

be available in the future in increasing numbers.

The committee took advantage of the opportunity to assist in the promotion of the sales of the new *Index to State Bar Association Reports and Proceedings*, even at the risk of conflicting with the work of the advertising manager. Copies of a statement concerning this *Index* were forwarded to the *American Bar Association Journal*, the *American Law and Lawyers*, and upwards of fifty other publications, mostly state bar association journals, bulletins and quarterlies. Also, copies of the statement concerning the *Index* were sent to many law librarians who were asked to take the initiative in having book reviews and book notices published in appropriate publications in their respective states.

It is the feeling of the Committee on Publicity and Public Relations that the holding of this annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries at the same place and time of the meetings of the American Library Association and of the National Association of State Libraries and the cooperation in the programs with the latter are conducive to mutual understanding and appreciation among the respective associations. The committee hopes that such cooperation may be even closer, if possible, in the future.

No recommendations are being made by the committee, but perhaps the committee ought to be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRESIDENT HILL: Thank you, Mr. Morrison. I really should not compliment Mr. Morrison upon that work he did in advertising the *Index to State Bar Association Reports and Proceedings* because he just about swamped me the last three weeks I was in New York and I hate to go back and face all of the communications that are waiting there for me from newspaper advertising coming in from all over the country. He gave me quite a lot of work, but truly it was appreciated and we sold a number of copies as the result of his effort.

The next report will be "A Decade of Progress under the Roalfe Plan, 1931-'41," by Miss Helen Newman, Law Librarian of The George Washington University.

MISS NEWMAN: Our President has already precluded me from giving my entire address by posting this bulletin: EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! I have a long paper which I prepared in Washington for you. Ten years is a long period to cover in twenty minutes, and after Mr. Hill posted the bulletin I decided that I should summarize briefly what the Association has done in the last ten years. I want to say at the outset that the suggestion for this paper came from Mr. Layton B. Register, the distinguished librarian of the Biddle Law Library of the University of Pennsylvania and a member of our Executive Committee, who could not be with us because of illness. He suggested that Mr. Roalfe or I give this paper. I felt it was more appropriate for me to give it because I wanted to say some things about Mr. Roalfe which I knew he would not say himself.

[Miss Newman then sketched the substance of her prepared paper, the full text of which is printed below.]

A DECADE OF PROGRESS UNDER THE ROALFE PLAN: 1931-1941

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In 1931 there were 202 members of the Association. There are now 493 members, including 93 institutional members which in 1931 were unknown as a type of membership in this Association. In 1931, the *Law Library Journal* was a quarterly with a total of 172 pages in its 4 issues for volume 24. The *Journal* now is a bi-monthly and its total paging for the six issues published during the fiscal year just closed on June 1st, was 452. Thus during this 10-year period our membership has doubled, the frequency of the *Journal* has been increased and the total paging of the recent volumes is almost 3 times the paging of the 1931 volume. To whom is the Association indebted for much of this "Decade of Progress"? To William R. Roalfe who, shortly after his appointment as law librarian of Duke University in 1930, wrote a long and significant and history-making letter to Rosamond Parma, the President of the Association. That letter, published in the April, 1931 number of the *Law Library Journal*, was the cornerstone, we might say, of the new building which has housed the Association during the past decade. For in that letter the first suggestions for expansion of the services and publications of the Association through the establishment of a permanent headquarters was urged by Mr. Roalfe.

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His letter was made the subject of a Round Table session at the 1931 Annual Meeting held at the Yale Law School. I was privileged to attend that meeting as a new member of the Association, under the guidance of Rosamond Parma at whose suggestion I had joined the Association a few months earlier. And at the Round Table I was one of the members who, with Mr. Roalfe, Mr. Poole, Mr. Vance and others participated in the debate which was long and violent and resulted in the adoption of the motion of Mr. Vance that the Association appoint a committee to carry out the Roalfe Plan of Expansion. There was strong opposition to the Plan by distinguished leaders in the Association including the late Messrs. Small and Mettee.

