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January 10, 1934.

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

Dear Madam:

Your recent election as President of the American Library Association makes it incumbent upon us to publish an account of your career in the forthcoming volume of this Cyclopedia, Current Series. Will you, therefore, kindly send us the information indicated on the enclosed questionnaire.

This work, which has stood the test of time for more than forty years, covers every phase of human endeavor. We are publishing the lives of all the presidents of the American Library Association and in our published volumes will be found the biographies of our foremost American librarians.

We trust you will soon find it convenient to send us the data as our next volume of the Current Series is now in course of compilation and we should like to include your account in that issue. The Current Series are equipped with a loose-leaf binder permitting of periodical revision from time to time to keep the articles up to date.

Very truly yours,

George Derby
GEORGE DERBY,
Managing Editor.

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NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Lincoln, Nebraska

February 24th, 1934

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

Dear Miss Countryman:

The Nebraska Library Association
is asking you to be their guest speaker, at the annual
meeting, October, 17, 18 and 19, 1934, held at Kearney
Nebraska.

The evening of October 18th is the dinner, and we would
be most pleased to have you the after-dinner speaker.

Will you kindly let us know your decision at an early date,
also, about what the expense would be. Should it be
impossible for you to be with us, have you any one, you
would like to suggest, to have come to Nebraska, for
this meeting.

Very truly yours,

Edna C. Noble.

Sec'y

Nebraska Library Association

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College of Agriculture
Lincoln, Nebraska

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TO MISS COUNTRYMAN

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
CHICAGO

THE JOURNAL

of the

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

1634 Eye St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

January 26, 1934

Miss Julia Wright Merrill
American Library Association
520 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Miss Merrill:

This will recall to you (I am sorry!) one more thing which you have promised to do--You will remember our conversation when you were here for the "Cause and Cure", about the possibility of an article on the library situation for our Journal. My idea of the article is as follows: it should deal with some such subject as "The Library and the Good Life." It should not be a formal discussion, but rather a graphic picture of what the library does from day to day to help make possible the sort of "good life" toward which we seem to be groping today. Of course, there would be places in such an article for comment on the possibilities which lie ahead of the library, some discussion of the new conception of the library's function, but I am anxious to have this brought out as indirectly as possible. It perhaps is not "highbrow" to talk about "human interest stories" but I am convinced that one or two accounts of individual experiences vividly told, leave a much more definite impression than pages of academic discussion." (Is this heresy?) At any rate, I think we all know that the pages of academic discussion are likely to go unread.

As we discussed the article you thought that it might be possible to get Miss Countryman to give us the article--at least, to have it written under her direction. Certainly it is her vision of the library which we should like to have expounded.

I have in mind an article of about 2,500 words, and should like to have it in time for the June number, which means that I must have the manuscript if possible by April 1. We shall greatly appreciate any help which you can give us in getting the article we have in mind, and we hope that its publication in our Journal may also be of some service to the library.

It was very pleasant, indeed, to meet you at the A.A.U.W. breakfast. I hope that we may see you when another of your many interests calls you to Washington again.

Very sincerely yours,

/signed/ RUTH WILSON TRYON
(Mrs.) Ruth Wilson Tryon
Editor, Journal

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January 13, 1934

Miss Gratia A. Countryman,
President, American Library Association,
Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minn.

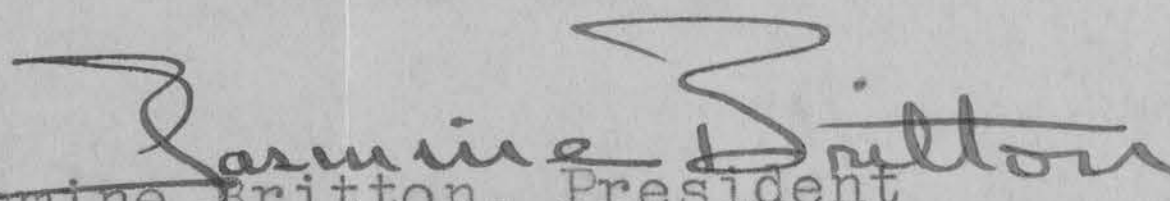
My dear Miss Countryman:

We are making plans at this time for
the annual meeting of the California Library Associa-
tion, which will be held May 2nd to 5th at Hotel Vista
Del Arroyo, in Pasadena.

Knowing full well that you have relatives
in California, we wondered if there was any possible
way that we could beguile you to consider visiting us
at this time. California is at its loveliest then, and
in addition to that, we have a most vigorous and live
state association.

It would add tremendously to the enthusiasm
if we could welcome you as our national guest at that time.

Cordially


Jasmine Britton, President
California Library Association

The Minneapolis Journal

THE NORTHWEST'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

Dear Miss Countryman;

The letter from the A.L.A. came this morning and I am telegraphing them that I shall take on the article. I shall love doing it, and am so flattered that you think I can. You will hear more from me, and have many requests for information from your staff members. You have been most kind in this matter and I am,
Most appreciatively yours,

February
Twenty-seventh
1934

Bess M. Wilson

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February 27, 1934

Gracia Countryman, Librarian
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Countryman:

As it was announced in the Sunday Press, I have appointed a state-wide committee to study the Crime Problem and to recommend definite ways and means of meeting the situation. I have taken the initiative in this matter as President of the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Frankly, I have made a sincere effort, in selecting the personnel of this committee, to appoint men and women in this state who would accept and meet the responsibility which this work will involve.

This subject of Crime has become a vital problem to the entire community. Therefore, I do hope that you accept this appointment and thus render that public service which is necessary if we are to courageously seek to solve this problem.

You will be notified promptly by Chief Justice John P. Devaney, Chairman of the committee, as to future plans.

For your information, I enclose a copy of the statement which I issued in connection with the appointment of this committee.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Murphy
President.

