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MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT
SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE BOSTON CO-OPERATIVE
INFORMATION BUREAU.

The first meeting under the district plan of the Special libraries association will be held by the Eastern district in co-operation with the Boston Co-operative information bureau at Boston January 1, 1913. This meeting will follow the meetings of the American economic association, American political science association, American historical association and other organizations held in Boston during the holidays.

Program

2 00 p. m. Meet at Library of Stone & Webster, 147 Milk street, leaving there at 2:15 to visit the following other special libraries. Insurance; Arthur D. Little, Inc., Social service; Town room; Boston public (statistical.)
4:00 p. m. Meeting of the Boston co-operative information bureau, Boston public Library, Lecture hall.
Address of welcome by Horace G. Wadlin, Librarian
Election, amendment constitution, and other business.
Dr. R. P. Bigelow, President (Librarian, Massachusetts Institute of Technology): Address.
John Ritchie, Jr., Chief of service: The bureau at work.
Thomas J. Homer (of the Massachusetts Bar): Ground broken for a new edition of the list (1897) of serials currently received in the principal libraries of Boston and vicinity.
Miss Ethel Ketcham (Librarian): The (new) Social service library.
Discussion on functions and opportunities of the Bureau. Opened by G. W. Lee (Librarian, Stone & Webster).
6.15 p. m. Lunch at the Copley plaza. Not to exceed \$1.50 per plate.
7 30 p. m. Meeting of Special libraries association, Eastern district, Boston public library, Lecture Hall
D. N. Handy, President, Special libraries association (Librarian, Insurance library association of Boston): The district plan.
Miss E. V. Dobbins (Librarian, Accountancy library, American tel. & tel. co., New York): Every-day tools.
A. F. Crowley, Development plans of the Library of Harvard graduate school of business administration.
Miss Florence Spencer (Librarian): Library of the National city bank, New York.
Discussion of special library service: Opened by Guy E. Marion, Secretary-treasurer, Special libraries association (Librarian, Arthur D. Little, Inc.).
Adoption of plans and unfinished business of both sessions.

Questions for members of the Boston Co-operative information bureau: What

books and periodicals that you subscribe for are you willing to have registered with the headquarters as available for loan or consultation?

Question for members of Special libraries association: How does the bulletin, "Special libraries," meet your particular needs?

Robert P. Bigelow
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G. W. Lee (Secretary of Joint Meeting),
147 Milk Street, Boston, to whom communications should be addressed.

RESPONSIBILITY DISTRICTS.

Statement by President D. N. Handy, and Secretary Guy E. Marion.

The officials of Special libraries association have received so many inquiries from heads of Responsibility districts, constituting the National advisory board, asking for information concerning the objects of the district plan and the methods by which they are to be achieved, that it has been thought advisable through the courtesy of the Editor of Special libraries to print a brief article of explanation.

Special libraries association has been in existence three years. In that time it has accomplished some very definite results. But as it has grown the difficulty of accomplishing certain other desirable results through committees has become increasingly apparent to its executives.

Last spring Mr. H. O. Brigham of the Rhode Island State library, whose devotion to the Association has been constant from its beginning, suggested the sub-division of the country into districts, each district presided over by a district head, the whole body of district heads to constitute an Advisory board, who should act with the executive officers of the Association for its general advancement. The suggestion was considered and adopted by the Executive board in session in Ottawa in June. The inauguration of the district plan was left to the incoming administration.

Accordingly the United States and Canada were arbitrarily divided into districts and appointments as district heads were made as follows:

Eastern

G. W. Lee, Librarian,
Stone & Webster,
Boston, Mass.

Manhattan

Willis D. Porter, President,
Official Information Bureau, Inc.,
New York City.

Mohawk

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Court of Appeals Library,
Syracuse, N. Y.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Erie

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Central

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Studebaker Corp.,
South Bend, Ind.

Superior

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The H. W. Wilson Co.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Midland

Jesse Cunningham, Librarian,
School of Mines and Metallurgy
Rolla, Mo.

Southwest

William Beer, Librarian,
Howard Memorial Library
New Orleans, La

Mountain

J. B. Geijsbeek, Librarian,
Accountancy Library Association,
Denver, Colo

Northwest

Mary Frances Isom, Librarian,
Library Association of Portland,
Portland, Ore.

Pacific

R. E. Crandall, Librarian,
The Municipal League of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, Cal

Canadian

Lawrence J. Burpee, Sec'y,
International Joint Commission,
Ottawa, Canada.

