

POST-CONVENTION TRIP
FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1940

At 8:30, on a cool, sunny morning thirty members of the Association started by bus for an all day drive along the beautiful Columbia River and Mt. Hood Highway. Col. Jones, agreeable as usual, played escort for some two dozen and odd enthusiastic members of the opposite sex. The road followed the beautiful Columbia River for many miles, and our first stop was at Crown Point. From this vantage place a wonderful view was presented, up and down the river, and beyond to the mountains. Then away we went to Multnomah Falls, a breath-taking sight of great beauty, showering straight down the rocky wall in a veil of white mist, rainbow tinted, from a height of 620 feet. Once more the bus gathered us in and soon we approached the vast Bonneville Dam. Here we inspected the salmon hatcheries and ladders constructed around the side of the dam to enable the fish to satisfy their age-old urge of going far upstream each year to spawn. We watched them negotiate the swift flowing watery highway and marvelled at the strength even the smallest fish showed in swimming against the current as it flowed down from the heights above.

Our next stop was welcomed by all with acclaims of satisfaction as the noon hour brought us the Columbia Gorge Hotel. Here, in a glass enclosed porch permitting an unobstructed view of the river, we enjoyed a delicious lunch. After an hour we were once more following a winding road that lead ever up and up until the final stop brought us to beautiful Timberline Lodge nestled just below the summer snow-line on towering Mt. Hood. Here in a temperature in the upper eighties we looked across a short distance to snow banks lying serene and apparently unmelting in the bright sunlight. After each had satisfied the urge to see everything possible inside and outside the hotel, we regretfully started for Portland, which we reached in an unbelievably short time. All who had taken this trip felt it to be one of the most beautiful and interesting of any of our post-convention experiences. On arriving back in Portland about 6:30 P.M. hasty good-byes were said and everyone rushed to go to dinner, or pack, or catch a train.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IN SPITE OF THE prevailing unrest in the world at large, the affairs of our Association have steered an even course amid the problems which the passing months have brought. This result can only have been attained through the loyal co-operation of its members, singly and collectively. In this day of individualism, the evidence of such wholehearted striving for the common good, is not only gratifying, but inspiring, as we look forward to the new problems of the coming year.

At the last election, Miss Isabelle Anderson and Miss Marjorie Hutchins were named to the executive committee. Miss Ella B. Lawrence and Dr. Henry R. Viets were persuaded to continue their highly efficient service in their respective positions as manager of the exchange and editor of the *Bulletin*. These projects represent the major activities of our Association, and it is a source

of particular gratification to your executive committee that the direction of these two fields of endeavor is in such capable hands.

Standing committees were appointed as listed in the *Bulletin* and the reports of their respective chairmen will detail their accomplishments. The special committee on Public Documents was continued with appointments to fill vacancies, and the report of the chairman will tell you of its activities. A committee on finance was named further to investigate the proper investment of our reserve funds. It is an especial gratification to report that this investment has been completed, with the approval of the executive committee. Our special committee on periodicals and serial publications has been continued under the able direction of Mrs. Eileen R. Cunningham. The future of our subscriptions to foreign periodicals is indeed problematical, but everything possible is being done both through our own committee and those of allied organizations. Mr. Thomas P. Fleming was appointed as official representative of this Association on the joint committee on foreign importations, acting with representatives of the American Library Association, the Special Libraries Association, the Association of Research Libraries and the Association of College and Reference Libraries. A policy of "watchful waiting" has thus far seemed to be our wisest course. A joint committee such as this, however, is in a position to secure direct information concerning all phases of the subject, and bespeaks concerted action in meeting the problems as best we may.

Miss Janet Doe has represented the Medical Library Association at the meetings of the American Standards Association in New York. Official representatives of this Association have attended the annual and mid-winter sessions of the American Library Association, reporting directly to the executive committee, such action as might bear on the activities of this group.

It is a real pleasure to report inauguration and progress of our special committee having in charge the preparation of a manual of medical library procedure, for we have long felt the need of such a manual. Under the able leadership of Miss Janet Doe, and prepared by a group of twelve medical librarians, we may look forward at last to a manual reflecting opinion based on the experience of the entire medical library field—a contribution truly worthy of the sponsorship of our Association.

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of two of our honorary members, Dr. William J. Mayo and Dr. Harvey Cushing, both of whom were loyal and enthusiastic friends of libraries. We are sorry to record also the passing of four supporting members, Dr. George S. Bel of New Orleans, Dr. Oran S. Cutler of Loma Linda, California, Dr. H. B. Jacobs, of Baltimore and Dr. Albert Mathieu of Portland. While we are privileged to know personally but few of our supporting members, we rely on their interest in our libraries and are grateful for their active co-operation in our work. They represent a tangible link between the medical profession and medical libraries, and their presence in our meetings is a source of real inspiration to us.

On behalf of the members of the executive committee, may I express sincere appreciation and gratitude to the chairman and members of each committee, and to the manager of the exchange for the wholehearted and cheerful co-operation with which the work of the Association has been carried on during the past year.