FWM:AC

March 5, 1934

My dear Miss van Buren:

I am sorry not to be able to do as you ask, but I am simply loaded with work. I would try, however, to come if it were not for the fact that I am to be in New York at the April 19th meeting of the Carnegie Corporation. Just before going, I will need to spend a few days at the A.L.A. office, loading up information that I will need in New York. My mind will be on that, and my mind doesn't seem to be big enough to keep so many things on my mind just now. I just don't dare to undertake anything more just now.

Sincerely yours,

Librarian

Miss Maud van Buren
Librarian, Free Public Library
Owatonna, Minnesota

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Free Public Library

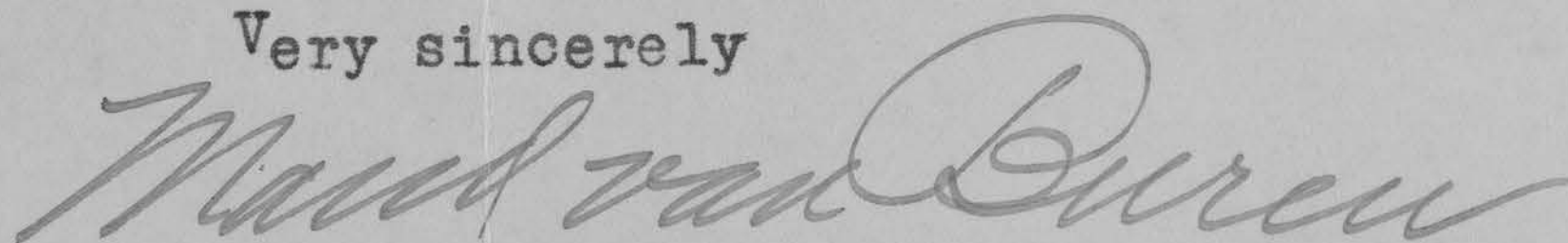
Owatonna, Minn., Mar. 2, 1934

Miss Gratia Countryman, Librarian
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Countryman:

Our County Federation of Women's Clubs is to have its annual spring meeting on April 12th.; a luncheon at 12.30, reports, an address, etc. The committee on arrangements would like so much to have you give the address. Can you possibly come at that time? You may choose your own subject and your own time (the length of time, and whether before or after reports). There are usually about one hundred women present. We think we can raise the attendance to two hundred if YOU come. The committee hasn't much to offer as to remuneration: only \$7.50 including expenses. What you would get would be no inducement, that they realize, but what you could give would mean a lot to us all. It would delight my heart to have you speak to our women. They need you.

Very sincerely



Librarian

THIEL COLLEGE
GREENVILLE, PA.

OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN
ELEANOR MORRISON

March 9, 1934.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman, Librarian,
Minneapolis Public Library,
Hennepin Ave. and Tenth Street,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Miss Countryman:

I have been wanting for ever so long to tell you how pleased I am about your election to the presidency of the A. L. A. It is an honor well deserved and a position which you will fill most efficiently and acceptably to all concerned. Those of us who have ever been members of your staff learned to look upon you as our friend who felt a genuine interest in our welfare and for that reason it is particularly gratifying to have you as the head of the whole library family. I am glad to join with your many other friends in best wishes for a happy and useful term of office.

This is my thirteenth year at Thiel College. They have been very enjoyable years but hard too in many ways. What a lot I have learned! So many things that I learned in my library course have cleared up wonderfully as I have had to put them into practice and work out my problems alone. Then, too, I have enjoyed seeing my library grow. We are now opening a fourth room whereas there was but one when I began. You may be surprised to know that I am giving an outline course in library science each semester. It is a two hour course for which two credits are given. Three of my students have gone on to library school, one to Drexel, one to Columbia and one to Simmons and they all have nice positions. Of course I do not take to myself the credit for their success but I do feel a certain satisfaction in the knowledge that they found their first attraction to library work here.

As to work, I never expect to have any quite so much to my liking as the reference work in your library. It was ideal in many ways- so interesting, so varied and last, but not least delightful persons with whom to be associated. Miss Branham is my only correspondent from the Minneapolis Library. I shall never forget her helpfulness on some occasions of bewilderment when the work was new to me. I often think of the time I spent there and the many things I enjoyed. This letter contains more about myself than I intended but I thought you might be interested in knowing how I am getting on. Please give my greetings to Miss Patton and any others who might remember me.

Very sincerely yours,

Eleanor Morrison

March 9, 1934

Mr. Frank W. Murphy, President
Minnesota State Bar Association
Wheaton, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Murphy:

I felt very honored to be chosen as one of the state committee to study the Crime Problem.

I have, however, been withholding my acceptance and have finally decided not to accept. My reason is not based upon any indifference to the matter or any unwillingness to serve, but because not only is my local job extremely heavy, especially since we have a large corps of untrained CWA workers, but because in addition, I am this year President of the American Library Association and shall be away from the city part of the time and on demand for national duties all of the time up to the middle of July. It seems impossible for me to take on another single obligation.

Yours very truly,

Librarian

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people here who would be happy
to see her, and so would I.

With kindest regards and
looking forward with much
pleasure to seeing you soon,
Sincerely yours
Helen Harris

1725 Lake Street

March 26, 1934 -

Dear Miss Countryman,
Ever since you
became President of the
A. L. A. I've meant to
tell you how glad I am
for you to have this
recognition of your
splendid work for
libraries not only in

will have a little time for me.
I haven't talked with Miss
Rothrock about plans, but while
you're making up engagements
please put my name down
for dinner one of the evenings.
I want to have you in my
home.

Can't you bring Miss Patten
with you? She has come kin

Minneapolis but she who.
I'm awfully proud to
say that you initiated
me in the profession!

And now Miss Roth-
rock tells me you are
coming down to see
us soon. You will
be busy with your
Board meetings and
the rights there are
to see, but I hope you

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March twenty-ninth,
1934

Miss Gratia Countryman,
Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Countryman:

I am appointing you a member of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Directors of the Council of Social Agencies for the ensuing year, and hope that you will consent to serve.

