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visers, journalists, lawyers, medical doctors, novelists, personnel manager, posts,
publishers and weather forecasters.
While it is difficult to single out particular meetings, mention should be made of
the 10th Anniversary Meeting referred to at the beginning of this history. A splen-
did dinner was served on that occasion in the executives' dining room of the Canada
Life Assurance Company, after which the eight living former Presidents of the
Chapter reported on the highlights of their respective years of office. The February
1956 meeting was an Employers' Night at which a number of executive officers of
institutions member companies were present as guests and one of them spoke.
Regional conferences were held by the Montreal, Western New York and
Toronto Chapters at Toronto on October 17-18, 1947, at Rochester on October 8-9,
1946 and at Montreal on September 23-24, 1949. Procedings of these meetings were
published in mimeograph form.
At the Toronto meeting papers on training librarians in different kinds of spe-
cial libraries and on research and college libraries were read by members of the three
Chapters. Mrs. Irene M. Stirling, Association President, spoke on "The Association
and its Constitution." At Rochester the main feature of the program was an exhaust-
ive panel discussion on the training of sub-professional assistants by five members
representing all the Chapters participating in the conference. The theme of the Mon-
treal conference was "Communication and Cooperation." Addresses and papers
were delivered on the Canadian Union Catalogue and the National Library, the part
played by a professional and national organization in promoting communication and
cooperation and the role of radio as a means of cooperation. Members outlined the
many fields covered by the collections in their libraries, and an Ottawa member of
the Toronto Chapter gave a very useful survey of library resources in Ottawa.
It would be impossible to praise too highly the work of the organizers of these
conferences and of the members who presented papers and took part in discussions.
Perhaps equally important were the personal contacts made. Many members, for var-
ious reasons, cannot attend the Association's Annual Conventions but those who had
the good fortune to attend any of these regional conferences made many friends in
neighboring Chapters and those at the Toronto and Montreal meetings met two pres-
idents of the Association, Mrs. Irene Stirling and Mrs. Ruth Hooker.
Joint meetings held with the Western New York Chapter were a direct result
of the regional conferences and the friendships that were built up through them.
The programs were prepared and presented at all joint meetings by members of
both Chapters.
Complete records of attendance at regular Chapter meetings have not been kept,
but the average climbed from 24 in the year 1942-43 to 57 in 1953-54.
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and still is, Bulletin of Special Libraries Association, Toronto Chapter. It has con-
tinued to appear each year in mimeograph form and has contained minutes of meet-
ings held, Association news, lists of officers and members of committees, personal
items concerning members, notices of happenings of interest to special librarians,
articles by the editors, members and others and a great many items the editors have
found in other publications, particularly in other Chapter bulletins.
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