



Gratia A. Countryman and Family Papers.

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UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
BURLINGTON, VT.

Feb. 14, 1907.

My dear Miss Countryman,

I hope it is not too late to write you my congratulations on your accession to the office of chief librarian, and to express my regret that you should have been treated so unfairly in the way of salary and assistance. I trust that you have a good board, and that they may later see the injustice of their action and remedy it.

I envy you greatly up there in the progressive northwest, the more that I feel myself to "cribbed, cabined, and confined" here in this rural community, to which I fled from the climate of Washington. The first trained librarian this university ever had, and the only one working in the state

of Vermont, I am trying to push ahead in despite of a President 71 years old, who imagines library management is no more now than when in the 50's he himself opened this college library an hour a day. — He's never been at any other institution in all the years since then. Then our library commission's work is described by the fact that the secretary, the said President's wife, upon remonstrance at her having appointed as the paid agent of the commission a young woman who knew absolutely nothing of libraries, exclaimed, "Why, I supposed it required nothing but tact in meeting people!"

You can imagine I feel pretty left out of the procession as to library matters. But as my health has greatly improved in this climate, I can only wait and labor, till possibly some more favorable opening may turn up in some locality which has the cold + bracing temperature which my constitution requires.

With best wishes, believe me

Very sincerely yours, Edith E. Clarke.

Richmond Hill, New York.

My dear Gratia:

A note from
you enclosed in May's
last is the first intima-
tion I have had that
you have received the
appointment to the Libra-
rianship, but I had
to extend my heartiest
congratulations! I
have always expected you
would get it, and rejoice
that the Board has at
last fallen upon wisdom.
I hope to come to Minnesota
with the ladies this summer, &
shall hope to see you there.

My dear Max is away as you know; it is very waiting for his return, but I am filling the days as full as possible. Berida sees the house duties, I am taking music, both vocal & instrumental, writing, and learning basketry, so the time passes rapidly. The children are well & growing. I was pleased to have a long letter from Nettie, the other day; I have not heard from her in ages before. You speak of Anna's being in Cal., what of Charles? Is he doing something there. Please give my dear love to Anna when you write.

Affectionately,

Mary Miss Wor

Feb 25 - 1904.



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BANQUET
MARCH 15 1904

Miss Countryman

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Menus

Purée au Tomates
Celeri

Croquettes de Volaille
Tommes de Terre,

Petit Pous au Beurre,

Petit Pains. Glaces

Salad de Homard
Sandwich

Glace de Crème
de Mardi Gras

Gâteau

Biscuit Fromage

Café

Toasts

Toastmistress
Miss Baldwin

Reminon Days

In Retrospect
Miss Countryman

In Prospect
Miss Stinchfield

Elsewhere
Miss Wood

The Chapter House
Miss Stetman

The ΔΓ Eleven
Miss Roswell

Lambda Chi
Miss McClelland

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May 16

1904

Dear Miss Countryman:-

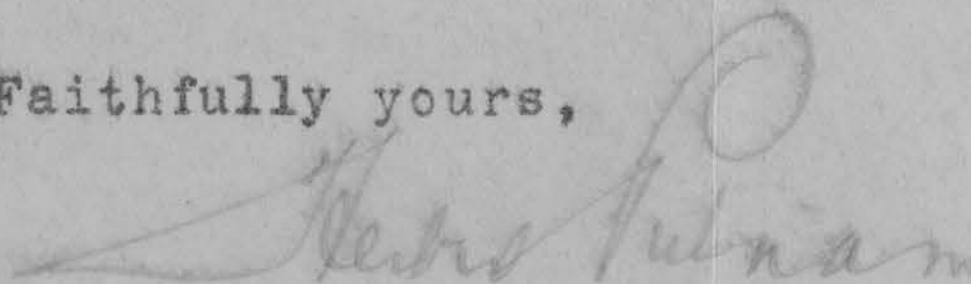
At our Library Conference in St. Louis in October, the program will presumably undertake to summarize the present status in the more notable fields of recent library endeavor in the United States. Will you be willing to do this for the work of the state library commissions?