The membership of the committee is made up of social workers in the community from the fields of relief, children and protective, character building and settlements, and health activities.

Attached is a memorandum presented by Judge E. F. Waite, chairman, with reference to the functions of the committee and committee subdivisions. You will note that you are asked to serve on the sub-committee on recreation and character building.

Very sincerely yours,

Angus W. Morrison

President

AWM*LMT

MEMORANDUM, ADVISORY COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES

The queries raised by the chairman at the last meeting, in regard to the functions of the Advisory Committee, served to arouse interest. In the hope of reaching a common understanding, without taking too much time for discussion, this memorandum is now submitted.

The suggestion, pursuant to which the committee was organized, coming as I understand from the Board of Directors, contained the following language: "The (Advisory) Committee should be a sort of social planning body and a clearing house for the action of other social planning committees. The Committee should anticipate, and formulate plans for meeting, social emergencies, and should assist in interpreting the agency problems and opinions to the Board of Directors.

There are obvious reasons for the existence of a group qualified and willing to carry such responsibility as is expressed and implied in the language quoted. The manner in which the membership of the present committee was selected shows an attempt to secure a qualified group. The Council in its aggregate organization cannot do the job. The Board of Directors can hardly be expected to take the initiative in matters of policy, methods and allotment of social work, although admirably adapted to the task of acting critically and wisely on the proposals of its own executives. Without relieving the individual agencies or committees in different fields of work of their peculiar responsibilities, but rather coordinating and stimulating them, there would seem to be a field for a representative body which is very close to the details of the social activities of the community. Assuming that the Advisory Committee as constituted is such a body, is it willing to really function?

I think all the members will agree that no one of us can add much to his present duties. A general meeting once a month is all that can be expected, and it cannot be long enough to be effective unless most of the matters with which it concerns itself have been considered in advance and are presented in pre-digested form. This points to sub-committees, which will either be mere dummies or important factors in our local organization for social work. Only if we are willing to make them such factors is it worth while for the committee to continue,--at least, in any other capacity than as an emergency committee to be consulted on occasion by the Board of Directors.

When I have concluded the presentation of this memorandum I should like to propose this question: Shall the Committee undertake to function in accordance with the expressed purpose of its creation?

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If this question is answered in the affirmative, I shall wish to propose a division of the members into four sub-committees as follows:

RELIEF: Rev. W. E. Paul, chairman; M. U. S. Kjorlaug, Miss Geraldine Lamb, Charles I. Cooper.

CHILDREN: Chas. E. Dow, chairman, Miss Elsa Castendyck, Rev. Wm. P. Driscoll, S. H. Holstad, Mrs. Florence S. Davis.

HEALTH: Miss Ruth Houlton, chairman, Dr. F. E. Harrington, Miss Helen Peck, Dr. S. A. Challman, Dr. Chas. E. Remy.

RECREATION

AND Frank O. Koehler, chairman, Edward A. Currie, Miss Lee
CHARACTER Sharp, Miss Margaret Thomas, Terrance Webster, Miss
BUILDING. Gratia Countryman, Karl Raymond.

It is my thought that matters suggested in a general meeting and not requiring immediate action may be referred to the appropriate sub-committee for consideration and report. Also that each sub-committee shall keep itself well advised in its appropriate field and be prepared to bring before the Committee such facts and proposals as it deems worthy of attention.

I think it would be appropriate, and so suggest, that Mr. Bradley be considered an ex officio member of each sub-committee.

E. F. Waite, Chairman

Approved by the Advisory Committee March 20, 1934.

April 2, 1934

My dear Dr. Morrison:

I have your announcement that you have appointed me a member of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Directors of the Council of Social Agencies and will be glad to serve.

The Committee to which I am appointed is the one in which I am most deeply interested. I am glad to have Judge Waite's memorandum of the duties of these Committees.

Very truly yours,

Librarian

Dr. Angus W. Morrison
President, Council of Social Agencies
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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South Dakota Library Association

LORA CROUCH, PRESIDENT
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LEORA J. LEWIS
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

April 20, 1934

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Miss Countryman:

At our Executive Board meeting of the South Dakota Library Association, it was decided to invite you to be our guest speaker at the convention to be held October 10th and 11th. Will it be possible for you to accept our invitation and be with us on the evening of the 10th? The expenses of the trip will be paid by the Association.

Those who attended the meeting in Aberdeen in 1932 still have pleasant memories of the enjoyment and helpfulness they received from you at that time and join with us in extending greetings and hope to see you in Yankton, South Dakota, this next fall.

Yours, very truly,

Blanche Battin
Secretary-Treasurer

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1934

My dear Miss Countryman:

Mrs. Roosevelt wishes me to thank you and the members of the American Library Association for the invitation they have given her to attend the meeting in Montreal on June 30. It is with great regret that she must decline this invitation but her engagements in Washington and elsewhere prevent her from leaving. She is deeply sensible of the compliment which the association has paid her by wanting her to speak to them, and it is with genuine regret that she has to decline this opportunity of meeting the members of your organization.

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina T. Scheeder
Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
American Library Association
520 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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April 26, 1934

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

Dear Miss Countryman:

We were very sorry indeed that you could not attend our annual luncheon yesterday. We had listed your name among the guests of honor as you will note on the enclosed menu card. I am sorry that the date of the luncheon did not come within the time of your visit to New York.

Very truly yours

Marjorie Griesser
Executive Secretary

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Delta Gamma
Annual Banquet
May 4th, 1934

Delta U. Centennial

PROGRAM

Music - - - - Lillian Nippert Zelle
The Active Chapter
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CDE - - - - Ruth Harris Bell
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Miss Countryman--Copy of this has been
made for A.L.A.files.

A. L. A.

MAY 14 1934

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON

May 12, 1934.

Calendar
Dr. Carl H. Milam, Secretary,
American Library Association,
520 North Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Milam:

This is to invite you to participate in a conference of about 50 people who are among those best prepared to suggest ways and means of helping youth to bridge the distressing gap between school and employment.