It was hoped by this plan to accomplish among other things, the following results:

1. The intenser cultivation of the special library field throughout the United States and Canada.
2. The closer correlation of isolated special libraries with Special libraries association.
3. The increase in membership of Special libraries association.
4. The further development among special librarians, of the spirit of co-operation.
5. The enrichment of Special libraries association membership by the additions thereto of new classifications and groups of memberships.

One must admit the desirability of accomplishing these things; but the difficulty of doing so through the Secretary's office alone (with its slender financial means for

propaganda work): or Special libraries publication with its already overcrowded pages; or committees scattered and unwieldy, is obvious. May not the work be done by district heads, co-operating with special librarians in their several fields and at all times aided and supplemented by the executives of the Association.

This is a question which the present year is to answer.

Since district heads have frequently asked how, specifically, they may help the work along, the following suggestions are offered—not as final—but as opening the way for more and better suggestions later on.

(1) Familiarize themselves with their respective fields, endeavoring to learn (a) The number, descriptive character and activities of special libraries in their own field. (b) The extent to which they know of and are already using Special libraries association (c) The particular activities in which Special libraries association should engage in order to make it more useful to these special libraries and librarians.

(2) Encourage intercommunication among the special libraries of their several districts. Mr. Lee in charge of the Eastern district has arranged for a district meeting of Special libraries association to be held in Boston in January. A program of interest to Special libraries association members has been prepared. This meeting affords opportunity for the interchange of ideas, for social intercourse, mutual helpfulness. Under the auspices indirectly of the Special libraries association it serves to emphasize the things for which Special libraries association stands. Such meetings would be difficult in some of the districts owing to the immense area covered and the absence of large city centres. But in others they would be quite feasible. Why may not each district head get into touch with those who may be interested in the Special libraries association movement in his own district and plan for such a district meeting.

(3) a. Publish in local periodicals descriptive articles on the more interesting of the local special libraries, and their activities. b. See to it that such descriptive articles when printed get into the hands of Mr. Marlon, Secretary of Special libraries association, or Mr. Lapp, Editor of Special libraries publication, promptly, for such use as they see fit to make of them.

(4) Put into the hands of the Secretary, Mr. Marlon, all obtainable information regarding local special libraries. One of the difficulties of the Secretary's work in a country as large as ours, is getting into touch with special librarians. Doubtless there are many valuable and interesting

collections in various parts of the country, whose existence even has not yet come to our Secretary's notice. This is not surprising when one considers the magnitude of the task involved. But to district heads, living in the centre of smaller geographical areas, the task of discovering these libraries is less.

District responsibility heads will be asked often "Of what use to me will be membership in the Special libraries association?" This question is fundamental and merits a convincing answer. Perhaps in order to answer properly one should think of the situation before the Special libraries association came into existence. Here were a great many special libraries, for the most part ignorant of each other, working independently and alone. Librarianship in such libraries carried with it no such recognition as comes to the general librarian on one hand, or the commercial employee on the other. The special librarian groped his way alone in a sort of clerical No Man's Land. His position was of doubtful dignity. In the solution of his problems he was left alone and unaided.

Now after three years of special libraries association one already senses a difference in atmosphere. The special library is emerging into a field of its own—one full of opportunities and special librarianship is assuming a dignity commensurate with its possibilities of usefulness. Problems of organization are beginning to be defined. Avenues of co-operation have been opened. These are the things which have been partially realized within three years. Let district heads consider them seriously for they mean much to this movement, and are bound to mean much to the ambitious special librarian who is not already in it.

Some of the more obvious advantages of membership in the Special Libraries Association are:

(1) Possibilities offered for general co-operative helpfulness. With 250 special libraries coming together through our special organ "Special libraries" it is impossible for each not to get some suggestion of value in the course of a year.

(2) Possibilities of new ideas in methods. One cannot read descriptive articles in "Special libraries" such as the magazine is publishing, covering as they do detailed methods and organization of successful libraries, without occasionally gaining hints of some usefulness.

(3) Bibliographical aid. The bibliographies in each number of "Special libraries" are unique. While one will not always find an entire bibliography of use, he will seldom fail to get some reference of use to him from every issue. The means which has been afforded for the publishing of these special bibliographies thus bringing

them to the attention of the library profession is excellent, and cannot be overlooked.