The basis should, of course, be a precise statement as to what is now being done, taking the country as a whole. This will indicate the present limits.

The topic will naturally precede a discussion which we have in view upon the proper limits of state aid.

I may add that the intention in general is to have but a few topics, to be treated in a general way at general sessions. There will be no section meetings and, I suppose, no attempt to deal with the elementary questions that are apt to take up a good deal of the time of an ordinary annual conference.

Faithfully yours,



President

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Asst. Librarian, Public Library
Minneapolis Minn.



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Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 22 1904.

Miss Gracia Countryman,
Librarian,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Miss Countryman:

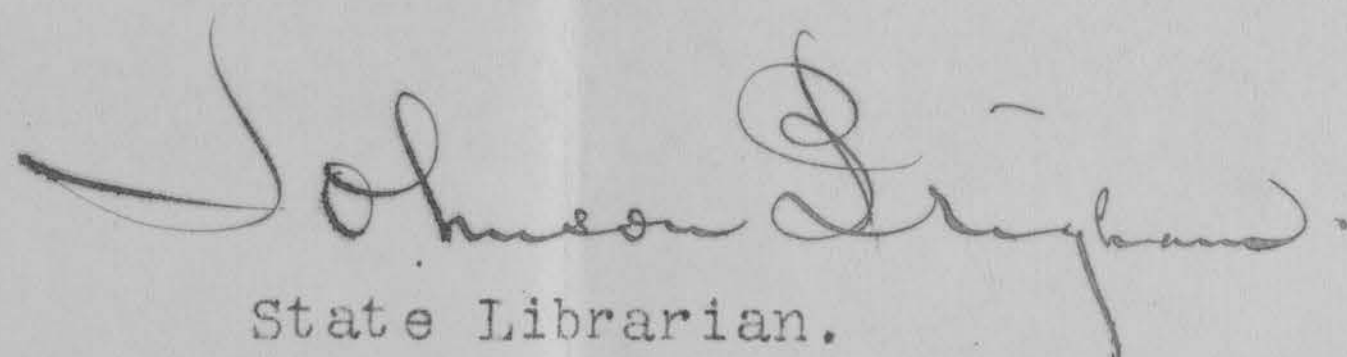
I started to write my
congratulations on your appointment months ago when
I happened to learn of the reduction in your salary
and felt so indignant that I waited hoping to learn
the reduction was not a fact. Please accept my be-
lated congratulations and along with them the hope
that the board, at its next meeting, will undo the in-
justice.

My friend Mr. Cass Richardson, of E.P. Dutton
and Co., evidently wants to sell you the Victorian
histories- he has asked me to give you my opinion
of them. I can scarcely add anything to what the
announcements have given you, except to say that the
volumes so far as they have been received- and they
come very slowly- are in all respects well bound,
beautiful in typography and satisfactory in subject
matter. I also subscribed for the supplementary

volumes covering genealogy etc., but thus far have received none of these. I had feared the books might come in a bunch and embarrass me financially, but so far I have hardly felt the burden.

I hope to find Minneapolis well represented at the St. Louis conference.

Yours very truly,


State Librarian.

Washington, Sept. 1904.
I enclose
to you a card forwarded to me from Min-
neapolis. You will remember Mr. Pickard
as having before sent some matters to
the Library. — I am writing in the go-
vernment reading-room of the Library of
Congress, the brilliant light turned on as
dusk approaches, in which the marble
columns glitter and the carvings and
frescoes show all their beauty. My al-
cove is high up in the gallery, thro' the pil-
lars of which I can look down into the
great space of the reading-room, with
the many students sitting at the desks,

Yet up here I am quite isolated, — as much
by myself as I care to be, while right
at hand is an attendant to bring to my
table everything I can wish. I have of-
ten heard "Uncle Sam is rich enough
to buy us all a farm", and I really
feel now as if I had come into my
possession. — As for I have not
seen much of Mr. Putnam, who re-
mained in St. Louis for some days after
the conference, and has been again ab-
sent from Washington since his return.
But he is cordial, and the staff are very
kind and attentive.

