



Gratia A. Countryman and Family Papers.

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December 22nd 1931

Miss Gratia Countryman
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Miss Countryman,

I am much interested to see that you were to receive a civic service honor medal given by the Inter-Racial Service Council. I am sure that the recognition is abundantly deserved, and I am glad that it is so recognized.

What a great service you have rendered the people of your fine city by your administration of the Public Library! From my work with the Near East Relief and with Anatolia College also I know what strong work you have done in the community, outside the Library.

If you did not happen to hear it you will be pleased to have me tell you that the Carnegie Endowment made us a grant of \$4,500.00 for the purchase of books a few months ago. As we have hardly more than 5,000 volumes this addition means a very great thing for us. Our boys are eager to read and they need good library facilities to satisfy their thirst for information.

Our school year is going quietly and well. The foundation of Minnesota Hall is laid but the winter season will delay the process of building until spring. Minnesota people have done handsomely by the people of the Near East. With the settling down of things following the Great War storm, I think, the prospect is more hopeful than it has been at any time during the four decades that my wife and I have spent in the Near East except as service for our people over here required our presence for a time among our people over there.

Mrs. White joins me in cordial greetings and good wishes for Christmas and New Year. Please include Miss Todd in this.

Very sincerely yours

George E. White

George E. White

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The University of Minnesota

The University Library

Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

Nov. 29, 1931

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

Daer Miss Countryman:

Please accept the congratualtions of Mrs Walter and myself on the civic award which has just come to you. It was richly deserved and this is one kind of medaling of which we heartily approve.

Very truly yours

Frank K. Walter

THE INTER-RACIAL SERVICE COUNCIL

Room 311 - 30 South 9th Street, Minneapolis -Main 2431

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BULLETIN

November 23, 1931

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. AN INVITATION AND FREE TICKETS for our Recognition Day Program are enclosed for your use. Miss Gratia A. Countryman will be awarded the Council's ninth Civic Service Honor Medal, and Mrs. Mabeth Hurd Paige and Mr. Walter C. Robb will be introduced as new honorary members of the Council. There will be other recognition awards. A very fine program with excellent music has been planned.

ON THIS OUR ANNUAL DAY OF DAYS WE COUNT ON YOUR PRESENCE.

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and



**You are Most Cordially Invited to the Council's
Recognition Day Program**

Saturday evening, November 28th, at 8:15 o'clock, in the
Y. M. C. A. Banquet Room

The Inter-Racial Service Council Will Confer Its
1931 Civic Service Honor Medal

upon

Miss Gratia A. Countryman

because

"Her unselfish devotion to the cause of constructive help for all classes of people has made her influence felt in many movements that make for enlightenment and better understanding, and because her many years of service to Minneapolis as chief librarian have been a blessing to our community life."

The Inter-Racial Service Council

Saturday, November 28, 1931

RECOGNITION DAY PROGRAM

"America" - two stanzas

Oboe Solo - - - - - Paladilhe
Roger R. Gauthier
Mrs. Yvonne Gauthier at the piano

Introduction of
The Board of Directors
The Executive Committee

Presentation of the new Honorary Members
Mrs. Mabeth Hurd Paige
Walter C. Robb

Recognition of Faithful Service

The Council Song

Award of Civic Service Honor Medal to
Gratia A. Countryman

English Horn Solo - "Allegretto" - - - - Gaubert
Mr. Gauthier
Mrs. Gauthier at the piano

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Flag and Candle Ceremony
"Columbia" - - Alma P. Knutson

"The Star-spangled Banner"

Refreshments

Fellowship

CIVIC SERVICE HONOR MEDAL RECIPIENTS

1931 GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN
 1930 George D. Dayton
 1929 Arthur R. Rogers
 1928 William F. Webster
 1927 Edgar J. Couper
 1926 Elbert L. Carpenter
 1925 William Watts Folwell
 1924 William Henry Eustis
 1923 Alfred E. Koenig

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FAITHFUL SERVICE EMBLEM RECIPIENTS

1931 _____?
 1930 Alma P. Knutson
 1930 Minda K. Olson
 1929 John C. Newall
 1929 Mrs. Anna Santoorjian
 1928 John W. McKean
 1928 Anna M. Peterson
 1927 Edward Collin-Boye
 1926 Peter Anderson
 1926 John Backer
 1925 Peter Boosalis

HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

1931 MRS. MABETH HURD PAIGE
 1931 WALTER C. ROBB
 1930 Dr. Martin Aune
 1930 Leroy E. Matson
 1929 Frank O. Koehler
 1929 Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye
 1928 Frances E. Andrews
 1928 Judge Edward F. Waite
 1927 Katherine M. Kohler
 1927 Marstin E. Tallant
 1927 Henri Verbrugghen
 1926 L. A. Baker
 1926 Edgar J. Couper
 1926 J. M. Paul
 1925 Theodore Christianson
 1925 Gratia A. Countryman
 1925 Mrs. Henry S. Godfrey
 1924 Robbins Gilman
 1924 George E. Leach
 1923 Judge George W. Buffington

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Kiwanis Club	Marstin E. Tallant
Lions Club	Y. M. C. A.

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrims' pride!
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring!

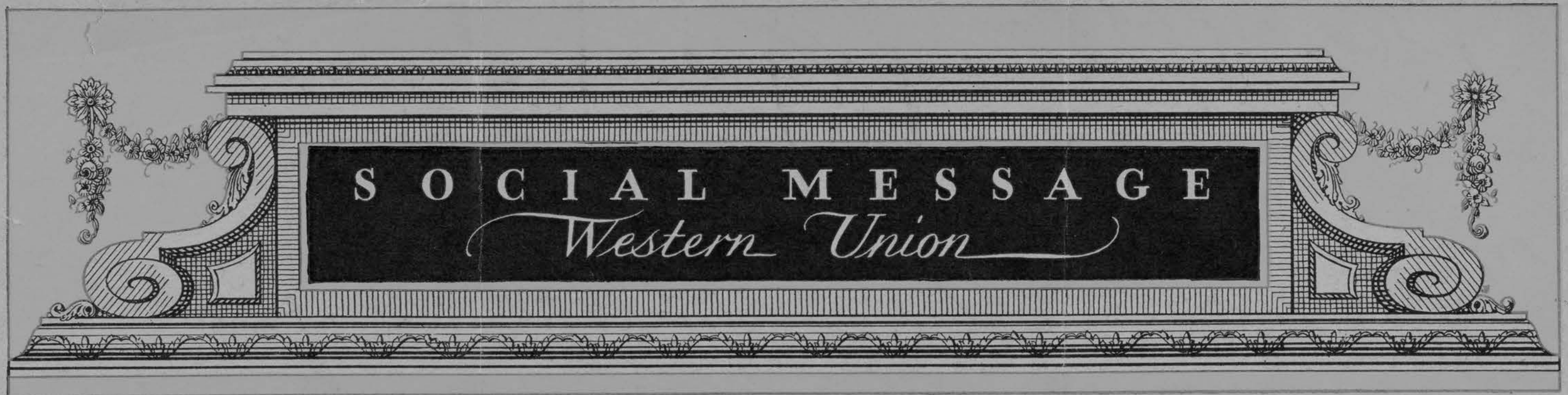
Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

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O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

* * *

Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last
gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the
perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly
streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting
in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still
there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



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[Nov. 27, 1931]

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MISS GRATIA A COUNTRYMAN

PUBLIC LIBRARIAN MINNEAPOLIS MINN

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE WELL DESERVED MEDAL AWARD OF THE
INTERRACIAL SERVICE COUNCIL BY ALL MEANS YOU BELONG IN THE GROUP
HONORED BY OUR BELOVED UNCLE BILLIE FOLWELL MAY YOUR SHADOW
NEVER GROW LESS ALOHA OE

J PAUL GOODE OF 89.

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J PAUL GOODE OF 89.
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We are all very proud of the honor that has been conferred on you and the medal you are to receive, and are glad the librarian is appreciated even if the library is not vital-or whatever the mean thing was the paper said. But as Miss Patten said-or maybe she didn't, but someone told it and it was a good story- when she was elected president of the Twin City Library Club "Well they were long enough getting around to it!" Your staff would have chosen you long ago.