MARY LOUISE MARSHALL, *Chairman*

SECRETARY

During the past year of increasing confusion throughout the world this Association has continued upon the even tenor of its way carrying on quietly and steadily through various committees.

A regional library conference of the Middle Atlantic States was held from October 12 through 14, 1939, at Hersey, Pennsylvania. To this meeting all medical librarians included in these states were invited. Notices were sent by your Association to thirty libraries inviting them to this conference. Ten librarians were able to attend some, or all, of the sessions.

The joint committee on foreign importations has kept itself informed on the various phases and fluctuations of the situation regarding the foreign medical journals, but to date the decision has been that the wisest course to pursue is one of watchful waiting.

The American Standards Association which is continuing its endeavors toward standardization in the field of library work and documentation has likewise been active and Miss Janet Doe was re-appointed our representative in this important work.

In accordance with the vote of the Association at the 1939 meeting re-prints have been made of the paper read by Dr. Sanford, entitled, "The Supporting Member." This material is deposited with the secretary and copies are available for the use of those wishing to obtain information about this class of membership.

The executive committee at its second session in June of 1939, appointed a special committee on a Medical Library Handbook. This committee has twelve members, with Miss Doe as chairman. Work on this important tool for the medical librarian has progressed steadily during the year.

Letters have continued to arrive from various medical societies expressing the approval of their members for the publication of a clinical abstract journal, an undertaking which this Association and the editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* have held in contemplation for the past several years.

At frequent intervals the secretary receives letters from applicants wishing positions in the medical library field. These letters have been answered as encouragingly as possible with any suggestions that were available for potential help. This has been in a rather restricted way as only knowledge of the local situation has been available to draw upon. A file in the Association records would be helpful where both sides of the employment question could be brought together for consultation.

The membership committee has been actively at work in all parts of the country and the result of its labor is as follows.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Honorary Members

Membership June 27, 1939	11	
New member	1	
Deceased	2	less
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		Total 10

Library Members

Membership June 27, 1939	244	
New members	13	
Merged	1	less
Resigned	7	less
Dropped	2	less

Supporting Members

Membership June 27, 1939	136		Total 247
New members	5		
Resigned	3	less	
Dropped	6	less	
Deceased	5	less	

Professional Members

Membership June 27, 1939	152		Total 127
New members	13		
Reinstated	2	less	
Resigned	3	less	
Dropped	10		
Transferred to honorary	1	less	
			Total 153

Total 537

EXPENSES

Secretary's expenses at 1939 meeting	\$27.46
Printing ballots	4.50
Printing envelopes	7.75
Printing letterheads	12.50
Printing folders	12.50
Postage	10.00
Stenographer	10.50
Total	\$85.21

ANNA C. HOLT, *Secretary*

TREASURER

JUNE 17, 1939 TO MAY 15, 1940

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand June 16, 1939		\$7,873.30
Receipts from Dues		4,302.14
Library Dues	\$3,377.19	
Supporting Dues	588.41	
Professional Dues	336.54	
	\$4,302.14	
Receipts from the Bulletin		274.66
From Advertising	\$ 117.40	
From Subscription and sale of odd nos.	157.26	
	\$ 274.66	
Receipts from 1939 Annual Meeting		312.00
Payment on frozen deposit		23.75
Sales of Reprints		29.10
Total Receipts May 15, 1940		\$12,814.95

EXPENDITURES

Annual Meeting, 1939		361.01
Bulletin		898.09
Exchange		1,515.40
Miscellaneous		48.90
Dues, Internat. Fed. Lib. Assn.	\$ 27.00	
Supplies	9.20	
Reprints	12.70	
	\$ 48.90	
Secretary		85.21
Treasurer		59.31
Membership Committee		10.16
Library Manual		24.93
Transferred to Savings Accounts		5,000.00
		\$8,004.01
Total Expenditures May 15, 1940		\$8,004.01
Total Receipts		\$12,814.95
Total Expenses		8,004.01
		\$ 4,810.94
Checking Account		\$ 4,810.94
Savings Accounts		5,000.00
		\$ 9,810.94
Total Assets		\$ 9,810.94

LOUISA D. C. KING, *Treasurer*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

During the year 1939-40, the following applicants have been admitted to membership in the Medical Library Association:

Honorary Member	1
Library Members	13
Supporting Members	5
Professional Members	13
	32
Total	32

NEW MEMBERS

Honorary Member:

1. Mr. J. C. Harding, San Diego, California.

Library Members:

1. American Dental Association, Library Bureau, Chicago, Illinois.
2. Boston City Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.
3. Howard University School of Medicine, Library, Washington, D.C.
4. Meharry Medical College Library, Nashville, Tennessee.
5. Menninger Clinic Library, Topeka, Kansas.
6. Minnesota Department of Health, Library, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
7. Oscar LeSeure Professional Library, Detroit, Michigan.
8. Philadelphia County Medical Society, Library, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
9. Royal College of Surgeons of England, London, England.
10. Santa Barbara Clinic Library, Santa Barbara, California.
11. University of Alberta, Medical Department Library, Edmonton, Alberta.
12. Webster Library, Evanston, Illinois.
13. West China Union University, Chengtu, Szechwan, China.