There are in America today about 20,000,000 young people between 16 and 25 years of age. Of this number about 2,000,000 are in high schools, 1,000,000 are in college, ~~and~~ a few are in other schools, and 250,000 are temporarily in C. C. C. camps. This leaves sixteen and a half million. While no accurate statistics of employment are available, you are doubtless aware of how large are the numbers of these young people still unemployed.

The conditions forced upon the country by the four and a half years of depression have been particularly baffling to youth because they have witnessed their numbers increased by that two and a quarter million each year who reach the age of employability. Furthermore, the industrial and business practices brought about by the N. R. A. and other efforts towards recovery, have inevitably left the doors still largely closed against youth. In the interest of economic recovery this is probably necessary, but it is threatening to break the morale of these mounting millions of young people who rightfully want their chance.

"What can we do about it?" is on the lips of every thoughtful American, and is a question of paramount national importance.

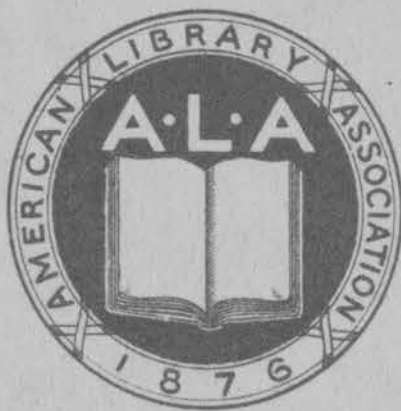
The United States Office of Education is calling a conference to consider these problems on June 1 and 2, in the auditorium of the Interior Building, 18th and F Sts., N. W., this city. The conference will convene at 9:30 a.m., E. S. T., on Friday, June 1. I hope that you can come.

The Office has a very small fund upon which it may draw to meet the travel expenses of those who find it impossible to charge their expenses to the institution or organization with which they are associated. We regret that the smallness of this fund makes it necessary to ask all who can possibly do so, to come without expense to the office, but we do not wish anyone to decline the invitation because of the expense. Will you please indicate in your reply whether you will find it necessary to charge your expenses to the Office of Education?

Please let us hear from you at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

George F. Cook
George F. Cook,
Commissioner.



AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 520 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO

May 14, 1934

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

My dear Miss Countryman:

If you can undertake to spend June 1 and 2 in Washington without too great inconvenience to yourself, I hope you will let me ask Commissioner George F. Zook to permit acceptance of the enclosed invitation by the President of the A. L. A. rather than by the Secretary. There are two good reasons, not counting the fact that you are the President: You are much closer to the actual problem of serving young people than I am and your contribution to the discussions in Washington would be more practical and useful than those of any other librarian I can think of. A second reason is that I have other plans for June 1 and 2, which, to be sure, can be broken but which I should like to stick to because they involve Mrs. M. (We are planning to drive to St. Louis on June 1; then Mrs. M. is to go on to the University of Oklahoma for her twenty-fifth class reunion and later to meet me in Memphis. I plan to spend June 2 going over next year's committee problems, and particularly appointments, with Mr. Compton.)

As to expenses, I think the A. L. A. under the circumstances should pay the expenses of its delegate.

Please let me know your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Carl H. Milam

Carl H. Milam
Secretary

CHM:S

*I feel very happy at being closed with
President Winston - thanks to you and
my colleagues.*

*Keep time children in home longer - prolonging education
Social problems beginning in first grade - (More parents Education)*

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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WASHINGTON

May 24, 1934.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman,
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Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Miss Countryman:

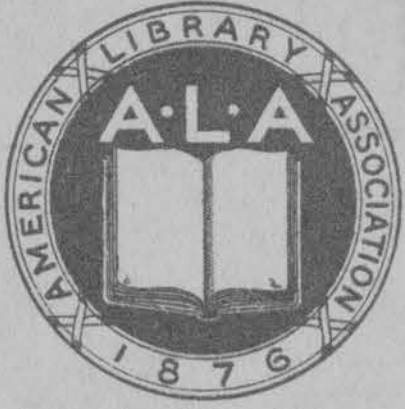
I am greatly pleased that you are to attend the Conference on Youth Problems. The first session will be held in the auditorium of the Interior Department at 9:30 a.m., June 1.

A general outline of the procedure to be followed is attached. You will note that it is to be a working conference, not a speechmaking one. The formulation of statements setting forth possible ways and means of meeting the youth situation requires genuine group effort. We hope you will give the matter your best thought and will come prepared to participate actively.

Very sincerely yours,

George F. Zook
George F. Zook,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.



AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 520 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA, JUNE 25 TO 30

June 1, 1934

My dear Miss Countryman:


I have just read your presidential address with much pleasure and satisfaction. It is good to have you as president this year for I think you are saying the things we most need to have said. I can't tell you how happy I shall be to carry your address in the Bulletin. I think you are giving our young librarians and assistants some valuable things to think about. I shall be glad to make the slight change in your address noted by Miss Prest in her letter of May 31.

Thank you also for your letter regarding your work in adult education with CWA workers. I am a bit disappointed that we cannot say more about what Minneapolis has done, for I am sure you were doing things when most people were just thinking about them.

Yes, that was my letter in the Christian Century. I wonder if that periodical is one of your mainsprings of inspiration, too. It seems to me to have both breadth and depth in social vision, to be uncompromisingly honest, and to be constructive rather than destructive in its criticism.

Miss Merrill tells me you accomplished much Wednesday. That is fine. It will be heartening to see some definite steps taken at Montreal toward realizing our objectives.

Yours sincerely,


Beatrice Sawyer Rossell
Editor of the Bulletin

BSR:P

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Carnegie Public Library

Chief River Falls, Minnesota

July 10, 1934

Miss Gracia Countryman,
Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Countryman:

Bless you for that address!
You said it all and so beautifully. I've read it
over twice and am sending for extra copies of
Library Journal so that I may pass it on to some
of my friends who live at a distance. Was glad to
find it in the Bulletin to-day. It compensates
somewhat for not being in Montreal. With what
pride and pleasure I could have heard you though!

