that, for it is our Association to do with what we will and the more we can make of it the more we shall be counted worthwhile.

I wonder if every one of you realizes that we can make this an organization which will reflect credit on our School, and that if we do the credit will again be reflected upon each and all of its members? Are we going to do it?

Whether you are a member of the Association or not will you consider this a personal appeal for help, which you can render by answering the following questions immediately and frankly? I will hold your answers as confidential if you so desire, but it will be of great assistance in the building up of the Association if I may know just what your opinions in regard to it are. We want it an association to which all would like to belong, whether they are ready to join at the present time or not.

1. Will you join now as a life member if possible? If you cannot, will you join as an annual member? If you do not do either, would you be willing to give me your reasons?

2. Whom will you ask to join, preferably as a life member?

3. Are you planning to go to the A. L. A. Conference in October?

4. Have you any ideas as to what could be done to make this meet-



ing the best we have ever had? This is to be the spirit of the whole convention.

5. If you are coming will you definitely undertake to help with the singing at the dinner?

LAURA R. GIBBS, '02  
*President*

### Executive Board, 1925-1926

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### SO SAY I, WHAT SAY YOU?

"I am happy to have made my first payment toward a life membership in the Library School Alumni Association. Since I finished my payments on the Stadium pledge, I have often thought that I should like to give an equal amount to the Library School for the student loan fund. The plan of the life membership has given me a chance to make a definite start in that direction."

FANNY ALICE COLDREN, '22

"I have read with interest the number 6 Alumni News Letter. I hope a goodly sum will be sent in for the permanent endowment fund."

LILLIAN M. GUINN, '10-11

"I think a good-sized scholarship fund would be a fine thing for the school. I enclose my check for twenty-five dollars in order to become a life member."

HELEN DAWLEY, '24

"The Alumni News Letter came yesterday telling of the amendment to the constitution to provide for life memberships. I was very glad to know that it was adopted, so am enclosing a check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for my membership."

CATHARINE S. OAKS, '12 (Mrs. G. F. Cook)

"The last Alumni News Letter was such an interesting one, I devoured each and every word. The most interesting item to me was the amendment creating the Life membership. To show my interest and approval, as well, I'm sending a check."

EFFIE G. ABRAHAM, '21

"I was interested in the plan of a Life membership in the Library School alumni association, and am enclosing ten dollars for first installment for a Life membership, and will send the balance later in two or three installments. Only wish this plan had been thought of before, and hope it meets with hearty response from the alumni."

STELLA BENNETT, '03

"I am glad to learn that so good a start has been made in the campaign for one hundred life memberships by October, 1926. I feel sure the effort to accumulate a substantial fund for the work of the Alumni Association will meet a ready response. Here is something tangible that can be done out of loyalty to Alma Mater and loyalty to the profession of librarianship. If I am not mistaken, there are a goodly number who will prefer to convert their allegiance into something else than bricks and mortar or triumphant football teams."

CHARLES W. SMITH, '05



"All of us in this part of the country are much interested in the life membership and scholarship plan and trust that every loyal Illini will lend his support."

MARIE M. HOSTETTER, '22

"I was surprised to find what a small proportion of the alumni belong to the Association. It would seem to me that interest enough in the Association should be aroused during the library course to make the graduates willing to join, especially since they are in a position to see the workings of the Scholarship fund, and the need for it. Many recent graduates might not feel that they could afford to become life members but we need more annual memberships as well."

DELIA C. SANFORD, '00

"As you know, I am anxious to see a large number of life memberships in the Alumni Association of the Library School, so that the permanent endowment fund may soon amount to a creditable figure. I have no doubt that occasionally gifts from people who are not eligible for membership in the Association may be offered and I assume that the Association will welcome these.

"At any rate, I greatly desire to contribute an amount which would make me a life member if I were eligible and I hope the Association will accept this contribution of mine and that other friends of the School will make other contributions to the fund.

"With best wishes for the success of your efforts to secure life memberships and gifts.