Charlotte Matson

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m. d.
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November 4, 1931

Mr. F. W. Peck
Director of Agricultural Extension
The University of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Miss Countryman, who is leaving the city tonight for a meeting in New York, asked me to express to you her gratitude for your very kind note of October 31.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the
Librarian

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNIVERSITY FARM, ST. PAUL

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION DIVISION

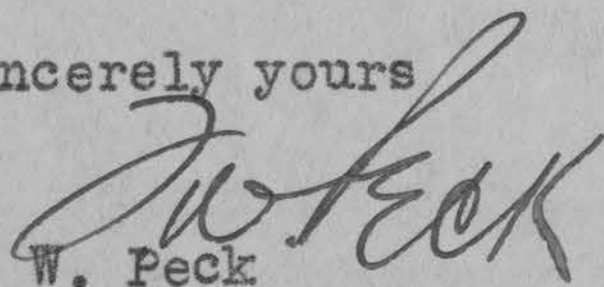
October 31 1931

Miss Gratia Countryman
City Library
Minneapolis Minnesota

Dear Miss Countryman:

While in the field recently, I noted in the paper the distinctive honor that had been conferred upon you for your outstanding service in connection with your work in Minneapolis. May I congratulate you and trust that this influence may continue to spread to all those who can profit by your high spirit of service.

Sincerely yours


F. W. Peck
Director Agricultural Extension

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October 29, 1931

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Chief Librarian
Minneapolis Public Library
1001 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis

Dear Miss Countryman:

The announcement of your selection to receive the civic service honor medal is "glad tidings."

To me you have, these many years past, been one of the real builders of Minneapolis and I am exceedingly glad to add my congratulations to those being extended silently or otherwise by your host of friends.

Sincerely,

A. C. Godward
Executive-Engineer

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October 28, 1931

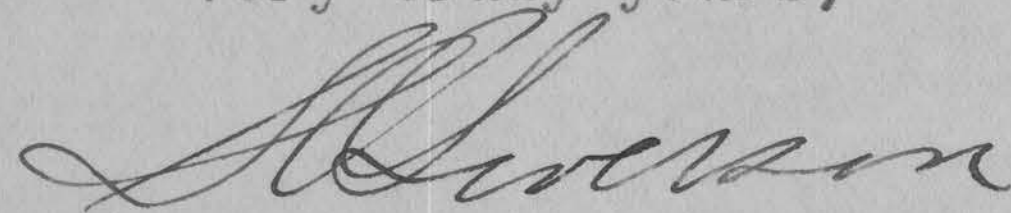
Miss Gratia Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Countryman:

I wish to let you know that I am very happy to learn that you have been honored by the Inter-Racial Service Council. I sometimes have thought that it would take a generation before citizens would take cognizance of your splendid work. They evidently have seen in connection with your main library and branches and not to forget the school-libraries your wonderful system of reaching young and old with the finest of reading matter.

Accept my hearty congratulations.

Very truly yours,



SOS*s

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October 28, 1931

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Countryman:

It pleases me to know that the Inter-
Racial Service Council award gave you such pleasure. I
know it is a recognition well deserved.

In due season you will receive additional
information regarding our Recognition Day. We hope you can
plan to be with us on November 28th from 8:15 P.M. on.

Sincerely yours,

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"Infinite is the help man can yield to man"

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE, AND THE ARTS
MINNEAPOLIS

October 28, 1931

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis

Dear Miss Countryman:

I am sorry that I did not have the opportunity when I saw you the other evening to congratulate you on your having been selected for the Civic Service honor medal to be awarded this year by the Inter-Racial Service Council. I think the selection was very well deserved and I hope that you will receive it as a token of not only the respect and admiration but also of the love of your fellow citizens. You have served the city well and richly deserve this honor.

Sincerely yours,

WA:HL

*Mayor
William
Anderson*

Sunday
October 25, 1931

My dear Miss Countryman:-

Permit me, as a
member of your staff, to
extend a few words of
sincere congratulations upon
your unanimous election
to receive the civic
service honor medal.

It has been my pleasure

3.
We at Lincoln Branch
extend our sincerest of
congratulations to one whom
we feel truly commands
our respect, loyalty and
love.

