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FAUNCE HOUSE

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,
FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1933, AT FAUNCE HOUSE THEATRE,
BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Welcoming speech, by Dr. Clarence A. Barbour, President of Brown University.

The order of the other speakers is not yet determined, but they will be as follows:

Subject to be announced.
Theodore Francis Green, Governor of Rhode Island.
Early Brown poets and playwrights.
S. Foster Damon, Curate of the Harris Collection of American Poetry and
Associate Professor of English, Brown University.
Some historical aspects of the Narragansett country.
William D. Miller, President of the Board of Trustees, Providence Public
Library.

Other details of the programme will be issued later.
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COMING EVENTS.
Meeting of New England College
Librarians, Boston College, May 20,
1933.

A. A. A. E. ANNUAL MEETING.
The Executive Board of the American
Association for Adult Education
extends a cordial invitation to the
members of the Rhode Island Library
Association to attend the Eighth
Annual Meeting of the Association to
be held at the Jones Library in
Amherst, Massachusetts, May 22, 23
and 24.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the
American Association for Adult Educa-
tion will be held in the Jones
Library, Amherst, Massachusetts, May
22-24, 1933. The program includes
three general sessions, two luncheon
forums, one panel, and five round
tables, to be followed by open dis-
cussion. In order to promote full and
free discussions, opening speakers at
the round tables will be asked to limit
their remarks to twenty or, at most,
twenty-five minutes, thus leaving ample
time for discussion from the floor. Since
not more than one session will be in
progress at any given time, each person
attending the meeting will be able to
participate in the entire program if he
so desires. Rooms will be available at
all times for adjourned sessions or for
informal conferences and meetings.

No sessions have been scheduled for
Tuesday afternoon. Arrangements are
being made to place excellent facilities
for golf and tennis at the disposal of
members of the Association; and
Charles R. Green, Librarian of the
Jones Library, is planning a motor tour
to include Amherst College, Massa-
chusetts State College, Mount Holyoke
College, Smith College, and points of
historic interest in the immediate
neighborhood.

The tentative program follows.
Changes that may be made later will
be incorporated in the final program,
which will be sent to members in ad-
advance of the meeting.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM.
Monday, May 22
Business Session, 11:00 A. M.
Presiding: James E. Russell,
Chairman of the Association
Address of Welcome, Ray Stannard
Baker, President of the Board of
Trustees, The Jones Library.
Annual Report in Behalf of the Execu-
tive Board, Morse A. Cartwright,
Director of the Association.

Luncheon Forum, 12:30 P. M.

THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND
ADULT EDUCATION
Presiding: Benson Y. Landis, Chair-
man, Committee on Rural Adult
Education.

Report on the Regional Conference
on Rural Adult Education in New
England, Benson Y. Landis.
The American Village: Its Significance
for the Adult Education Movement,
Edmund de S. Brunner, Professor of
Education, Teachers College, Colum-
bia University.

Round Table, 2:30 P. M.

NATIVE VALUES IN RURAL LIFE
Presiding: Hugh Baker, President,
Massachusetts State College
A Review of Agricultural Extension
Experience, C. B. Smith, Assistant
Director of Extension Work, United
States Department of Agriculture.
Some Findings of the National Study
of Rural Adult Education, Benson
Y. Landis, Executive Secretary,
American Country Life Association.

Discussion.

Round Table, 4:00 P. M.

RACIAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CO-OPERATION
Presiding: Eugene Kinckle Jones,
Chairman of the Harlem Adult Educa-
tion Committee.
The Atlanta Experiment, Mae C.
Hawes, Director of Adult Education,
Auburn Branch, Carnegie Library of
Atlanta.
The Harlem Experiment, Alain Locke,
Professor of Philosophy, Howard
University.

Discussion led by David K. Niles,
Director of Ford Hall Forum.

Round Table, 8:30 P. M.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL AND ADULT
EDUCATION
Presiding: James E. Russell,
Chairman of the Association
The Des Moines Adult Education Pro-
ject, J. W. Studebaker, Superintend-
ent of Schools, and R. J. Grigsby,
Director of Adult Education, Des Moines.
Discussion led by Lyman Bryson, Forum Leader, Des Moines Adult Education Project.