I attended last evening a meeting

of the Diet. of Columbia Library Assocn at Mr Bow-
man's handsome Carnegie building. The top-
ics all related to the St. Louis meeting, and the
most flattering thing ^{was said} about your paper. I made
a little talk, not about St. Louis, my speech be-
ing the only break in the chain. They are pleasant
men and women, and all seem to think they
are fortunately placed, but I see and hear e-
nough to know that among all these Washing-
ton splendours there are just as many disappoint-
ments as well as elsewhere. — Last week
I had a nice little chat with Mr. Roosevelt, who

was very happy over his election. I have
a number of acquaintances in Washington, but
feel that I feel now and then a bit home-
sick, and have a pension thought about my old
desk at the Minneapolis library. But I have plen-
ty to do. Since coming on I have travelled over
pretty much the whole of Virginia — a beautiful
state with kind and hospitable people. — I hope
you are very well, and that all is going well.
My affectionate regards to all my good friends
of the library — staff, of whom I think often and
often. There seems no special reason why I
should go back to Minneapolis rather than stay

Gentlemen:

2-4-1905

Several months ago—as far back as last June or July—I forwarded by U. S. mail, addressed to a large number of free and subscription public libraries in every individual State of the Union, and throughout the Dom. of Canada, also over Europe and to Australia & N. Zealand, one copy each of my copyrighted book, of 128 pp., and entitled "The Plea of the Toiler; or the Era of Speed and Graft," as a donation. ^{Each and} Every one took my offer, and sent me their acknowledgment. This book is indexed by Wilson & Co., and is now in every part of the civilized world where exist universities and libraries. A number greatly exceeding 500 have been offered, accepted and acknowledged, here and abroad, by public libraries, university presidents, chancellors and rectors, and their libraries, Pres. Roosevelt, Governors of State, mayors of cities, public spirited divines, industrial leaders, moralists, publicists, (over)

also
scores of press notices, all fraternal;
from newspapers and publications from all
sections of the Union, Canada, England,
Australia, &c.

This book is intellectually strong, moral
and truthful in tone and version; of a
versatile character; epigrammatical, clever,
rich, racy and chic in style of narrative;
educational, instructive, interesting, entertaining,
in its text, and to the seeker after the True
Light it is the book he is in search of.

As I had never received an acknowledg-
ment from the Minneapolis pub. lib., several months
ago I wrote to the librarian in chief, and received
an answer after a long time, that they had never
been in receipt of such a book. I thought, at the
time that Mr. Hoerner was librarian; but it
turns out to be one of the opposite sex. I wrote again
I saw the Supt. of Mails here about it, and to
vindicate the U. S. P. O. from any undue aspersion
or reflection he initiated an investigation, and traced
the book to the library. I then wrote again to the librarian,
and never have received an answer; at the same time
unfortunately, informing her I would try the St. Paul
library, which subsequently did. To my consternation
they reply that they ^{also} have never received the book.
This seems to me, and I am not a Sherlock Holmes,
either, like a collusion, between these female librarians,
from a supposed sniff the former received, to put this
book out of business in either of the two libraries. I
don't care what any man says, but all sensible men
know that women are, and always will be incapable
of divorcing themselves from selfishness, pure, petty
intrigues, &c., and are totally

must be at the head of any (3
institution, corporation or business, which
requires moderation, judgment, dis-
cretion, generosity, impartiality, and
it is only the morbid sentimentality
and tentative humbug of the times
which is thrusting the weaker sex
forward to places of power and
trust for which they are totally
unfitted by the immutable laws
of nature.

