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SECRETARÍA GENERAL
DE LA PRESIDENCIA
DE LA REPÚBLICA



[May, 1935]

Por encargo de S. E. el Sr. Presidente
de la República, tengo el gusto de invitar a
V..... a la Recepción que, en honor de los
miembros del II Congreso Internacional de
Bibliotecas y Bibliografía, se celebrará en
el Palacio Nacional, el día 20 del corriente, a
las siete de la tarde.

Madrid, Mayo 1935

El Secretario General,

R. S. Guey

Sr.ta Countreman, G. A.

(Esta invitación es unipersonal e intransmisible)

Miss Countryman.

[MAY, 1935]

With compliments from

Enriqueta Martin

Miguel Angel, 8

Madrid

LIBROS

NUM. 12
MADRID, MAYO, 1935

MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA ⁽¹⁾

Biblioteca.—Forma parte del Servicio de Publicaciones Agrícolas, lo mismo que la Hemeroteca. Está situada la Biblioteca de Agricultura en el piso más alto del Ministerio del mismo nombre. Los libros, colocados por tamaños, ocupan varias salas. Posee gran número de folletos guardados en cajas, y en cuanto a los ficheros, hay dos: uno, de autores, y otro, de materias. Las fichas de ambos son iguales, de tamaño internacional, y sólo se distinguen en que las de autor tienen el nombre de éste subrayado en lápiz rojo. El fichero de materias estaba clasificado por el Sistema Decimal, pero el actual bibliotecario lo ha modificado y lo dispone por orden alfabético de materias. Un índice de materias por fichas facilita la busca de los libros.

Tiene organizado la Biblioteca un servicio de circulación. Para llevarlo a cabo se auxilian de tres fichas: una de ellas es de presentación, que equivale a carnet de lector; la otra, de autor, y la tercera, de peticionario. Se ordenan en dos ficheros: en el uno, está la ficha de presentación, que es azul, con la de autor, y en el otro, la de lector. Se prestan los libros por quince días. Dentro del libro prestado se introduce una ficha alargada, en la que se indica el día que vence el préstamo. Cuando los lectores no cumplen su compromiso, se les retira la ficha de lector.

La sala de lectura es la misma que la de la Hemeroteca. Sus dimensiones son muy exiguas, pero, en cambio, tiene mucha luz.

Los lectores son generalmente los mismos funcionarios del Ministerio, aunque también se admiten otros lectores.—*Adela Palacio.*

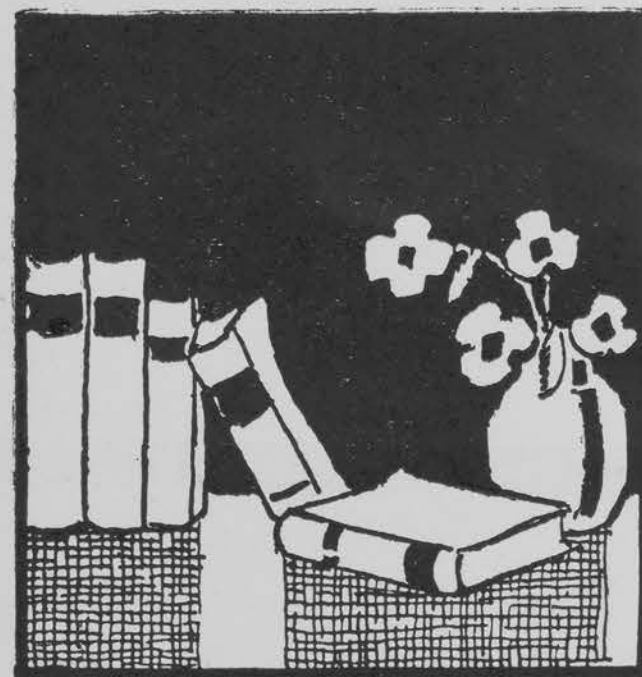
Hemeroteca.—Hasta el año 1933 era única la Hemeroteca Municipal en Madrid, y creemos que en España, pero en esa fecha se fundó en el ministerio de Agricultura una Hemeroteca Agrícola, dependiente del Servicio de Publicaciones Agrícolas y Biblioteca de la Dirección general de Agricultura, que cuenta en la actualidad con 630 publicaciones nacionales y extranjeras, recibándose casi todas ellas a base de canje con la revista *Economía y Técnica Agrícola*, publicación de la Dirección general de Agricultura. Entre las revistas extranjeras figuran algunas muy curiosas del Japón y Rusia.

A disposición del lector existe un índice hemerológico, en el que aparecen, agrupados por materias, los artículos de las revistas, bajo los siguientes epígrafes: autor, título y título del artículo.

Es evidente la importancia de un índice de contenido, pero no sabemos si en este caso resultará muy eficaz, entre otras circunstancias, por tratarse de una materia que requiere tanto la especialización.

Además, se publican con bastante frecuencia relaciones de las revistas que se reciben en esta Hemeroteca por países, apareciendo en primer lugar España, y

(1) Fragmentos de trabajos de clases.



después todos los demás, por orden alfabético. En estas relaciones figuran las publicaciones ordenadas alfabéticamente dentro de cada nación, con indicación de la ciudad en que se publican.

Al principio de estas relaciones se inserta una corta explicación del desarrollo de la Hemeroteca en cinco idiomas, además del español: francés, inglés, alemán, italiano y portugués. Los salones de lectura son, como antes se indica, los mismos de la Biblioteca en el ministerio de Agricultura.—*Concha Gullón*.

EL PAPEL

Así como otras épocas se llamaron “de la piedra”, “del hierro”, etc., alguien ha llamado a la nuestra la “del papel”. Es incalculable e inapreciado de puro familiar el uso múltiple y constante que del papel, en sus variadas formas, se hace en la vida contemporánea. Quizá sabríamos formar una idea imaginándonos privados de tal artículo en cada uno de nuestros actos diarios, y entonces seguramente pasaría por nosotros una sombra de temor ante la posibilidad de que falte.

La base del papel es una composición con lino y cáñamo, cuyas fibras están dotadas de adhesión molecular. Se ha hablado de un papel hecho exclusivamente de algodón, pero el análisis microscópico, especialmente del Dr. Wiesne, de Viena, ha mostrado que un papel solo de algodón no se ha encontrado: siempre se hallan fibras de lino y cáñamo. Los chinos parecen haber sido los primeros en fabricar papel. De China debió penetrar en el Asia Central y en Persia, y, tal vez por el camino que indica Marco Polo en el siglo XIII, llegar hasta el Mediterráneo. El papel de trapos, tal como aparece en Occidente, no debió fabricarse antes del siglo XIII. Los árabes tuvieron importantes fábricas en Samarcanda y en Bagdad, y más tarde en España, probablemente primer sitio en Europa donde el papel se fabricó. La invención de la imprenta en el siglo XV fué la causa del verdadero desarrollo y expansión de la fabricación del papel, por su aplicación práctica en servir de vehículo a la propagación de las ideas por medio de la imprenta.

En la actualidad, no es problema la producción de papel en cuanto a la cantidad, pero lo es por la calidad, pues lo mucho que se elabora de este producto ha hecho encarecer las materias adecuadas, por lo que se emplean otras, más abundantes y económicas, aunque también más deleznales. Interesa la conservación de lo escrito en múltiples aspectos, y por lo que hace a los usos oficiales, se ha publicado una ponencia del Sr. J. Martínez Roca, ingeniero industrial, en la *Revista de Ingeniería Industrial* (febrero 1935), en donde, con evidente conocimiento del asunto, se exponen normas para evitar la fragilidad y fácil destrucción.

Dice el Sr. Martínez Roca que “la primitiva materia prima, los trapos, formada por fibras textiles de algodón, lino o cáñamo, que están constituidas por celulosa de gran pureza, comunicaba al papel fabricado con ella la inalterabili-

dad frente a los agentes atmosféricos que posee dicho cuerpo químico—la celulosa—y que se traduce en la conservación perfecta de aquel producto a través del tiempo, como lo atestiguan nuestros Archivos y Bibliotecas, al guardar sin deterioro documentos de más de siete siglos.

”En cambio, la celulosa de la madera, pajas, etc., no se encuentra asociada a materias gomorresinosas, como la celulosa del vegetal, sino todo lo contrario: se halla unida a diversas sustancias, cuya eliminación, aun siendo completa, modifica a la celulosa primitiva. Por ello son de inferior calidad los productos que se fabrican con las celulosas procedentes de la paja y maderas.