Respectfully and Sincerely
Jane Van Donsenburgh.

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to have been a member
of the city library system
now for the past two years.
And, while circumstances
have not permitted more
than a few personal contacts
with you during this time,
these few have been sufficient.
Nevertheless, for me to concur
unreservedly with the citation
which will accompany
this award.

that the Club would go, instead, to the Commonwealth luncheon.

Raymond Robins, whom Mr. Smith said is a brilliant talker and a man of outstanding ability, is to discuss the prohibition question. Mr. Smith put it on pretty thick. He pictured this Robins person as a house afire—and then some.

WEDNESDAY GUESTS

Herbert Schoening and Paul Koughan guests of Walter Nold.

Art Quay guest of Charlie Casey.

Frank Berry guest of Al Godward.

Rev. O. W. Lowe guest of Judge E. F. Waite.

Rev. Roy L. Smith guest of Judge Clyde White.

A. B. Fruen guest of Frank Martoccio.

Last, but by no means least, a big, strong, fine-looking lad whom Dunc Mackenzie introduced as Don E. Mackenzie of Chicago, and as his son. Dunc disclosed some pride in the boy at which no one wondered.

WHO IS THIS RAYMOND ROBINS?

We wrote this acid headline with the devilish, minimizing question mark after it, because we thought Web Smith's advance work was a bit too strong. Then we started to look the fellow up and get something withering to fit the headline. Alas! Our vile plot is busted.

"Who's Who in America" says Robins is an L.L.B. of George Washington University and L.L.D. of Hillsdale College; is a social economist; was superintendent of Chicago Municipal Lodging House; head worker Northwestern University Settlement; and also on the Chicago Board of Education and the Chicago Charter Convention. In case that isn't enough, he was a leader in the Men and Religion Forward Movement campaign has been around the world; was chairman of the State Central Committee of the Progressive Party in Illinois; ran for the United States Senate; is a leader in National Christian Evangelistic social work; has been identified with the International Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.; was a major in the United States Army; went with the American Red Cross Mission to Russia; and was a member of the executive committee of the Republican National Committee in the campaigns of 1920 and 1924.

He is a member of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, William Jennings Bryan Memorial As-

sociation; is an advocate of organized labor and land value taxation; and believes in the outlawry of war. Recently he has been most conspicuous as a campaigner for law enforcement in support of the constitutional prohibition amendment.

There is a lot more about him, but that should be enough.

He ought to make a corking good talk and one that no Lion should miss.

LOOK FOR WALTER

Our handsome secretary will be at the door at the Commonwealth Club Wednesday and will see that you get a ticket to the luncheon without cost. You may bring a guest if you wish and provide for him the same as you would if you brought him to a regular Lions Club Meeting.

TWO TO BE VOTED ON

James S. Lincoln, secretary of The Minneapolis Committee, who will appear under the classification, "Industrial Promotion," and C. E. Doell, secretary of the Minneapolis Park Board, whose classification will be, "Park Board," will be voted on at the regular meeting in the regular quarters on Wednesday, October 14.

GIVE HIM THE HIGH SIGN

William Brede of the Brede Sign Company, who was elected to membership at a recent meeting, showed up last Wednesday but was very modest and some of us did not meet him. He will be inaugurated at a meeting in the near future at which time we should all get to know him.

JOHN RAFERT MAKES IMPRESSION

We are advised that John Rafert made an impression on the Central Lions Club of Chicago, whose guest he was last week. It must have been a good impression because a letter came along to our Secretary, Walter Nold, from R. N. Fulton, Secretary of the Chicago Club, in which after referring to John's visit, he said, "We extend to any of your members who happen to be in Chicago on Tuesdays a cordial invitation to visit us in the Hotel La Salle."

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NEXT MEETING

NICOLLET HOTEL

(Don't Forget—Nicollet Hotel)



Nold Walter
1125 Plymouth Bldg

The regular meeting at the Radisson for Wednesday, October 7, has been called off to enable the Lions to attend the meeting arranged by the Commonwealth Club at the Nicollet Hotel for Raymond Robins, who will speak on an issue of outstanding importance to our country.