Supporting Members:

1. Gilbert, Dr. Judson B., Schenectady, New York.
2. Hohl, Dr. Elizabeth Mason, Los Angeles, California.
3. MacKay, Dr. Eaton M., La Jolla, California.
4. Nuyens, Dr. B. W. Th., Amsterdam, Holland.
5. Snyder, Dr. C. C., Pasadena, California.

Professional Members:

1. Barthelemy, Eleanor C., St. Paul, Minnesota.
2. Cornell, Margaret G., Halifax, Nova Scotia.
3. Fox, Dorothea B., Los Angeles, California.
4. Glasser, Frances E., Los Angeles, California.
5. Granger, Hazel Moselle, Los Angeles, California.
6. Harlamert, Ruth E., Seattle, Washington.
7. Hayles, Mrs. M. E., Pasadena, California.
8. Newton, Mary Margaret, Peoria, Illinois.
9. Perine, Clara N., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
10. Postell, W. D., New Orleans, Louisiana.
11. Richardson, Mrs. Elizabeth, Little Rock, Arkansas.
12. Shafer, Eleanor Joy, Forth Worth, Texas.
13. Turner, Mrs. Melitta T., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

REINSTATED

Professional Members:

1. Bearce, Florence E., Boston, Massachusetts.
2. Spear, Dorothy B., New York City.

DECEASED

Honorary:

1. Cushing, Dr. Harvey, New Haven, Connecticut.
2. Mayo, Dr. William J., Rochester, Minnesota.

Supporting:

1. Bel, Dr. George S., New Orleans, Louisiana.
2. Cutler, Dr. Oran I., Loma Linda, California.
3. Jacobs, Dr. H. B., Baltimore, Maryland.
4. Mathieu, Dr. Albert, Portland, Oregon.
5. Russo, Mr. A. J. Indianapolis, Indiana.

RESIGNED

Library Members:

1. Bexar County Medical Library, San Antonio, Texas.
2. Hamilton Academy of Medicine Library, Hamilton, Ontario.
3. Harvard University Dental School Library, Boston, Massachusetts.
4. Iowa State College Library, Ames, Iowa.
5. Montefiore Hospital Medical Library, New York City.
6. University of Michigan Dental School Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
7. California State Medical Library, Los Angeles, California. Merged with University of California Medical School Library.
8. Whitney Dental Library (8th District Dental Society of the State of New York), Buffalo, New York.

Supporting Members:

1. Brill, Dr. I. C., Portland, Oregon.
2. Leahy, Dr. Hugh F., Albany, New York.
3. Perera, Dr. Charles A., New York City.

Professional:

1. Joannes, Edith, North Chicago, Illinois.
2. Tanberg, Jeanette M., New York City.
3. Barthelemy, Eleanor C., St. Paul, Minnesota.

DELINQUENT

Library Members:

1. Municipal Sanatorium Library, Otisville, New York.
2. Metropolitan Hospital Medical Library, New York City.

Supporting Members:

1. Hoffman, Dr. Arthur M., Los Angeles, California.
2. Painter, Dr. Charles F., Boston, Massachusetts.
3. Pijoan, Dr. Michel, Boston, Massachusetts.
4. Smith, Dr. Frank C., Charlotte, North Carolina.
5. Timmons, Dr. Gerald D., Indianapolis, Indiana.
6. Steinberg, Dr. M. E., Portland, Oregon.

Professional:

1. Binder, Golda G. B., Jersey City, New Jersey.
2. Brown, Mrs. Lucille Simmons.
3. Coffyn, Mrs. Eleanor N., Boston, Massachusetts.
4. Leventhal, Freda, Buffalo, New York.
5. Peters, Mrs. Charlotte H., New Haven, Conn.
6. Portman, Edith, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
7. Van Allen, Mrs. Elise A., Parel, Bombay, India.
8. Wright, Mrs. Zoe, Battle Creek, Michigan.
9. Young, Isabella F., Washington, D.C.
10. Zissman, Rose Hia, Chicago, Illinois.

Transferred to Honorary:

1. Harding, Mr. J. C., San Diego, California.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

	<i>Honorary</i>	<i>Library</i>	<i>Support.</i>	<i>Prof.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Membership June, 1939	11	244	136	152	543
New Members June, 1940	1	13	5	13	32
Reinstated	—	—	—	2	2
Totals	12	257	141	167	577
Transferred to Honorary	—	—	—	1	1
Deceased	2	—	5	—	7
Resigned, Dropped or Merged	—	10	9	13	32
Totals	2	10	14	14	40
Total Memberships	10	247	127	153	527

The exchange list for October 1939 carried a note from the membership committee urging all members to co-operate with us in our efforts to obtain new members. In December a letter was sent to library members requesting them to investigate and urge a non-member library in their district to join the Medical Library Association. The name of a specific library for which they would be responsible was sent to them. In February a form letter was sent to every supporting member asking each one to obtain one new member. A reprint of Dr. Sanford's paper on supporting membership was enclosed with each letter. The members of the committee followed up their own personal contacts, and contacts made last year were checked on again.