Reports are filtering through that the whole
meeting was delightful and I'm sure it must have
been. Of course it meant much work for you
and added greatly to your responsibilities but I
happen to know that there are people who thrive
under such conditions.

I am looking forward to the Glenwood meeting,
feeling sure it will be very fine. Am interested
in the general theme.

If we can only find some way to wipe out
boundaries when it comes to dispensing reading
material! It hurts so to refuse. It should
not have to be.

Sincerely,

Hazel Halgrim.

Chambers of
BERT FESLER
Judge of the District Court

*Mr. Gale
Please Return*

DULUTH, MINN.

July 11, 1934.

Dear Miss Countryman:

I have just finished reading your President's Address in the July Bulletin. I think so much of it that I want to get enough copies to furnish one to each member of our Library Board and to each of our City Commissioners. If it is published as a separate document, that is what I want. If not, I will get copies of the July number from the Bulletin Office. Will you let me know how to go about it? I will be

glad to pay any necessary
charges. Doubtless some members
of our Board receive the Bulletin
regularly, but I am sure all do
not.

Yours truly,
Judge S. B. Foster
Member Duluth
Library Board.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
MINNEAPOLIS

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

July 12, 1934

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

Dear Miss Countryman:

Now that the tumult and the shouting have died and the captains and the kings have departed from Montreal, may I write this note of congratulation on the success of the Montreal conference. I am entirely sincere in saying that I believe much of the feeling of good nature and comradeship which characterized it was due to yourself.

There was not complete concord of opinion among those present. There were several parts on which considerable discussion could easily have arisen regarding which rather serious disagreements might have occurred. Your eminent fairness in presiding and the evident care you had taken in planning the program had their reward. Those who were there believed that you believed in the general plan of the conference, and I think for this reason they were more than willing to fall in behind you in any practicable attempt to work out a library plan for the immediate and even more distant future.

I envy you your optimism. I am envious not because you are optimistic, but because for some reason or other, you usually succeed in getting results from your optimistic forecast. If I can at any time help in any way in bringing about the better results for which you hoped in your proposed library plan, I hope you will feel I am entirely at your service.

Very truly yours,

Frank K. Walter

Frank K. Walter
University Librarian

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IOWA STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS
AMES, IOWA

THE LIBRARY

July 16, 1934

Miss Gratia A. Countryman, President
American Library Association
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Miss Countryman:

I want to add a note to Miss Nethercut's letter inviting you to Des Moines for our meeting on October 13. Mr. Compton is to speak Thursday afternoon and I hope he will stay over for the Saturday morning meeting. We have also asked Mr. Milam and if all of you will accept, we can have our joint committee meeting Saturday afternoon. We ought to be able to draw up a statement of chief points in the library development of the rural midwest. It might be possible to have our committee meeting Friday evening in order to have a statement to give to the press Saturday morning.

Miss Nethercut's letter is not entirely clear. I understand that you are to come as the guest of the Association and your expenses are to be paid.

Cordially yours,

Charles H. Brown

CHB:O

Librarian.

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July 13, 1934

Miss Gratia Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Miss Countryman:

The Iowa Library Association meets October 11, 12, and 13th in Des Moines. One session, Saturday morning, will be given over to talking about the "Libraries of the Future" and the work of the A.L.A. Planning Board. As President of the Iowa Association may I ask you to be the guest of the Association for the meeting and to give the main talk of this session. Mr. Charles Brown, chairman of the State Planning Committee will be the presiding officer. He is hoping to make this session a source of inspiration to the librarians so that the librarians who can not be present at Montreal may receive some of your enthusiasm and vision.

Hoping the dates may coincide with your program, I am

Sincerely,

Mary Bell Nethercut
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President

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MINNEAPOLIS

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Room F Nicollet Hotel

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July 24, 1934.


Miss Gracia Countryman,
Mpls. Public Library,
1001 Hennepin Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Countryman:

I was very pleased when Mr. Burgess advised me that you had accepted our invitation to discuss with the Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, July 31, the Tennessee development project. I am sure this will be of interest to our members and we are looking forward to having you with us, with a great deal of anticipation.

Our meeting will be held in the ballroom of the Nicollet Hotel and it starts at 12:15. The time allotted to the program is one-half hour, the meeting adjourning promptly at 1:30. Mr. Burgess asked me to arrange for a large blackboard. I can assure you this will be ready for your use at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Yours very truly,



C. A. SWANSON

Chairman, Program Committee.

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Lake Placid Club
Essex co N Y

July 24, 1934

My dear Miss Countryman

I hope this note will find you resting at your "farm" or some other pleasant place after the busy year and the strenuous days of the Montreal Conference.

Bessie Sargeant and I had to forego the Conference, but we are finding real rest and pleasure in this delightful spot, which we always enjoy. We have heard fine reports of "your" Conference from some of the librarians who attended and best of all, we

P.S.

B.S.S. asks me to include
her good wishes and appreciation
of your address.

have enjoyed together, - B.S.S. reading
aloud to me, - your fine Presiden-
tial address! It was, to me,
a real library gospel, with your
thoughtful and inspiring emphasis
on Character. I knew that you
would have a message for us.

I still cherish the trip and the
exchange of thought with you and
others, at the Library Extension Board
meeting in Knoxville. It consoles
me for not being in Montreal.

You have made a fine contribution
as N.L.A. President and now are,
I hope, having a real rest.

With personal appreciation I am
Sincerely Your friend
Alice S. Tyler

July 26, 1934

Mr. Andrew P. Biddle, M. D.,
938 David Whitney Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Dr. Biddle:

I cannot tell you how much surprised I was to get your very complimentary and appreciative letter. When I wrote my president's address I felt as if I had nothing new to say that had not been said over and over again, and I delivered it with considerable feeling of diffidence believing that the younger librarians or the library boards in fields not yet developed might find something in my platform to assist them. It has, therefore, surprised me to get numbers of letters like your own which comment on a platform as something worth emphasizing.