MISS COUNTRYMAN'S TALK

Ordinarily George Wheaton would have introduced our speaker, but as our guest was none other than Miss Gratia Countryman, city librarian, who for many years has been a friend of Harington Beard, George introduced Mr. Beard, who in turn introduced Miss Countryman.

We all love Harington Beard and always enjoy his philosophic utterances. He is more than good as an introducer. It went over fine. He complimented Miss Countryman and praised her work. With true English courage he stepped right in where a man with a drop of Hibernian blood might have feared to tread and referred to Miss Countryman as having been forty-two years on her job. Miss Countryman is a good sport and she took it nobly. Then Harington went on to say fine things about her indicating all the while by his manner that he felt he couldn't say anything quite good enough. If Miss Countryman really has been forty-two years on her job it doesn't make any difference how old she was when she took the job, or what her age is, she doesn't look it.

What we got out of Miss Countryman's talk was not so much the library in its greater or more impressive aspects. It was astonishing to know that a mere list of newspapers makes a book three inches thick; that a list of current books makes one five inches thick; and that the United States in a year turns out 10,000 titles and Great Britain 12,000 titles. One almost falls over before consideration of the paper and the type and printing ink that goes annually into that which we are expected to read, and it was interesting to follow Miss Countryman's explanation of the reaction of the library to it. That the Minneapolis library's book circulation statistics show 3,300,000 last year is also quite staggering.

But what made the deepest impression probably upon most of those present was the extent to which great and well directed libraries in recent years have departed from the idea of being a depository for books to which people might come, and have gone out to meet the people. The extension program, as Miss Countryman briefly sketched, is remarkable. It reaches into twenty-two branches; it reaches into the field houses of the various parks and recreation grounds; it goes out to the soldiers; it has lines running into Minneapolis telephone exchanges and department stores, and manufacturing plants, and many other places. It goes out through various channels to the people of highest cultural attainment and most intense mental occupation

in their daily avocations and it reaches also down to the humblest worker who may have been deprived of educational opportunities in his youth, but now at a more mature age is anxious to perfect himself that he may take advancement in his occupation. Miss Countryman gave several illustrations of the application of this, making it clear that the library is an institution for all the people, and is, in fact, reaching all the people.

Another serious thought that Miss Countryman's talk left was of an influence that is general in effect and to some extent is coloring the lives of all the people of our country. That is the greater leisure now enjoyed by most of our workers. There is, of course, a temporary condition bringing greater demand upon certain departments, and particularly upon the reading rooms in the main library and branches, and resulting from the present greater number of people unemployed. What Miss Countryman stressed was not so much this temporary effect, but the more permanent change in the lives of many thousands of people brought about by the perfection of machinery and its increasing application. Whether we are heading in for a five-hour day or a five-day week, Miss Countryman did not undertake to predict, but she did make it clear that the directing brains of the library is giving consideration to the fact that as things continue to develop industrially, more and more a great mass of people will have leisure time—more time to read.

ROY SMITH

His full name and title is Rev. Roy L. Smith, pastor Simpson Methodist Church, Minneapolis. At least that is the title that he has borne. Everyone knows, of course, that he is leaving for a new field of effort. In Minneapolis, particularly in the clubs and places where fellows get together, he is usually spoken of just as Roy Smith.

Judge Clyde L. White had Roy as his guest and presented him. Then Win Chamberlain got up and read a very beautiful tribute summing up the work that Mr. Smith has done in building up his church and the influence for good that he has had upon the entire community. When President Reif put it to a vote and everyone rose, Mr. Smith was visibly embarrassed. The whole thing was so spontaneous and hearty that it almost floored him. To many thousands that have heard his sermons in the church or over the radio it will seem incredible that he should have had to confess himself at a loss for words, but that was just what he had to do. It was a simple but very

sincere tribute by the Club to a man whose going away will be a loss to Minneapolis.

IT'S HORRIBLY DISTRESSING

When the noise of hard coal sliding down an iron chute drowned out in part what Gratia Countryman was saying to the Club, Harry Owen handed a memorandum across the table to the this-week editor, on which he had written, "If Mrs. Radisson would buy her coal from Morris Hanson probably it could be arranged to have it delivered not at the time when we are holding a meeting."

