effect incumbents in office; that experience would receive recognition, and that the plan was so drawn that education plus special aptitude would make possible rapid advancement. He said that the objections raised by some in contrasting library school training with experience and ability, can best be answered by a careful reading of the requirements for each certificate, and by comparing the library profession with other professions."

The motion that: "The New York Public Library Club expresses to the American Library Association its sympathy on the subjects of certification and standardization" was carried unanimously.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY

The special librarians of Philadelphia and vicinity held their first meeting of the season on Friday, October 28, 1921, in the Board Room of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

"The Library as a Business Asset" was the subject of an address by Henry P. Megargee, of the American Railways Association. Mr. Megargee dwelt on the need for varied knowledge which exists in a public utility corporation, and the ideal manner of meeting it. The library organization of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company was outlined, as well as the information file under his own charge. Mr. Megargee believes that the potential value of a special library working in co-operation with other libraries is incalculable.

General discussion followed, as to various methods used in meeting the needs for this specialized information.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Louise Keller, librarian, Independence Bureau; vice-chairman, E. Mac Taylor, librarian, Philadelphia Electric Company; treasurer, Florence G. Humphreys, librarian Corn Exchange National Bank; secretary, Helen M. Rankin, Municipal Reference Division, Free Library of Philadelphia.

HELEN M. RANKIN, Secretary.

GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Georgia Library Association held its annual meeting in Albany on October 26th and 27th. This was the first time that the Association had ever met south of Atlanta, although most of the public libraries in the state are in south Georgia. There was an attendance of twenty-one librarians, representing thirteen public and four college libraries, the State Library and the Library Commission. In addition there were four trustees present, the chairman of the State Library Commission, and two club chairmen making a total attendance of twenty-eight.

Four sessions were held. At the first session, held in the city auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, Nell Reese, librarian of the state Agricultural College, gave a talk on books on home planning and household decoration, telling of the collection on this subject in her library which is used by the students in home economics. Miss Reese distributed valuable bibliographies, one, a selected list of books on the subject and the other, a list of material, mostly in pamphlet form, which can be obtained free. The rest of this session was given over to reports from the librarians present and proved to be one of the most profitable of all the sessions, as the special features of the work of the different libraries were brought out, which provoked interesting discussion. From the reports given it seems that five counties in the state are operating county library systems, the most complete organizations existing in Crisp and Ben Hill counties. A unique method of distribution has been developed in these counties, which consists of using sacks to send the books in instead of boxes, the sacks being sent out by parcel post.

At the evening session, presided over by Mrs. John K. Ottley, chairman of the State Library commission, the discussion centered around the subject of the library and the community with special reference to the relation of the club women to the library movement. Mr. Redfern, president of the Albany library board, spoke a few words of greeting to the Association and Mrs. Redfern, president of the Albany Women's Club, also spoke. Other speakers were Louise Hays, trustee of the Thomasville library; Mrs. Chapman, a trustee of the Quitman library; Mrs. E. H. Kalmon, chairman of library extension of the Albany Women's Club; Tommie Dora Barker, chairman of library extension of the fifth district federation of clubs.

The morning session on Thursday, held in the Albany library, was devoted to practical demonstrations of library work. Charlotte Templeton, secretary of the Library Commission, talked on advertising, pointing out what was effective advertising and showing examples of good newspaper publicity of libraries in the state. Susie Lee Crumley, principal of the Atlanta library school, gave a mending demonstration, showing processes and materials. Loretta Chappell, children's librarian of the Columbus Public Library, talked on organizing work with children, telling what methods had proved successful in her own work and showing a collection of excellent printed aids.