The membership committee for this year consisted of the following: Miss Mildred Naylor, Mrs. Edith Dernehl, Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, Mrs. Lillian B. E. Dumke, Mrs. Mary E. Irish, Miss Olga Somerville. Each one has worked hard and enthusiastically, and I want to thank them for their co-operation. The committee as a group wishes to thank all of the members of the Medical Library Association, who have so splendidly co-operated with us in our drive for new members.

MAE L. WALKER, *Chairman*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Owing to many unsettled conditions in the financial world, many of them dependent upon world conditions, your finance committee recommended that surplus funds of the Association be deposited in banks of the highest standing, paying a reasonable amount of interest and that such banks for convenience sake, be situated in or near Baltimore, Maryland. Ten banks were considered, five of which were selected, and the treasurer was instructed to make the stipulated deposits. This was done on November 24, 1939.

Your finance committee examined the possibility of making desirable permanent investments of the reserve fund, such as government bonds, reliable stocks and mortgage notes. It found, unfortunately, a noticeable reduction in the market value of government issues. The best yield to be expected in future is less than 3 per cent. The committee believes that investments of this character should be delayed until the market becomes more stabilized. The committee considers the risk of buying stocks too great to balance any expected increase in income since most issues are still speculative.

The committee believes that real estate mortgage notes (3 to 5 years) bearing 4 per cent to 4½ per cent interest on certain types of improved property, might prove in the future to be a desirable form of investment for a portion of the surplus funds not desired to remain in the form of quick assets. At present it makes no recommendation for any change in the capital sum, for investment.

The following recommendations of the finance committee were duly submitted to the executive committee and approved by them on Nov. 16, 1939.

1. Until further action shall be taken by the finance committee which shall be approved by the executive committee, the surplus Medical Library Association funds are to be invested as follows:

- a. The original investment to be made upon approval of the Executive Committee, shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) distributed in deposits of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) each in the Baltimore banks listed below:

Baltimore Commercial Bank
Metropolitan Savings Bank
Maryland Trust Co.
Savings Bank of Baltimore
Eutaw Savings Bank

2. The treasurer of the Medical Library Association shall keep an average balance in the checking account of approximately fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00). As soon as possible after each annual meeting, the treasurer

shall deposit in any or all of the five banks listed herewith, according to her judgment, all money in excess of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to be retained in the checking account, but in no case shall a deposit be made so there will accrue in any one bank a sum in excess of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

3. Monies shall be withdrawn from the savings account by the treasurer upon approval of the president whenever required, such withdrawals to be deposited immediately in the checking account. In case the treasurer is incapacitated from acting, the secretary of the Medical Library Association shall be empowered to make withdrawals from the savings accounts, in all cases with the approval of the president.

4. The several savings accounts shall be made in the name of the Medical Library Association with the names of the treasurer and secretary as custodians, according to the manner required by the individual banks to fulfill legal and customary requirements.

5. In case of the election of a new treasurer by the Medical Library Association, the finance committee will consider the place and manner of investing surplus funds or their continuation as at present provided for.

The surplus funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 are now deposited as follows:

<i>Bank</i>	<i>Date of Deposit</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Baltimore Commercial Bank, Baltimore, Md.	Nov. 24, 1939	\$1,000.00
Eutaw Savings Bank, Baltimore, Md.	Nov. 24, 1939	1,000.00
Maryland Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.	Nov. 24, 1939	1,000.00
Metropolitan Savings Bank, Baltimore, Md.	Nov. 24, 1939	1,000.00
Savings Bank of Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.	Nov. 24, 1939	1,000.00
Total in Savings Account		\$5,000.00

Thus far no interest has been credited, but by July 1, 1940 there will have accumulated about \$50.00. Interest on the entire sum will average nearly \$100.00 per annum. This is small, it is true, but still it is far better than nothing. In the near future, unless extraordinary demands are made on the treasury, it is likely that a substantial sum may be added to the capital sum from the checking account. The amount of this will depend upon the recommendation of the Treasurer.

No chairman of the Finance Committee having been appointed by the president, he originated the report as chairman, ex-officio.

HAROLD W. JONES, *Chairman*

MEDICAL LIBRARY HANDBOOK

Work on the *Medical Library Handbook* is progressing. Your Editorial Committee, with the permission and generous co-operation of Miss M. Irene Jones, undertook to expand and further develop the material already gathered by her for such a work. A detailed outline for the book has been drawn up, which, with modifications, is serving as a skeleton for the new *Handbook*. Chapters are being developed individually by members of the committee, who are thus able to devote their whole attention to a single aspect of the subject.