On the way back to his office Ye Editor got thinking about this and was so stirred with thought of all the injustice that there is in the world and how much suffering and why we can't all be rich and when prosperity is going to turn the corner, and he began to wonder so hard how these coal people get a license for what they do, that he himself became filled with poetic license and in a burst of inspiration and soul frenzy, and love, and loyalty for the old Club, he tore off these lines:

It's awfully distressing when one's putting on the ritz,
And trying hard to speak, with wit and sally,
To find one's chosen theme so quickly put upon the
fritz,
By the man who puts the coal in,—down the alley.
When one has marched his honeyed words along a
flowery road,
It startles him, when, by some stupid blunder,
The tail-board loosening Hun below, lets go his two-
ton load,
With all one's glorious climax lost in thunder.
It ill befits the noble phrase one hopes will damp the
eyes,
Or move the soul to highest exaltation,
To hear, alas, from down below, sharp, raucous, vicious
cries,
Accompanied by Slam, Bang, Smash, Crash,—Damna-
tion.
If coal there must be, coal with all its noise, and dust,
and grime,
Why must it be unloaded, Lions' Den's day?
Why can't that wretch come Monday, Tuesday,—any
other time?
Why must he unload coal, at noon, on Wednesday?

Mr. Smith Said a Word or Two

Webster Earl Smith, attorney at law and member of the Commonwealth Club, told of the meeting to be held this coming Wednesday by his Club to which Lions are invited. It was announced that the regular Wednesday Lions Club luncheon at the Radisson would be called off and

SOUTH DAKOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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LUTA HUSTON, VICE PRESIDENT
HYDE COUNTY LIBRARY, HIGHMORE

July 11, 1931.

LEORA J. LEWIS
FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION, PIERRE
OPAL CALHOON, SECRETARY-TREASURER
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, PIERRE

Miss Gratia A. Countryman,
Minneapolis Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Miss Countryman:

Your letter has been received relative to a consideration of the subject, "Recovering the Lost Reader". As interesting and as vital as that is yet we had a definite reason in mind in asking you to present the subject of cooperation between the school and the library in the handling of grade and high school work as a single unit. Several of our libraries in this state are doing something along this line and in these days of stressing economy on the part of individuals and cities there seem to be possibilities along this line and possibilities of progress along this line perhaps. In wanting this subject presented at our state meeting you were our choice. This explains why we would not care to change the subject for some scattered work has been done already in this state along the line of cooperation between school and library and we want to consider possibilities along this line.

In making final arrangements for the program we are anxious to have you for the program at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon, October 29th? Will you please let me know if we can depend on you for that time and date.

I am glad that you are going to be able to be with us at our state meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth A. Longden
President

*Tell her I will be glad to
do as she asks & keep the
subject assigned -*

Minneapolis Pen and Pencil Club

2932 44th Ave. S.,
Minneapolis, Minn.,
May 24, 1931.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman, Librarian,
The Minneapolis Public Library,
Tenth and Hennepin Ave.,
City.

Dear Madam:

We would be delighted to have you
give us one of your regular Library talks at
our Annual Spring banquet if you could possibly
arrange to do so.

Because so many of our members will
be leaving the city during the summer months, we
would prefer to have this banquet during the second
week in June. Would this be convenient?

May I thank you kindly for your letter
of May 21st.

Very sincerely,

Arthur H. Swenson

President,
The Minneapolis Pen and Pencil Club
2932 44th Ave. South
City.

*Arthur Swenson
or Tuesday 9th*

*Dear Mr. Swenson
I don't suppose you would care
to have me talk on the Library Service to the Community.
But if you would I will be glad to do so.
I would suggest Friday June 5th or Tuesday June 9th
after the letter date I shall be very busy.*

Minneapolis Pen and Pencil Club

2932 44th Avenue S.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota,
May 20, 1931

Miss Gratia Countryman,
The Minneapolis Central Library,
Tenth and Hennepin Avenue,
City.

Dear Madam:

May we take this opportunity to extend you the invitation to be present as our honored guest at the Annual Spring Banquet of the Minneapolis Pen and Pencil Club to be held in this city, sometime in June.

