

ACRL Board of Directors: Midwinter Meetings

BRIEF OF MINUTES

JANUARY 28

Present: Officers, President Wyman W. Parker, Vice President Edmon Low, Past President Lewis Branscomb; directors-at-large, Elizabeth Findly, Elmer M. Grieder, Neal R. Harlow, Patricia P. Paylore; directors representing sections, Ralph H. Hopp, Lottie M. Skidmore, H. Dean Stallings, Laurence E. Tomlinson, Katherine Walker; directors on ALA Council (voting), John F. Harvey, Newton F. McKeon, Jr., Elizabeth O. Stone, Jackson E. Towne, (non-voting) Helen M. Brown, Ralph H. Hopp, James Humphry, III; chairmen of sections (non-voting), Morrison C. Haviland, Ruth M. Heiss; vice chairmen of sections (voting), George S. Bonn, Ralph W. McComb, Fritz Veit; ACRL Executive Secretary (non-voting), Richard Harwell. Guest: Germaine Krettek.

Absent: James T. Babb, Mrs. Thelma C. Bird, J. Richard Blanchard, Herbert T. F. Cahoon, Catherine Cardew, Richard E. Chapin, Frederick Goff, Helen Mitchell, Donald E. Thompson, Walter W. Wright.

President Parker reported briefly on the state of ACRL's work. He commended the work of the several sections and committees and closed his remarks with special thanks to the college and university librarians who, as a committee of the Library Administration Division, worked with the compilation of the "College and University Library Statistics, 1958/59." He pointed out that the current compilation includes information from 1,111 libraries. He mentioned that LAD would have under consideration a proposal from the Library Services Branch of the U. S. Office of Education that the Branch assume responsibility for collecting and publishing college and university library statistics.

Miss Walker reported the divisional and sectional nominations for the spring balloting. (The nominations are listed elsewhere in this issue of *CRL*.)

A report from Mr. Branscomb as ACRL's representative on ALA's Program Evaluation and Budget Committee summarized the Midwinter activities of that group. Mr. Branscomb emphasized PEBCO's intention, in the work of ALA in 1960/61, to continue the fullest possible support for an ALA membership drive, recruiting for professional librarianship, and work toward the implementation of standards. Mr. Harwell noted the impending schedule for the preparation of divisional budgets and urged that specific, well documented requests for budgetary support of section projects be reported to him.

At the request of Mr. Branscomb the Board turned to a discussion of the proposal that the Library Services Branch take over the collection of college and university library statistics. Mr. Harwell reported in detail the proposal by the LSB. He mentioned also the present expense of publication of the statistics in *CRL*. There was considerable questioning by various Board members of the wisdom of transferring the project to the LSB. Mr. Harwell pointed out that all of the objections previously made to such a transfer had been overcome in the present proposal, that the LSB promises as quick a schedule for publication, wider coverage in its reporting, and the publication of an analytical pamphlet based on its statistical findings. He noted that the ACRL Board could not determine the issue as the work of the committee is an LAD activity but commented that the Board could make a recommendation. After further discussion the Board voted to recommend to the LAD Committee on College and University Library Statistics that the collection and publication of statistics be carried on by the Library Services Branch of the U. S. Office of Education and that the adequacy of its reporting be subject to review after two years, with a view to reconsideration if necessary. The Board voted also its official thanks to the committee for its work in this

CHARLES HARVEY BROWN
MEMORIAL FUND

Colleagues of Charles Harvey Brown and members of his family have announced plans to establish a scholarship in his memory at Iowa State University to aid foreign students. Anyone wishing to participate in this memorial may send his contribution to Robert W. Orr, Director, Iowa State University, Ames.

most useful contribution to college and university librarianship.

Miss Germaine Krettek, director of ALA's Washington Office, spoke to the Board concerning federal legislation as it affects college and university libraries. She cited a number of bills before the present Congress as of special interest and emphasized the need for concerted action by librarians to secure the passage of favorable legislation.

President Parker read a letter from Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, president-elect of ALA, concerning nominations for honorary membership in ALA. The Board had no nominations to propose. Mr. Harwell announced that Miss Marietta Daniels and Joseph Reason will be ACRL's representatives at the White House Conference on Children and Youth. It was the sense of the Board that these representatives not be instructed concerning their votes on specific issues. Mr. Parker announced that Vice-President Low would represent the division at a meeting to discuss plans for financing the new headquarters building of ALA. President Parker expressed the regret of the Board at the death of Dr. Charles Harvey Brown, librarian emeritus of Iowa State University, who was long active in ALA and ACRL affairs.

Mr. Harwell reported that the Council on Library Resources has made a grant to the Association of Research Libraries of \$73,365 to support a project in research about college and university library buildings under the direction of Keyes D. Metcalf, librarian emeritus of Harvard University. He told the Board that ARL had requested co-sponsor-

ship of the project, for which ALA will handle fiscal arrangements, by ACRL. The Board voted to accept the request of ARL to act as co-sponsor of the project, in order that all types of college, university, and research libraries can be equitably represented on the project's advisory committee.

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Absent: James T. Babb, J. Richard Blanchard, Herbert T. F. Cahoon, Catherine Cardew, Frederick Goff, Helen Mitchell, Walter W. Wright.

