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# CONFERENCE OF LIBRARIANS.

CHICAGO.

JULY 13-22, 1893.

## THE PROCEEDINGS.

### FIRST SESSION.

(AT ART PALACE, THURSDAY, JULY 13.)

THE Association was called to order at 10 o'clock A.M. by the president, MELVIL DEWEY, who said he would make no formal report and would defer any extended remarks.

The proceedings of the last conference as published in the *Library Journal* were approved.

Secretary HILL made extemporaneously his

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Model Library prepared by the A. L. A. will probably interest more members than will any other exhibit at the fair, and the secretary will therefore confine his report to some of the details of the work of the committee having in hand the matter of installation—details which would not be brought out by the chairman of the committee. My excuse, if any be needed, is that the exhibit is of such importance that it deserves to stand out as one of the prominent features of this year's conference.

The work of the A. L. A. Exhibit Committee began in September last. It was carried on very hurriedly and very well, and all the credit belongs to the chairman of the committee, who has in reality made the plan for the large committee, appointed sub-committees, and arranged the work for those committees. She has attended to all details with the Bureau of Education, which has very kindly printed the catalog for us, about which you will hear when she

makes her report. Some differences have arisen from time to time, all of which have been settled by the chairman of the committee. Since the 1st of September she has written 610 official letters, besides letters to individual members of the committee and to others of the Association interested in the subject.

When the committee found that there would not be enough money to carry out the plans of the committee unless outside assistance was received, it was the chairman of the committee who started the subscription paper and who raised a fund sufficient to carry on the work at a time when it seemed as though failure was to be our portion. The money which she raised has not all been spent. There is a surplus, I am glad to say—a result which, I very much fear, would not have been obtained had a man had the spending of the money. Those of you who have been here for a few days and who have seen this exhibit will understand what a large amount of headwork has been required to get it into good working order.

For the last week or 10 days the chairman of the committee, in company with an assistant, Mr. Burns, of the State Library, Albany, has been at Washington reading proof constantly. They have worked day and night, and worked faithfully in getting out the catalog, a copy of which we hope to show you this week. That part of the work she will tell you about when she makes her report for the committee.

The general plan of the work will be explained by the chairman in her report, but I

☞ The references after the titles of papers read are to the pages of the *Library Journal* for July, which contained abstracts of those papers.

wish to have the members realize that the credit for this great work belongs, almost entirely, to the chairman of the committee, Miss Mary S. Cutler. She is with us to-day—or rather she is in the city, to enjoy with us the good which will come from the preparation of this catalog and this work, and I know that you will appreciate what she has done for the A. L. A.

WASTON FLINT.—I move a vote of thanks to Miss Cutler, chairman of the committee on library exhibit, for her efficient work. Referred to the committee on resolutions.

W. I. FLETCHER.—I wish to introduce to the Association the Hon. Henry Barnard, of Connecticut, who was in the first convention of librarians in 1853. He and Dr. W. F. Poole are the only men here who were in that meeting.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. J. CARR read his report, which was referred to the finance committee.

HENRY J. CARR, *Treasurer, in account with the*  
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

1892.

DR.

May 13.	To balance (Lakewood Conference, p. 25) . . .	\$99 81
May 13, 1892, to July 8, 1893.	To fees from Annual memberships, at \$2.00 each:	
	For 1891, 4 . . .	\$8 00
	For 1892, 191 . . .	382 00
	For 1893, 93 . . .	186 00
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	To fees of Fellows additional, at \$3.00 each:	
	For 1892, 38 . . .	\$114 00
	For 1893, 3 . . .	9 00
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	To fees from Library memberships, at \$5.00 each:	
	For 1892, 18 . . .	\$90 00
	For 1893, 7 . . .	35 00
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	To sale of 20 Proceedings, viz.:	
	5 of 1886; 4 of 1887; 3 of 1889; 3 of 1890; 3 of 1891; 2 of 1892 . . .	15 00
	To 4 Life memberships, viz.:	
	Geo. Watson Cole; Fred. M. Crunden; E. C. Hovey; Henry M. Utley . . .	100 00
	To 1 Life membership, increased to Life fellowship, viz.:	
	Samuel S. Green . . .	75 00
	To interest on deposits 1892, and 6 months 1893. . .	5 48
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	Carried forward . . . . .	\$1,119 29

Brought forward . . . . .	\$1,119 29
To special deposit of 1889 at Grand Rapids Savings Bank, withdrawn for transfer to A. L. A. Endowment fund . . . . .	400 00
To accrued interest on same, 2 years and 10 months . . . . .	47 47
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Total . . . . .	\$1,566 76

1892.

CR.

