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THE M. L. I. THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The third annual conference of the Maritime Library Institute met in the Library of St. Francis Xavier University at Antigonish, N. S., on the afternoon of August 17, 1937. The day was excessively hot, but the room in which the conference gathered was spacious and airy, and the interest of the delegates did not flag. The attendance was smaller than usual, but several visitors were present, four of whom joined the Institute before the conference closed. President Vaughan opened the session with a brief address. She had recently attended the great A. L. A. Convention in New York where five thousand delegates had assembled, and she gave an inspiring account of the proceedings, emphasizing what she had heard of enduring values in library service.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes and of the secretary-treasurer's report, a letter was read from Miss Agnes Coffey, secretary to the Quebec Library Association, announcing a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of that body, namely, that the library associations and institutes of Eastern Canada be invited to meet in Montreal in 1939, thus continuing the work of co-operation begun at the Ottawa meeting in May of this year, and extending the invitation to the Maritime Library Institute. Miss Doreen Harper of the N. B. Legislative Library earnestly advised the conference to accept the invitation, as all such meetings tend to prepare the way for a Canadian Library Association, a national body with which all smaller library organizations would be affiliated. The secretary was instructed to answer Miss Coffey's letter, tentatively accepting the invitation on behalf of the Institute, and promising a definite reply after our annual meeting in 1938. It was also announced that a favorable reply had been received to the petition of the Maritime Library Institute that it be affiliated as a chapter of the American Library Association.

### Reports from Libraries

After the appointment of a nominating committee to bring in a list of officers for the coming year, the president called upon the librarians at the meeting to give reports of their work. A lively hour followed. The reports were informal for the most part, and the meeting resolved itself into a round table discussion of the problems and undertakings of individual librarians in the Maritime Provinces. There was much emphasis on extension work. Sister Francis de Sales of Mount St. Vincent College, Halifax, told the delegates about her successful effort to establish a library for the people of the neighborhood in a room near the gates of the college. The discussion was interrupted by the return of the nominating committee with its report, which was unanimously adopted. The names of the officers elected for the year 1937-38 are on the first page of this issue.

### Reports from Library Clubs

Next were heard reports from the two library clubs, or branches of the M. L. I., one in Halifax and one in Saint John. Miss Barnaby reported for Halifax, and Miss Vaughan read Miss Shaw's report of the work of the Saint John branch. Both clubs had been active during the year and had proved availing means of stimulating and holding interest in library work.

The morning session then adjourned.

### Evening Session

After President Vaughan had opened the evening session, Miss Doreen Harper of the Legislative Library of New Brunswick gave a vivid and interesting report. A rare edition of Audubon's Birds of America in the possession of the Library is a valuable treasure indeed.

### Director Chandler on Adult Education in P. E. I.

The chief speaker of the evening, Mr. Bramwell Chandler, M.A., Director of the P. E. Island Libraries, outlined the effort to interest the people of the Island in adult education by means of a regional library. Prince Edward Island had been chosen by the Carnegie Corporation as the area in which a regional library should be demonstrated. Thus a large library operated on thoroughly urban ideas had been suddenly set up among a rural people, tenacious of their own traditions and suspicious of change. Miss Bateson, the director during the three years of experiment, had made hard efforts to break these traditions and to teach the people the necessity of books. During the winter of 1936 to 1937 an Adult Education League had been formed under Mr. Chandler's direction, and in April of this year there were 293 study groups in operation, with 3800 members, largely sons of farmers. The people of Prince Edward Island are waking to the value of their fine library system.

A prolonged discussion followed this valuable paper. The session did not break up until 10 p.m., after which Miss Mary C. Macdonald entertained the delegates at a delightful reception in her own home.

### The Wednesday Morning Session

On Wednesday morning the delegates met later than the scheduled hour, coming into the Library while the last echoes of the heaviest thunderstorm of the season were dying away. Miss Jean C. Gill submitted a report of the Legislative Library of Prince Edward Island, and of the Charlottetown Public Library, both of which are in one building under her supervision. She spoke gratefully of the help given her by the Carnegie Libraries Demonstration. Following Miss Gill, Miss Doreen Harper, who had attended the O. L. A. Conference at Ottawa in May as a delegate from the M. L. I., gave an interesting account of that meeting. Over five hundred were in attendance; only two represented our Institute. There seemed to be a forward outlook towards a Canadian Library Association, Miss Harper reported.