It has naturally pleased me very much, and while I did nothing but express my own life long program which I believe is held by most of the fine librarians of the country, I am gratified to find that it has found a response. Thank you so much for taking the trouble to write to me.

Very truly yours,

GAC-AH

Librarian

ANNA STEESE RICHARDSON
JACKSON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

July 27th, 1934

Dear Miss Countryman:

My last act before sailing for France was to write my article about your library. Miss Lane has approved the article and I have asked my secretary to send you a carbon copy of the finished manuscript for correction. So much time has passed since I took my notes that I do not quite trust my figures. I still feel the spirit of your work, but I want the article to be correct statistically, factually. Do not hesitate to change it, and please send it back to Miss T.K. Lydon, my secretary, to be given to our proof reader.

I am sorrier than I can say that I was not able to write it earlier, but public speaking wrecked my writing plans during the past winter. I made my last speech at the Governor's milk promotion luncheon, July 6th and it seemed as if I could not possibly reach the radio audience—I was so tired.

I am sailing on the Ile de France tomorrow? No plans beyond resting on deck and a week in Paris. Where we go next depends upon the situation in Europe. It may be the Italian lakes or England. Four of my children and two grandchildren go with me so I will be well cared for.

I enjoyed the report of your address in Montreal, and the kindly letter you wrote me. I hope to see you on my return the last of September if I go west again. And I hope your labor troubles in Minneapolis will soon be over. The world is slow in settling.

This comes from a dull head but an affectionate heart.

Faithfully yours,

Anna S. Richardson

THE EDITOR'S OFFICE
WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION
NEW YORK

August first
Nineteen hundred and thirty-four

Dear Miss Countryman:

Mrs. Richardson sailed for Europe last Saturday and after her departure I found on my desk the first draft of the article she has written for the Companion about you and the Minneapolis Library. She suggested that it be sent to you so that you could verify names and figures, as naturally we do not want to make any misstatement of fact.

I regret that the limitations of space are such that we could not do the Library justice and also that this article, inadequate though it is, will have to be cut somewhat before it appears in our pages. If, however, you feel that some very important feature of the Library has been omitted, won't you let me know?

Miss Splint read the article and she felt that full justice had not been done to the Art Department; and perhaps you could send me a few facts about that. Naturally Mrs. Richardson stressed the human interest side of the institution, knowing well that that would be the aspect that would be most readable.

I was delighted to receive your

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gracious note some weeks ago and sincerely
hope that some day our paths may cross again.

With kindest regards, believe me

Faithfully yours,

Frederick B. Lane

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis
Minnesota
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE
MINNEAPOLIS

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

August 9, 1934

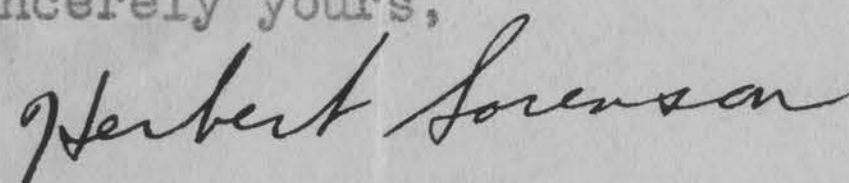
Miss Gracia Countryman
City Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Countryman:

There will be held on the University of Minnesota campus from August 22 to August 30 an Institute for Supervisors of Emergency Education. The purpose of the institute is to acquaint the supervisors with the various problems in adult education. It would suit the purposes of the institute exceedingly well if you would acquaint those in attendance with the various functions of the library in any program of adult education. I should like to schedule you for a fifty-minute address to be given one of the days of the institute.

We have reasonable assurance from national headquarters that we will be permitted to offer an honorarium of \$25 for a lecture. I shall be very happy if you will consent to be one of the lecturers at the institute.

Sincerely yours,



Herbert Sorenson, Director
Regional Institute for Supervisors
of Emergency Education

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August 3, 1934

Miss Gratia Countryman, Librarian
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Miss Countryman:

Some months ago, Miss Blanche Battin wrote to you asking if you would attend the fall conference of our state library association which is to be held October 11-12-13. You replied that owing to your wish to devote your entire time to your own institution, it would not be possible for you to accept our invitation to speak at our conference.

I am writing again to ask you to reconsider this decision if possible. I have a special reason for doing so. On October 11th, we expect to repeat a general citizen's conference which was held some years ago. I feel that we have reached a crisis in our library situation and that the organized groups throughout the state will have to assume definite responsibility for the continuation of the general library program. Most of the representatives will be women and I do not feel that anyone can help as much in the general discussion as you yourself. We should like to have you give one talk, but I need you most for the informal discussions which are to be held at this first day's conference.

If in the light of this explanation you still feel that you cannot be with us, I shall of course understand and will accept your decision as final, but I rather feared that our secretary had failed to give you the information that this is rather a special event with us, and that you were needed for something more than the ordinary stereotyped address.

Sincerely,

Leora J. Lewis

Director.

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The conference is to be held at Yankton.

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August 7, 1934.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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

Dear Miss Countryman:

Enclosed is galley proof of the biography of yourself to be published in the forthcoming volume of this Cyclopedia. You kindly checked a typewritten proof of this biography and since then some revisions have been made and I wish you would pass on the final statements before it is published.

This Cyclopedia is a national and permanent work of reference whose purpose it is to supply the world with authentic information on American achievement in every line of activity from the earliest Colonial period to the present day.

It will facilitate matters if you will kindly check the enclosed sketch and return it to us at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

George Derby
GEORGE DERBY,
Managing Editor

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August 2, 1934

My dear Mr. Brown,

I am sorry that I feel I cannot accept your invitation to come to Iowa. I have already regretfully refused the New York State Association meeting at Lake Placid and the State Association meetings of Nebraska and South Dakota. I cannot refuse Minnesota, but I think it wouldn't be quite fair to refuse the others and accept Iowa.

