with merchants, schools, and all live interests of the town, the resources of the library. A round table discussion followed Mr. McVey's paper, which brought out many interesting and successful methods of publicity which had been tried in the libraries represented by those present.

A delightful evening was spent Wednesday with Mr. Rush and the "Illustrators of children's books." By the aid of lantern and slides he recalled to our minds the beloved books of our childhood and those since published, reminding us that the crude and often times harmful illustrated newspaper supplement does not appeal to the child who has grown up with Kate Greenaway, Caldecott, Boutet de Monvel and all their fellow illustrators.

Thursday morning's session, given up to a book symposium, was most useful to all present. In this day of demand for the best books along all lines of endeavor, help and suggestions from experts are most welcome. Mr. Smith of the Iowa State College, on engineering books; Mr. Briscoe, University of Iowa, on business books; Mr. Gibson, Iowa State College, on agriculture; Mrs. Towner Corning, Ia., on the club women's need, and Mrs. Barclay, Boone, Ia., on the Bible as literature, all gave us much of value to carry to our various communities.

In the afternoon's address on "Library service," Mr. Albert, ex-president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, gave us a wonderful interpretation of our high calling as librarians. Similar to his own experience—in being presented with a gold loving cup, his joy in the discovery that it was filled with gold coin, the added joy of planning to spend the contents and the sequel that to this day it is unspent—is the position of the libraries of the United States; our riches of position and privilege, the consequent difficulty in keeping a right perspective and spending ourselves for only the best. Given our well equipped buildings, the most remarkable construction of the present civilization, we, as part of the educational system of America, are developing new functions. The libraries of the old world had as their object the preservation of books, but with the development of social consciousness in America, we have come to be the dispensers of books, and our real problem is to find our greatest use. Belonging to a nation with a passion for education, we have an ever widening field of endeavor, and the quality of service rendered to-day in general is surpassingly good.

Mrs. Meyer of Iowa City and Mr. Frederick of The Midland, on Thursday evening gave us still further the civic expert's and editor's view of the public library's place in the life of the community, of Iowa's place in the literature of to-day, and of the part we as librarians may play in helping her to stand still higher in the future.

Friday morning was devoted to a business meeting, followed by Dr. Shambaugh on the "Iowa Historical Society"; Miss Sporlede, Iowa City, in the relations of school and library, the active part the teacher should take in this. Miss Armstrong, of Council Bluffs, provoked a lively discussion with her talk on "Time savers," making one feel that given one enterprising library to try out all these time savers, the rest of us would follow and by so doing gain the time for the larger library service toward which the entire convention pointed the way.

The convention adjourned, some going to Des Moines to visit the libraries there, others starting on the homeward journey, giving a last fond look at the wonderful autumn colors of the surrounding hillsides.

MIRIAM B. WHARTON, Secretary.

GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The eleventh meeting of the Georgia Library Association took place on Oct. 17 and 18 in Atlanta on the invitation of the Carnegie Library of Atlanta. The first session was held on Tuesday afternoon in the library of the Georgia School of Technology. This was the meeting of the college and reference section, and resolved itself into a round table discussion of college library problems. Miss Robbins, associate director of the Library School, Carnegie Library of Atlanta, spoke on the printed aids issued by the H. W. Wilson Company. Miss Lucy E. Fay, librarian of the University of Tennessee, led the discussion of "Instructing students in the use of the library." Miss Fay made the point that the college librarian should not have to give such instruction to students, as this training in the use of a library should have already been given in the high school. However, as high school libraries are practically non-existent in the South, the librarian of the college library must assume the work. Miss Fay urged the necessity for colleges to give credit for the course. Mr. R. M. Kennedy, librarian of the University of South Carolina, stated that such a credit course was being given in the University of South Carolina, beginning this year. The course is to be required of all freshmen. Other subjects
that came up for discussion were Handling of reserve books; The student assistant; Division of funds; Co-operative periodical and society list; College library association of the Southeast; How to unearth the pamphlet; The decimal classification in a college library.

Mr. Duncan Burnet, librarian of the University of Georgia, suggested that the college librarians of the Southeastern states meet possibly every two years as a sectional meeting of a state association, the meetings to rotate among the states represented. No definite action was taken on this suggestion.

The first general session was held in the evening in the Library School classroom of the library. In addition to the visiting librarians, a number of invited guests were present to hear the speakers of the evening. Chancellor Barrow, of the University of Georgia, and president of the Library Association, made a short address on the “Influence of books.” Asa G. Candler, mayor of Atlanta, spoke briefly on the “Place of the library in the community.”