Special investigations are being made in connection with certain phases. In order to ascertain the form of classification best suited to medical libraries, a detailed questionnaire was sent to all the members of the Association. From this it is expected that sound conclusions can be reached, not only as to what classification system is most used, but whether or not it actually is the best for the purpose, and how even the best one can be improved.

Data is also being gathered concerning the medical libraries of the world. It is possible that not all of it can be included in the *Handbook*, but we hope to give at least a little about the important collections.

How soon we can hope to have the *Handbook* ready for publication, it is impossible to tell yet. We trust it will be finished before the next annual meeting. The American Library Association has signified its interest in the book and we have reason to believe that that Association will undertake its issuance.

One change has had to be made in the committee's membership, since its original announcement in the December 1939 *Bulletin*, pp. 113-114. Miss Blake Beem, who was to have had charge of the chapter on book selection and ordering, has been obliged to relinquish it. Miss Bertha B. Hallam has been appointed in her place.

JANET DOE, *Chairman*

EXCHANGE

The Exchange has had another very busy year. It has not quite been able to list all material on hand. Notice was sent out in December, as in the preceding year, not to send any more lists. As the duplicate situation in many libraries was acute, the theme song, "Send wants on the following for quick distribution" became the order of the day. Many libraries did valuable work in filling wants from special lists sent out by the libraries themselves.

Seventy-two libraries were represented on the ten lists, some with very large lots of valuable material, and the checkings returned did justice to the offerings. On account of the very heavy checkings of the past few years, the chance of the choice things each library may hope to receive has naturally been lessened. To illustrate: When a library asks for only one or two choice things, it cannot be sure of obtaining them the first time.

The three members in England have all checked and two have offered material. The lists have reached them by first class mail and they have sent in their requests by air mail, thus overcoming the delay in receiving mail occasioned by the war. At first the Canadian libraries suffered some delay in receiving their packages by express, but I believe this inconvenience has since been overcome.

In November I found some saving in postage could be effected under a special advertising domestic rate of two cents a list instead of three cents. The lists sent out of the country are still three cents. Total saving on postage \$22.31 over last year.

As usual many libraries attested the value to them of the Exchange in

nice friendly communications to the manager. I sincerely thank them now for their encouragement. Some libraries also expressed their surprise and approval that so many libraries wanted their surplus material.

A letter from Mr. Fleming giving statistics on the number of pieces and volumes distributed by him in answer to one of his, "for quick distribution" offers, heartened me to announce on list #9 that I would include statistics on distribution if the libraries would send them in. To date I have received the following replies, which are good considering the lateness of my request for them. The statistics not yet reported will be carried over for next year.

Boston Medical Library: (1 lot 761) 150 packages.

Columbia University Medical Library: From, "send wants for quick distribution," 2,413 unbound numbers and 116 bound volumes.

College of Medical Evangelists: 2,572 unbound numbers and 56 bound volumes.

Harvard University School of Medicine: 5,125 numbers periodicals; 681 volumes periodicals; 317 pamphlets; 334 textbooks, etc. to 133 libraries.

Jackson County Medical Society, Kansas City: 6,008 pieces, periodicals and books combined.

King County Medical Society Library, Seattle: 118 packages.

Mayo Clinic: 5,566 single numbers and 212 bound volumes.

Medical and Chirurgical Library of the State of Maryland: 1,690 single numbers and 141 bound volumes to 122 members.

Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh: 628 unbound journals and 97 bound volumes.

Prentiss Library of New York College and Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals: 811 single numbers and 53 bound volumes to 69 libraries.

University of California: 13,784 unbound members and 281 bound volumes.

University of Michigan: 838 single numbers and 57 bound volumes.

University of Vermont: 3,162 unbound numbers and 196 bound volumes.

Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania: 1,249 unbound numbers and 50 pieces in response to the "quick wants" item.

If one-sixth of the libraries offering material can make this wonderful showing in distribution, I will leave it to your imagination what the other five-sixths have done or will do before next report. My hearty thanks are due to you all for this huge task so well performed.

Once again I thank the officers of the Association for their splendid cooperation with the Exchange and to my co-workers I extend my grateful appreciation of their faithful and untiring help, without which it would not have been possible to accomplish this year's work.