But that isn't all the reason. I've had a hard year and there is a hard year ahead. I have accepted positions on three State Boards, and always have a lot of city boards. I already feel loaded up, and must save myself where I can. I am deeply interested in Iowa's plans and I always enjoy going to Iowa. I'm sorry to refuse.

Very truly yours,

Librarian

Mr. Charles H. Brown, Librarian
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

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MINNESOTA UNION
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis,
Minnesota
Sep. 4, 1934

Miss Gratia Countryman
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Countryman,

We, the 1934 Homecoming committee, have undertaken to publish a special Homecoming edition of the Minnesota Alumni Weekly. As one of the features, we are considering writing profile sketches of outstanding women alumnae. We would like to discover a few interesting little sidelights about the women who were once coeds on our campus.

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation to the extent of answering the following questions and we would welcome any additional comments you might care to make.

In what college activities did you participate?
What have been your main interests and hobbies since you left the University?
Do you consider your college training to have been a good investment?
What do you consider your greatest achievement?
How did you become interested in your present career?

With your permission we may quote directly from your letter. Hoping that you will answer at your earliest convenience, and thanking you in advance,
I am

Sincerely yours,

George Bingham
George Bingham
Acting Editor: Alumni Weekly
Homecoming Office
Minnesota Union

September 7, 1934

Mr. George Ringham
Acting Editor, ALUMNI WEEKLY
Homecoming Office
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ringham:

I have your letter of September 4 regarding a special Homecoming edition of the Alumni Weekly. As you request, I am submitting a few items regarding myself which you may use or not, as you choose. I have led a busy but comparatively uneventful career, which is not especially picturesque for your purposes. But answering your suggested questions:

1. There were not many campus activities in the 80's when I was a student, but I participated in everything that was going on, the old Hermean Literary Society, Oratorical contests, and any other literary contests that were going on. I remember with much interest that one spring I belonged to the surveying class and as the only girl in the class I accompanied the boys while we surveyed the campus, carrying chains and stakes and transits. It was part of my course, but it was a great lark all that spring.

We had no gymnasium, no physical education, but when military drill was added to the course, we girls who had no outlet for physical activities formed Company Q, and had drill under Lieutenant Glenn in the old Coliseum which was later burned down. In spite of my present attitude toward compulsory drill, this voluntary drill was most enjoyable and filled a place now fortunately supplied by many other opportunities.

I was of course interested in sororities and gave much time to my own, - Delta Gamma sorority.

2. There is no question about the value of a college training as an investment to me. As a librarian, I have used every course I ever took, and wished many times that I could return and take every course that I had missed, but then librarians are omnivorous.
3. My greatest achievement-- I think I haven't any. Just a busy life, full of interests and service. I came very nearly thinking it an achievement when the University gave me an honorary degree with the citation "for distinguished public service."

4. I became interested in library work because the present building was begun and built during my college days and naturally attracted attention. But the final interest came in my senior year when President Northrop, who was on the Library Board, asked me if I would like a position on the staff of the new library. I knew nothing about library work; there were no library schools, but I had no career definitely in mind. This sounded very good; I accepted his suggestion and have always been glad. I began work in the fall after my commencement.

The Library has been an absorbing interest, leaving little time for anything except related social and community problems. My hobbies have been outdoor interests, bicycling, then motoring, and now chiefly gardening. I expect to run a farm someday.

Very truly yours,

Librarian

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Durward Howes
Editor

Merle Armitage
Publication Director

AMERICAN WOMEN

The official Who's Who among
the Women of the Nation

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Biographies

September 19, 1934

Miss Gratia Alta Countryman
3243 France Avenue No.
Robbinsdale, Minnesota

Dear Miss Countryman:

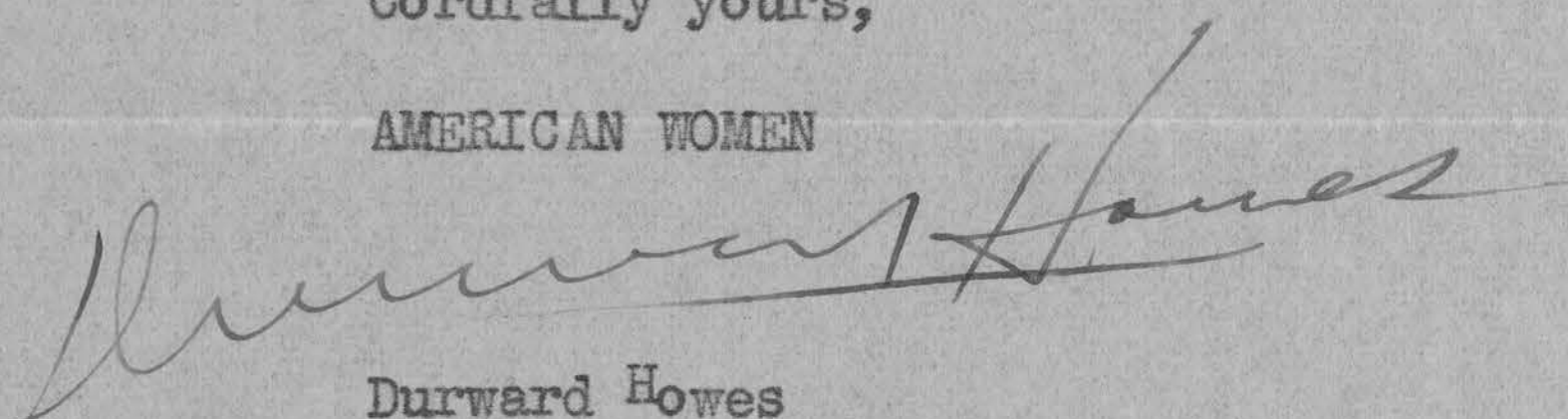
We acknowledge with pleasure your admittance questionnaire for AMERICAN WOMEN. Your biography has been recorded and will appear in our 1935 Edition.