The principal speaker of the evening was Dr. Archibald Henderson, of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Henderson gave a brilliant address on the “Modern drama as a social force.” After the formal program, an informal reception was held.

The third session was held on Wednesday morning in the library exhibit of the Southern Fair, which was being held during the week of Oct. 16. Miss Minnie Leatherman, secretary of the North Carolina Library Commission, spoke on “How to meet the library needs of the farm.” Miss Leatherman described the work being done by the North Carolina Library Commission thru its traveling libraries and package libraries and debate collections. Mrs. J. K. Ottley, chairman of the Georgia Library Commission, presented the “Work and needs of the Georgia Library Commission.” Mrs. Ottley described briefly the work the commission had done for library development in Georgia since its establishment, nineteen years ago, and pointed out the fact that the commission had never had an appropriation from the state and had performed its prescribed functions thru the courtesy of the Carnegie Library of Atlanta. For lack of an appropriation, the commission has not been able to undertake any traveling library work, and Mrs. Ottley emphasized the need of traveling libraries in a state where 80 per cent. of the population is rural and, consequently, must look to the state for books. She outlined the proposed legislation which the commission will present at the next meeting of the state legislature, covering the following points: (1) a paid trained organizer to carry on the work outlined by the commission; (2) an appropriation from the state adequate to carry on the work; (3) power to establish and maintain a system of traveling libraries. Resolutions endorsing this proposed legislation were adopted by the association.

Miss Lucy Fay next presented the subject of the “Development of school libraries in the South.” Miss Fay gave the results of a survey that had been made which showed the need of an active campaign for better school libraries, and looked forward to the time when a well-equipped and well-conducted library would be considered as necessary for accredited secondary schools as laboratory equipment for the study of the sciences. Miss Fay pointed out the fact that, at present, the statement of the requirement was not specific enough, being limited to the general statement of an “adequate library.”

C. Seymour Thompson, librarian of the Savannah Public Library, spoke next on “Labor-saving devices for librarians.” Mr. Thompson spoke of the work being done by the American Library Association committee, and named those devices that should be within the reach of the average library.

An interesting feature of this meeting was the inspection of the library exhibit at the fair which had been prepared as one of the exhibits in the Liberal Arts Building by Mrs. F. O. Foster. In the exhibit were shown a model children’s room, with suitable furniture, books, pictures, etc., and a general collection of library supplies, equipment, furniture, etc. The fair was visited by 164,000 people from many states, so that the library exhibit gave wide publicity to the subject of libraries.

The last session was held on Wednesday afternoon in the Carnegie Library and was devoted to the problems of public libraries. Carl H. Milam, director of the Birmingham (Ala.) Public Library, spoke on “Publicity methods for public libraries.” Mr. Milam gave some of the methods that had been successfully employed in popularizing the library in Birmingham. He emphasized the value of studying the business and industrial interests of a community and having a liberal supply of books on the industries represented. The use of printed lists for mailing, and newspaper articles and lists, was emphasized. In the absence of Miss Margaret Dunlap, librarian of the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Public Library, Miss McMillan, of Chattanooga, read a paper on “County library extension,” de-
scribing the system as Chattanooga had developed it. The subject provoked considerable discussion, as many of the Georgia towns are considering this system.

Mr. Milam brought a message from the Texas Library Association from which he had just returned, asking for the co-operation of the Georgia Library Association in presenting to the Executive Board of the American Library Association the matter of a meeting of the American Library Association being held in the South. The following committee was appointed to make a statement to the Executive Board: C. Seymour Thompson, Miss Susie Lee Crumley, Mrs. F. O. Foster.

The attendance register indicated that eleven public libraries in Georgia were represented at the meeting and eight college libraries, also the State Library and the Fulton County Law Library; there were present two librarians from Tennessee, two from North Carolina, one from Florida, one from Alabama, one from South Carolina.

The association accepted the invitation of Mr. Thompson to meet in Savannah in 1917. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. David C. Barrow, chancellor of the University of Georgia; vice-presidents, Duncan Burnet, librarian, University of Georgia; H. H. Stone, librarian, Emory College, Oxford, Georgia; Mrs. Eugene B. Heard, Middleton, Georgia; C. Seymour Thompson, librarian, Savannah Public Library; secretary, Miss Tommie Dora Barker, librarian, Carnegie Library of Atlanta.

TOMMIE DORA BARKER, Secretary.