May 17.	By <i>Lakewood Times</i> ; for 250 lists of persons attending Conference . . .	\$4 00
May 22.	By Frank P. Hill; expense of Secretary's office, February 1 to May 13, 1892 . . . . .	11 35
June 6.	By Grover Brothers, Newark, bill of March 16; announcements and envelopes for Secretary . . .	7 50
June 6.	By Citizen Newspaper Co., Lowell, bill of May 4; 500 reports of Com. on World's Fair Exhibit . . .	8 00
June 16.	By Wm. I. Fletcher, Amherst, bill of May 31; expense in Presidency, Lakewood Conference . . .	5 05
July 7.	By Library Bureau, bill of May 31; circulars, programs, etc., preliminary to Lakewood Conference . . .	138 67
July 23.	By Frank T. Boland, stenographer, bill of July 16; expenses and reporting Lakewood Conference . . . . .	69 50
July 27.	By A. L. A. Endowment Fund; transferred to E. C. Hovey, Treas., the special deposit of August, 1889 (\$400.00), with accrued interest, as per vote of the Association at Lakewood Conference, for permanent investment . . . . .	447 47
July 27.	By <i>Same</i> ; amount of three Life memberships (Cole, Hovey, Utley), at \$25.00 each . . . . .	75 00
Aug. 19.	By <i>Same</i> ; amount of one Life membership (Cranden), \$25.00, and balance of one Life Fellowship (Green), \$75.00 . . .	100 00
Sept. 3.	By Library Bureau, bill of June 29; 500 envelopes for Secretary . . . . .	2 00
Sept. 5.	By Josephine Stansbury, bill of June 30; type-writing for Secretary . . .	1 55
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	Carried forward . . . . .	\$870 09



<i>Brought forward</i> . . . . .		\$870 c9	<i>Brought forward</i> . . . . .		\$1,372 54
Sept. 5.	By C. F. Williams Printing Co., Albany, bill of Aug. 1; printing 1,000 circulars for Dewey, Aug. 18, 1890 . . . . .	2 35	July 8.	By Treasurer's office; current expenses, May 13, 1892, to June 30, 1893, per detailed voucher . . . . .	12 50
Sept. 6.	By <i>Same</i> , bill of July 13; printing for Constitution Committee, April 1 to July 13, 1892 . . . . .	37 93	July 8.	Aggregate payments . . . \$1,385 04 Balance on deposit at Scranton Savings Bank . . . 181 72	
Oct. 6.	By Library Bureau, bill of Aug. 23; 3,000 letter-heads for officers . . . . .	24 00		Total . . . . .	\$1,566 76
Oct. 6.	By Am. Printing and Eng. Co., Boston, bill of Aug. 5; 1,275 copies Papers and Proceedings, Lakewood Conf. (106 p.), (475 for A. L. A., 800 for <i>Library Journal</i> ) . . . . .	249 79	A.		
Oct. 6.	By <i>Same</i> , bills of Aug. 15 and 22; wrappers, addressing and postage on 436 Proceedings . . . . .	27 30	Membership status July 8, 1893, is as follows:		
Oct. 8.	By Mary S. Cutler, Albany, bill of July 30; badges for Lakewood Conf. . . . .	21 07	Life fellowships . . . . .	1	
Oct. 8.	By Melvil Dewey, bill of Aug. 1; for postage, etc., on L. A. U. K. Proc. and correspondence . . . . .	20 00	Life memberships . . . . .	27	
Dec. 3.	By Trunk Line Ass'n, bill of Nov. 16; attendance of special agent at Lakewood Conference . . . . .	17 00	Annual fellowships paid for 1892 . . . . .	38	
Dec. 15.	By Boston Book Co., bill of John Wilson & Son, Nov. 30; printing 2,000 circulars for W. F. sub-com. on Architecture . . . . .	10 95	Annual memberships paid for 1892 . . . . .	371	
1893.			Library memberships-paid for 1892 . . . . .	18	
Jan. 28.	By <i>Publishers' Weekly</i> , bill of July, 1892; 9 reams of paper for Proceedings . . . . .	23 40	Total . . . . .	455	
May 22.	By Citizen Newspaper Co., Lowell, bill of May 6; printing for Secretary . . . . .	3 50	It is not to be expected that all who paid dues for 1892 will continue in 1893. Allowing for temporary members, and those who drop out for one reason and another, we must count upon a moderate shrinkage in numbers.		
May 22.	By Grover Brothers, Newark, bill of May 15; 2,000 circulars, Secretary . . . . .	85	On the other hand new members come in each year, many of whom remain with us. Such is apt to be the case even more than usual at the present meeting; for, of the 93 who have already paid fees for 1893, 57 are new memberships, and the same is true as to 6 out of the 7 Library Memberships thus far paid for the year 1893.		
May 22.	By Library Bureau, bill of May 12; addressing and postage on circulars . . . . .	20 00	Hence it may be said that the Association has now a fairly sure average of about 450 members.		
June 12.	By Grover Brothers, Newark, bill of May 15; 100 postals printed for Secretary . . . . .	11 09	The treasurer has Papers and Proceedings of prior years now remaining on hand, as follows:		
June 14.	By Boston Book Co., bill of April 25; expenses of W. F. sub-com. on Architecture . . . . .	2 00	6 cop'ies of Milwaukee Conference (1886) . . . . .	5	
July 3.	By Grover Brothers, bill of June 14; cards for Secretary . . . . .	18 25	35 " " Thousand Islands Conference (1887) . . . . .	35	
July 7.	By Library Bureau, bill of June 23; directing and postage on circulars . . . . .	12 07	85 " " St. Louis Conference (1889) . . . . .	85	
	<i>Carried forward</i> . . . . .	\$1,372 54	24 " " White Mt. Conference (1890) . . . . .	24	
			32 " " San Francisco Conference (1891) . . . . .	32	
			10 " " Lakewood Conference (1892) . . . . .	10	
			<i>Necrological addenda.</i>		
			Five deaths are known to the treasurer, for note at this time; one of which occurred in the period covered by his previous report, but was not communicated to us until later.		
			Dr. Robert W. Wood, a life member (registration No. 242), died at Jamaica Plains, Boston, Jan. 2, 1892.		
			Mrs. (Ellen M.) John Edmonds, of Philadelphia (registration No. 866), died July 4, 1892. She was an associate member in 1890 and 1892, and attended the meetings of those years.		
			Daniel S. Durrie, librarian of the Wisconsin State Historical Society (registration No. 539).		