ELLA B. LAWRENCE, *Manager*

EXPENSES OF THE EXCHANGE

	1939-1940	
Mimeographing		\$ 499.00
Assigning		730.00
Supplies		208.26
Mailing		78.14
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		\$1,515.40

LIBRARIES DISTRIBUTING MATERIAL

Abington Memorial Hospital, Pennsylvania.
Akron City Hospital Medical Library.
American Medical Association.
Bio Medical Libraries, University of Chicago.
Boston Medical Library.
Boston University, School of Medicine.
Charlotte Medical Library, North Carolina.
Chicago Medical School.
Cincinnati General Hospital.
Cleveland Medical Library Association.
College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California.
Columbia University Medical Library, New York City.
Connaught Laboratories Library, School of Hygiene, Toronto.
Cornell University College of Medicine, New York City.
Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire.
Detroit Public Library, Medical Science Department.
Duke Hospital Library, Durham, North Carolina.
Evans Dental Institute Library, Philadelphia.
Guthrie Clinic Library, Sayre, Pennsylvania.
Harvard Medical School, Boston.
Iowa State Medical Library, Des Moines.
Jackson County Medical Society, Kansas City.
John C. Forsythe Library of New Jersey State Dental Society, Trenton.
John M. Wheeler Library, Institute of Ophthalmology, New York City.
King County Medical Society, Seattle.
Lebanon Hospital Association, New York City.
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.
Louisville University, School of Dentistry, Louisville, Kentucky.
McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
Marquette University.
Mayo Clinic Library.
Medical & Chirurgical Faculty Library, Baltimore.
Medical Library, Jewish Hospital, Denver.
Memorial Library, St. Margaret's Hospital, Hammond, Indiana.
Mercy Hospital Staff Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Chicago.
New York Academy of Medicine.
Northwest Clinic Library, Minot, North Dakota.
North Pacific College of Oregon, Dental Library.
Northwestern University.
Orleans Parish Medical Society, Library, New Orleans.
Osler Library, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
Pierce County Medical Society, Library, Tacoma.
Prentiss Library, New York Medical College.
Ramsey County Medical Society, St. Paul.
Rees-Stealy Clinic Library, San Diego.
St. Joseph Hospital Medical Library, Kansas City.
St. Thomas Hospital Medical School, London, England.
St. Vincent's Hospital Medical Library, New York City.
San Diego County Medical Society.
San Francisco College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dental Library.
School of Tropical Medicine, Library, San Juan, Porto Rico.
Scripps Metabolic Clinic, La Jolla, California.
Syracuse University, College of Medicine.
Tufts College Medical & Dental School, Boston.
Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans.
University of California.

University of Illinois, Medical and Dental Library, Chicago.
 University of Michigan, Medical Library.
 University of Nebraska.
 University of Rochester, School of Medicine & Dentistry.
 University of Southern California, Los Angeles.
 University of Toronto, Library.
 University of Vermont.
 University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Medicine, Canada.
 University of Wisconsin, School of Medicine, Madison, Wisconsin.
 Utica Academy of Medicine.
 Vancouver Medical Association, Vancouver, B.C.
 Vanderbilt University, School of Medicine, Nashville.
 Victoria Medical Society, Library, St. Joseph Hospital, Victoria, B.C.
 Washington University School of Dentistry, St. Louis.
 Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania.

PERIODICALS AND SERIAL PUBLICATIONS

COST OF GERMAN PERIODICALS

The comparative study of the yearly cost and number of pages published in the German periodicals has been carried out with difficulty this year owing to the delayed receipt of foreign journals in this country. The figures have been tabulated in the customary form, and with those for 1932 representing the base line, the figures for 1938 and 1939 are compared.

Group A. A study of the list prices for 1939 of thirty-nine journals containing original material published by the Springer Verlag shows that fourteen were approximately the same as the maximum prices announced for 1939. In the case of the remaining twenty-five journals the prices actually paid were lower. In no case was the price paid more than the announced price. When the figures for the list prices for 1938 and 1939 are compared, we find that fourteen journals show decreased prices for 1939, seventeen remain approximately the same, and seven show an increase over 1938 prices. Of the journals showing a decrease in prices, in all but two this decrease was accompanied by a decrease in the number of pages published. Of those showing an increase in price, three published approximately the same number of pages and one showed a decrease. The journals which remained at approximately the same price level for the most part published the same number of pages, but five showed a decrease and one an increase in pages published.

The total of the list prices paid for this group of journals, when compared with the 1938 total, shows a decrease of RM 216.30. The figures for 1939 represent the lowest price level reached. When prices for 1939 are compared with those of 1932, a reduction of RM 4,265.80 is shown, or 43.99 percent. The total number of pages published in 1939 for this group of journals was 44,796, a decrease for the year of 3,210 pages. This represents a very marked increase over the reduction in 1938 which was 680 pages. The average page reduction since 1932 is 47.19 percent. The per page cost shows an increase over that of 1938, RM .121 as compared with RM .118, and an average per page price increase over the figure for 1932 of 6.14 percent. The page reduction exceeds the price reduction by 3.20 percent. When the discount prices are taken into consideration, we have 57.99 percent decrease in price when