Last year, it was our privilege to entertain Miss Martha Ostenso, well-known Minnesota writer, and the response from our membership was very gratifying, both as to enthusiasm and attendance. We are a group of amateur short story writers, editorial writers, and poets. With this in mind, we would be pleased to have you choose any subject you wish for the occasion.

The date of the banquet would be arranged to suit your convenience. We sincerely hope you will find it possible to be with us.

Respectfully yours,

Arthur H. Svenson

President,
THE MINNEAPOLIS PEN AND PENCIL CLUB
2932 44th Ave. South, Minneapolis.

March 7, 1931

My dear Miss Morton:

In reply to your letter of March 2,
I expect to be present at the New Haven
Conference and shall be glad to take a
place on your program.

Very truly yours,

County Librarian

Miss Nellie Morton, Secretary and Treasurer
The County Libraries Section of the
American Library Association
c/o The Public Library
Wilmington, Delaware

GAC MP

The County Libraries Section

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Public Library,
Wilmington, Delaware,
March 2, 1931.

My dear Miss Countryman:

The County Libraries Section and the League of Library Commissions of the American Library Association are planning a joint program for the New Haven meeting of A.L.A. in June. The two organizations have decided to have a symposium on "The Place of the Book Truck in County Library Development".

We hope that you are planning to be at the New Haven meeting, for we should like very much to have you take part in the program. There are to be about six five-minute speeches, the first of which we hope will be given by Miss Titcomb, the pioneer of the book truck movement. We are very anxious to have you give the last of these speeches which would be in the nature of a summary from your point of view.

As we are eager to complete the program, we shall be grateful if you will let us know as soon as possible whether you will be willing to have us put your name on the program for this part of the symposium.

Very sincerely yours,

Nellie Morton

Nellie Morton, Secretary and Treasurer,
The County Libraries Section,
American Library Association.

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

*As far as I know at present, I shall
be at the A.L.A., and shall be glad
to take a place on your program.*

February 21, 1931

Mr. J. Christian Bay
Librarian, The John Crerar Library
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bay:

I have your letter of February 20.
I appreciate the honor of being nominated
for membership on the Executive Board of
the American Library Association and will
be very willing to serve.

Very truly yours,

GAC MP

THE JOHN CRERAR LIBRARY

86 East Randolph Street

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J. Christian Bay,
Librarian
Randall French,
Assistant Librarian

Chicago, February 20, 1931.

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

Dear Miss Countryman:

I propose to nominate you for
membership on the Executive Board of the American
Library Association.

Owing to illness I have been
prevented from communicating with you until now.

If, as I hope, you consent,
you will do me a great favor by replying at once.

Sincerely,

J.C. Bay

Chairman,
Nominating Committee.

*I am very
willing to
serve - the honor
appears to be
the honor*

January 7, 1931.

Dear Miss Woodruff:

This is to thank you for your invitation to be one of the speakers at your annual meeting, and to verify my telephone acceptance to be present at 12:30 P. M. on January 20th at the Radisson Hotel.

Yours very truly,

Librarian

Miss Katherine Woodruff, Director
Woman's Occupational Bureau
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Miss Gratia Countryman
Public Library
Minneapolis

Dear Miss Countryman:

We have chosen as a subject for discussion at our annual meeting, "The Profitable Use of Enforced Leisure." While doing our utmost to find work for the unemployed, we must also think of how those without work may spend to advantage their many hours of idleness.

We would be very much pleased, Miss Countryman, if you would consent to be one of the speakers at our meeting, explaining how the Public Library can and does offer help in this unemployment crisis.

The dinner meeting will be held at
6 P. M. Tuesday, January 20th, in Atkinson's Tea Room.

Very sincerely yours,

KW:H

Katherine Woodruff
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Accept for me

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June 24, 1930

Miss Gratia Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Countryman:

Mr. Kolb, director of the Rural Leadership Course of which our Library Extension Institute is a part, has agreed with me that our Institute is a splendid opportunity to get some county library publicity across over the radio, and we have been working on a scheme for a series of radio talks during the three weeks of the Institute.