Several cases I have had out of
scores of libraries where the small wing
of our frail sisters cropped up to
cause trouble. Let me explain:
One female librarian complained
with much gusto and importunate spite
that the book must be bound in a
certain expensive style, and I suppose dec-
orated with ribbons before she would look at
it. This work is on the economics,
something which seems to be insipidly
platitudinous to the ordinary woman, and
one had an objection to it upon that
account. She didn't know how men

could write such stuff when there
was an inexpressible feel in romance
and fiction

Most of these women were incapable
of mounting above a certain point. They
were one and all in positions which
gave them power to retard, embarrass,
thwart, and turn evolution backward,
instead of advancing civilization.

Through ^{adversely} ~~fatally~~ alone, for the well
of man, is woman coming forward,
and being thrust in high places, and in
course of time all will be chaos.

No other library reported book not
received except the two, Minneapolis and
St. Paul.

The librarian in Minneapolis lib. was in-
formed by me that if the library in Minn.
would not shelve a large thick paper back
book, printed on the best of paper, bound
put one in Minnesota - somewhere, and
probably the St. Paul, which subsequently
tried, but failed also. State of my hat
to woman's way - the up to date, business
doll - ^{the} narrow - fractions, conceited and
presumptuous up to date public woman
Yours truly, Wm Ashton, 18 Chambers St.,
New York City, N.Y.

"Plea of the 700,000, or the 'Each Good & Great'."

Agent in New York for Minneapolis

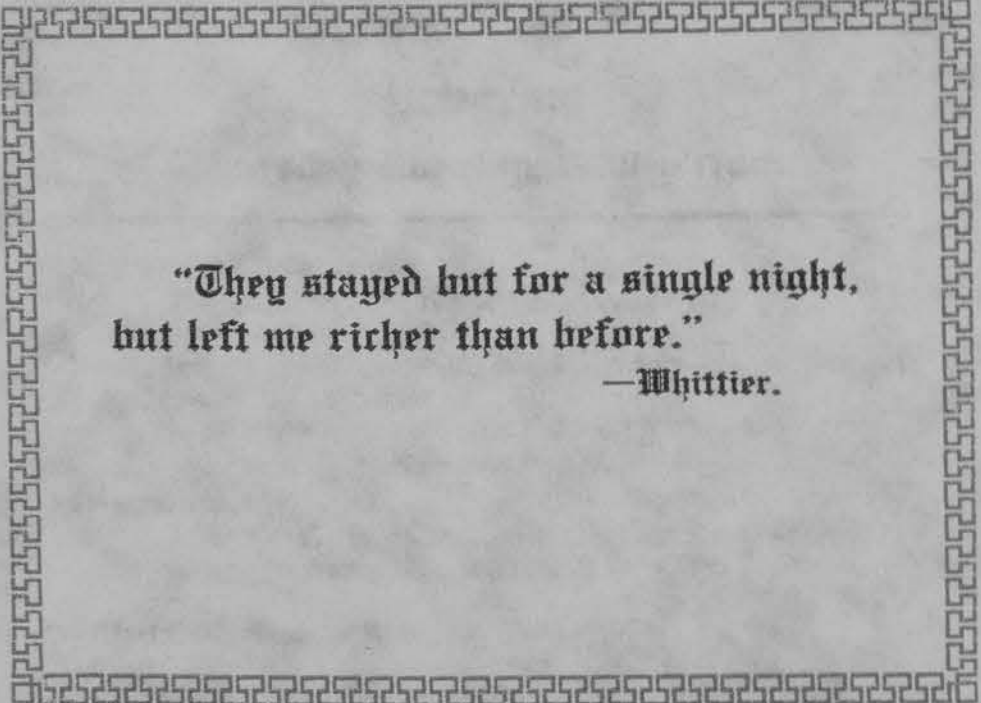


LIBRARY BUILDING
RED WING, MINN.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
MEETING
of
Minnesota Library Association
at RED WING



OCTOBER 12, 13, 14
1905



"They stayed but for a single night,
but left me richer than before."