(4) The benefit derived from social intercourse in annual meetings may not be easily over estimated. The ambitious special librarian should eagerly avail himself of the opportunity by becoming a member of Special libraries association.

(5) Knowledge of sources of information derived through membership. To be put in touch with special collections of highly intensified character; to come to know specialists who are authorities in their several fields. To know when a specific question arises where to turn in order to get the best possible advice has made membership of daily value to many special librarians

(6) The knowledge to be gained from wide library acquaintance through attendance on meetings of the American library association, owing to the pleasant affiliated relations established with that body cannot fail to enhance the value of any special librarian.

SELECT LIST OF REFERENCES ON THE COMMERCE COURT.

Compiled under the direction of H. H. B. Meyer, Chief Bibliographer, Library of Congress, with the co-operation of R. H. Johnston, Librarian of the Bureau of Railway Economics. This list is based on an original compilation, by Mr. Johnston, of fifty-eight titles. To these the Division of Bibliography added sixty-nine titles chiefly from legal and official sources and from journals specially devoted to transportation problems.

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C.T. Terry, Chairman of the Legislative board of the American automobile association, has prepared his 1911 edition of the "Digest and analysis of the motor vehicle laws of the various states, territories and federal districts of the United States" which the Association has issued in a pamphlet of 22 pages. Mr. Terry has also prepared a uniform automobile law for the Association.

Cattle—Diseases.

A Special report on diseases of cattle from the U. S. Bureau of animal industry has been revised and brought up to date according to a resolution of Congress of March 4, 1911. The original edition appeared in 1892, several successive editions have appeared and this latest one is dated 1912. The report consists of a series of papers on various phases of cattle diseases and their treatment, by authorities on the subject. 576 pages and 52 plates. (U. S. Congress, 61st, House doc. 1507.)

Children.

The Ohio Commission appointed by the Governor under a 1911 law to codify and revise the laws of Ohio, relative to children, has made its report which, as printed in pamphlet form, constitutes 72 pages. Proposed revisions of the laws governing the Board of state charities, the Juvenile court, Institution for feeble-minded youth, Girl's industrial school, Ohio state reformatory, Children's homes and asylums, Compulsory education, Apprentices, Humane society, Offenses against minors, Employing minors in factory, are submitted.

Children—Delinquent.

A recent book, one of the Russell Sage foundation publications, on "The delinquent child and the home," is by Sophonisba P. Breckinridge and Edith Abbott, with an introduction by Julia C. Lath-

rop), Chief of the Federal Children's bureau. The study which is limited to Cook county, Illinois, is "an inquiry into the work of the juvenile court in the hope that two ends might be accomplished (1) a better understanding of the needs of all children, based upon a more exact knowledge of the conditions surrounding the special group studied, (2) a more intelligent judgment with reference to the possible usefulness of the juvenile court in serving children and the lines along which that institution should be developed." Appendix 3 contains a topical abstract of juvenile court laws 355 p 1912.

City Schools—Finance.

Advance sheets of "A study of expenses of city school systems" by Hailan Updegraff of the U. S. Bureau of education have been printed as Senate document no. 430 of the 2d session of the 62d Congress. It consists of tables, quotations and facts from the study soon to be issued as Bulletin, 1912, No. 5.

Cold Storage.

The Massachusetts Commission, appointed in 1911, to investigate the subject of the cold storage of food and food products, submitted its Report, January 10, 1912. It discusses nature and function, origin and development and present extent of cold storage, inquires into the influence of cold storage on health and on prices, quotes existing law and attempted legislation in Massachusetts, criticises proposed legislation, and summarizes its conclusions and recommendations. The appendix contains further valuable information—a draft of a bill, the text of cold storage laws, rules of State boards of health, reviews of various official reports on cold storage, etc., etc. 308 p.

Destitution—Prevention.

The report of the proceedings of the 2d National conference on the prevention of destitution, held in London last June, has been published in book form. The five different sections which constituted the conference are: Public health section; Education section; Housing section; Unemployment section; Crime and inebriety. In each section and in the joint sections a variety of vital subjects were discussed, the report of the whole making a volume of wide range. 593 p 1912.

Direct primaries.

An article on "The direct primary experiment," by Evans Woolen which appeared in the Atlantic monthly for July, 1912, has been reprinted in separate form. The text of this article might be indicated by quoting the following: "In an extensive investigation I have not

found that the direct primary has anywhere in a permanent and substantial way improved government." 5p.