"Yours very truly,

"P. L. WINDSOR"

### HONOR ROLL OF LIFE MEMBERS

- ✓ Abraham, Effie Gale, Public Library, Indianapolis, Indiana
- ✓ Baker, Gladys V., Eureka College Library, Eureka, Illinois
- ✓ Barnes, Grace, University of Maryland Library, College Park
- ✓ Bennett, Stella, J. K. Smiley Library, Redlands, California
- ✓ Bond, Ethel, University of Illinois Library School, Urbana
- ✓ Boyd, Anne M., University of Illinois Library School, Urbana
- ✓ Burwash, Mary G., Agricultural Library, University of Illinois, Urbana
- ✓ Childs, James B., Document Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.
- ✓ Coldren, Fanny, University of California Library, Los Angeles
- ✓ Cole, Agnes M., University of California Library, Berkeley
- ✓ Curry, Arthur Ray, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth
- ✓ Davis, Elizabeth, Kansas State Agricultural College Library, Manhattan
- ✓ Dawley, Helen, University of Chicago Library, Chicago
- ✓ Derby, Grace Emily, Kansas State Agricultural College Library, Manhattan
- ✓ Dunbar, Margaret Irene, State Normal College Library, Kent, Ohio
- ✓ Felsenthal, Emma, University of Iowa Library, Iowa City
- ✓ Getchell, Myron Warren, University of Illinois Library, Urbana
- ✓ Gibbs, Laura R., Public Library, Boston, Massachusetts
- ✓ Guinn, Lillian M., Bradley Polytechnic Institute Library, Peoria, Illinois
- ✓ Hostetter, Anita, Carnegie Corporation, 5820 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago



- ✓ Hostetter, Marie, Technical High School, Omaha, Neb.
- ✓ Houchens, Josie B., University of Illinois Library, Urbana
- ✓ Howard, Clara Eliza, Schenley High School, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- ✓ Howe, Harriet E., Board of Education for Librarianship, A. L. A., 86 E. Randolph St., Chicago
- ✓ Hutchins, Margaret, University of Illinois Library, Urbana
- ✓ Ingles, Ada M., Technical High School, Omaha, Neb.
- ✓ Krause, Louise B., H. M. Byllesby Company Library, 231 S. LaSalle St., Chicago
- ✓ Leatherman, Marian, Penn. State College Library, State College, Pa.
- ✓ Merrill, Julia Wright, American Library Association, 86 E. Randolph St., Chicago
- ✓ Morrison, Mary, Shaw High School Library, E. Cleveland, Ohio
- ✓ Oaks, Catharine S. (Mrs. G. F. Cook), New York Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva
- ✓ Patton, Adah, University of Illinois Library, Urbana
- ✓ Price, Anna May, Library Extension Division, State Library, Springfield, Ill.
- ✓ Sanford, Delia C., University of Wisconsin Library, Madison
- ✓ Sankee, Ruth, High School Library, Decatur, Ill.
- Simpson, Frances, University of Illinois Library School, Urbana
- ✓ Smith, Charles W., University of Washington Library, Seattle
- ✓ Towne, Jackson E., Supervisor of Departmental Libraries, Iowa State University, Iowa City
- ✓ Williams, Margaret Stuart, New York State Library School, Albany
- ✓ Wyeth, Ola M., Public Library, Savannah, Georgia
- ✓ *Donors*—P. L. Windsor, University of Illinois Library, Urbana. \$25.

### ARE YOU GOING TO THE A. L. A.?

If you are going, please take to heart the final appeal of our President in her letter. There has never been a dinner at which the singing has been satisfactory; everyone wants to sing but they have either forgotten the words or are afraid to hear their own voices. Other schools around us are singing merrily but Illinois sits silent and sad for she wants to sing and is afraid to try.

John S. Cleavinger, '08, has been asked to lead at the next dinner. He writes: "I suppose if the responsibility for music at our dinner is anybody's, it comes close to being mine; but I confess that I feel a sense of utter failure in trying to get our group to sing; I'll do what I can, nevertheless." Now isn't it a shame to make "Sim" feel so pessimistic? Why not surprise him with a burst of song? The Victor people have a wonderful new record of "Illinois Loyalty" and "Varsity" and for \$.75 you can practice them all you want to. Then why not learn "My Illinois" written by our own "Alphabet" Drury? It has the advantage of not being a football song and has beautiful and appropriate words. Learn the words before you go to A. L. A.



## MY ILLINOIS

F. K. W. DRURY, '05

On the prairies rolling free  
Stands our University,  
Alma Mater which we praise in song and story:  
Other hearts may long to be  
Near the great wide western sea,  
Or Atlantic's rough and rock-bound shore,  
But we Illini, ever true, will thy fair name enjoy  
And promote the good and welfare of our own dear Illinois

Chorus.—My Illinois, my Illinois,  
The pride of all the golden West;  
My Illinois, dear Illinois,  
The University I love the best;  
My Illinois, old Illinois,  
What memories thy name recalls.  
To the Orange and the Blue I will evermore be true,  
To my own, my Illinois.