—Whittier.

Program

Thursday Evening, 8:30 o'clock

A Word of Welcome

MR. W. F. KUNZE, *Red Wing*

President's Address—"The Library as a Social Center"

MISS GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN
Minneapolis

Discussion

MR. G. G. S. CAMPBELL, *Alexandria*
MRS. MARIE E. BRICK, *St. Cloud*

And Others

Informal Reception

Program

Friday Forenoon, 9 o'clock

Paper—"Book Selection"

MRS. KAREN M. JACOBSON,
State Library Commission, *St. Paul*

Discussion

MR. H. W. WILSON, *Minneapolis*

Paper—"County Extension"

MRS. GERTRUDE B. MCPHERSON
Stillwater

Paper—"Popular Advertising"

MISS LYDIA M. POIRIER, *Duluth*

Program

Friday Afternoon, 2:30 o'clock

"Story Hour in the Children's Room" - - -

MISS MARGARET PALMER, *Rochester*

Reading—Uncle Remus Stories - - -

MISS ELEANOR J. GLADSTONE
Carleton College, *Northfield*

*At 4 o'clock adjournment will be taken for
a drive about the city*

Program

Friday Evening, 8 o'clock

AT THE AUDITORIUM

Music

MALE QUARTETTE

MESSRS. C. E. SHELDON, S. H. LOCKIN,
C. A. BETCHER, E. MAGNUSSEN

Vocal Solo

MRS. S. H. LOCKIN

Address

PRESIDENT CYRUS NORTHROP

Music

MALE QUARTETTE

Program

Saturday Forenoon, 9 o'clock

Question Box.
Business Meeting.
Reports of Committees.
Election of Officers.

Departure of Trains

C., M. & St. P.—*East*: 9:35 a. m.; 4:03 p. m.; 8:30 p. m.; 9:48 p. m.; 12:19 a. m. *West*: 6:03 a. m.; 10:05 a. m.; 1:41 p. m.; 8:30 p. m. *I. & M. Div*: 2:00 p. m.

C. G. W.—*North*: 8:05 a. m.; 4:35 p. m. *South*: 10:50 a. m.; 7:50 p. m.

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a collection of books—Carlyle

Public Library

Minneapolis

GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN
LIBRARIAN

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 5th 05

Miss Gratia Countryman,
My dear madam.

In thanking you, with my heart full
of thankfulness, for the strong letters
allow me to assure you, that I
will make myself more worthy
of your trust in future than
I have been in the past. I have
never been called upon to de-
fend your name and I know it
will never be necessary, as I never,
never heard anything but good
said about you and your splendid
and manly way of handling and
settling questions of business and
subordinates. Mr. Heiberg, Miss
Dingmore and Prof. Olfstedt are my
library associates and their praise
of you covers the Scandinavian
view of your ability.

I am sure that you pursue the right course in regard to Miss Brodson and that it is your duty to get well educated assistants, no fair-minded person will criticize you for that. Personally not and I don't "hitch", but that's only on account of her stupidity in certain ways, and has nothing to do with her good character and I hope you may find some place for her in the juvenile department.

If you sometimes have found me short and probably not as pleasing in the tone of my notes or speech to you as I ought to be, it may not been on account of lack of appreciation and good feeling - it's my way, and I am a better man than my English!

Your letter did me a lot of good, and my wife sends your kindest greetings and wants you to be good to yourself so as to live long and be strong and happy.

Yours very truly

H. K. Kelsey.



City of Minneapolis,

Minnesota.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
DAVID P. JONES, Mayor.

January, 19, 1906.

Miss Gratia Countryman,
Central Library, City.

Dear Miss Countryman:

I have read with great interest your very thorough and comprehensive annual report. Every word of it was interesting to me and full of information and also many splendid suggestions.