### Address by Rev. Dr. Tomkins

Rev. J. J. Tomkins, D.D., of Reserve Mines, C.B., then most acceptably addressed the Conference. He was interested in getting literature to the common man, he said, and he wished to see a regional library system established in Nova Scotia. Dr. Tomkins told in graphic language of his own efforts to make his people "librarianous", and of his experiences in "bootlegging" books to the fishermen on the Cape Breton shore. The people must be helped to acquire the technique of reading, the speaker said, and when this is accomplished a regional library is the only means of furnishing adequate material for the pursuit of any subject. Dr. Tomkins went on to say that a regional library means the adoption of a coherent, aggressive educational program. It means the selection of books, arrangements for discussing them, guidance of readers, and most of all the training and education of librarians. The speaker pleaded for right reason as the cement that will bind the various movements for the betterment of society into one of coherent worth. Take people, country, knowledge; multiply these three factors and the result is progress. The effort of the Cooperative Movement in which Dr. Tomkins has figured so eminently is to make the people anxious to read, and to give them books of real worth.

Mr. Chandler, speaking at the conclusion of Dr. Tomkins's address, commended especially the speaker's idea of right reason as the basis of effective work. He moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Tomkins, which was seconded by Miss Gill and unanimously carried. Mr. Chandler also moved a vote of thanks to Miss Macdonald and to the authorities of St. Francis Xavier University for their abounding hospitality. This was seconded and carried, as was also Miss Harper's motion for a vote of thanks to the press for the publicity given our meeting.

The third annual conference of the M. L. I. then adjourned, to meet next summer at Charlottetown, P. E. I.

### LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE MARITIME LIBRARY INSTITUTE

The following list includes all who joined the Institute at our re-organization meeting at Montreal in 1934 and since that event. One of the members, Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Saint John, N. B., is no longer living. Several of the ladies have married, but they are entered in this list under their

maiden names. We earnestly hope they will continue with us as associate members, if they are no longer actively engaged in library work. The fee is one dollar a year. Will members in arrears please forward their dues immediately; will any who wish their membership discontinued please notify the Secretary-Treasurer.

#### Institutional Members

Acadia University Library, Wolfville, Nova Scotia  
L. P. Fisher Library, Woodstock, New Brunswick  
Lay Library, Amherst, Nova Scotia  
Mount Allison University Library, Sackville, N. B.  
Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.  
Saint Francis Xavier University Library, Antigonish, N. S.  
Yarmouth Public Library, Yarmouth, N. S.

#### Personal Members

Allan, Miss Charlotte S., University of King's College Library, Halifax, N. S.  
Archibald, Miss Eugenie, Dalhousie University Library, Halifax, N. S.  
Barnaby, Miss L. F., Citizens' Free Library, Halifax, N. S.  
Bateson, Miss Nora, Carnegie Libraries Demonstration, Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
(Former Address)  
Beals, Miss Helen D., Acadia University Library, Wolfville, N. S.  
Berton, Miss Marguerite, Saint John Free Public Library, Saint John, N. B.  
Campbell, Miss Evelyn C., Provincial Science Library, Halifax, N. S.  
Chandler, Mr. Bramwell, Director, P. E. I. Libraries, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Clark, Miss Mary S., 341 Charlotte Street, Saint John West, N. B.  
Daye, Miss Vera, 110 Mecklenberg Street, Saint John, N. B.  
(Formerly in New Brunswick Museum)  
Dole, Miss Annabelle, Saint John Free Public Library, Saint John, N. B.  
Donohue, Miss Annie M., N. S. Legislative Library, Halifax, N. S.  
Drummond, Mr. John Allen, Hopewell Cape, N. B.  
Elliott, Mrs. M. R., Wolfville, Nova Scotia  
Evans, Miss Margaret, (Formerly of N. B. Legislative Library; present address unknown)  
Fisher, Miss Charlotte, 92 Orange Street, Saint John, N. B.  
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Gilroy, Miss Marion, Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.  
Glendinning, Miss Helen, (Formerly of Saint John Free Public Library, Saint John, N. B.)  
Golding, Miss Maude, Saint John Free Public Library, Saint John, N. B.  
Harper, Miss Doreen, New Brunswick Legislative Library, Fredericton, N. B.  
Harris, Miss Zaidee A., Peter Pan Library, 37 Larch Street, Halifax, N. S.  
Hibbard, Miss Muriel E., University of King's College Library, Halifax, N. S.  
Ingraham, Mrs. M. K., Acadia University Library, Wolfville, N. S.  
Isaacs, Miss Ruth, Saint John Free Public Library, Saint John, N. B.  
Jarvis, Miss M. Hope, U. N. B. Library, Fredericton, N. B.  
Kirkpatrick, Mrs., Saint John, N. B. (Deceased)  
Lindsay, Miss Jean, Parkman Regional Library, Detroit, Michigan