We have been bold enough to schedule you for a ten minute radio talk on how the schools get service from the library. We've called it "The Schools Best Friend", but if you can tell something of Hennepin County's relations to the school, it may reach some people in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin communities. I hate to ask it of you, but it does seem too good an opportunity to let slip.

Cordially yours,

Harriet C. Long

Harriet C. Long, Chief
Traveling Library and
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3806 Blaisdell Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota
March 18, 1930

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
City Librarian
Minneapolis, Minnesota

To each of the kind friends who so generously contributed to my Christmas box of epistolatory bonbons I wish to return my sincerest and heartfelt thanks. The surprise was complete. When my grandson led me from my customary chair to another part of the room, I supposed he was getting me out of the way for some game which the company were about to play. No sooner was I seated in what I now know was the full gaze of all, when the play began. Fireworks flared, bands played. There was the wooing of Lesbian lutes, and the crooning of the pipes; and permeating all the air, the aura of fragrant flowers.

There sat I with Herculean self-control endeavoring to appear as though I took it all as a matter of course. And matter of course it was to be sure, you being what you are and I being in your minds at least, what you credulously believe me to be. Heaven bless you all, and may you never cease to look upon your fellows with kind and sympathetic eyes; for so will your cups ever be full of the sweetest wine of life.

Affectionately,

The dear Lamb

J. Corrius Hutchinson

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March 6, 1930.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman,
Public Library,
10th & Hennepin,
CITY.

Dear Miss Countryman:

To confirm my talk with you over the telephone the other day, wish to say we are expecting you to give a talk before the Six O'Clock Club on Monday March 10th, at Dayton's Tea Rooms. I have sent our a notice entitling your talk, "The Public Library and Its Service to the Community".

Mr. Edgar, on account of Mr. Bovey's absence from the city is our presiding officer, and I will arrange with him so you can get away early enough to keep your other engagement for the evening.

Thanking you for your willingness to give us this address, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Paul E. von Kuster
Secretary,

Six O'Clock Club.

*I think I was the
first woman
invited to speak to
the Six O'Clock Club*



The COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY EXTENSION of the
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 520 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO

2104 Lennox Road,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio,
February 18, 1930.

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

My dear Miss Countryman:

We are now making definite plans for The Rural Library Extension Institute, to be held at The University of Wisconsin, Madison, June 30 to July 18, and as I have been chosen Director of the Institute it is my pleasant duty to write to you regarding the possibility of your coming for a lecture on "County and City relationships in rural extension". Your experience in this field and the clear presentation we have heard you give of the work in Hennepin County leads me to urge you to consider our invitation favorably. Would a date during the last week of the Institute be convenient, possibly July 15 or 16? Some one suggested that, inasmuch as you drive, you might find it pleasant to motor to Madison and bring Harriet Wood with you, as we are asking her to come that same week. However, I fear I should apologize for making suggestion as to a distinctly personal matter.

I believe there are great possibilities in this Institute for encouraging rural library leadership and that you can bring a message and a program out of your wide experience and ripe judgment. I failed to say that we can offer only the modest honorarium of \$15.00 and traveling expenses, but coupled with that will be our sincere appreciation of your cooperation.

Very sincerely,

Alice S. Tyler

and your perfectly organized library service, and of the charming way in which you gave up your precious time to making my visit to Minneapolis so pleasant to look back upon.

Will you please give my kindest regards to Miss Wylie and her pet reptiles, to Miss Berry and to Miss Rood and her criminals.

With every good wish

I am

Yours sincerely

Matthew M. Sterling

The Library

Germiston

Jan 14, 1930

Dear Miss Countryman

As I was walking up the street to-day I heard the strains of "Mississippi" proceeding from a music warehouse. I stopped and listened reverently until the music ceased. I very nearly bowed my head.

In the bustle of your busy life do you ever find time to think of a South African with a Scotch accent and an enquiring mind who called on you one wet morning last September.

You see I'm back at home again. You would probably be shocked at the backwardness of South African Libraries. We do progress slowly however. I am at present busy with a Free Farmers' Library Service Scheme for the Transvaal. The Government has agreed to finance it. We are starting with travelling libraries at first. Later (though the Government doesn't know this) we hope to establish many permanent branches throughout the Transvaal.

I often think of you and Minneapolis