”Pero no es esto lo peor, sino que cuando las sustancias a que va asociada la celulosa no quedan completamente eliminadas o se prescinde de su eliminación en absoluto, según sucede en la pasta mecánica, como estas sustancias son alterables por la acción de los agentes atmosféricos y del tiempo, la celulosa va perdiendo de un modo continuo, transformándose y degradándose las propiedades mecánicas de resistencia.

”Por todo esto resulta que el papel formado con aquellas materias, por el transcurso del tiempo pierde resistencia mecánica y acaba en un estado en que, ante el menor esfuerzo, queda reducido a polvo, o sea que se destruye por completo. Esto puede comprobarse con sólo examinar en cualquier Biblioteca las colecciones de periódicos de hace más de treinta años, cuyo papel, por estar fabricado en parte con pasta mecánica, presenta estos fenómenos desarrollados en la mayor escala, pues se suele deshacer al tocarlo, y, en cambio, las publicaciones de un siglo de fecha se conservan mucho mejor.

”Estos hechos muestran el peligro de que los documentos y libros que han de pasar a la posteridad se destruyan si en los papeles utilizados entran esta clase de primeras materias. Este inmenso peligro dará lugar, si no se le remedia, a la paradoja de que en una época como la nuestra, más civilizada y con mayor producción de documentos y libros para ser legados al futuro, por efecto de la desaparición, al cabo de algún tiempo, de dichas obras, reducidas a polvo por los motivos antes citados, ofrecerá a las generaciones futuras menor testimonio de su vida y de sus trabajos que los ofrecidos por períodos que nos han precedido en bastantes siglos en la vida de la humanidad.

”La gran variedad de tipos de papel y su diversidad de usos exige diferentes propiedades de resistencia mecánica a la tracción, al doblado, etc., lo mismo que respecto a la naturaleza y grado de encolado, transparencia y peso por metro cuadrado. La mayor parte de dichas cualidades no son reconocibles por la inspección directa del mismo, y sólo puede determinarla un análisis efectuado por un laboratorio con material apropiado.”

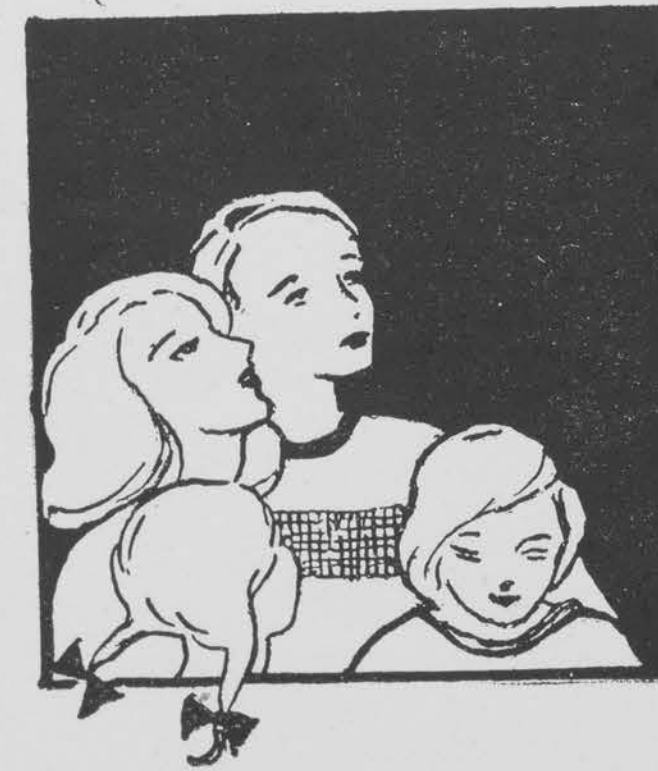
Después de algunas otras consideraciones, el autor propone las “bases para un código sobre el papel” que se destine a usos oficiales, por las cuales pueda garantizarse la calidad y, por tanto, la duración.

¿Y con respecto a todo lo demás que se imprime? ¿Es que no merece atención el impreso, guardador de toda cultura? Dada la situación del comercio de lo impreso, no parece empresa fácil regularlo por medio de leyes, como puede hacerse con el papel empleado oficialmente. Sólo medios indirectos pueden usarse, pero en muchos casos éstos son de verdadera eficacia. Tales serían: la formación del gusto por las buenas clases de papel y el desarrollo de la capacidad para apreciarlo, que podrían ser inculcados por maestros, bibliotecarios, libreros y demás personas que se hallen en situación de hacerlo. La práctica editorial de obtener menos ganancias en los buenos productos, facilitando de este modo su adquisición, y otros análogos.

HACE DOS AÑOS

El 19 de marzo hace dos años que la Biblioteca circulante de la Casa de los Niños fué abierta. En este tiempo todo ha cambiado en ella, excepto la constancia y entusiasmo de las bibliotecarias que la sirven. En primer término, los elementos directivos de la "Casita", con gentileza nunca bien ponderada, han ido ofreciendo cada vez más espacio, hasta poner completamente a disposición de LIBROS todo el local de que se compone el edificio. Y esto sin condiciones ni trabas ni más intervención que una ayuda generosa. Aquí se ha podido comprobar con hechos que nuestro grupo está en condiciones de instalar Bibliotecas circulantes sin más que disponer de espacio y libertad de movimientos. En los principios, los lectores de la "Casita" iban, sin duda, porque se ofrecía algo gratis. Tal vez muchos pensaban que conseguirían un juguete o un delantal si quedaban de pie en la cola, esperando para inscribirse, esperando para coger libro, esperando para todo. Las asociadas de LIBROS han puesto el mayor cuidado en que los lectores no reciban absolutamente nada a cambio de asistir a esta Biblioteca: ni una estampa, ni un caramelo. Otros sitios son adecuados para el socorro y las recompensas: aquí debe venirse exclusivamente para leer. Y así se ha ido eliminando por sí mismo el grupo de los que buscaban jugar, esperaban dádivas o seguían otros fines (o no seguían ninguno) que no fuese el puro atractivo de la lectura por sí misma. En nuestra Biblioteca se juntan ahora los más variados aspectos de lectores. A juzgar por la apariencia, deben pertenecer a muy distanciadas clases sociales; las edades también son muy diferentes, sin límite por nuestra parte: basta que sepan y quieran leer. Nada se pide, ni se pregunta, ni se exige a nuestros visitantes, sino limpieza de manos, respeto mutuo y silencio entre los que quedan en el salón de lectura, ese lindo saloncito, lleno de luz y alegría, que en los días de la semana es el comedor de los pequeñuelos acogidos en la "Casita".

La experiencia nos ha ido enseñando a rectificar nuestro sistema (si sistema se



podía llamar el vacilante medio adoptado para dar los libros y recibirlos, de vuelta, al principio). Ahora todo es sumamente rápido, y las bibliotecarias ponen todo su esfuerzo en que el servicio se haga con toda prontitud. Y hay que decir que lo consiguen. Aquellas colas lentas que formábamos los primeros días, largas hasta dar la vuelta a la esquina de la "Casita", con una riña aquí por causa del puesto, un terrible silbido más allá, un pelotazo que nadie sabía de dónde procedía, eso todo ha terminado. Los lectores, en su mayor parte, se presentan como quien va a solventar un negocio y quiere hacerlo con la mayor rapidez, y aun en los momentos de mayor congestión y apuro, es raro que surjan incidentes desagradables.

Las reglas son claras, pocas: son las indispensables; y, aunque no faltan algunos transgresores, la mayor parte de nuestros visitantes las practican sin ofrecer dificultad ni resistencia. Por el contrario, con cierto orgullo, cuando pueden mostrar que las conocen y que están en situación de enseñar a otros.

Está, pues, patente nuestra teoría de cuánto puede hacer en la vida del país una Biblioteca organizada según el concepto moderno. Y esto sólo dos horas por semana y servida por personal distinto cada vez. ¿Qué sería estando abierta a diario y con bibliotecarias permanentes, que conociesen bien a los lectores y supieran, por tanto, ayudarles y aconsejarles mejor?

NOTICIAS

Dieciséis alumnas han terminado el segundo curso, recibiendo de la Srta. de Maeztu el diploma justificativo de estos estudios. La Srta. de Maeztu habló de cómo la enseñanza técnica facilitada en estos cursos no basta, sino que una amplia cultura, siempre renovada, en un esfuerzo permanente por tenerla al día, es indispensable a quien se interesa por el trabajo de Bibliotecas. Dedicó unas palabras de gratitud y elogio al Instituto Internacional de Boston, que con tan sin igual altruismo inició y mantiene estos cursos, colaborando con la Residencia. Las alumnas diplomadas fueron después obsequiadas con un té.