Discussion of the county library filled the afternoon session. Mrs. R. C. Hall of Cuthbert
gave the results of a very complete survey which she had made of book conditions in Randolph county where she found that many schools had no library at all, the text-books being the only books to which the children had access. With a view to arousing some interest, she had sent a letter to each teacher suggesting that a library day be held during Children's Book Week and enclosing a program with the material for carrying it out. She hoped that the stimulation of interest coming from this together with the influence of the books loaned by the State Library Commission would result in a concerted effort to establish a county serving library. Mrs. Gordy of Columbus told how she got her county appropriation; Louise Bercaw of Cordele described her library exhibit at the county fair; and Louise Smith, of Fitzgerald described her methods of book delivery, which employs sacks and the parcel post instead of cases and the express.

A resolution in favor of holding next year's meeting as part of a conference of Southeast librarians, as was successfully done last year at Chattanooga, was passed and a suggestion forwarded to the presidents of the associations of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Kentucky that they serve as a committee to make arrangements for such a meeting in accordance with a vote passed at the Chattanooga Conference.

The following officers were elected: President, C. Seymour Thompson, librarian, Savannah Public Library; first vice-president, Charlotte Templeton, secretary, Georgia Library Commission; second vice-president, Mrs. Corinne Gordy, librarian, Columbus Public Library; secretary-treasurer, Louise Bercaw, librarian, Cordele Public Library.

TOMMIE DORA BARKER, Secretary.

OHIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

THE twenty-seventh annual conference of the Ohio Library Association was held at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, on October 17-20. The historic environment of the College is still permeated with the spirit of its first president, Horace Mann, is filled with literary associations, and is now pioneering under the leadership of its new president, Arthur E. Morgan, into wide fields of cultural and vocational education. Over two hundred and eighty librarians and trustees registered. On the first evening the president, Carl P. P. Vitz of the Cleveland Public Library, opened the session with remarks on "The Librarian Comes Out." The address of the evening was "Eyes and Ears and History," by Hendrik Willem Van Loon.

Library advertising, special libraries, and children's literature were the topics of the second day.

Gilbert O. Ward, technical librarian, Cleveland Public Library, spoke on "Planning to Make the Public Library Known," and Louise E. Grant discussed "The Special Library, Local Industry and the Public Library."

The afternoon session was a joint meeting with the Yellow Springs Library Association, when Dr. Van Loon again spoke.

A paper by Lucy E. Keeler, author, essayist, and library trustee at Fremont, Ohio, on "Listeners in Literature" at the evening session was a series of delightful and discursive reminiscences of authors and books.

E. Gertrude Avey, head of the children's department of the Cincinnati Public Library considered "Some Recent Juvenile Books," and a general discussion followed in which children's librarians and others from Dayton, Toledo, Cleveland, and elsewhere participated.

Wednesday was county library day. President Vitz and the Legislative Committee had secured the passage of the County Library bill for Ohio during the year, and the possibilities resulting from this were particularly stressed.

"Survey for Service," by Grace Stingley, librarian of the Rochester (Ind.) county library and "The Transplanting of a Buckeye," by Corinne A. Metz, county librarian of Allen county, Fort Wayne (Ind.) were two papers that fitted well together when presented at the afternoon session. The first was full of practical suggestions for the work of organizing a county library; the other a delightful account of Miss Metz's work in Oregon.

Section meetings were held in the morning.

At the College and Reference Section, Bertha M. Schneider, head cataloger of the Ohio State University Library, led off with a paper in "The Library of Congress Classification for Small College Libraries," a discussion of Mr. Hanson's article on this subject in the Library Journal of February 15.

Robert E. Stauffer, librarian of Mt. Union College, Alliance, conducted a round table on the budget of the small college library, and the committee on co-operative binding for Ohio college libraries reported.

The School Libraries round table, led by the chairman, Stella Hier, librarian of the Woodward High School, Cincinnati, developed a discussion of unusual interest on the work of the class room library and recreational reading of young people as stepping stones to good taste.

At the Small Libraries round table Mrs. E. E. Ledbetter, librarian of the Broadway branch of the Cleveland Public Library and chairman of the A. L. A. Committee on Work with the