**Tuesday, May 23**

Round Table, 9:30 A. M.
THE NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CONFERENCE
Presiding: Robert I. Rees, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.
The Program of the National Occupational Conference, Dr. Franklin J. Keller, Director, and Robert Hoprock, Assistant to the Director, National Occupational Conference.
Discussion led by Harvey N. Davis, President, Stevens Institute of Technology.

Round Table, 11:00 A. M.
AN ADJUSTMENT SERVICE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED
Presiding: Spencer-Miller, Jr., Secretary, Workers Education Bureau of America.
The Problem of Diagnosis, M. R. Trabue, Chief of the Division of Diagnosis, Adjustment Service of New York City.
Counseling, Training, Education, and Recreation, Jerome H. Bentley, Associate Director, Adjustment Service of New York City.
Luncheon Forum, 12:30 P. M.
RESEARCH PROBLEMS IN ADULT EDUCATION
Presiding: A. Caswell Ellis, Chairman Committee on Studies and Research.
Free Period, 2:00 P. M.
General Session, 8:30 P. M.
Presiding: Frederick P. Keppel, President, Carnegie Corporation of New York.
Singing by the Amherst College Glee Club, Ralph Otey, Director.
Addresses by Dorothy Canfield Fisher, President of the Association, and by others to be announced.

**Wednesday, May 24**

Panel, 10:00 A. M.
RECENT TRENDS IN THE AMERICAN MOVEMENT FOR ADULT EDUCATION
Presiding: Lyman Bryson, Director of the California Association for Adult Education.
A panel of six persons will be chosen to open the discussion, to be followed by discussion from the floor.
Luncheon and Business Session, 12:30 P. M.
Presiding: James E. Russell, Chairman of the Association.
All sessions of the meeting will be held at the Jones Library where headquarters will be established. There will be no registration fee, but every person in attendance at the meeting is requested to register at the headquarters desk.

Correspondence concerning room reservations should be addressed either to the Lord Jeffery Inn or to the Hotel Perry, Amherst, Massachusetts. The range of rates for each person per day is from $5.00 to $7.00 (American Plan) at the Lord Jeffery; from $1.50 to $3.00 (European Plan) at the Hotel Perry. The luncheon forums will be held in the dining room of the Lord Jeffery; no dinner meeting is being planned for this year.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS LIBRARY CLUB with Western Mass. Library Club.
The Northfield, East Northfield, Mass.
June 5-7, 1933.

**Monday, 10:00 A. M.**
Meeting the city finance committee; or, The librarian presents her budget. A demonstration:
The librarian: Miss Spofford
Members of the finance committee: Mr. Redstone, Chairman; Miss Hooper and Messrs. Daugherty, Hill, Lord and Shaw.

**Tuesday, 9:30 A. M.**
Young people and their books
Mary R. Lucas, Supervisor of Young People's Reading, Providence.
Public library management in a depression.
A round table discussion in charge of Miss E. Louise Jones, Field Library Advisor, Mass. Division of Public Libraries, Department of Education.
(Members are urged to send Miss Jones topics which they would like to have discussed).

**Tuesday, 2:00 P. M.**
After 40 years (1893-1933): Some
library memories and reflections.
W. N. C. Carlton, Williams College

Group conferences:
- Reference service
- Cataloguing
- Children's work

Tuesday, 8:15 P. M.
"The staff meeting". A sketch presented by members of the staff of the Providence Public Library.

Wednesday, 9:30 A. M.
Annual business meeting
Mechanical substitutes for the book and the theatre

Walter Prichard Eaton

Group conferences. Informal, no set programme. Clearing house for exchange of ideas and questions.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Miss Mary Stanley-Smith of Maidstone, Kent County Library, England, Exchange Librarian at Athol Public Library, will be present and will speak informally on library conditions in her home country.

Harry W. Lydenberg, President of the A. L. A., is expected to attend one of the sessions and will speak briefly.

HOW TO GET THERE
Northfield is situated 11 miles northeast of Greenfield, and may conveniently be reached by machine by going through Worcester and then bearing northwest. More definite information will be published later.