La Srta. Viera Esparza ha conseguido que el joven y ya famoso pintor señor Hidalgo de Caviedes venga a hacernos unas decoraciones murales en nuestra Biblioteca, dando así una nota de arte y modernismo a nuestro local social. Cuando estas líneas van a la imprenta la pintura está a punto de ser terminada.

La Asociación Cultural Femenina de Llerena (Badajoz) ha decidido fundar una Biblioteca infantil, a la manera de la que funciona en la "Casa de los Niños". Puede considerarse como una filial de LIBROS, ya que trata de seguir el

mismo sistema y aprovecha nuestra experiencia haciendo consultas, a las que contestamos con el mayor placer. A pesar de todo, tendrán que pasar por análogas dificultades, pero el temple que ya han mostrado en otras empresas permite asegurar que no se van a desanimar fácilmente. Lo mismo que nosotras, han sentido la desorientación e incertidumbre del que empieza: "El domingo pasado—escriben—se citaron a cuatro o cinco niños, y ninguno se presentó. Creemos que les dió vergüenza. Así es que mañana, las mismas asociadas los piensan llevar." Dos días más tarde escriben: "Ayer se presentaron siete niños y tres niñas. Los primeros leyeron un poco y se marcharon cada uno con su libro; las niñas permanecieron una hora. Habrá que limitar el número, pues, a lo que parece, no hay libros para empezar."

Después de otro domingo: "El domingo acudieron 38 lectores, pero aquello fué un verdadero torbellino. Entusiasmadísimos... Pero, ¡estamos tan mal de libros...!"

Ahora, la A. C. F. Tiene un cuaderno de inscripción como el nuestro y piensan volver a empezar con el mismo sistema que nosotras. Les sigue apurando no tener libros, pero parece que cada asociada llevará alguno que tenga de cuando era niña. Son más de veinte... Algo es algo. Deseamos sinceramente que este grupo, al que consideramos colaborando en nuestra obra de difusión de las lecturas, obtenga el mayor éxito y ensanche sus planes hasta poder dar lectura a chicos y grandes en el inteligente y desatendido pueblo extremeño.

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La Feria del Libro, que se ha celebrado en Barcelona y Valencia con gran resultado durante el mes de abril, ha tenido lugar en Madrid del 5 al 20 de mayo. La Sociedad de Editores Españoles ha organizado todo lo relativo a dicha Feria, siendo secundada por organismos oficiales, escritores y otras personas y entidades interesadas. Entre los numerosos actos destinados a atraer el interés y la atención, figuran los que consistirán en que hablen los autores desde una tribuna preparada al efecto, de manera que las palabras del orador sean oídas por todo el área de la Feria mediante la instalación adecuada de altavoces. Es de desear y esperar que esta III Feria del Libro tenga el más completo éxito.

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Se ha vendido más de la mitad de la edición de nuestro libro "Reglas de Catalogación".

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Se ha decidido rehacer los turnos de la "Casa de los Niños", eliminando a las asociadas que, aunque inscritas, no se presentan, agregando otras en su lugar y formando un séptimo grupo.

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Del ministerio de Instrucción pública han enviado una contestación denegatoria a la solicitud presentada.

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E. V. y E. P.

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E. V. y E. P.

Dibujos de Viera Esparza.

Miguel Angel, 8.—Residencia de Señoritas

REGLAS DE CATALOGACIÓN

por las alumnas de los cursos de
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En librerías y en casa de E. Prieto-Preciados, 48.

May 2, 1935

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Yours truly,

Librarian

Mrs. Beatrice S. Rossell
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C. This Day Letter may be delivered by the Telegraph Company by telephoning the same to the addressee, and such delivery shall be a complete discharge of the obligation of the Telegraph Company to deliver.

D. 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.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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 day rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard day 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 rate for this special "Night Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. 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.

B. Night Letters shall be written in plain English. Code is not permissible.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

[Postmarked MAY 5, 1935]

My dearest & lief

My most loving
thoughts go with you
on your summer
holiday-

You are always
so interested in
everything, so young
in spirit, that with
~~such~~ pleasant com-
panions, you just
can't help having
a good time -

You do not need to be
told how much the
members of your staff
love you & each & all
will be most interested
in your trip.

Get a fine rest going
over (hope the weather
will be kind to you)
Have ~~and~~ interesting
weeks at the meetings
& a happy visit with
your friends there.

Kindly extend my
greetings & best wishes
to Miss Baldwin also.

"Bon Voyage" & a
safe return to N.Y.

Devotedly your friend

Blanche M. Seely-

Sunday -

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE

DAY LETTER

MISS GRACIA A COUNTRYMAN=

STEAMSHIP CITY OF HAMBURG BALTIMORE MAIL LINE BALTO=

MUCH LOVE TO YOU AND MRS BAILEY HOPE YOU HAVE AN ENJOYABLE
TRIP WILL BE WITH YOU IN THOUGHT AND WITH THE REST OF
YOUR FAMILY WILL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING OF YOUR TRAVELS
BON VOYAGE AND SAFE RETURN=

EDITH STEVENSON.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

TELEPHONE:
KENSINGTON 0081 (2 LINES)
5441 GARAGE

E · C · STEARNS & CO, LTD

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16 · FULHAM ROAD
SOUTH KENSINGTON
LONDON
S · W · 3

SECRETARY:
E. C. TYRWHITT-DRAKE, A.C.A.
SALES MANAGER:
W. J. WOOD.

CHAIRMAN:
C. E. STEARNS.
MANAGING DIRECTOR:
E. C. STEARNS.
SALES DIRECTOR:
H. GOFF.
DIRECTOR:
E. C. TYRWHITT-DRAKE, A.C.A.

Wednesday.
12th June.
1935,

Miss G.A. Countryman,
Howard Hotel,
London.

Dear Madam,

We thank you for your letter to hand this morning contents of which we have fully noted.

We shall be pleased to hire you a car within the next 7 - 10 days, but as you do not state the period you will require the car for, we cannot quote you a definite price. Perhaps you will kindly let us know for how long you will require a car.

At the moment we have the following cars for hire:-

1933 Austin 10.h.p. de luxe Saloon with sunshine roof.

1933 Wolseley Hornet 12.h.p. Saloon with sunshine roof.

1933 Wolseley 16.h.p. County de luxe Saloon with sunshine roof.

The above cars are in really perfect condition throughout, the mechanical condition also being excellent, and we shall be pleased to hire same for almost any period.

Awaiting the favour of your further details.

Yours faithfully,
E.C. STEARNS & CO LTD.,

WJW/VD.

W. J. Wood.
Sales Manager.

All Cars driven and garaged at Owners' risk. The Firm does not hold itself responsible for the safety of any customer's property, but is prepared to make arrangements for the Insurance of the same if not already covered.

BALTIMORE MAIL LINE



Passenger List

S. S. CITY OF HAMBURG

From Baltimore

Wednesday, May 8th, 1935

From Norfolk

Thursday, May 9th, 1935

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BALTIMORE MAIL LINE

BALTIMORE AND NORFOLK
TO

HAVRE AND HAMBURG

S. S. CITY OF HAMBURG

Officers:

Commander, JOSEPH E. LEE
Lt. Comdr. U. S. N. R.

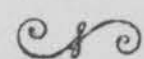
Chief Engineer, LOUIS AUGUSTINE
Lt. Comdr. U. S. N. R.

Chief Officer, J. E. FRAWLEY

Purser, AUBREY BEHENNA

Surgeon, WILLIAM A. DAVIS, M. D.

Chief Steward, HANS GEVERT



List of Passengers

Bailey, Mrs. Elva
Baldwin, Miss Alice
Baldwin, Miss Clara
Buckler, Dr. Thomas

Chapin, Mr. Charles D.
Chapin, Mrs.

Coleman, Miss Virginia

*Corwin, Prof. Robert Neilson

*Corwin, Mrs.

Countryman, Miss Gratia

*Cowee, Mr. George F.

*Cowee, Mrs.

*Crittenden, Mr. W. B.

*Crittenden, Mrs.

~~Douthit, Mrs. J. D.~~

*Droege, Miss Mathilde

Eberbach, Mr. W. E.
Eden, Miss H. C.

Gayette, Lt. E. T.
Gharagozlau, Mrs. Katherine
Gharagozlau, Miss Marie
Gharagozlau, Miss Turan
Griffin, Miss C.

†Hamilton, Mrs. Marcelle
†Hamilton, Master Steven
†Harrington, Mrs. Victoria G.
Harrison, Mr. Guy F.
Heap, Miss M. L.
Helm, Mrs. Dorothy
Helm, Master Patrick

Johnson, Mr. Albion W.
Johnson, Master Nicholas
Johnson, Miss Conchita
Jordan, Miss Lois

Kerr, Miss Anita M.
King, Miss E.
Konchar, Miss Vida Emilia

*Lawler, Mrs. C. G.