We note the prominent position you occupy as Chief Librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library, and the thought has occurred to us that no doubt you have in mind the names of other prominent women whose biographies should be included in our publication. If this be so, we want you to know that we would appreciate your sending their names to us on the enclosed "suggested names blank."

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation,
we are,

Cordially yours,

AMERICAN WOMEN



Durward Howes
Editor

H/jB

SUGGESTED NAMES BLANK

Durward Howes, Editor
"American Women"
527 West Seventh Street
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to make the following suggestions for the 1935 edition of "*American Women*." These women are honored and substantial citizens in the community in which they reside. All are deemed deserving of recognition in an official national record.

It is our understanding, and please assure the applicant, that there is no cost involved, and that there is no obligation either direct or implied to purchase a copy of the book.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
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NOTE—Additional names may
be submitted on separate sheet.

Signed by _____

WALTER NOLD
MINNEAPOLIS

September 27, 1934

Miss Gratia Countryman,
Minneapolis Public Library,
1001 Hennepin Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Miss Countryman:

This letter is written to confirm my verbal arrangement with you this afternoon for you to be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Business and Professional Men's Post of the American Legion on Friday, October 5, 1934, at 12:15 p.m., on the twelfth floor of the Minneapolis Athletic Club. The programs are arranged so as to allot to the guest speaker thirty minutes. It is understood that you are to speak about your visit to the Tennessee Valley in connection with the project of the Tennessee Valley Authority. It is hoped that you will also relate some of your interesting glimpses into the everyday living of the mountain people.

Your willingness to meet with us is much appreciated, and we look forward with pleasurable anticipation to having you as our guest of honor.

Sincerely,

Walter Nold

Walter Nold

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AMERICAN LIBRARY INSTITUTE

HENRY B. VAN HOESSEN
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HERBERT O. BRIGHAM
SECRETARY

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

October 9, 1934

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

Dear Miss Countryman:

I take pleasure in informing you that the Executive Committee of the American Library Institute at its meeting on September 22d appointed you a member of the Research Board, created under Section 7 of the revised constitution, for a term of two years ending December 31, 1936.

Trusting that you will accept this appointment, I am

Sincerely yours

Herbert O. Brigham

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Secretary

Dear Mr. Brigham

I feel honored that the Executive Committee has named me as a ^{member} of the Research Board. I am accepting, but at the same time feel that I am not the research type of person. Some one else could do much better. My interests are only activities. If you really want good research work, you should substitute some one else. I will be glad to give the place.

October 15, 1934

Dear Mr. Brigham:

I feel honored that the Executive Committee has named me as a member of the Research Board. I am willing to accept, but at the same time feel that I am not the research type of person. Some one else could do much better. My interests are only activities. If you really want good research work you should substitute some one else. I will be glad to yield the place.

Very truly yours,

Librarian

Mr. Herbert O. Brigham, Secretary
American Library Institute
Providence, R. I.

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3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

INCORPORATED
R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

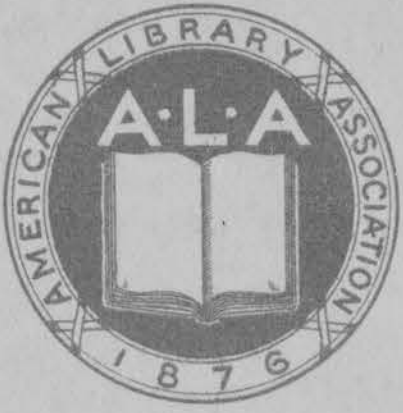
Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be written in plain language.

CABLE NIGHT LETTERS

An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

SHIP RADIOGRAMS

A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.



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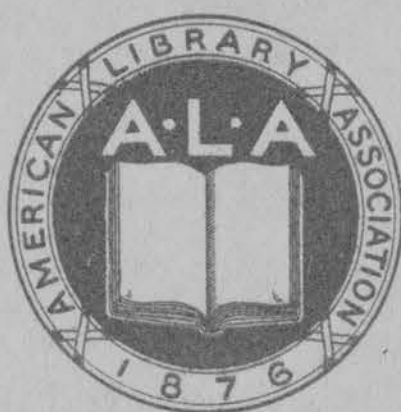
Dear Miss Countryman,

Charles Butler tells me that you
are having an anniversary this Sunday.
It is a splendid achievement and it must
be a nice satisfaction to have accomplished
such wonders and to know that every one
loves you for it.

Please accept my congratulations
and best wishes for many happy returns
of the day.

Sincerely yours,

E. the Wendell



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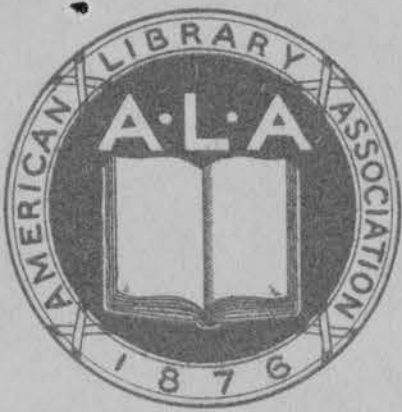
My dear Miss Countryman:

When Charles Butler returned from his conference with you and Miss Baldwin, we were all interested to hear that you are celebrating a significant anniversary. Minneapolis has certainly been fortunate and I hope will be for a long time to come, in your ^{continued} leadership.

Both as an ex-president of the Twin Cities and as a Headquarters staff member I feel a deep pride in your outstanding contributions to the profession.

Sincerely yours

Grace W. Estes



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

My dear Miss Countryman:

It is with a great deal of interest that I hear that you are celebrating the forty-fifth anniversary of your service in the Minneapolis Public Library, on December 16.

May I extend my hearty congratulations to Minneapolis for having had your services these years and to you for the rich and fruitful years with such evident results.

Sincerely yours,

Julia Wright Merrill
Chief,
Public Library Division

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