From 1931 to 1934, those of us who supported the Plan met with further opposition and inertia, but finally at the Annual Meeting in Montreal in 1934 another Round Table on the Plan was held, at which I was asked to preside as Chairman. At the conclusion of the Round Table a resolution was adopted "that the incoming officers be authorized to proceed to put the Roalfe Plan into effect and to establish a permanent secretariat in Washington, D. C."

I became your Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of the *Law Library Journal* and "Secretariat" at that June, 1934 Annual Meeting. During the 8 years which have followed I have tried to serve the Association to the best of my ability and to carry out under the direction of the officers the various proposals for expansion which were suggested by Mr. Roalfe in his original letter to the Association published in 1931, and in his subsequent reports as Chair-

man of the Expansion Committee. It would seem appropriate to list here briefly the various steps taken in carrying out the Roalfe Plan¹ and then, by way of conclusion, I shall call attention to a project upon which no action has so far been taken by the Association and others upon which action has been taken, but which require a further decision by the Association at this time to carry forward or to abandon the particular projects.

STEPS TAKEN IN CARRYING OUT THE ROALFE PLAN:

1. Amendments to our Constitution were adopted at the Denver meeting in 1935, including provisions for Institutional and Associate memberships.

2. The Association was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, September 23, 1935.

3. The *Law Library Journal* and the *Index to Legal Periodicals* were separated in January, 1936 and thereafter published separately. Accounts were separated and the Wilson Company turned over to me the *Law Library Journal* accounts.

4. A grant of \$5,000 from the Carnegie Corporation was made to the Association in January, 1937 "towards support of its program". Our Executive Committee voted to devote this entire sum to the support of, and the expansion of, the *Law Library Journal*.

5. The *Law Library News* was absorbed and combined with the *Law Library Journal* beginning with the September, 1937 number (Volume 30, No. 4).

6. Five numbers of the *Law Library Journal* were published in 1937.

¹ See ROALFE, *The Development of the American Association of Law Libraries under the Expansion Plan*, 31 L. LIB. J. 111 (May 1938).

7. Six numbers of the *Law Library Journal* were published in 1938 which frequency has continued. The original *Journal Budget* prepared by Mr. Frederick C. Hicks and presented at the 1937 meeting of the Association in New York contemplated publication of from 8 to 10 issues from 1939 to 1941, inclusive. Under this Budget the Carnegie Fund would have been exhausted in January, 1942, "at which time we can assume the *Journal* could stand on its own feet, by increased subscribers and revenues from advertising". However, at the San Francisco meeting in July, 1939, I recommended that we continue publication of only 6 issues each year, because our financial status then, as now, did not make it feasible to so expand. The Association adopted my recommendation.

8. Paid advertising was accepted for the *Journal* beginning in January, 1940. Approximately \$1,400 was received from advertising during the fiscal year just closed, due to the splendid work of Mr. Joseph Andrews in New York City.

9. A Committee on Publicity was appointed and has been active for the past two years.

10. A number of valuable bibliographies have been published in the *Law Library Journal* during the past ten years, and others are now in preparation and scheduled for early publication in the *Journal*.

In addition to the above specific accomplishments, the office of your Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Editor carried on correspondence with members, subscribers and Association Officers and handled all of the billing for dues, advertising and subscriptions. Several years ago your Editor assembled all available

back numbers of the *Law Library Journal*, including volumes 1 to 4 of the *Index* and the *Journal* which Mr. Glasier had stored in the basement of his library at Madison, Wisconsin. The *Journal* sections were separated from the *Index* sections and the latter were shipped to the Wilson Company, which subsequently sold approximately \$500 worth of these numbers of volumes 1 to 4 of the *Index*. Volumes of the *Law Library Journal* were collated by your Editor and many complete runs and single issues were sold, thereby making these back numbers available to libraries which needed them and at the same time adding additional revenue to the Association's treasury. Our present entire stock of back numbers of the *Journal* is now, through the courtesy of Lewis Morse, stored in the stacks in the basement of Myron Taylor Hall, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, N. Y.