McCrone, Miss A. Louise
McLain, Mr. Fred S.
McLain, Mrs.
McLain, Miss Isobel
McTeigue, Mr. Walter P.
McTeigue, Mrs.

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Atendido May 22 - Began at 10.30, ended at 1.00

TEATRO ESPAÑOL

COMPañÍA XIRGU-BORRÁS

MIÉRCOLES, 22 DE MAYO DE 1935 A LAS 10,30 NOCHE

DEDICADA AL

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Representación extraordinaria de la nueva versión escénica en quince cuadros, de la comedia famosa en tres jornadas, de Lope de Vega.

FUENTE OVEJUNA

(La Srta. Capdevielle, explicará para los Congresistas extranjeros la significación y asunto de la obra)

REPARTO.-Fernán Gómez (Comendador), *Pedro López Lagar*; Ortuño, *Antonio Guati*; Flores, *Enrique Guitart*; El Maestre de Calatrava, *Ricardo Merino*; Pascuala, *Pilar Muñoz*; Laurencia, *Margarita Xirgu*; Mengo, *Fernando Aguirre*; Barrildo, *Fernando Porredón*; Frondoso, *Enrique Álvarez Diosdado*; Juan Rojo, *Alberto Contreras*; Esteban (Alcalde), *Enrique Borrás*; Rey Don Fernando, *Miguel Ortín*; Reina Doña Isabel, *Eloísa Vigo*; Un Regidor, *Enrique García Álvarez*; Cimbranos, *José González*; Jacinta, *Isabel Prada*; Un muchacho, *Arturo Calderón de la Barca*; Un Juez, *José Cañizares*; D. Manrique, *Rafael Cores*; Una cantora, *Paloma Pardo*; Tres músicos, *Alberto García, Gustavo Bertot y José Jordá*; Cuatro bailadoras, *Eugenia Guadalupe, Ana Ramallo, y Consuelo Adasol*; Cuatro bailadores, *Gustavo Bertot, Jose Jordá, Fernando Porredón y Miguel Tarrazo*; Cincuenta figurantes.

Adaptación teatral moderna al texto original en su integridad por C. RIVAS CHERIF.

DECORADO NUEVO DE BURMANN.

FIGURINES DE MIGUEL XIRGU Y VICTORINA DURAN.

APARATOS DE ELECTRICIDAD DE BENITO DELGADO.

Danza de arcos reconstruida por E. M. Torner y J. Castro Escudero, del Centro de Estudios Históricos, según documentos de la época y en presencia de la tradición actual, y montada por Paloma Pardo, del Teatro Escuela de Arte.

Tres canciones transcritas por J. Bal y Gay, del Centro de Estudios Históricos. «Sea bien venido el comendador», melodía popular recogida por Salinas en el siglo XVI. «Vivan muchos años los desposados», de Laserna (siglo XVIII). «Al val de Fuenteovejuna», anónima del siglo XVII.

DOS GUITARRAS Y UN LAUD.

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MISS GRATIA COUNTRYMAN=



MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE

DAY LETTER

CITY OF HAMBURG BALTIMORE MAIL LINE CANTON PIER 11

SAILING MAY 8 BALTO=

DARLING AUNTIE ITS THE MORNING AFTER WE WAVED YOU GOODBYE
AND WE ARE MISSING YOU A LOT BUT YOU'LL SOON BE BACK AFTER
COMPLETELY SUBJUGATING SPAIN SO BON VOYAGE AND A GRAND TIME
TO YOU WHOOP IT UP ONLY BE SURE TO DO IT FIGURATIVELY AND
NOT LITERALLY LOVE=

CONSIE.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

MAY 7 PM 12 47

[June, 1935]

NORD
DEUTSCHER
LLOYD
BREMEN



NORD
DEUTSCHER
LLOYD

Hauptmahlzeit

Vorspeisen	Frischer Hummer - Mayonnaise Spanische Oliven
Suppen	Doppelte Kraftbrühe Célestine Hühner-Rahmsuppe Nelusko
Fisch	Gebratene Seezunge, Braune Butter Gurken-Salat
Braten	Englische Hochrippe mit Bratensaft
Vom Rost	Kalbsleber mit Speck
Salate	Escarole-, Sellerie-
Gemüse und Teiggemüse	Französische Artischocke, Sauce Divine Frischer Spinat Gedämpfter Reis Junge Erbsen mit Lattich
Kartoffeln	Geback. süße, Saratoga-, Anna-, Petersilie-
Süßspeisen	Kabinett-Pudding Eisbecher St. Jacques Ananas-Kompott
Für Kinder	Vanille-Sago
	Käse - Obst - Kaffee
22 Uhr	Belegte Schnittchen

DAMPFER „BREMEN“

Touristen-Klasse

Sonntag, den 30. Juni 1935

Es wird höflichst gebeten, während der Mahlzeiten im
Speisesaal nicht zu rauchen

Dinner

Live Boiled Lobster - Mayonnaise Spanish Olives	Hors-d'Oeuvre
Consommé Double Célestine Cream of Chicken Nelusko	Soups
Fried Sole, Browned Butter Cucumber Salad	Fish
English Prime Ribs of Beef au Jus	Roast
Calf's Liver with Bacon	From the Grill
Escarole, Celery	Salad
French Artichoke, Sauce Divine New Spinach Steamed Rice Green Peas with Lettuce	Vegetables and Pastes
Baked sweet, Saratoga, Anna, Parsley	Potatoes
Cabinet Pudding Cup St. Jacques Preserved Pine-apple	Sweets
Vanilla Sago	For Children
Cheese - Fruit - Coffee	
Sandwiches	At 10 p. m.

S. S. „BREMEN“

Tourist Class

Sunday, June 30th, 1935

Passengers are kindly requested not to smoke in the
Dining Room during meals



+ + M U S I K - P R O G R A M M + +

„Heil Europa“, Marsch Blon

„Wiener Bürger“, Walzer Ziehrer

„Schmeichelkätzchen“, Salonstück Eilenberg

Potpourri aus der Operette „Der Zarewitsch“ . Lehár



Wednesday -
July 17, 1935

Miss Gracie A. Countryman,
Minneapolis Public Library -

My dear Miss Countryman:-

I had planned to
get down to wish you
welcome on your return.
But it seems now that
I will have to wish you
joyous return by note.
We are so happy to have

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you back again, ^{My} Countryman,
and hope that you were
able to enjoy yourself
to the full and perhaps
relax and rest just a
"war" bit.

It was so nice of you
to remember me with your
nice card from Spain. These
little "reminiscences" are
the things that make you
so dear to us.

Most sincerely
Jane Van Hook.

THE DELTA GAMMA FRATERNITY

Alta Gwinn Saunders

Editor of the Anchora

706 S. COLER AVE., URBANA, ILLINOIS

July
Nineteenth
1935

Miss Gracia Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Miss Countryman:

Since taking over the editorship of "The Anchora" last February, I have often thought of you as a splendid person to make some future "Anchora" an issue of real value. Your splendid record has made all Delta Gammas proud of you as one of us, and to have some of your own words of suggestion and advice in the magazine would be a fine experience for us all.

A splendid opportunity is at hand for us to use a contribution from you if you can conveniently send one for the November issue. We are planning an educational number and one which will appeal to the host of "undergrads" who are coming back to school. To show you what the tenor of the magazine will be, may I say that we shall have some articles by Delta Gamma Deans of Women?

Will you be good enough to send an article of 1500 to 2000 words on some subject which you may feel free to choose? If you can write about your work or about present-day education as you see it from the Library, then so much the better.

May we have it and a glossy print of yourself any time between now and September 25? May I hear from you as to whether or not I may expect an article?

Very cordially yours,

Alta Gwinn Saunders

Alta Gwinn Saunders

Señor

JUAN VICENS DE LA LLAVE

Inspector of the Municipal
Libraries in Spain.

Junta de Intercambio y Adquisi-
ción de libros. - Biblioteca Nacional
Madrid

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Biblioteca Nacional
Madrid

JUAN VICENS
Embajadores 95
MADRID

September 8th 1935.

Mrs. Gratia Countryman,
Librarian,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Countryman:

I have just had the pleasure to receive your letter and you may be quite sure that I remember perfectly well our conversation. In fact I remembered it so well that, following your advice I have just finished writing an article about the Municipal libraries in Spain which I have sent to Mr. Milan. He has told me that he accepts the publication of the article in principle on the condition that I do not repeat anything from a similar article which appeared in the Journal some time ago about Popular Libraries in Spain. My article will be accompanied with illustrations.