WHERE TO STAY
Unusually satisfactory hotel rates (American plan) have been obtained as follows:

- Rooms without private bath:
  - Two or more persons in a room: $4.00-$4.50 each per day
  - One person in a room: $4.50-$5.00 each per day

- Rooms with private bath:
  - Two or more persons in a room: $4.50-$5.00 each per day
  - One person in a room: $5.50-$6.50 each per day

Members who desire to do so may spend a few days before the conference or may remain afterwards for a portion or all of their vacation at the conference rates.

The full program for the three days will be printed in the next issue of The Bulletin which will reach members at least two weeks before the meeting.

PAST EVENTS
Meeting of the R. I. Branch of the New England School Library Association, Saturday, April 29, 1933, East Providence Senior High School.

Greetings

J. R. D. Oldham, Supt. of Schools, East Providence, R. I.

Recent books suitable for the High School Library

Miss G. Eleanor Hanson, Librarian of Nathan Bishop Junior H. S., Providence, R. I.

Illustrators and illustrated books

Miss Katherine L. Cuzner, Associate Librarian of the R. I. College of Education, Providence, R. I.

High lights in the school library day—from depression to constructive outlook.

Miss Eleanor M. Barker, Librarian of the Rogers H. S., Newport.

Discussion: Publicity for the library

Everyone

Meeting of the New England School Library Association, Saturday, May 13, Hope Street High School, Providence, R. I.

HOW SHALL WE "SELL" THE OLD BOOKS?

Now is the time, if any, when the old novelists should have an opportunity to come into their own, as well as some of the more recent good novelists, many of whose works are disregarded because they are not hot from the press. Of course there is a more or less stable demand for all of these. "But", readers complain, "they are not new." Just now the lament continually rings in our ears, "Where are all the new books you used to have?" "I never can find anything new?" "Doesn't the library buy new books any more?"

It is assuredly a knotty problem to try to convert new book fans into devotees of the old, and perhaps it is too much to hope for. If it ever comes to pass, we will feel that the millennium has arrived. However, let us consider some of the possible methods of bringing about this consummation.

Of course, there is always the obvious method of exhibiting the books in a conspicuous place. This device seems to encourage people to take them, for the public feel, for some reason or other, that, if the books are exhibited, they are something special. Also, they are easily accessible, and so time and trouble are saved from hunting for something else.

Again, when you observe certain holidays, events and matters of current interest, it is well to display and advertise the old books as much as possible in these connections.

But there is one inherent difficulty in "selling" an old book to a new book fan. He has, he feels, neither the time nor the patience to wade through anything so detailed and discursive as Fielding's "Tom Jones" or Eliot's
"Middlemarch." It would probably require a good deal of self-discipline on the part of some readers.

Possibly they could be led to this goal gently, by first advertising with posters and exhibiting the older works of contemporary authors, and making use of arresting quotations, such as the following, by the French philosopher Jaubert:

"We are forever craving new books, and yet in those we have long possessed, there are priceless treasures of wisdom and of beauty that are lost to us because of our neglect. The worst thing about new books is that they keep us from reading the old ones."

As we work back to the older and more lengthy books, we might pick out elements of each novel that would appeal to this and that reader, and advertise them from this point of view. We would consider the reader who likes plot and adventure; the reader who likes character study; the one who has a penchant for social novels; or still another who enjoys novels of atmosphere. "Ivanhoe." "The Count of Monte Cristo," or "The tale of two cities" are obvious suggestions for the first type of reader. Do not make the reader feel that he is tackling Scott or Dickens, but merely that he is reading a good adventure story.

In order to introduce the reader to old novels of character study, invite him to meet, and become acquainted with, some interesting characters, in "David Copperfield," or in "The mill on the Floss." Tell him that he is sure to like some of the characters, and many of them will become thoroughly endearing to him before he has finished the book.

Novels of social conditions, of course, include several of Dickens's, and Hugo's "Les misérables." The foibles of society are entertainingly displayed in "Vanity Fair" and in Jane Austen's works.