There is one other, perhaps frivolous, activity of the Executive Secretary, the results of which may be seen in the Headquarters parlor. It is a "pictorial review" of the past decade of Annual Meetings. In short, I have brought to the meeting for your inspection the Association Scrapbook with many fine snapshots of our members, most of them "shot" by Dorothea Blender, Harry Shriver and Harrison MacDonald.

Now as to recommendations of the Roalfe Expansion Plan upon which action has been previously taken, but upon which a decision is needed at this meeting for further development in the immediate future.

1. THE ASSOCIATION BOOK AND PERIODICAL EXCHANGE. This was established at the University of California in 1938, upon the recommendation of the Report of the Committee on Expansion

Plan adopted at the 1938 Annual Meeting. Later the Exchange was transferred to Washington University, St. Louis. Mr. Orman now asks that the Exchange be transferred elsewhere because of lack of staff at his library to keep it active. It is my feeling that this Exchange is an important service of the Association and one which, during the months which lie ahead of curtailed book and periodical budgets, can be of vital assistance to many libraries. At the conclusion of my remarks I shall ask for discussion on this and a volunteer library to take over the Exchange.

2. CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF THE LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL which were inaugurated during the past five years, and carried for a time in the *Journal* but which have been discontinued.

A. EXCHANGES. The page in the back of the *Law Library Journal* set aside for free listing by libraries of their wants and duplicates. This has not been successful, due to the fact that very few libraries have sent in material to be listed. A few have, but some of the listings I have personally solicited in order to fill the page. Few listings have appeared in recent issues of the *Journal*. I would recommend that this Exchange Page be discontinued as a feature of the *Journal* and particularly so if the Book and Periodical Exchange is made an active service.

B. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. These were carried for a year or more in the *Journal* but discontinued by the Editor because there were no letters to publish. If this department is to be continued, I would suggest short letters in the form of a "question box" series, with questions in one issue, followed by answers in the next issue.

C. THE LISTS OF NEW BOOKS. These were taken over with the *Law Library News* in 1937 and published until 1940. They were discontinued because the listings were usually out of date when published, and because of the difficulties encountered by the Editor in obtaining complete advance information as to title, publisher, pagination, etc. The need for such a list was stressed by Mr. Roalfe in his original proposal for expansion of the *Journal* in his letter published in the April, 1931 number of the *Law Library Journal*, and the list was recommended in later reports from Mr. Roalfe's Committee on Expansion Plan. This important service to the Association and to the Subscribers to the *Journal*

is one of the projects in which we have failed of accomplishment. Mr. Roalfe himself is now publishing at his library in mimeographed form an excellent monthly list of *Current Legal Publications*, with complete bibliographical data. He very kindly has placed, at their request, many libraries on his mailing list to receive copies of these lists. I have found these lists extremely valuable. What shall the Association do with respect to the possible publication in the *Law Library Journal* of such a list? Would Mr. Roalfe be willing to let the *Journal* reprint his lists, or could we work out a committee plan under which the list would be compiled jointly by librarians in two or three of the larger libraries for publication in the *Journal*?

MR. ROALFE: May I say that the question does not even need to be asked. The only difficulty that I see at all is that the *Journal* appears bi-monthly and that the interval would be greater.

MISS NEWMAN: Could we publish a cumulative list of your lists?

MR. ROALFE: It has been my hope since we started that list that sooner or later the Association would take it over. Those of you who are familiar with it know that we prepare it primarily for our law school staff and students, but we would be glad to have you use it in any way you want. The only thing I could say in the way of qualification is that the bi-monthly interval is rather long. That is the deficiency in the fine list that appears in the *Michigan Law Review*—it does not appear often enough. The offer to use either in the *Journal* or to take over the bulletin is accepted right now. Just let me know when you want it.