Yesterday I sent you an envelope from the Interchange Board which contains three pamphlets: one is all about the organization of the Public Municipal Libraries and the other two are the yearbooks for the years of 1934 and 1933 of the Interchange Board and reports their activities. With the first pamphlet is a printed form which we send to the libraries so that they may report thereupon their library statistics.

At the moment I am finishing a manual of catalogueing by the dictionary method together with tables of subject headings. So far there is nothing of this kind published in Spanish. I am also working on the preparation of another manual which will comprise, lending service and the planning of county and university libraries (with seminars and faculty libraries) as well as interlibrary loans. It is quite possible that during the preparation of this manual I shall call upon you to help me with some of the details of these systems.

This winter we are going to organize in Alcala de Henares a central library which will lend books to all of the municipal libraries by mail. Thus while in America the libraries developed first and then later on from the bottom up the organization which unified them was developed, here in Spain it will be the State which will develop the organization which will unify them from the top down by creating the Central Library as the first step of this unification.

At this time we are completing the organization of the second series of 100 libraries (municipal) which will then number 200 and next winter the organization of the third 100 will be started.

During all this time I will continue visiting the Libraries. I shall begin soon a second tour of Spain in order to visit the 200 already existing, so that within a few days I leave for Malaga and Granada to visit all of the libraries of that section where I shall have to climb the mountains on foot to reach some of the villages which are 1,600 meters high in the sierra of Alpujarra where the Moriscos in the 16th century rebelled against Phillip the second.

It is not necessary that you send me the postage stamps for the printed matter and papers which I send you, but I will accept with pleasure your offer to send me what is printed about the libraries and I would be very much obliged if you would send me samples of the forms used in the lending of books between the central library and the branches as well as the forms which are employed for the lending of books directly to the readers such as: vouchers, bookcards, borrowers cards, date due cards etc. It would also help me a great deal if you would send me any pamphlet which is published about the library or any annual report which may be issued. On my part of course I would be more than pleased to send you any special information which you may desire about these matters in Spain.

Hoping that this will find you in the very best of health and with very best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Juan Vicens

October 26, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Brigham:

Yes, I did mean my letter to be considered as a resignation. Like you, I have been overwhelmed with work this fall, brought about pretty largely with eighty or ninety people from the Federal relief lines. We get some good work from these people but it means a good deal of extra work on the part of the library staff and myself to fit them where they belong and to train them in and to get some kind of valuable work from them. I shall be glad when this federal relief program is over. In the meantime, I will get just as much out of them, of course, as I can.

Very truly yours,

Librarian

GAC mp



Gratia A. Countryman

MY PARTY

NOVEMBER 30 1935

PROGRAM

TOASTMASTER.....Mr. Lewis

PRESENTATION.....Miss Bartleson

* * * * *

OUR MUTUAL FRIEND.....Mr. Gale

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS..Miss Patten

HEARTS COURAGEOUS....Miss Starr

GRACIOUS LADY.....Mrs. Harding

* * *

G is for Graciousness, Goodness,
 and Grace;
 R for the Ruler, a smile on her face;
 A for Assistants she handles with
 care;
 T for the Tasks that another would
 wear;
 I is for Industry, always displayed;
 A for Attention - she's never
 dismayed;
 C is for Courage that never has
 failed;
 O for the Ocean she lately has sailed;
 U is for Unity, for this she works
 hard;
 N for a Nature hard knocks have not
 marred;
 T for the Times when the going was
 tough;
 R for the Roads she conquered tho'
 rough;
 Y is for Youthfulness; she'll never
 grow old;
 M for her Manner; you meet her;
 your sold;
 A for her Anger quite righteous we
 know;
 N for the Nobility all 'country
 men' show;
 Concluding we tell her we're glad
 she is here;
 The whole 'blooming' staff says
 "Our Chief is a dear!"

(WHO'S WHO)

Countryman, Gratia Alta,
 librarian; b. Hastings, Minn.,
 d. L.N. and Alta (Chamberlain)
 C., graduated Hastings High
 School; member U. of Minn. Girls'
 Drill Team, Co. Q. under direction
 of Lt. Glenn with practices at old
 Coliseum; first Campfire guardian
 in Minneapolis (two members of
 her group still on Minneapolis
 Pub. Library staff); graduated U.
 of Minn); entered Minneapolis Pub.
 Library; est. State Library commn.;
 influential in passage of bill
 affecting maintenance of town and
 village libraries; first to est.
 Children's Room in public libraries
 in U.S.; bicycled thru Europe with
 Miss Clara Baldwin; recording sec.
 Minn. Library Commn.; appointed
 chief librarian Minneapolis Pub.
 Library; boiler broke - library
 closed till Friday; second vice-
 pres. A.L.A.; fell off St. Paul
 bluff; est. first Business Br.
 in U.S.; purchased farm at Mille
 Lacs; mem. Woman's Club, College
 Women's Club, Business Women's
 Club (first pres.), est. traveling
 libraries for entire Hennepin

County; moved residence to Robbinsdale; mem. Minneapolis Council Adult Edn. (pres.); received Civic Service Honor Medal for 'Distinguished Service'; purchased famous cows for Mille Lacs farm; hon. M.A. U. of Minn. (only woman thus honored); borrowers' moratorium declared; president A.L.A.; fellow Am. Library Inst.; mem. Minn. Library Assn., Minn. Hist. Soc. (pres.), Twin City Library Club, Minneapolis Soc. of Fine Arts; Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Gamma; worried by Federal Alphabet; delegate Int'l Fed. of Library Assns. conference in Spain; now attending Birthday Dinner, Art Gallery, Minneapolis Pub. Library.

ADDRESS: Public Library, Minneapolis, Minn.

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2401-Irving Ho.

[1936?]

Dear Miss Countryman —

The last days of
your being with us at
the library are now at
an end. You are receiving
very many expressions of
regret from all your friends
but I want to send a
word too, for altho you
perhaps do not realize
it, I have worked for
you for eighteen years

which makes me feel
quite part of the old staff!

I shall miss you in a
very personal way, for
besides your interest in
me when on duty, I
remember many acts of
kindness and consideration
on your part. How well
I recall your visit with
Miss Martin on the morn-
ing after I had my accident
in the car on the rail-

road tracks.

And so, though we
shall miss your in-
spiring presence among
us, our thoughts will
be with you wherever
you go, and we shall
in our hearts wish
you many years of
health and happiness.

Yours affectionately
Katherine Martin

[1936?]

WISHING YOU
EVERYTHING *for* YOUR
BIRTHDAY



*on the last birthday
when you were
in the library*

I could bury
my nose



in a GRAMMAR

In a DICTIONARY
might dig



But I couldn't express
what I wish for you,
For they don't make
words that
BIG!

Isabelle, No. 100, Mullin.

My dear Miss Countryman: [1936]
These little flowers bring, for
Thanksgiving and your birth-
day, my very great appreciation
and admiration. You have
done so much for our city
and for our children and I
am sorry you are sick-

drawing from the Library.
We are hoping now you
will have more time for
pleasure and for the girls
in whom I am so interested
as ever. Love -

Very sincerely
(Mrs. H. G.) Etha J. Irvine

THE MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL

CARL W. JONES, PUBLISHER

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

March 13, 1936.

Miss Gratia Countryman,
Public Library,
Minneapolis.

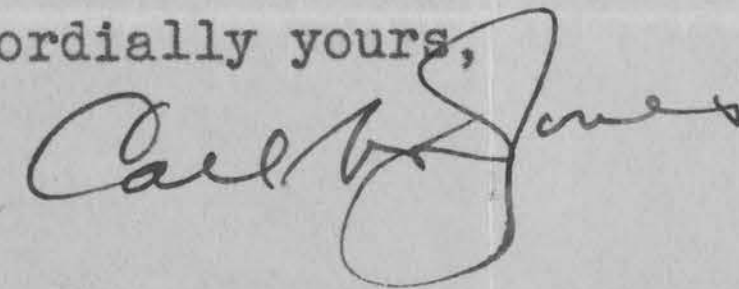
Dear Miss Countryman:

Once again let me thank you for presiding at
our Women's Conference, which as always, you did beautifully
well.

The subject this year apparently struck home
because I have heard the Conference so widely applauded.

What a fortunate visit I had in your office
three years ago, and how much good has come from it!

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carl W. Jones". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the end.