We are loyal to thy name,  
We are jealous of thy fame,  
And we cherish deep the spirit that makes heroes;  
We rejoice in thy success,  
We are anxious to express  
The devotion that is wholly thine.  
Hail, Alma Mater! naught can ever thy good name destroy,  
East and West pay willing tribute to our own dear Illinois.  
Chorus.

## SCHOOL NEWS

The prospects for a large and interesting Summer Session are good. On June first the office had accepted the applications of twenty-two new candidates and eighteen who had been enrolled in former summers. Several of these are returning for the third summer. Eight others are members of the University library staff, and in most cases, have already begun their training. Eight applications are being considered and new ones are received every day. The total enrollment will be sixty or more.

The teaching staff this summer will include Miss Boyd, Miss Bond and Miss Gramesly from the regular faculty and Miss Ruth Sankee, formerly University of Illinois High School librarian, and now librarian of the Decatur, Ill., Senior High School Library. The revisors are to be Frances Ambuhl, Helen Haug, Downing O'Harra, and Jeannette Vander Ploeg, all of the present Junior class.

Marie M. Hostetter, '22, will be a member of the faculty next year. She graduated from the University of Kansas in 1919 and received her B.L.S. from the University of Illinois in 1922; she was classifier and cataloger in the University of Kansas Library for some time. For the last two years she has been in the Omaha Technical High School Library.



This will be the last session in the Old Library. The University Library and Library School will move into the New Library in August. During the first years in this building the School will be in temporary quarters on the ground floor. It is probable that these quarters will be used only for one year and they are ample and convenient. It is expected that the second unit of the new building will be completed in a year and the permanent quarters are to be in this unit.

The completion of the New Library Building will undoubtedly mean rapid development for both the Library and the Library School. The first two units are under construction at a cost of \$1,250,000 and it is hoped that the next legislature will appropriate \$500,000 more for the third unit.

In connection with the campaign for Life memberships, a geographical list of the Alumni engaged in active library work has been prepared. There are a few of these lists left and if any one would like a copy, it will be sent on application to the secretary.

#### ALUMNI GOSSIP

Josephine A. Cushman, '19, has been made Librarian of the Bierce Library at the Municipal University, Akron, Ohio, where she has been assistant librarian for some years.

Katherine Hitt, '16-'17, recently accepted the position of Librarian of the Shorewood High School Library, Milwaukee, Wis.

Maude E. Nesbit, '16-'17, is now with the Medical division of the State Library, Albany, N. Y.

Grace M. Murray, '20, resigned her position at Stirling, Ill., and accepted the librarianship of the Public Library at Elmhurst, Ill.

Helen T. Kennedy, '03, Principal of the Branch Department of the Los Angeles Public Library, writes enthusiastically about their new library which they hope to occupy in July and invites all the Illini who are touring in the West to call on her there.

Ruth N. Latshaw, '24-'25, has been made head cataloger in the Public Library, Evansville, Ind.

Stella Pierson, '20-'21, writes that she has been ill for several months as a result of an attack of "flu;" she expects to resume work in August. Letters will reach her at Locust Ridge Bird Cage, 3918 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.

Gladys F. Pratt, '22-'23, Librarian of the Normal School, Westfield, Mass., will spend several months doing cataloging at the Mt. Holyoke College Library.

A survey of the A. L. A. Handbook for 1925 shows that 343 former students of the School are members; that is pretty good but as a professional school, we might be expected to have a hundred percent representation.

Eleanor Roper, '96, is Reference Librarian of the Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass.

Charles W. Smith, '05, University of Washington Library, Seattle, has been made Professor of Library Science; he is also Associate Librarian.

Violet Lambert Shue, '21-'22, has been appointed Reference Librarian at Santa Ana, California, Public Library.



Lucille Warnock, '20, is in the library of the Omaha Technical High School having resigned her position in the University of Nebraska Library.

Catherine L. Nichol, '10-'11, is also in Omaha as Librarian of the North High School.

Mary S. Buffum, '16-'17, will teach in the summer Library School at the University of Oklahoma.

Carroll P. Baber, '18-'20, for several years Assistant librarian of the University of Oklahoma, has a leave of absence and will return to Illinois to take his A.M. degree in English and also to finish his work for his B.L.S. degree.