Family desertion.

A second edition has been issued of W. H. Baldwin's "Present status of family desertion and non-support laws," a paper which was first read before the National conference of charities and correction, Boston, June 10, 1911 and in which the laws of the various states on this subject and the relation of the juvenile and municipal courts to the question are discussed at length. 39 p

Forest service—Accounts.

"A standard classification of activities and procedure in forest service accounting," is a recent publication from the U. S. Forest service, its purpose being "to establish a uniform system of accounting and reporting for the Forest service" 47 p. 1912

Gas.

The U. S. Bureau of standards has compiled and issued as its Circular no. 32, Apr., 1912, "State and municipal regulations for the quality, distribution and testing of illuminating gas." The material is arranged in three parts,—a summary of municipal gas ordinances and a proposed ordinance; state control of gas questions and a proposed set of technical rules; and quotations from representative ordinances and state laws. 133 p.

Health departments—Accounts.

Dr LeGrand Powers, Chief statistician for finance and municipal statistics of the U. S. Bureau of the census, is the author of a monograph published last summer by the Bureau on "Uniform accounts as a basis for standard forms for reporting financial and other statistics of health departments," prepared for the meeting of the American medical association at Atlantic City, June, 1912. A suggested classification of expenditures and accounts of different orders for recording them is included. 16 p.

Industrial diseases.

The topic of the June, 1912, issue of the American labor legislation review is "Industrial diseases" and the subject is discussed under the following heads,—Symposium on industrial diseases; Investigation of industrial diseases; Health problems in modern industry; State promotion of industrial hygiene. A bibliography on industrial hygiene completes the number, which is copiously illustrated. 417 p.

Infant mortality.

The Transactions of the second Annual meeting of the American association for study and prevention of infant mortality, Chicago, November 16-18, 1911, have been published in a volume of 416

pages some of the general topics of the meeting were; Continuation schools of home-making, Eugenics, Housing, Midwifery, City milk supply, Nursing and social work.

Judicial procedure.

Case and comment, for April, 1912, was entitled "The reform of procedure number." The leading article "Reform of procedure as means of preserving confidence of the people in government" is by A. J. Rodenbeck. Other articles on the question are contributed by U. M. Rose, T. W. Lehmann, T. W. Shelton, E. P. Wheeler, Elihu Root.

Montessori system of education.

In Bulletin, 1912, No. 17, wh.no.489 of the U. S. Bureau of education, Anna T. Smith gives, under the title "The Montessori system of education" an examination of characteristic features set forth in "Il metodo della pedagogica scientifica" by Dr. Maria Montessori of Rome. This review of the book will be eagerly welcomed by many who have been already interested in this new educational work through articles in various educational and popular magazines, of which articles a bibliography is appended. 29 p

Municipal administration—Chicago.

During the year 1911, ranging from January to December, the Chicago Bureau of public efficiency issued 15 pamphlets, each dealing with some particular phase of the administration of the city or of Cook county, Ill., such as; Budget, Purchase of voting machines, Street paving, Electrolysis of water pipes, County recorder, County treasurer, Repairing asphalt pavement, Municipal court, Water works, Bureau of streets, Civil service commission, Special assessment, Accounting system, County coroner, County sheriff, Clerk of circuit and superior courts, Judges, County fee officers, Park government.

Municipal finance.

Lent Dayton Upson has made a study of "The sources of municipal revenues in Illinois," the purpose of which is, he states "to examine the sources of municipal revenues in the state of Illinois, as typified by the budgets of a number of cities for the year 1909, noting the variations and the means of revenue which are not fully utilized, so that all the financial revenues of any city may be made more available to the others." The revenues dealt with are under the headings: Property taxation; Licenses and police fines; Gifts, grants and subventions; Revenues from services rendered; Municipal industries and property loans. The work appears as no. 3

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Municipal indebtedness.

The Director of the Bureau of statistics of Massachusetts was required by the General court of 1911, to make a special investigation relative to the indebtedness of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, the report to include such proposed legislation as he deems necessary. The results of this investigation, published April 15, 1912, are embodied in a substantial pamphlet of 286 pages and consists in addition to the general statement as to problems conditions and recommendations, of tables, debt statement for each city and town and drafts of proposed legislation.

Nurses—Visiting.