CWJ:EH

[Postmarked MAY 11, 1936]



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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

SOCIAL SERVICE BRANCH
CITIZENS' AID BUILDING
404 8TH STREET SOUTH
HAZEL M. WITCHIE, LIBRARIAN

Sunday

Dear Miss Countryman -

When my sister
told me Saturday that it was
impossible to extend your service
another year, I was very much
disappointed. In fact I hadn't heard
of your resignation as told to the
staff until a short while ago,
and instead of writing you then
I waited until after the board
meeting hoping that you would
consent to stay another year -

It's impossible for me to
run the library without



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you as its guide - Everything in it
is a result of your enthusiasm
and interest and forward looking
policies and so much has been
accomplished that one wonders
what a new librarian could
do beyond the routine executive
duties -

It seems all wrong that the
sum total of years should have
to be the guide in a matter like
this. One's own vigor and health
should be the measurement, it seems
to me - You have always had the
energy and stamina of people
much younger than you and now
now it's hard to realize that you



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are actually at a retirement age.

I want you to know how very much I appreciate your kindness & me, your understanding sympathy when once my nerves were upset, and your generosity in regard to the leaves of absence and the long vacations I have taken and always your loyal support in any issue that came up. I shall miss you greatly and I know that no one can take your place in regard and affection. My only regret is that my work didn't bring me nearer



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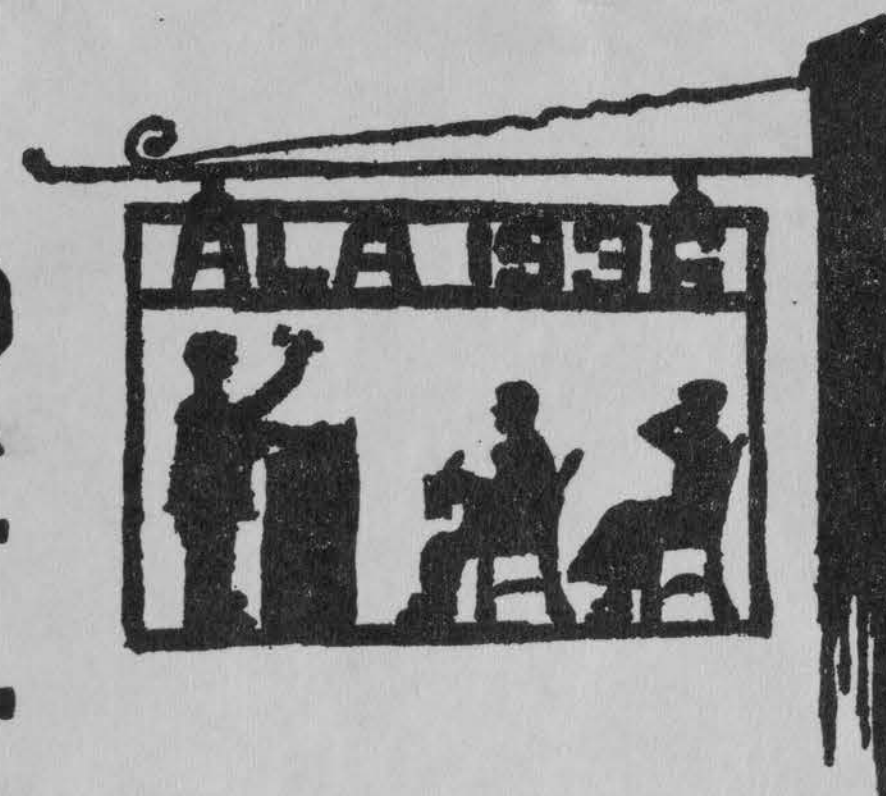
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It you so that I might have
known you better personally -
with deepest affection
Hazel M. Witchie



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Reporting Conference Action and Ideas

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Ralph Robert Shaw, Managing Editor

Monday, May 11, 1936

There are more than 120 Pioneer Members at the Conference. Dr. Hill, who has attended 46 Conferences acted as toastmaster and yellow bows, indicative of attendance at 25 Conferences, were given to Mr. H. J. Gaylord, Dr. Keogh, and Mr. H. H. B. Meyer at a dinner Sunday evening. Hail to the hale pioneers!

Two extra garden tours are planned. Bus fares for all tours are extra. For further details ask at the Local Information Desk.

President Wilson on May second was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the American Council on Education for a three-year term. The A. L. A. has been a constituent member of the A.C.E. for several years.

Plan to visit the Publicity Booth regularly. Will Collins reports that the display will be changed daily.

Pratt Institute Library School is attending the Conference en masse.

University of North Carolina Library School is going them one better by combining attendance at the Conference with practice work at the Richmond Public Library and Thomas Jefferson High School.

For details of the PERIODICALS SECTION meetings, see the Bulletin Board.

Excerpt from a letter received by the editor: "It seems that the stork and the A.L.A. both decided on the same dates for the year 1936, and I regret to report that the engagement with the stork is perhaps more pressing." --A Member.

Windshield stickers will indicate automobiles at A. L. A. members' disposal. Get yours at the Local Information Desk.

Thanks to Richmond bus lines for their friendly publicity.

Do you know that Gratia Countryman has been called the "Jane Addams of library work,"

Be sure to see "Found in a Book," the new film being shown at the end of the Publicity Round Table program Wednesday evening. It should be useful to college, school, or public libraries.

RADIO BROADCASTS--WRVA

Mrs. Faith Holmes Hyers in charge

Wednesday: 2:15 Message from President Roosevelt. Address by Honorable Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, from Washington.

Tuesday: 11:15 Miss Barker and Mr. Brigham, "Libraries in the South."
6:15 Newbery medal winner and Malcolm Wyer. (Not on local station)
7:30 Mr. Freeman and Mrs. Hyers, "Trends in Biography."

Wednesday: 11:30 Mrs. Bowman and Mr. Spaulding, "Favorite Novels of Today."

Thursday: 2:15 Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Hyers, "Women and Books."
2:30 Mr. Dabney and Mrs. Hyers, "Southern Writers of the 20th Century."

Friday: 2:30 Mr. Coyle and Mrs. Hyers, "Getting down to Brass Tacks."

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May 15. 1936.

My dear Miss Countryman:

I am quite sure that you know of the
convention of Delta Gamma which is to be held in
June at the Lake Placid Club, Lake Placid, New York -
The meeting days will be June 22nd to June 25th -

Delta Gamma would be very happy to
have you come to convention and be their guest
for the entire week and speak to them during one
of the sessions -

We all realize what a busy life you
lead and how many demands are made upon your
time and strength but we do hope that you can
come to Lake Placid in June - It may not be
of any interest what so ever or any incentive
to come to Lake Placid, but your travel expenses

and hotel bill will be paid by the fraternity - we
are looking forward to a favorable reply saying
you will be with us -

Very Sincerely,

Alice Grable

(Mrs. H. S.).

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Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Hennepin at 10th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Aunt Gratia,

Thank you heartily for the clipping from the Minneapolis Tribune which I recently received and which sets forth both as news and editorially the very brilliant record of service you have rendered over a period of nearly half a century.

I have rejoiced in and been extremely proud of the many unusual honors you have earned. It seems almost incredible that one person could have so outstandingly accomplished the things you have in your profession and still have had time to be such a family hub and lovable lady.

While naturally my relationship with you is more of a personal and filial one and I do have a very deep affection for you myself in spite of the fact that you are my wife's aunt, I do regard your accomplishments and services as extremely unusual. It is a record I shall keep before my children along with the records of the exemplary lives of many other immediate ancestors in the hopes that they will be able to come closer to duplicating them than it is possible for me ever to expect to do. The clipping will go in our family book. You have many more years of vigorous activity ahead of you if you take care of your health and I hope that the longevity of the Countrymans will be yours. Accept my most hearty congratulations upon work admirably done, my affection and wish for your continued health and happiness.

Affectionately,

GB:O

Buff-

P.S. A wire from Constance today states that Toby has returned to her school work but still feels quite weak and that, barring unexpected developments, my immediate family will return May 29th. I am sorry that Toby doesn't feel like coming back this summer but hope that it will not be long before she will be with us permanently.

G. B.

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Miss Gratia A. Countryman
c/o Minneapolis Public Library
10th and Hennepin
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Aunt Gratia:

Constance has asked me to tell you that she plans to leave here Saturday afternoon for Minneapolis on the 4 o'clock Great Northern train which arrives in Minneapolis at 7:30 P.M. She will return to Duluth on the 1:15 P.M., Soo, Tuesday afternoon.

It is a great disappointment that I am unable to go with Constance in order to bid you farewell before leaving on your trip, but taking all circumstances into consideration it seems best that one of us remains in Duluth. If it is convenient, in view of the fact that I am unable to accompany Constance, will you kindly have somebody meet her at the depot at 7:30 P.M.?

