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To the Members of the Alumni Association:

For the first time in twenty years the annual meeting and dinner of the Association is to be held in the Pacific Northwest.

As President of the Association and as a resident of the Northwest, I want to extend to all Alumni a most cordial invitation to attend. We of the Pacific coast are working hard to make this one of the most enjoyable meetings the Association has ever held, and we want you all here to help enjoy it.

A reception committee of all Alumni on the Coast will do everything possible to make your visit with us a pleasant one.

Very cordially yours

MARY A. BATTERSON, '08

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Executive Board, 1924-1925

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Annual Reunion at A. L. A.

The regular annual meeting and dinner of the Association will be held at Seattle on Thursday evening, July 9th, in the Italian room of the Olympic Hotel. The price will be two dollars a plate, plus a tip. Bertha T. Randall, '03, Ellen G. Smith, '02, and C. W. Smith, '05, will have charge of the dinner and they request everyone to sign up as soon as they register at Headquarters.

Margaret Hutchins, '08, and Nelle M. Signor, '17, are working up a program of Illinois songs and yells. Last year everyone wanted to sing but they were afflicted with a lapse of memory when it came to words, so if you are going to the meeting, try and brush up on Illinois Loyalty and Illinois and others you like to sing. There is real need for some songs that have special reference to the Library School associations; the committee hopes to have one ready, but any alumni is invited to write one and try it out at the meeting.

The nominating committee consists of J. S. Cleavinger, '10, Catherine Nichol, '10-'11, and Elizabeth McKnight, '07. They will make their report at the meeting.

Mary A. Batterson, '08, Head of the Circulation Department of the Tacoma Public Library and President of the Association, writes "the staff of the Tacoma Library are having a general picnic for all visiting librarians who happen to arrive early at our staff cottage on Vashon Island on Sunday, July 5th. If anyone from Illinois plans to be here that day please let me know so I can arrange for them to come to the picnic. It is to be a Beach picnic with clam chowder, etc., and I should love to have my Illinois friends present."

The business meeting is important as the new amendment to the Constitution must be acted on and there should be time given to a discussion of the work of the School in relation to the recommendations of the Board of Education for Librarianship.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

In order to establish a life membership, it will be necessary to amend the Constitution. The following amendments were printed in the December News Letter and are ready to be acted on at this meeting.

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 a life member 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 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.

Board of Education for Librarianship

The School was visited by Mr. Keogh, Mr. Strohm, and Miss Howe on November 11, 1924. They spent the day visiting classes, inspecting equipment and talking with the faculty. In January, Miss Elizabeth M. Smith spent a day at the School making a similar inspection.

The open meetings of the Board in Chicago and in California were attended by many of our Alumni, among whom were representatives appointed by the Association to speak for the School in case of need. Jackson E. Towne, '22, reported the Chicago meeting. He says in brief "mimeographed sheets of notes and a condensed outline were distributed to guide the discussion. It was apparently the intention of the Board to hear from representative heads rather than from possible students or teachers of an advanced school. Prominent members of the profession were asked, before the meeting, to have something definite to say on certain sections of the outline. The discussion included the prospectus of the National school

of Library science, the possibilities for advanced bibliographical work, the proper subject matter for a curriculum for an advanced school, the entrance requirements for such a school. There were many speakers and many different points of view expressed. It was evident that some of the speakers were not very familiar with the curriculums at present existing in the more advanced library schools."

The meeting in Berkeley was reported by Florence M. Craig, '17: "I think Dean Deutsch made a very significant point when he mentioned the movement to de-professionalize the College of Liberal Arts at the University of California, which implies that educators realize the importance of a general college training before specializing. Mr. Keogh made an interesting distinction between professional and graduate schools, saying that in a professional school one is attempting to master the facts and technique of a science and in a graduate school one is attempting to go beyond the known facts and do something original. Mr. Mitchell expressed the hope that if an advanced school of librarianship is established the curriculum will consist of truly advanced work in the nature of research and independent investigation."

The second meeting in Chicago was attended by Anne M. Boyd, '18, and Margaret Gramesly, '04, besides other alumni living in Chicago. The main matter of interest was a paper on "Curriculums" by Dean Charters of the University of Pittsburgh.

New Library Building

At last the first unit of the new library building, costing \$750,000, is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy this fall or winter. The second unit, to cost \$500,000, will be started as soon as the appropriation bill is passed by the Legislature and approved by the governor. In the second unit there will be adequate accommodations for the School and room for an increased enrollment. While the second unit is being built the School will occupy one of the large reading rooms on the first floor and class rooms will be provided on the same floor.

School Notes

The Eight Weeks Summer School promises to be a very busy one. Fifty-five have already registered and there is a waiting list.

Instructors for the Summer Session will be Ethel Bond, '08, Anne M. Boyd, '18, Margaret A. Gramesly, '04, Ruth Sankee, '21, and Agnes King, of the University of Texas Library School faculty. Lois Holladay, Maude Davis, Ruth N. Latshaw, Alma Hook, and Charlotte Newton, all of the class of '26, will be assistants.