The second 1960 Midwinter session of the ACRL Board of Directors opened with reports of section chairmen. Reports were received from Morrison C. Haviland, chairman, College Libraries Section; Ruth M. Heiss, chairman, Subject Specialists Section; Mrs. Thelma C. Bird, chairman, Teacher Education Libraries Section; and Richard E. Chapin, chairman, University Libraries Section. Miss Skidmore reported for the Junior College Libraries Section in the absence of Miss Mitchell, and Mr. Harwell reported for the Rare Books Section in the absence of Mr. Babb.

Most of the sectional reports concerned programs to be presented at the Montreal ALA Conference in June. Details of these

programs will be announced later. Miss Heiss announced that the Subject Specialists Section plans tentatively an all-day trip to Ottawa as part of the American librarians' visit to Canada. She announced also the completion of the formation of two subsections, an Art Subsection and a Law and Political Science Subsection. The Board approved the creation of these subsections of the Subject Specialists Section.

Committee reports were heard from the following: Ralph Ellsworth, of the Committee To Explore the Relationship between the Law Library and the General Library of a University; John Cook Wyllie, of the Advisory Committee on Cooperation with Educational and Professional Organizations; Richard Harwell, reporting for Robert B. Downs of the Advisory Committee To Administer the Rangoon Project; Edmon Low, reporting for Robert Muller of the Committee on Committees; Richard W. Morin, of the Committee on Conference Programs; Mr. Harwell, reporting for Robert W. Orr of the Committee on Grants; Vail Deale, of the Committee on National Library Week;

Ralph Parker, reporting for Mr. Orr of the Committee on Organization; W. Porter Kellam, of the Publications Committee; and Felix E. Hirsch, of the Committee on Standards. The Board received a previously prepared report from Charles Penrose, chairman of the Committee on the Duplicates Exchange Union.

Additional oral reports were heard from Mary Herrick, chairman of ACRL's State Representatives; Maurice F. Tauber, editor of *CRL*; and Rolland Stevens, editor of the *ACRL Monographs*. A prepared report was received from Mrs. Margaret K. Toth, editor of the *ACRL Microcard Series*.

Mr. Kellam reported that "The ACRL Publications Committee formally adopted a resolution commending the January 1960 issue of *College and Research Libraries*, especially in regard to the increased amount of statistical data, which is of great and continuing benefit to the profession." He reported informally that the committee had expressed considerable concern over the possibility of a transfer from ALA to the Library Services Branch of the USOE of the com-

Charles Harvey Brown, 1875-1960

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Association of College and Research Libraries, meeting in formal session January 28, 1960, place in the record this expression of esteem and warm affection for the late Charles Harvey Brown, Librarian Emeritus, Iowa State University. All present counted him as true friend and loyal colleague.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those assembled on this occasion do recall and take pride in the many important contributions made in behalf of college and research librarians through the efforts of Dr. Brown. As chairman of the College and Reference Section of the ALA in 1927/28, as a member of ALA's Second Activities Committee, as chairman of the Third Activities Committee, as President of ALA in 1941/42, and in other key capacities, he spared neither his great talents nor his strengths in obtaining for his colleagues in college and university libraries the most satisfactory and rewarding status within the ALA organization and within the whole of the library profession.

pilation and publication of college and university library statistics. His report precipitated further discussion by the Board on this subject. A motion to reconsider the Board's earlier recommendation concerning the statistics was defeated. The Board then voted to transmit to LAD the Publications Committee's statement concerning the January 1960 issue of *CRL*.

After discussion of Mr. Ralph Parker's recommendations from the Committee on Organization the Board voted to recommend to the ALA Committee on Organization that ACRL's Committee on the Duplicates Exchange Union be transferred to the Resources and Technical Services Division. It voted to defer action on recommendations for the clarification of the ACRL publications program and on the question of the retention or abolishment of the group designated as ACRL State Representatives.

The Board approved the Standards for Junior College Libraries and recorded its appreciation and thanks to the committee

members and junior college librarians who prepared the standards. It voted that the standards be promulgated by early publication in *CRL* and the distribution of reprints of them to appropriate educators and librarians.

On the suggestion of Mr. Tauber the Board voted a recommendation that provision be made in the budget for *CRL* for 1960/61 for the publication of a cumulative index of volumes sixteen through twenty.

Discussion of the proposed "A Librarian's Code" for librarians revealed extensive dissatisfaction with the draft presented for consideration by the LAD committee. Mr. Grieder was designated by the Board to represent its feelings about the draft to the committee.

The Board determined that ALA's direct interests in the subjects to be discussed at the White House Conference on the Aging are thoroughly covered by other divisions' fields of interest and that ACRL should not request representation at the conference.

Personnel

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Foreign Libraries

WOLFGANG BENNDORF, director of the University of Graz Library, died on April 24, 1959.

SIR EDMUND CRASTER, director of the Bodleian Library from 1931 to 1945, died on March 21, 1959.

WALTHER GEBHARDT, formerly assistant director of the Westdeutsche Bibliothek in Marburg, is now director of the Tübingen University Library.

PAUL GEHRING retired as director of the Tübingen University Library on June 16, 1959.

HEINRICH GROTHUES retired as director of

the University of Kiel Library, on June 30, 1959.

J. HALPERN has been appointed acting director, University Library, Greifswald, as of March 3, 1959.

JÖHANN S. HANNESSON, curator of the Icelandic collection, Cornell University Libraries, and lecturer in the English department at Cornell, resigned effective December 31 to accept the headmastership of the Gymnasium at Laugarvatn in Iceland.

FRIEDRICH-ADOLF SCHMIDT-KÜNSEMÜLLER, formerly director of the Stadtbibliothek, Mainz, is now director of the University of Kiel Library.