We have moved our offices to 17-18-19 Phoenix Building, Duluth, and are just beginning to get well settled. We like our new space very much and I hope that when you return from your trip and come up here to see us, you will have an opportunity to give us the "once over".

I hope, Auntie, that your trip will be one of the most successful, happy, and healthful experiences of your lifetime. It is wonderful to be so outstandingly honored again and I am immeasurably proud of you. The standards of character which Constance's and my immediate relatives have possessed are so exemplary and their achievements so great that it will be impossible for me at least to ever reach a similar goal. It is, however, pleasant to bask in reflected glory and be able to hold up to our children such examples of useful and honorable lives.

Again wishing you all good things and with abundant love, I am

Affectionately,

GB:O

Buff.

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Miss Gratia Countryman,
Minneapolis Public Library,
10th and Hennepin,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Countryman: -

I was going to write you to thank you very much for advising me about the two boxes of porcelain which you found in the basement of the Library.

I have also noticed in the papers that you are to retire as Librarian and certainly wish to express my personal regret that you are not going to continue in your present capacity. I could not help observing yesterday how active and fit you are and think it is a shame that the City will be deprived of your services.

Thanking you again for advising me about the porcelain and with kind personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

HDW-MG

Hudson D. Walker

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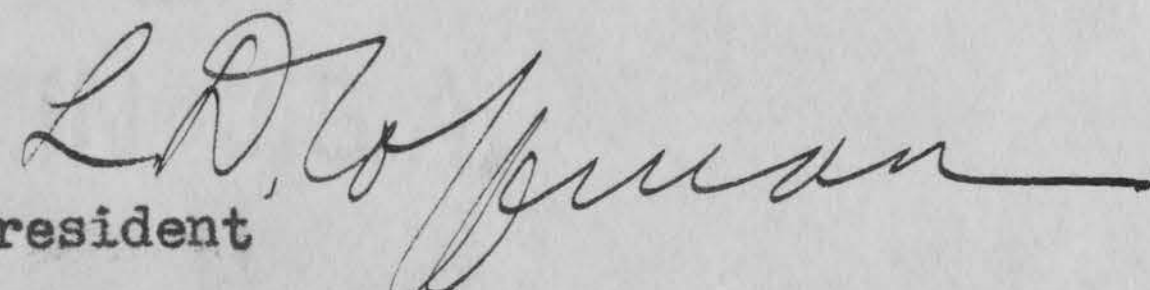
Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Miss Countryman

I read in the papers that you had announced your retirement effective at the close of the current year. I was sorry, of course, to read the notice although from the conversation which we had last spring I expected that you would be saying something about the matter soon.

Your retirement is a great loss to the Minneapolis Public Library. We shall be able to find a successor for you no doubt but no one to take your place.

Cordially yours


President

Summer Branch
Sept. 14, 1936

My dear Miss Countryman -

To say that I thank you would be understating so much my great appreciation of your confidence in me, that I shall refrain from putting my "thank you's" in words.

I wish I could convey to you the thrill of having my foot on the first rung of the professional ladder. And I'm quite set up about the very material blessings that come with my new titular dignity.

Let me assure you, Miss Countryman, that every time you hear of me doing a good job, no matter where I am, that I am thereby expressing part of my appreciation for your generous encouragement.

Sincerely,
Harry Stritman



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HOTEL JOHN MARSHALL
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Dear Miss Countryman .

It was awfully nice of you to send me the message of congratulation and I appreciate it more than I can tell you. It will be a very busy year - as you well know - but I am sure there will be many enjoyable things about it.

Miss Rood told me the other day that you are leaving the library in the fall. I have not thought of such

terful contribution to library
development.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours

Malcolm G. Weyer

Sunday
May 17-36

a decision for a few years,
and I am very sorry for
the staff - the library and
your public. However - it
will give you an oppor-
tunity for travel and the
enjoyment of all those
things which are always
pushed aside in a busy
life. Surely you deserve
the pleasures that will come
with these things - for you
have thrown yourself into
the community life and
activities as few people
do. And this has enabled
you to make your won-

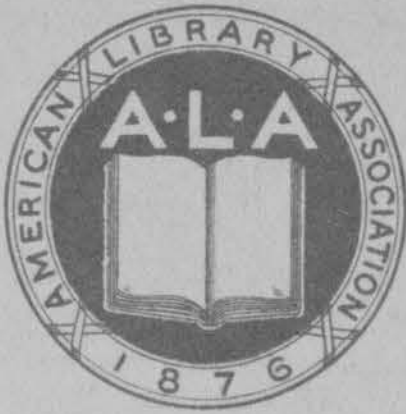
Washington, D. C.,
May 18, 1936.

Miss Estia A. Countryman,
Librarian,
Minneapolis Public Library.

My dear Miss Countryman:

I have just read the news "story" and the editorial in the Minneapolis Journal about your forthcoming retirement as librarian. May one of your obscure admirers write you a note of appreciation and good wishes? It is now twenty-eight years since I "located" in Minneapolis. I early fell under your spell and, as many of my friends know, have long said that whatever Miss Countryman thought or said or did was all right with me. On many public questions you have saved me the trouble of thinking. I don't like the Journal editorial. It misses the point, I think. You are more than an able librarian - You are a great citizen, Miss Countryman. You are greater as a person than as a librarian. It will not be the same Minneapolis when your voice and presence and influence are not found supporting, promoting, every good cause. You must still be a part of all you meet. (Note that I do not use the past or the perfect tense.) Though you leave the librarianship, as a citizen you can not retire, you must not retire. It must be matter of rejoicing to you to know - for you can not but know, or guess it - that Minneapolis holds you in higher esteem as a public official than it has held any other, and that as a person, a human being - why, it just loves you, Miss Countryman, as it has never loved any other.

Yours sincerely,
Thomas J. Malone



AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 520 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO

May 25, 1936

My dear Miss Countryman:

This belated answer to your letter which I received at Richmond by no means indicates how often you have been in my thoughts.

I can't bear to have you resign. There are few women in the profession for whom I have such high regard, or who I think have given so much to library work. We are all indebted to you regardless of where we have been. I have passed on the news to Mr. Milam and Miss Timmerman and of course to others on the Headquarters staff.

Do remember that if you come to Chicago we shall very much want to see you. As far as we are concerned, a resignation is impossible.

Faithfully yours,

Beatrice Sawyer Rossell
Editor of the Bulletin and
Publicity Assistant

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Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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June 9, 1936

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

Dear Miss Countryman:

I am by this mail sending to Mr. Gale formal application for the position of librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library and am enclosing with this letter a copy of my letter to him as well as the personal and professional record which accompanied the application.

I wish to thank you for writing me in regard to the very great opportunity in Minneapolis. Should the choice of the Board fall upon me to be your successor, I would hope that I might carry on worthily the tradition of the Minneapolis Public Library as established by yourself and your predecessors.

Very sincerely yours,

Librarian

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
DENVER, COLORADO

MALCOLM GLENN WYER
LIBRARIAN

May 29, 1936

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

Dear Miss Countryman:

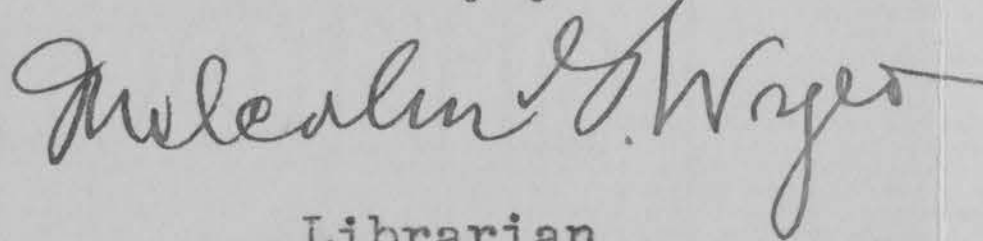
I wrote you from Richmond how much I appreciated your message to me there, but your letter which I find on my return moves me far more.

I always have had a great admiration for you and for your library, and I know how intimately you have worked yourself, both personally and as a library administrator, into the life of your community. Your success in this respect has been outstanding.

It, therefore, means very much to me for you to say that you would like to have me become your successor. The importance of the institution and the fact that Minneapolis is my old home also weigh heavily with me.

Your suggestion has received very serious consideration, and my conclusion is that it would be unwise for me to make a change. Various features of our work are in their early stages of development, and in order to place them on a permanent basis it seems wise for me to stay with them. It has been difficult to reach this decision with all of the attractions of the Minneapolis position before me, but I am sure this is the best thing for me to do. I will always remember your thought of me.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Malcolm G. Wyer".