Many of this year's students are already placed in positions:

Seniors

W. B. Hunt will spend the summer working in the order department of the University of Illinois Library.

Hans Einar Mose is to be assistant Reference Librarian at the John Crerar Library, Chicago.

Ada Nelson will teach Cataloging in the University of Iowa Summer School. In September she goes to the Minneapolis Public Library.

Grace Palmer returns to her position as Librarian of the Southwestern State Teachers College, Springfield, Mo.

Gladys Sigler goes to the Catalog department of the Cleveland Public Library.

Agnes E. Smalley will be assistant Librarian at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College, DeKalb, Illinois.

Edward Pfutzenreuter will be Librarian of the Public Library at Greeley, Colorado.

T. T. Yang, who has been ill, will remain for special examinations during the summer and plans to get his degree in October, when he and Mrs. Yang (who has been registered as a student in the Junior class) will return to China. He will be the Librarian of the Peking College of Economics and Law.

Juniors

Ethel Binney will teach in the Summer School at the University of Oklahoma and the first of September will take the position of Librarian of the Spies Library, Menominee, Mich.

Beatrice Broughton and Margaret Earle will be assistants in the State Library Extension Division, Springfield.

Maude Davis and Alma Hook will be in the Catalog Department of the University of Iowa Library.

J. H. Dougherty goes to the University of Missouri in the Circulation Department of the Library. Evelyn Foster returns to the University of Oregon Library in charge of Serials. Mrs. Stella Lasley returns to the University of Oklahoma Library.

Ruth N. Latshaw will be on the staff of the Evansville, Ind., Public Library.

Clare K. Luger will be an assistant in the Public Library of Minneapolis.

Letha P. McGuire will be in the Catalog Department of the Iowa State College Library.

Vivian G. Reynolds will be General Assistant at the Kansas State Agricultural Library.

Ruth Sinclair will be Assistant Librarian at the New Trier High School Library, Kenilworth, Ill.

Ruth Van Tuyl will be in the Catalog Department of the Iowa State Teachers College.

The last two weeks of the term were full of gaiety. Parties for the Seniors and for the Juniors were the order for almost every day.

The following visitors have lectured to the School: Miss Harriet A. Wood on "The State and the Library"; Miss Emma Felsenthal, '12, on her "Visits to European Libraries"; Miss Elizabeth M. Smith, on "The purpose of the A. L. A. Board of Education for Librarianship"; Miss Annie Carroll Moore, on "Criticism of books for children"; Miss Julia A. Robinson on "The State's Contribution to Library Service."

Miss Simpson will sail for Europe on July the 10th, on the S. S. Stavangerfjord, Norwegian-American Line, sailing from Brooklyn. She will take the North-Cape Cruise and then spend several weeks in England.

Alumni Gossip

Ernestine Brown, '21-'22, has resigned from the Boise Public Library and will have a position in the Technology department of the Seattle Public Library.

Grace D. Phillips, '05, has accepted the position of Children's Librarian in the Wilmette Public Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron J. Stigers (Marie Hedrick, '19) announce the birth of a son on February 28th.

Lillian Guinn, '10-'11, will teach cataloging this summer in the Chautauqua summer school.

Edith C. Ware is now head of the Reference Department of the U. S. Air Service Library, Washington, D. C.

Sabra L. Nason, '07, has returned from a year of travel in Europe and is temporarily at 179 Prospect Ave., Highland Park, Ill.

The marriage of Violet Lambert, '21-'22, to Hobart Shue took place on February 18th. They will live in Urbana, Ill.

Gladys F. Pratt, '22-'23, resigned her position in the Springfield, Mass., Public Library and accepted the Librarianship of the Normal School at Westfield, Mass.

Agnes B. Cooper, '10, has spent the last three years as bookbuyer for the American Bookstore in Shanghai, China. On January first she sailed with her sister, Dr. Emma S. Cooper, for the United States, via the Orient, expecting to take about six months for the trip home.

Cora Case Porter, '23-'24, spent part of the winter in Los Angeles as librarian of the Wilshire Branch Library. She has just been appointed to the librarianship of the Muskogee, Oklahoma, Public Library, to succeed Ruth E. Hammond, '17, who has gone to Wichita, Kans., as the librarian of the Public Library.

Clara Chamberlain Scott (Mrs. A. J.), '20-'21, is now living in Brightmoor, Mich.

Elsie L. Jaeck, '22-'23, has been appointed as head of the Circulation Department of the University of Missouri Library.

Ella Campbell, '17, has been spending the year in California, her address is 291 North El Molino, Pasadena.

Louise DeKraker, '24, was married to Bruce Buchanan on December 27th. They are living at 203 W. Ingalls St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

Marie Hammond Fox (Mrs. F. S.), '09-'10, writes that "my address is 1236 Crescent Dr., Glendale, Cal., where I am making my permanent home out of the beaten track of Library work. I surely do enjoy the News Letter."