A second edition of Ysabella Waters' "Visiting nursing in the United States, containing a directory of the organizations employing trained visiting nurses, with chapters on the principles, organization and methods of the administration of such work," has been issued by the Charities publication committee, bringing the directory and statistical tables up to date 377 p. 1912.

Parks—National.

An interesting and novel meeting was held in the Yellowstone national park, Sept. 11, 12, 1911, the National park conference, the proceedings of which have been printed by the Government printing office. The 69 men in attendance were superintendents of the various national parks, Washington officials interested in national park matters, representatives of the concessioners, of transportation companies tributary to the parks and of independent organizations interested in the subject and the topics discussed were such as arise in the administration of these national reservations 209 p. 1912.

Public health.

The volume of Public health (v.36) which contains the papers and reports presented at the Annual meeting of the American public health association at Milwaukee in 1910, as reprinted for the Journal of the Association, has been received. It is impossible to enumerate all the subjects of the meeting. One section was devoted entirely to Laboratory work and another to Vital statistics. The report of the Committee on education of the public as to the communicability and prevention of gonorrhoea and syphilis and further discussion of the question (p.59-105) deserves special mention. 580 p. 1911.

Public Utilities—Regulation.

The National civic federation, (1 Madison Ave. N. Y.) has been making an

investigation into the control of public utilities through a special committee. Prof. John H. Gray of the University of Minnesota has had charge of the investigation which includes American, Canadian and English experience. The results are being published in the form of digests, model sections of a bill, etc. Special investigations have been made by R. H. Whitten on the sliding scale as used in England and the same will be published as part of the report.

Railroads—Accounts.

"Interpretations of accounting classifications prescribed by the Interstate commerce commission for steam roads," effective July 1, 1912, constitutes Accounting bulletin no. 8, of the Commission, superseding Accounting bulletin no. 4. It consists of a further study and revision of cases already published 199

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THE BOSTON CO-OPERATIVE INFORMATION BUREAU AT WORK.*

(Extracts from records of John Ritchie, Jr., Chief of Service.)

In August (1912) the service headquarters were transferred to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and were placed under the writer's charge. One advantage of the transfer has been that the Headquarters for service have thus been brought into the same building with the office of the Librarian of the Institute, who is also the president of the Bureau.

Since this transfer several questions have been asked, and in most cases have been answered direct or by a reference given to some authority in the matter. A report on some of the questions follows.

Query, "What is the process of nature by which sand is produced?" On the advice of Professor J. W. Goldthwait, of Hanover, N. H., the inquirer was given the title of a Geological Survey Bulletin, that by W. H. Scherzer, containing the information.

Query as to the sources for obtaining lists of lumber camps, recreation and fishing camps, lists of normal schools, insane hospitals and jails and other county institutions. Note given of prominent New Hampshire lumber operators, and reference to member No. 156 for information as to pulp lumbermen, to one or two individuals for school camps and to the Massachusetts General Hospital for lists of hospitals, etc.

Query as to business firms publishing papers in the interests of employees. Answered direct through courtesy of Miss N. E. Thorn, assistant counsellor, Filene Co-operative Association, who furnished a list of thirty-two such publishers and publications

*From Bulletin No. 3 of the Bureau.

Query as to directories of dealers in ores, minerals, etc., in the United States, and information as to indices or directories of producers of industrial supplies and raw materials. This was partially answered by giving names of lists of such men issued by trade papers.

Query as to list of periodicals in the libraries of Boston and vicinity? and is there such publication for the libraries of New York and Albany? Answered through reference to the Boston Public Library, giving the different bibliographies and in addition noting the status of revision of "Scudder's list" in Boston.

Query, "Has the Dillingham Bill passed in any form or has there been any amendment to the immigration laws?" Referred to the Immigration Office, foot of Long Wharf, also to the Immigration Restriction League.

Query, "Will you give me the directions for the use of tuberculin; the best preparation to use; and method of administering?" This question was the subject of considerable correspondence. The querist was referred to the local Board of Health, with the suggestion that if the local board could not reply the State Board of Massachusetts would. This was unsatisfactory, the report was characterized as wholly foreign to the questions asked. In rejoinder it was explained that the Bureau does not attempt to answer questions itself, but acts as a clearing house referring the correspondent to some registered co-operator, or other source of information. If the Bureau has no such sources, the question cannot be referred to any one.