Librarian



ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ROCHESTER, N.Y.

JOHN A. LOWE
DIRECTOR

June 18, 1936

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Miss Countryman:

Your kind letter makes me very happy indeed. The very fact that you consider me worthy to carry on your great work of enriching the lives of many people is an honor to be cherished. That you believe that I feel toward people the same interest that you do is in itself a challenge to strive to attain such a high ideal.

At recurring times I confess to a secret ambition of some day becoming librarian of Minneapolis. Everything I know of the City attracts. The library is a model of what real service may be. I am trying to realize here bits of that vision which you have been giving the profession for years.

Yes, there is a wonderful opportunity to carry on in Minneapolis. But in Rochester I am beginning a new era of library service. It is in many ways pioneer work. The new building for which the city has waited so long is complete and ready for occupancy, we hope, about the first of September. It offers opportunities for library service which Rochester has not known. I am building a staff with which I hope to accomplish the dreams of many people these years past. Here I shall have to build a new organization. There the foundations are laid and builded so wisely that your successor carries on from the point where you leave off. I am sure that you will agree with me that my place for the present, perhaps for longer, is here.

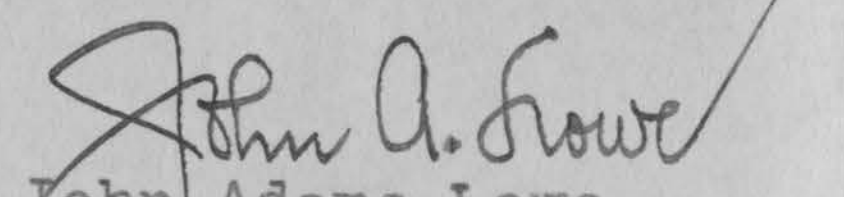
In the four years I have been here the people have cooperated so enthusiastically that in spite of our seventy four per cent cut in budgets we have more appropriation for 1936 than the library has ever had in its history. The Reynolds Library is to be amalgamated with ours and a feud of years laid to rest to the satisfaction of everyone. The Historical Society turns its valuable library over to our custody. Our first endowment has

been received (\$100,000. cash, interest for the purchase of books in history) and an important collection of recent technical books on mental hygiene has been presented as a memorial.

All this sounds boastful. I enumerate these details not for personal pride but merely to indicate that in view of the present and the future I must stand by.

With genuine appreciation, and with every good wish for your continuing happiness,

Faithfully yours,


John Adams Lowe
Director of Libraries

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
DENVER, COLORADO

MALCOLM GLENN WYER
LIBRARIAN

July 1, 1936

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

Dear Miss Countryman:

I have been away on a library business trip, and my reply to your letter is very much delayed. I have been thinking things over very carefully but I still believe my former decision is the wise course for me. I suppose that one rarely does have all activities reach the point where it is easy to turn them over to someone else, but I think I am still needed for two or three important features of our work. I know that my family would like very much to have me return to Minneapolis, and, of course, there would be a deep personal satisfaction in succeeding you as librarian of what I always called my own city.

The war or something must be responsible for the lack of young men of about the right age and experience to have consideration for so important a position as yours. I suppose that Mr. Hopper is too strongly entrenched in New York City to think of leaving. I regard Ralph Ulveling of Detroit as one of the strongest of the younger men, and he has made a very fine record in Detroit. I do not know how strongly he is tied to that city, but he might like an independent position rather than to wait for the uncertainty of succeeding Mr. Strohm. Mr. Brigham is a very capable young man with an attractive personality. I have sometimes thought he has been pushed too much, but he has made a success of everything he has taken up. Mr. L.L. Dickerson of Indianapolis is also worth consideration. Mr. Vitz has great ability, but, I think, lacks the strong personal qualities of the four I have mentioned above. If I can think of other names I will be very glad to send them to you. I hope that I can stop in Minneapolis for a few days about the middle of September.

Sincerely yours

Malcolm G. Wyer
Librarian

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13 July 1936

Dear Miss Countryman:

I was very much surprised when I learned of your resignation and coming retirement, for I think of you as the bulwark of library work in Minnesota, especially in Minneapolis. It will not seem right in the library world in this part of the country not to have you in this familiar position of leadership, for we have depended on your judgment in the conduct of library affairs, on the splendid record that Minneapolis has made in library progress under your direction, on your sanity, and on your understanding of what it is all about. We shall always continue to think of you as one who is our leader and depend upon the many things that you have done as one of our bulwarks in library development.

While we are sorry that you will soon no longer be actively working with us, we are very happy that you are to have this release from the many burdens of the great responsibility that you have carried so gallantly these many years, and congratulate you on the joy of other opportunity of increased leisure that is set before you. May the coming years bring you the joy and satisfaction not only of work well done, but of many things yet to enjoy and accomplish.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Emogene Hazeltine

Mary Emogene Hazeltine
Principal

MEH:HS

4532 Dupont Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Aug. 18-1936.

My dear Miss Countryman:-

Altho you did not give my niece-Jane Greer the opportunity to have the library position in Bryant School simply because I asked you about a position, still I feel that I would like to express my gratitude & to say that I only wish she were to be in your employ longer.

This leads me to express

appreciation for the splendid
work you have done for
Minneapolis and its citizens
during the years you have
served as Librarian, as
well as regret that such
service must be terminated.

Trusting that Jane will
prove a most efficient
librarian -

I am

Very gratefully

Mabel Wyer Rowe

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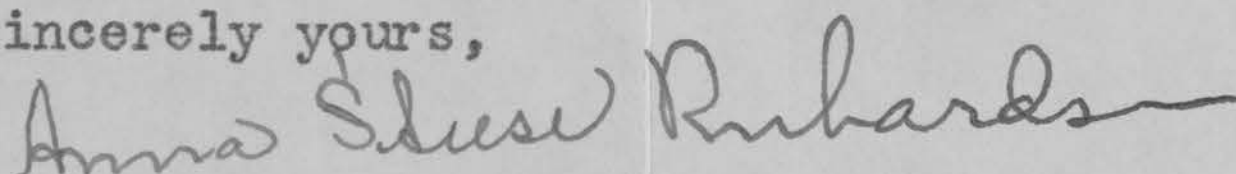
Dear Miss Secretary:

You will forgive me for having forgotten your name. At my age names often elude one.

But I do want to know something about Miss Countryman. When I saw her in Minneapolis October 7 she was leaving for California in grave anxiety for her sister. Can you give me information concerning the condition in which she found her sister? And if she is remaining any length of time in California, will you give me her Pomona address?

For you who have worked with her so many years I feel the greatest sympathy, and for the city of Minneapolis deep regrets. No one can ever take her place.

Sincerely yours,



(Mrs.) Anna Steese Richardson
Director, GOOD CITIZENSHIP BUREAU

Secretary to Miss Gracia Countryman
Minneapolis Public Library
Hennepin at Tenth
Minneapolis, Minnesota

ASR:C

October 23, 1936

My dear Mrs. Richardson:

It was very kind of you to write with regard to Miss Countryman's sister. Miss Countryman will appreciate your interest. She was very much touched by the telegram you sent her after your brief visit here.

Miss Countryman found her sister very weak and very thin. She took her to Los Angeles for diagnosis and feels, I think, that the treatment prescribed is going to build up her strength, though I think she is still worried. The doctors diagnosed the trouble as anemia.

Miss Countryman is leaving Friday and will reach home Sunday night. She will be in the Library until the end of November. By the first of the year she will return to California for the winter. She is leaving a good, practical nurse with her sister now.

Thank you for your words of sympathy. We are all going to Miss Miss Countryman terribly. You are right; no one can ever take her place.

Sincerely yours,

Librarian's Secretary

(No apology is necessary for having forgotten my name.)

Mrs. Anna Steese Richardson
The Crowell Publishing Company
New York City

For Miss Countryman

[1936]

STAFF MEMORANDUM

From Edith Frost

Date Oct-26 -

My dear Miss Countryman

Welcome back. I don't like
the feeling of the library with out
you in it. Will have to get-
used to it. I suppose - but! -

The next few weeks. I hope you
may enjoy, to the fullest in
spite of sitting at the helm.

Yours with love
Edith.

(Reply over)

[Oct?][1936]

DAILY HAPPENINGS

Date _____

Dept. or
Branch _____

Dear Miss Countryman:

It is hard to dream that
after a while we will not be writing
you in the same way. How
green we will feel without you
as our guide.

It is with the most sincere
regret that I know your age
limits your continued service,
for your spirit, your strength,
your mental inspiration could
carry on even better than
ever.

What will our futures be?

I trust yours will be very
happy, rich in life's many
experiences.

With much love

Celia