I can see how very greatly the Public Library, under such able direction as yours, can be of great value ~~and~~ in helping solve some of the unique questions which are before our city at this time. I already have reason to be grateful to you for intelligent and able co-operation in the line of your own work and wish to thank you for it.

I return herewith the copy which you sent me.

Yours very truly,

David P. Jones



JOHN A. JOHNSON, GOVERNOR OF SAID STATE:

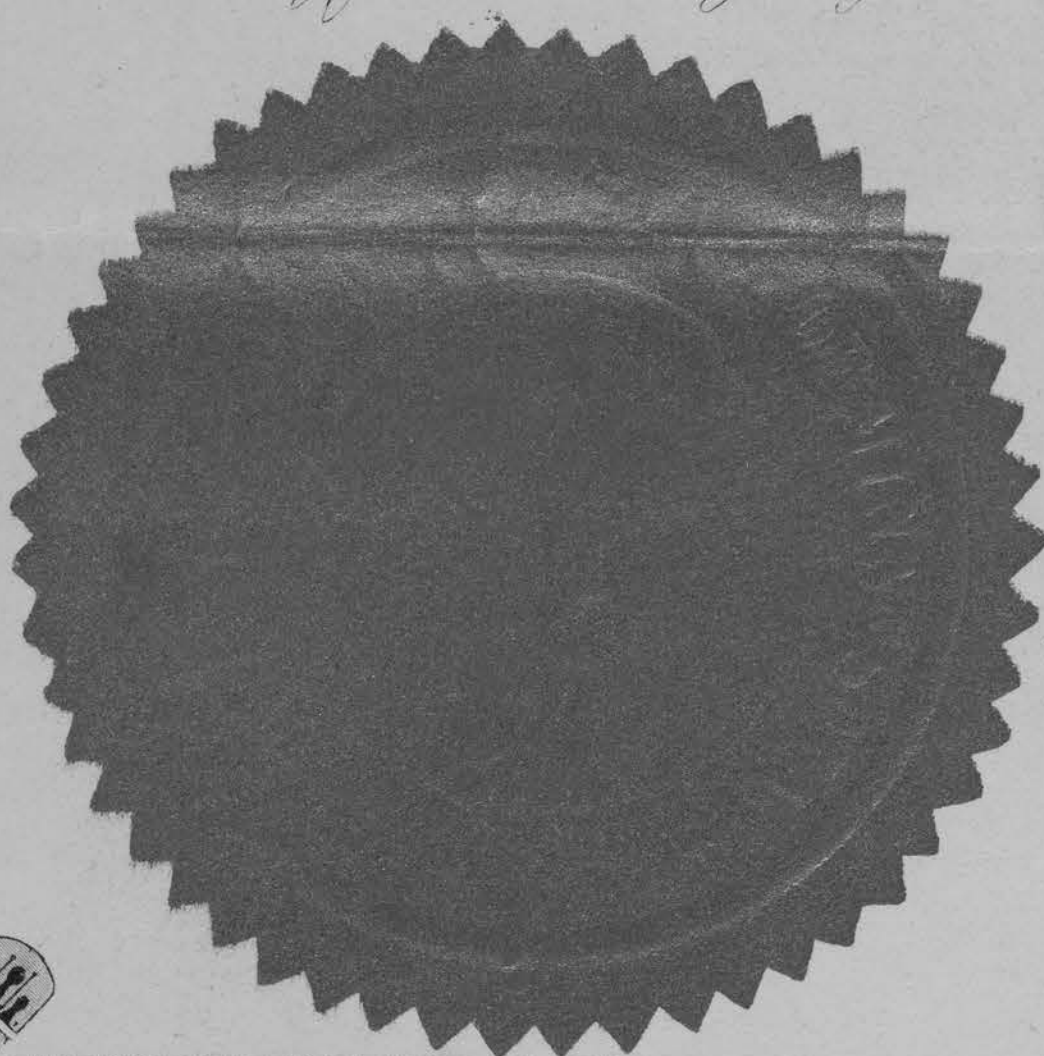
To Gratia A. Contryman of Hennepin County, Sends Greeting:
Reposing special trust and confidence in your prudence, integrity
and ability, I have appointed you, the said Gratia A. Contryman, a NOTARY PUBLIC
for the State of Minnesota to reside in Hennepin County for the full term of
seven years. You are, therefore, by these presents, appointed and commissioned NOTARY PUBLIC as aforesaid.
To Have and to Hold The said office of NOTARY PUBLIC, together with all the rights, powers and emoluments to
the said office belonging or by law in anywise appertaining until this commission shall be by me or other lawful authority,
superseded or annulled or expire by force or reason of any law of this State.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
of Minnesota to be affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of St. Paul, this 22nd
day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and
Seven and of the State the 49th