Query, "What is the average size of city lots in the United States?" The reply was to the effect that the matter is indeterminate. City lots in Glasgow (Scotland) average 3000 square feet, in one ward, 800 feet, in another 1000 feet, including street areas. Likewise it varies in many American cities. Noted further that save in a few cities, the practise of publishing information is not common in this country. It was noted that probably no way would give an average save application to the different cities for local figures and then making an average. Querist referred to the Civic Federation in Boston, and to the New York Commission on City Congestion. Answered direct.

Query as to the value of an old copy of a Boston newspaper. Referred to Mr. Otto Fleischner, of the Boston Public Library. Noted direct to the querist that forgeries and reprints are so numerous that the so-called copy can hardly be genuine; and enclosed a slip published by the Boston Public Library on the subject.

A question that remains unanswered is, "How much scrap wrought iron is shipped

from the Pacific Coast to points east of the Rocky Mountains?" Government publications and trade journals have been consulted, but without success.

Questions are continually coming in, and further progress will be reported in the next bulletin.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES AND QUERIES.

The preliminary number of International Notes and Queries under the editorship of Eugene F. McPike, (135 Park Row, Chicago) has made its appearance. The program outlined by the management is set forth in the preliminary issue as follows:

"Commencing with January 1913, it is proposed to publish the International Notes and Queries, at least eight pages monthly, at the subscription price indicated. The publisher reserves the right to increase the price to three dollars per year whenever the augmented size of the magazine may seem to him to justify it.

This preliminary number is intended only as a specimen of the general plan and arrangement

An Advisory Board of Editors will be formed, representing not only America but other countries as well. Steps will be taken to secure the co-operation and support of investigators and students throughout the civilized world, and thus our subscribers may reasonably expect that we will have a large circle of correspondents in widely separated localities and familiar with widely differing subjects.

Subscribers may present queries on any topic of interest to them, chiefly in regard to matters on which information is not easily obtainable elsewhere.

Reference librarians, investigators and students everywhere are requested to submit to the editor any important or interesting questions to which they have been unable to find the answers, also useful facts which have been obtained by them after more than usual research. From this it will be observed that the scope of the International Notes and Queries, while flexible and potentially unrestricted, will be brought within such practical limits as may conform to the interests of its subscribers.

To facilitate foreign research and thus increase our field of usefulness, short notes and queries in the International language IDO will be accepted. In recognizing Ido as an auxiliary language, we are only following the precedents already established by Die Brücke (The Bridge) of Munich, and the well known Finsen Institute of Copenhagen, which both have, like other progressive organizations, approved Ido for optional use by their members and correspondents. Ido is the quintessence of the modern European languages, and it can,

therefore, perform many useful services for us. Its admission to our columns will not only augment the number of our readers and correspondents in Europe and other parts of the world, but will serve in many ways and on many occasions as a medium for bringing us information from foreign lands, for Ido, being practically free from artificial elements, can be read as easily at first sight, without study, by many who have some knowledge of one Romance and one Teutonic tongue.

The contents of each issue will be arranged by subject, according to the decimal classification. We hope to provide a complete index at the end of each volume, and with that in mind will precede each item or entry with a number in parenthesis. Subsequent notes or queries on a subject previously treated will be given a new number which will be followed by the old number to permit of easy reference to the former item.

It has often been remarked that the most difficult thing in the world to find is—a fact. We certainly cannot hope to succeed always in finding answers to questions presented, and there may even be errors occasionally in the information furnished, but due care will be exercised in all these particulars.

There is great need of co-ordination of library and other research, and with the active co-operation of all our subscribers, which is urgently requested, the International Notes and Queries should speedily become truly useful to all serious students, whether their personal interests be scientific, historical, literary or commercial. This preliminary number is presented as a basis for criticism and suggestions, either specific or general. Readers are requested to favor the Editor with their views."

The subscription price is \$2.25 for the U. S. and Canada and \$2.50 for foreign countries.

The Secretary's office has a call for an experienced and efficient assistant librarian, one who within a year or so will be capable of taking entire charge of the work extending to all parts of the State where the position is located. A knowledge of typewriting is essential, that together with cataloguing being considered more necessary than reference experience in technical subjects. The position offers splendid business opportunities and rapid advancement, including many perquisites such as sickness and death benefits, service pensions, Saturday half-holidays, free mid-day dinners, etc. Salary will be quoted to any applicant. Reply to P. C. S., Special Libraries Assn., 93 Broad st, Boston. Letters so addressed will be forwarded unopened, to the interested party.