MISS NEWMAN: Then I accept your offer, Mr. Roalfe.¹

Mr. President, will you call for a volunteer to take the Book Exchange?

¹ This new department *Current Legal Publications* was added to the *JOURNAL* beginning with the July, 1942 number. Editor's note.

PRESIDENT HILL: I certainly will! Who is going to volunteer to take over this job of the Book Exchange? [No response.] I think perhaps we will have to leave it to the Executive Committee because I am sure there may be some people not here who would consider this.

I was very interested in Miss Newman's report on the figures on advertising. That is not the entire story. Just before coming here additional contracts were being entered into of a considerable amount, so the advertising end of it is very hopeful and the publishers have been realizing that we need this assistance. They certainly have been very generous to us. One of them is Bill Kolbe's outfit, Prentice-Hall. I think Bill Kolbe should take a bow. He hasn't said a word anyway. [Applause as Mr. Kolbe arose.] Maybe you would like to say a word, Mr. Kolbe?

MR. W. F. KOLBE (Prentice-Hall, Inc.): All I can say is that I did not realize that our contribution of advertising was really of so much help to you as I now find it is after listening to your discussion here this afternoon. I am very glad that we have been able to help you.

PRESIDENT HILL: It is very fortunate for us that you have been so generous in your contract.

MISS NEWMAN: There is one other matter which I had in my report as a project recommended by the Roalfe Plan and upon which no action has been taken by the Association. It is this:

The original Expansion Plan contained a recommendation that the Association sponsor a "General Survey of Law Libraries in the United States." The value and purpose of this was re-

stated in the Report of the Committee on Expansion Plan for 1937-38, concluding with "For these several reasons it is recommended that a committee be appointed to formulate plans for such a survey, to ascertain the probable expense involved, and to collaborate with the officers of the Association with a view to securing the funds necessary to conduct such a survey." The committee was never appointed, and, until I heard Miss Woodward's address yesterday, I had planned to ask the A. A. L. L. to take action on the recommendation. However, Miss Woodward has told us that the Special Libraries Association is publishing a four volume work, *Special Library Resources*. I think we should appoint a committee to collaborate with the Special Libraries group to be sure that this four-volume set includes, at least, our principal law libraries.

Mr. President, I move that we appoint a special committee to collaborate with Miss Woodward and the Special Libraries Association in the preparation of the last volume of *Special Library Resources*.

[The motion was seconded by Mr. Poole, voted upon and carried.]

PRESIDENT HILL: I know that Miss Woodward would be very grateful for that assistance. She has already called upon us for some assistance and will probably need more.

We will now have the Report of the Committee on List of Law Libraries whose excellent work is shown in these blue pamphlets, "Law Libraries in the United States and Canada, 1942", which Dorothea Blender has distributed to you and which were published for us through the courtesy of the Commerce Clearing House, Inc.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIST OF LAW LIBRARIES

Your Committee on List of Law Libraries has diligently canvassed the United States and Canada in an endeavor to contact all law libraries so that those of 5,000 or more volumes might be included in the 1942 list. Even more difficulty than usual seemed to be encountered this year in obtaining responses from librarians. About half of them replied to the first postal card inquiry, a few more responded to a second postal card, and to the remainder letters were written once and sometimes twice before an answer was received.

However, as the result of perseverance and much detective work, the new list contains the names of and the information concerning 72 libraries which had not heretofore been listed. Some libraries which in other years had been listed as having the minimum of 5,000 volumes gave an even smaller number of volumes this year; other libraries have been closed. For these and other reasons, 19 libraries were dropped from the list. This left a net gain of 53, or a total of 577 libraries in the United States and Canada which are included in the 1942 List of Law Libraries.

Respectfully submitted,

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