died August 31, 1892, aged 73. He had not been a member since 1886.

Miss Charlotte Zimmerman (registration No. 776), an esteemed assistant at the Newberry Library, died at Chicago, April 27, 1893. She became a member in 1890, and attended the White Mountains and Lakewood meetings.

Miss Harriet E. Green (registration No. 367) died June 26, 1893, at Oakland, Cal. She was originally a member for 1879 only, and attended the Boston conference. Rejoining again in 1890, she continued as a regular member till her death, and was present at both the White Mountains and Lakewood meetings. Following the latter she accepted a cataloging engagement at the University of California.

Miss Green was a recognized authority in the matter of dictionary cataloging, and had long experience at the Boston Athenaeum and the Boston Public Library. She was, therefore, a valued special instructor for the Library School at both Columbia College and Albany.

Her pleasant countenance and voice, as well as her sound practical contributions upon library topics, will be missed by many at this and future A. L. A. gatherings, and their absence felt as a personal loss.

## B.

The A. L. A. had its commencement at and dates from the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, in 1876. We are now gathered at the time of another great occasion of a like nature, and it would seem to be a fitting thing for the treasurer to present a consolidated statement of the financial doings of the Association from the beginning.

In one sense its operations may be said to be gauged by its numbers, its income, and its expenditures; and its steady growth is indicated thereby if we cannot with equal certainty point out other results of its work, or measure its widespread influence for good, which has likewise increased from year to year.

The membership of the A. L. A. has been given a successive registration numbering in order of accession from the beginning. The treasurer's record of same closes at the date of this report with No. 1,145; being the total number of persons or institutions which have joined since 1876, including temporary (or associate) memberships. Each is counted but once, though rejoining, perhaps, at later intervals.

By calendar years the same may be summed up as follows:

In 1876, 69; 1877, 63; 1878, 74; 1879, 185

1880, 16; 1881, 16; 1882, 41; 1883, 16; 1884, 6; 1885, 37; 1886, 81; 1887, 106; 1888, 26; 1889, 46; 1890, 113; 1891, 55; 1892, 144; 1893 (half year), 62. Total, 1,146.

A summary of the receipts and expenditures of the Association for the same period, grouped in general classes, gives the following result:

RECEIPTS (Sept., 1876, to July, 1893).	
Membership fees . . . . .	\$7,678 74
Gifts, etc. . . . .	68 40
Interest . . . . .	179 78
Proceedings sold . . . . .	58 67
Total receipts . . . . .	<u>\$7,985 59</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Reports and Proceedings . . . . .	\$4,721 25
Other expenses . . . . .	2,460 15
Invested . . . . .	622 47
Total payments . . . . .	7,803 87
Balance in Treasury . . . . .	181 72
Total . . . . .	<u>\$7,985 59</u>

The same moneys summed up in order of collection and disbursement, are also shown in the following statement:

	Receipts.	Payments.
Frederick Jackson reported as Treasurer from September, 1876, to June 20, 1878 . . . . .	\$673 00	\$732 63
Melvil Dewey, June 30, 1878, to Feb. 8, 1881 . . . . .	569 30	73 68
Finance Committee, Feb. 8, 1881, to Sept. 6, 1882 . . . . .	578 85	657 34
James L. Whitney, Sept. 9, 1882, to Oct. 5, 1886 . . . . .	1,708 82	1,484 99
Henry J. Carr, Oct. 10, 1886, to July 8, 1893 . . . . .	4,455 62	4,855 23
Balance, July 8, 1893 . . . . .		181 72
Total . . . . .	<u>\$7,985 59</u>	<u>\$7,985 59</u>

R: R. BOWKER announced that 200 extra copies of the *Library Journal* with abstracts of the papers had been printed for the use of the conference, and that members who could not secure these at the desk would find the supplement consisting of diagrams showing location of book exhibits at the fair.

## COMMITTEES.

Upon request, an extension of time for report was granted to the co-operation committee and also to the committee on Library School.

The PRESIDENT announced the following committees:

On resolutions.—F: M. Crunden, R: R. Bowker, S: S. Green, W: C. Lane, Theresa West.

On next meeting.—C: A. Cutter, Miss E. M. Coe, G: W. Cole, James Bain, Mrs. Mary H. Miller.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, to give way to the meeting of the World's Congress of Librarians.

## SECOND SESSION.

(AT ART PALACE, SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 15.)

Pres. DEWEY called the meeting to order at 9 A.M.

## LIBRARIES IN RELATION TO SCHOOLS.

Miss HANNAH P. JAMES was to have read a paper on this subject, but as she was detained at home by the serious illness of her nephew, Pres. Dewey submitted the points of her paper as printed in the *Library Journal*, p. 213, and took charge of the discussion.

*2d point, Co-operation of school authorities.*

Miss C. M. HEWINS.—We have tried having one or more principals of the public schools on the library board and have found it very successful.

Miss T. L. KELSO.—We find that to have the teachers join the library club and meet with the librarians has done more good than anything else.

A. L. PECK.—The city superintendent is one of our trustees. The librarian has an invitation to go to any school at any time to see the teachers and the students. I believe in having the librarian meet the teachers.

S: S. GREEN.—Those things are all excellent. We must interest the teacher and have the superintendent on our side. We should also get the school board on our side.

Miss THERESA WEST.—President of the school board and members of the board are members of our library committee.

E: FARQUHAR.—The Columbian University of Washington City has a little guide showing the distance of the university from each library in the city, and gives an idea to every one concerned of the location and character of the different libraries. I think if the universities were encouraged to follow that example it would add much to the usefulness of the libraries.

Sec. HILL.—The state law of New Jersey makes the superintendent of public instruction a trustee of the public library, so that the schools and libraries work in close connection

throughout the state. Those cities that have adopted the plan favor it. We must have very good superintendents, because the plan works successfully in the cities where it has been tried.

Treas. CARR.—The personal characteristics of the man are ten times more important than any official connection. In ex-officio connections you oftentimes get good men, but the chances are equally great of getting a man that you do not want.

A. W. TYLER.—The statement of Mr. Hill should be slightly modified. The law of New Jersey is not compulsory. There are at least three different library laws there. My library at Plainfield was not organized under that law, and the superintendent had nothing to do with the library. In Indianapolis both the superintendent and members of the school board were on the library committee.

Sec. HILL.—This law is known as the law of 1884, and it is of no effect unless adopted by a city. Any city adopting that law must put the superintendent on the board of trustees. There are other laws relating to libraries in which nothing is said about the superintendent, but if this particular law, known as the law of 1884, is adopted the superintendent must go on. This law has been adopted by Jersey City, Paterson, Newark, Hoboken, and Passaic.

JAS. K. HOSMER.—In Minneapolis the library gains great strength from the fact that the president of the State University and the superintendent of schools are both ex-officio members of the board. They are both excellent men and give the board great strength. I believe under all circumstances it would be so, because no men would be in those positions who are not men of a kind likely to give strength to the board.

EDMUND M. BARTON.—It is a great privilege with us to have the president of Clark University and the superintendent of our free public library on our council.

Miss T. L. KELSO.—I think it would be a deplorable thing if we had to accept a person for our board on account of holding a certain office. What we want is people fit for the place, and not people who happen to be superintendents of schools.

Pres. DEWEY.—If the superintendent of schools not only has the responsibility of the education of our children, but also aids in the library work, are not the chances increased that you will get it out of politics? Are we not bound to work with the schools, and is not the