Lucy P. Williams, '07, plans to spend the summer in England and Paris.

Sara L. Woods, '22, was married February 20th to Mr. Joseph R. Hamilton and is living in Greenfield, Iowa.

George L. Doty, '16-'17, writes that he received his Ph.D. at Illinois in 1925 and is now Assistant Professor of Romance Languages at the University of Louisville. He is taking another party to Europe this summer.

Florence Crouse Case (Mrs. Maxwell), '17, is reported as living in New Rochelle, N. Y. Please drop us a card and tell us if this is true.

Catharine S. Oaks, '12, announced her marriage on April 10, to Mr. George F. Cook; she will continue as Librarian of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva.

At the recent meeting of the Southwestern Library Association in Tulsa, Wilma Shelton, '18, Librarian of the University of New Mexico, Octavia Rogan, '24, Librarian of the State Library, Austin, Texas, Mrs. Cora Case Porter, Librarian of Wichita, Kansas, Carroll P. Baber, '18-'20, and Jesse L. Rader of the University of Oklahoma Library had an interesting luncheon together.

Myra O'Brien, '07, has resigned her position in the Library of the University of California and will spend the summer traveling in Europe.

Stella Bennett, '03, has also resigned from the University of California Library and is now at the J. K. Smiley Library at Redlands, California.

The present address of Sabra L. Nason, '05-'06, is 111 Park Ave., Kingston, Pennsylvania.

Katherine Manley Hawley, '01, has moved to Madison, Wisconsin, where her daughter Esther is a junior in the University and Bill is a junior in High School; she says that while they sing "On Wisconsin," she is still "Loyal to you Illinois."

Mary Gillen, '23-'24, was married March 17th in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, to Mr. Joseph Henley of Keewatin, Minn. They are spending their honeymoon in Europe.

Amelia Krieg, '20, is Head Cataloger at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Bess J. Johnston, '19, writes that at present she is out of library work but "I did have a wonderfully good time before Christmas recataloging and reorganizing the High School Library of my home, Minneapolis, Kansas."



Grace A. Campbell, '15-'16, is Librarian of the North High School, Des Moines, Iowa.

Winifred Fehrenkamp, '12, Librarian of Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, sails June 23rd to attend the New York School of Art and Design in Paris for six weeks. She also admits that she has bobbed her hair!

The European travel is fairly heavy this summer from the University of Illinois Library. Anne M. Boyd, '18, and Mary Burwash, '16, are going with the A. L. A. pre-conference trip; Nellie Bredehoft and Janet Smith, of the Junior Class, and Miriam Roe, of the Senior Class, will spend most of the summer abroad. Josie B. Houchens, '05, will join some friends for an automobile tour in England, France and Italy.

Gladys Nichols, '14-'15, has resigned her position in the North Carolina College for Women because of illness in her family and is now at her home in Westerville, Ohio.

Margaret Hutchins, '08, Reference Librarian at the University of Illinois, will teach during July at the School for Librarians, Chautauqua, N. Y. Lillian Guinn, '10-'11, Librarian of the Bradley Polytechnic Library, Peoria, Ill., will also teach at Chautauqua.

#### *Alumni Publications*

Miriam Herron, '26, has a fascinating article on "Old Maps for New" in Publishers' Weekly for April 10th.

Hilda J. Alseth, '17-'18, tells "What Engineering colleges are doing to encourage reading" in The Journal of Engineering Education for March, 1926.

Octavia Rogan, '24, in Southwestern Political and Social Science Quarterly, September, 1925, gives a synopsis of Texas legislation for 1925.

"Some Reference Books of 1925" were reviewed by Eleanor Roper, '96, in the Massachusetts Library Club Bulletin for January, 1926. The same number contained a reprint of "Pamphlet biographies" by Anne M. Boyd, '18.

Renée B. Stern, now associated with the editorial department of Rand, McNally and Company, is the author of "Club Making and Management," a book published by Rand, McNally in 1925.

Catharine Oaks Cook, '12, has just published in New York Agricultural Experiment Station Circular 59 (rev.) "Periodicals available for Reference in Station Library."

"Aids to Laughter" by Gertrude Wulfekoetter, '23, has been issued as a pamphlet by the A. L. A. publication office.

A library play, "Exit Miss Lizzie Cox," by Anne M. Boyd, '18, is being published by H. W. Wilson Company and will soon be available.

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**Membership in the Association to date:  
126 annual members, 40 life members.**

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