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Julius A. Schmall

John A. Johnson
Secretary of State.



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Albany, N. Y., 17 March 1908

Miss Gratia Countryman

Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Miss Countryman:

It gives me pleasure to say that at a meeting of the Executive Board of the American Library Association held at Atlantic City March 14, 1908, you were unanimously named as Second Vice-President of the Association, vice Miss Helen E. Haines resigned, to fill the term expiring at the date of the next annual conference.

It is not likely that further meetings of the Executive Board requiring attendance will be held before the date of the conference. Should it become necessary to meet, you will receive due notification.

Yours very truly



Members of the Commission.
J.M. Pereles, *Chairman*, Milwaukee, Wis.
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Wisconsin Library Commission
The Capitol, Madison, Wis.
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July 3, 1908

Miss Gratia A. Countryman,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Miss Countryman:

I did not see you at the last moment to tell you what a very delightful meeting we had. The Minnetonka country is certainly one of the most beautiful I have ever seen, and at no conference that I have ever attended have we been more delightfully entertained. For myself I was most comfortable and happy during my stay in your part of the country, and can truly say it was one of the most delightful A.L.A.'s I have ever attended.

I trust you will have a good rest after your hard work preparing for the Conference. While you must be exceedingly tired, the results can not fail to be very gratifying, and will, in some measure, compensate you for the time and strength expended.

Thanking you for the good times which I had, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Julia E. Elliott

My dear Miss Countryman:-

Please accept
my most sincere thanks
for your untiring efforts in
making us all so comfortable
at the A. L. A. Conference. The
Success of the meeting was
surely due to your kindness
and forethought and I assure
you it was much appreciated.

Very Sincerely,

Louise F. Enckling

July 3rd, '08

Fond du Lac, Wis.

[July 2, 1908]

Public Library,
Milwaukee.

My dear Miss Countryman:

As a member of
a party who had an ex-
tremely good time at the
Minnetonka Conference,
I feel as if I should
like to tell you personally
how grateful I am to
you for arranging things
so comfortably for us.

July 2, 1908
Miss Countryman
Milwaukee

especially indebted to you
for our very comfortable
rooms, as well as other
arrangements.

Very cordially yours,

Lillian M. Carter.

I am one of the many who
had the pleasure of meeting
you at Minnetonka, and if
you cannot exactly recall me,
I shall not lay it up against
you.

July second.

Everybody seems to consider
this as one of the most
successful conferences
there has ever been, and
I am sure all who attend-
ed have very pleasant
memories of the hospital-
ity of the Minneapolis
and St. Paul people. So
I thought perhaps you
would like to know it,
and to know that we
Milwaukee girls feel

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Dear Mrs Countryman

I missed the pleasure
of speaking to you at Tonka Bay
& therefore the opportunity of
personally expressing my grateful
thanks for all you did to make
our visit to Minneapolis & St. Paul
so very pleasurable & happy.

Will you be good enough
to accept this assurance of
one of your visitors that the
result of all you did was in his

case to give one of the pleasantest
holidays he has ever experienced.

I am hoping that from the
personal & educational point of
view the advantages were all
that you could desire.