Robinson Spencer, '18, has been appointed Chief Classifier for the Iowa State College Library, Ames, Ia.

Linda M. Clatworthy, '00, visited the School in January and gave a very interesting talk to the students on the possibilities of County Library work in the Western states.

Another visitor in January was Elizabeth Stout, '08, Librarian of the Lewis and Clark High School Library, Spokane, Wash.

Helen Griffiths Travers, '08-'09, is now the Reference Librarian of the Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library.

Octavia F. Rogan, '23, has been appointed Librarian of the Texas State Library, and Charlotte Ryan, '16-'17, will be the Librarian of the Legislative Reference Library.

Elizabeth Greene, '05, has returned to the Library field, and is having a very interesting experience as an assistant in the Hamilton Fish Branch of the New York Public Library.

James B. Childs, '21, has been appointed as Acting Chief of the Division of Documents of the Library of Congress.

Mary L. Deaver, '21-'22, is the Librarian of the Public Library at Alberton, Fla.

Ruth McCaughtry, '23, has accepted a position in the Catalog Department of the Springfield, Mo., Public Library.

Elizabeth H. Burnside, '07, visited the School in March. She has been living at home in Oskaloosa, Ia., for several years, but will probably take a position in the fall.

Margaret L. Dempster, '19-'20, is now Mrs. Paul Hindeman and is living in Plattsmouth, Neb.

Mrs. Emma Rhoads Nickolay, '17-'18, writes that she will sail from Beirut, Syria, May 22nd and will spend about six months in Urbana.

Dorothy Cook, '19, and Florence M. Craig, '17, have accepted positions with the H. W. Wilson Company to work on the Standard Catalog Series.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland L. Lawrence (Margaret Towle, '15-'16) announce the birth of a son Leland, Jr., on Feb. 22, 1925. They are living at 768 Twenty-seventh Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Sophie Hyde Hubacheck (Mrs. L. A.), '03-'04, spent several months this spring traveling in Europe. Her permanent address is 5136 Harriet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

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

Marian Leatherman, '16, has resigned her position as Librarian of Drake University and will take Graduate work at Columbia University.

Mary M. Bevans, '04, Route A, Box 463, Oxnard, Cal., writes that since 1910 she has been managing her ranch, but that she still feels a keen interest in library work and in her library friends and that she wishes to be a member of the association.

The following alumni living in Des Moines have had several reunions: Mae C. Anders, '19-'20, Dorothea G. Edwards, '23-'24, Marian Leatherman, '16, Alma Felter, '24, and Clara L. Abernathy, '16-'17.

Jessie B. Weston, '16, was married on March 2nd to Mr. Harry Sanders Culver and is living in Chicago. We would like to have a more exact address.

Emma Felsenthal, '12, will teach in the Summer Library School of the University of Iowa where she has been Librarian of the Medical Library.

Luella Cory, '23, has resigned her position at Kansas Agricultural College and is spending the year at her home at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Grace Derby, '05-'06, Associate Librarian at the Kansas Agricultural College, visited the School in May. She showed some interesting plans for their proposed new library.

Frances Klank Stunkard, '18, dropped into the editor's office several weeks ago accompanied by two adorable youngsters. They were just back from Europe where Mr. Stunkard has been studying. He will be the Head of the Zoology Department of the College of the City of New York next year.

Arthur R. Curry, '21, has resigned his position as Secretary of the Indiana State Library Commission and has gone to the Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, as Librarian.

Ola M. Wyeth, '06, Librarian of the Savannah, Ga., Public Library visited the School in June.

Lilly Cilley, '17, is now on the staff of the University of Iowa Library.

Ralph M. Whiting, '24, will receive his B.S. degree in the College of Education, University of Illinois, this June and in the fall will have a position in the Technology Division of the Minneapolis Public Library.

Alumni Publications

James B. Childs, '21, Sixteenth Century books; a bibliography of literature describing books printed between 1501 and 1601. (Reprinted from the Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America. 17:73-152.)

Fanny Dunlap, '15, and Alice S. Johnson, '07, have issued a "Bibliography of Vocations for College Women," reprinted by the A. L. A. from the News Bulletin of the Bureau of Vocational Information, 1925.

Mary J. Booth, '04, has written "Obtaining Geographical Material for Schools" in Journal of Geography for March, 1925.

Pamphlet Biographies and Publishers Bulletins (Inexpensive reference material for a small library) by Anne Morris Boyd, appeared in the Library Occurrent for April, 1925.

Miriam Herron, '21-'22, Librarian of the Southern Illinois State Normal University won first prize in the Publishers Weekly Cross Word Puzzle Contest with her solution of the puzzle and the accompanying article, "Book Epidemics—Why They Come and Go." Publishers Weekly, 21, March, 1925.

Alberta Ackley, a junior student in the Library School, contributed a poem entitled "Life" to Moody Bible Institute Monthly for December, 1924.

Miles O. Price, '21, is editor of the Public Document Section of the American Political Science Review.

"Viewpoints in Modern Drama" by F. K. W. Drury, '05, has been recently published by the American Library Association.