Atmosphere we find in Hawthorne's "House of the Seven Gables" and in "The Marble Faun."

Or we might show how one novel may have several of these elements. "The tale of two cities" has adventure, above all, but also some arresting characters, Madame Defarge and Jerry Cruncher, and most certainly atmosphere. "Les misérables" is both a social novel and a tale of adventure.

After all, though, we certainly have not obviated the whole difficulty when we advertise old novels from this point of view.

As we have considered above, many readers object to what they feel is unnecessary padding. And possibly their objection is legitimate to a certain extent. Yet there is something delightful about this leisurely detail if the reader will only take the time to see it. If we endeavor to picture the costumes and pageantry described by Scott so minutely, what color and romance are added to the tale he has to tell? It remains in our imagination long afterwards. At first the reader resents the way in which Eliot and Thackery step forth from behind the scenes as it were and comment on their characters. George Eliot shakes her head sadly and Thackery, half in amusement, half in cynicism, as if to say, "Well, what could one expect, anyway?"

It seems to be a matter, in the first place, of making up your mind to be tolerant with the author's temperament and whimsies. After a while, the reader may even come to find a certain charm in them.

These books are excellent for the bedside, too, for you do not have to start the next day weary and heavy-eyed because you have read immoderately the night before. You enjoy these books while you read, but they will keep, and there will always be something to pick up for an hour or so before settling down to sleep. They are excellent for leisure summer vacation days, as you stretch yourself out on a warm hilltop or recline in a hammock—or for a rainy day when the outside of doors is not inviting. Surely then, no one can complain that he lacks leisure to read the good old books.

Try advertising them from this point of view, or with some of the new literature on leisure. Perhaps, now that more leisure is practically promised to us in the near future, the old easy-going novel will again come into its own.

**ELMWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY TAKES SECOND PLACE IN THE STATE IN NUMBER OF BOOKS CIRCULATED.**

The year just ended (1932-33) records the greatest growth in our history. With a book collection of 42,034 books, we have issued 311,164 books of which 66,669 were issued by the Juvenile Department; 2,394 from our Sub-branch in the Children's Room of the Park Museum; and 11,590 by our Branch library in the Gilbert Stuart Junior High School. In addition to books issued, we have loaned 2,636 mounted pictures to teachers and school children. This is an actual growth of 35,790 books issued over the previous year's record, and a growth for the past two years of
Following are the provisions affecting non-resident cards, which will allow adult and intermediate readers 4 books at a time (instead of the present limit of 2 books), new books (popular titles received within 3 months, or earlier if demand continues) being excepted.

A. Non-residents who pay taxes on property in Providence, wherever they may live, shall have the non-resident card without charge.

B. (1) Officials and full-time employees of the City of Providence, the State of Rhode Island, or the U. S. Government, working in Providence and living in Rhode Island; teachers in Providence educational institutions, living in Rhode Island; students in schools in which this library operates a branch; and employees of this library shall have this privilege without charge.

(2) Residents of Massachusetts living within 15 miles of Providence, included in the above groups:—service charge, $1.00 a year.

(3) Officials of any Rhode Island State Institution, the Rhode Island State College, or the U. S. Government living in Rhode Island but not employed in Providence:—service charge, $1.00 a year.

C. (1) Adults and intermediates employed in or having a place of business in Providence, and living in Rhode Island; and students in Providence colleges and schools:—service charge, $1.00 a year.

(2) Adult or intermediate residents of Massachusetts employed in or having a place of business in Providence, and living within 15 miles of this city:—service charge $2.00 a year.

D. Adult and intermediate residents of Rhode Island not included above:—service charge $2.00 a year.

E. Non-resident children living in Rhode Island:—service charge, 50 cents a year.

DEBORAH COOK SAYLES
PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library of Pawtucket reports a very busy winter, with large circulation and reading rooms always full. The Lions Club of Pawtucket presented the library with fifteen volumes of the Reader's Digest in Braille, from July to November, 1932. From Mrs. Edwin McClellan of Cambridge, New York, it has received a very beautiful volume, "McClellan-Mynderse and allied families," by Helen McClellan, published by the American Historical Society, Inc. of New York.