Again thanking you I am
Dear Mrs Countryman

Yours very gratefully & sincerely
Edwin Carver

Charleston, Illinois
July 5, 1908

My dear Miss Countryman,

Ever since I returned
home from the convention

I have been telling
people what a good
time I had. It was
owing so much to

your efforts and to those
of the local committee
that this could be said
and I have felt that I
want to say to you per-
sonally that I thank
you.

Very truly yours
Mary J. Booth

My dear Miss Countryman

The 1908 A.S.A. Conference
will always be a pleasant memory and
I wish to thank you not only for the
beautiful scenery, the fine weather, and
the general hospitality of the Twin Cities,
but especially for all your own efforts for
our comfort. The beauty of the State
Capitol was enhanced by seeing it under
your guidance.

Very sincerely

Irene Gibson

12 Feb 08

223 Arundel St.
St. Paul, Minn.
July 6 '88.



My dear Miss Countryman,
I am
so sorry to be leaving
St. Paul without another
visit to you and your
library. I fully intended
going over this past week
but it has been impossible
on account of my brother's
visit here. I
I have had such a fine
trip, have fallen quite
in love with this part -

of our country and I am
sure have formed the
"A. L. A. Latit." Everything
went off so beautifully
and I want to thank
you, for me small member,
for all you did to make
it a great success. I think
all felt how hard you
and Miss Baldwin had
worked and appreciated
everything.

When you come East-
we shall be delighted
to see you in New Haven
and perhaps we may
have a new library to

show you.

I shall always think with
great pleasure of our delightful
conference and all your
wit and kindness will
never be forgotten. I consider it
has been a privilege to have seen
you, even if the whole talk were
about small mostly business.

Again expressing regret that
I shall find it hard to visit you a
personal "good-by" I am
Very sincerely
Yours
Thomas Russell

55 Central Street,
Peabody, Mass.

July 17. 1908.

Dear Miss Countryman:

At length, "after
many wanderings, both by sea
and land," we are home again
and settled down.

A delightful week at
Calumet, Michigan, with Mrs.
Grierson, the librarian, made
us that much later than
the others in returning.

I trust that you have also

Our trip is now a pleasant
memory, unmarred by a single
unpleasant incident, and fresh
at this late day, ^{to} thank you for us
both for your kindness and
thoughtfulness.

With kindest regards from
both Mrs. Osborn & myself, I am,

Sincerely yours.

Lyman P. Osborn

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settled down after the bustle
of Conference week, and are
enjoying the "simple life"
in your new home & garden.

I was sorry not to see you
on Saturday before leaving,
but it rained so hard that
it was late when I got over
from the Club, and when I
did I could not find you.

On account of the weather
Mrs. Osborn did not come over
at all that day, but we both
took the train at the Club,
joining the others in Minne-
apolis.

Excelsior July 18, 1908

Dear Miss Countryman:

Two or three times I have dropped into the library to tell you how well all the local conference arrangements were managed.

You had a complex & difficult situation to organize and conduct and it was handled with a degree of smoothness and success which I feared (knowing the ground in detail) at one time, would be impossible.

You and your co-workers not only on the local committee but from the various

Local libraries are to be heartily congratulated.

I am surprised and immensely pleased to see how greatly the work of your own library has grown in your hands. I had not been here since the new wing was done and so had not appreciated your new opportunities nor know what good use you have made of them.

Tonight I go to Iowa City not to return here again.

With cordial good wishes for your health & work I am

Very truly yours

E. D. Cope
National Secretary.

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July 29th, 1908.

Miss Gratia Countryman,
Librarian Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Miss Countryman-

This is the first opportunity I have had to tell you how much I appreciate the great amount of hard work you put into the preparation for the A. L.A., and the fine manner in which it was all carried through. Also to thank you for the personal courtesies which you found time for during that busy week.

I very much hope that you are to have a good rest this summer.

Yours very truly,

Sinda A. Eastman
Vice-librarian

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