PRICE TOTALS

JOURNALS PUBLISHED BY THE SPRINGER VERLAG COSTING RM 60 OR MORE PER YEAR

	1932 List Price	1938 List Price	1938 Price with Disc.	1939 List Price	1939 Price with Disc.
GROUP A. Journals containing original material					
Reduction	RM 9,696.50	RM 5,647.—	RM 4,235.25	RM 5,430.70	RM 4,073.03
Per cent reduction		4,049.50	5,461.25	4,265.80	5,623.47
Average per page cost	.114	41.76%	56.32%	43.99%	57.99%
		.118	.088	.121	.091
GROUP B. Abstract Journals					
Increase	RM 2,876.05	RM 2,961.—	RM 2,220.75	RM 2,835.70	RM 2,126.77
Decrease		84.95	655.30	40.35	749.28
Per cent increase		2.95%	22.78%	1.40%	26.05%
Per cent decrease					
Prices paid for Groups A and B		RM 8,608.—	RM 6,456.—	RM 8,266.40	RM 6,199.80
Reduction since 1932	RM 12,572.55	3,964.55	6,116.55	4,306.15	6,372.75
Per cent reduction		31.53%	48.65%	34.25%	50.69%

JOURNALS NOT PUBLISHED BY THE SPRINGER VERLAG COSTING RM 60 OR MORE PER YEAR

Prices paid	RM 3,519.70	RM 2,430.40	RM 1,822.83	RM 2,351.40	RM 1,763.55
Reduction		1,089.30	1,696.87	1,168.30	1,756.15
Per cent reduction		30.95%	48.21%	33.19%	49.89%
Average per page cost	.081	.079	.059	.080	.060

TOTALS FOR ALL JOURNALS COSTING RM 60 OR MORE PER YEAR

Total prices paid	RM 16,092.25	RM 11,038.40	RM 8,278.83	RM 10,617.80	RM 7,963.35
Total reduction since 1932		5,053.85	7,813.42	5,474.45	8,128.90
Total per cent reduction		31.41%	48.55%	34.02%	50.51%
Average per page cost of all German journals containing original material	.103	.102	.077	.105	.079

compared with 1932; the price reduction exceeds the page reduction by 10.80 percent and the average per page price decrease is 20.18 percent.

Group B. Abstract journals. The list prices for these journals showed a slight decrease over those for 1938, RM 2,835.70 for 1939 as compared with RM 2,961.—for 1938, a reduction of RM 125.30. When compared with 1932 figures, this group showed for the first time a slight reduction amounting to RM 40.35, or 1.40 percent.

The total list prices for all Springer journals for 1939, when compared with those for 1938, showed a decrease of RM 341.60. When compared with figures for 1932 they showed a reduction of RM 4,306.15, or 34.25 percent. When the 1939 discount prices are compared with 1932 prices a reduction of RM 6,372.75, or 50.69 percent, is shown.

We are glad to be able to report a continued downward trend in prices for the Springer journals, and we appreciate the co-operation of this publishing firm. It must be realized, however, that with the almost inevitable drop in the number of pages to be published during the coming year, unless this decrease in pages is accompanied by a *commensurate* decrease in price, everything that we have striven for in price reduction will be jeopardized.

It seems unfortunate that there has been an increase in the per page price for 1939 amounting to 2.62 percent even when the discount prices are used as a basis of calculation. The publishers have frequently stated that the charges for these journals have been figured on the basis of the number of pages published, therefore, further decreases in prices should be looked for during the coming year if subscriptions in this country are to be maintained at their present level.

The journals not published by Springer have shown, for the greater part, very few fluctuations in price. Where they have fluctuated there has been a decrease in price except in the case of the *Zeitschrift für mikroskopische anatomischforschung* which showed a marked increase in price compared with figures for 1938. This group of journals as a whole showed a decrease of RM 79.—. The lowest price level for these journals is that for 1939. When compared with figures for 1932, the reduction in the list price is RM 1,168.30, or 33.19 percent. When the discount price is considered, the reduction since 1932 is RM 1,756.15, or 49.89 percent. The total number of pages published in 1939 was 29,464, a decrease of 1,395 pages. Based on list prices, the average per page cost for 1939 was RM .080 as compared with RM .079 for 1938 and RM .081 for 1932. The average per page cost reduction since 1932 when the discount price is taken into consideration is 25.93 percent.

The total list prices from all sources for 1939 show a decrease of RM 420.60 when compared with figures for 1938, and a total decrease since 1932 of RM 5,474.45, or 34.02 percent. When the discount price is taken into consideration, the reduction is RM 8,128.90, or 50.51 percent. The average per page price for all German journals costing RM 60—, or more, and containing original material is RM .105 when based on list prices. When calculated on the discount price it is RM .079.

GENERAL TRENDS IN THE PUBLICATION OF PERIODICALS

That the European situation is beginning to exercise an influence on the

scientific publications is undoubted. This influence is only just beginning to be felt. Enough material was evidently on hand so that the volume output for 1939 was not greatly changed as a whole. For the coming year we can expect the suspension of many journals and a greatly diminished output in those that do continue. Up to the present, mail has been received regularly, although subject to much delay. However, with the involvement of more and more countries, receipt of journals may be greatly impaired.

JOURNALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES

Several French journals are changing their subscription charges to dollars in order to offset the decrease in exchange rate. This seems a more sensible procedure than to increase the list prices of the subscriptions, and even with this change, we are paying at approximately the same rate as formerly.

There is naturally a decrease, due to the war, in the number of European subscriptions to journals published in this country. Journals running on closely estimated budgets are planning to meet this situation by instituting economies.

ABSTRACT JOURNALS

In a recently issued statement, *Biological Abstracts* drew attention to the fact that their loss of European subscriptions is considerable, and they are therefore reducing their 1940 budget. Few of the hoped for expansions will be possible this year, and a 20 per cent cut in the number of pages published may be required to keep within the budget. They hope to effect the necessary economy by drastic editing of abstracts rather than by greatly reducing their coverage of the literature. Certainly this represents an intelligent effort to meet the emergency, and it is to be hoped that they will succeed in weathering the storm.

A further effect of disturbed world conditions is reflected in a recent letter from Dr. Morris Fishbein of the American Medical Association as follows:

"May 31, 1940.

"I am sorry to say I have nothing to report relative to the publication of a clinical abstract journal at this time. As you no doubt realize, the difficult situation in relationship to the dissemination of medical periodicals as well as the crises developed by the war make it hazardous to initiate any such project at this time."

This is a great disappointment, but it is to be hoped that later either that group, or some other groups, possibly working in co-operation with *Biological Abstracts*, will undertake this important and necessary addition to medical literature.

The recent publication of *Clinical Abstracts* by the Keesing Company does not seem to meet the requirements of a good clinical abstract journal from the library standpoint. Whether it meets the needs of the practising physician we are not prepared to say. The majority of the articles abstracted are from journals available in practically every medical library of any standing, and are of the type subscribed to by most physicians, or accessible to them. The number of foreign articles and journals covered is negligible. One of the most important features of a good abstract journal is to give a good selective

coverage of world literature and to make available information which otherwise would not be easily accessible in libraries or to physicians. When viewed in this light, *Clinical Abstracts* fails completely. Its chief recommendation is that it affords a quick subject index to some of the clinical literature between the appearances of the *Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus*, but even for this purpose it does not give adequate coverage. If the journal were to greatly enlarge its scope and modify its present methods of publication, particularly in relation to foreign literature, it might become adequate to meet the requirements of a clinical abstract journal.

Perhaps it will be possible for the Medical Library Association as a group to approach some of the Foundations for funds to finance the publication of such a journal in conjunction with *Biological Abstracts* in Philadelphia. An economy could be effected by a close co-ordination of the two journals and by utilizing a set-up which is already effective. Naturally, sufficient funds would have to be found to prevent any added load for the budget of that journal.

The interest of societies in abstract publications was evidenced by the Association for the Study of Internal Secretions, which at its recent meetings in New York, voted to amalgamate the abstracting section of *Endocrinology* (so far as concerns biological material), with *Biological Abstracts*. *Endocrinology* is practically withdrawing from the abstracting field: in the future it will publish abstracts of clinical papers only, and biological papers will be abstracted in *Biological Abstracts*.

I would like to recommend the appointment of a subcommittee from the Medical Library Association to take up the matter with the *Biological Abstracts* group and discuss a necessary budget, and then to have this subcommittee approach the foundations for funds after they have a working plan figured out. It might be several years before results could be obtained, but at least an effort can be made. It seems evident from the letters received by this Association during the past two years that many clinicians agree that such a journal is needed.

NEW JOURNALS

A study of the list published in the *New York Academy of Medicine Bulletin* for February, 1940, shows that twenty-eight new journals were listed for 1939 and twenty-two additional titles which supplement the list already given by them for 1938. When these twenty-two titles are added to the number announced last year, we have a total for 1938 of sixty-eight journals. Undoubtedly, more titles for 1939 will be added next year, but it is safe that there is a marked decrease in the number of new journals which have appeared this year, and that in view of disturbed world conditions a further decrease is to be expected.

STANDARDIZATION OF PERIODICALS

Progress in this direction is being made and a Committee on Standardization in the Field of Library Work and Documentation (Z 39) under the Procedure of the American Standards Association (ASA) has been organized.*

* See *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*, this volume, p. 49.

Your chairman has been asked to serve as the chairman of Sub-Committee No. 1 under this organization. This Sub-Committee will deal with:

- (a) Revision of reference data for periodicals.
- (b) International code of abbreviations for titles of periodicals.
- (c) Marginal identification of periodicals.
- (d) Form and arrangement of scientific periodicals.

Your chairman felt that as this sub-committee work is not to be confined to the periodicals of any one specialty, perhaps a person from some less specialized field might function better as chairman of this new sub-committee with your chairman to become a member to study the changes for the medical periodicals. A letter to this effect was written to the American Standards Association. A tentative reply has been received stating it seemed possible to overcome the difficulties mentioned above, and that the matter will be decided during the summer. In any event, your chairman will work closely with this group either in the capacity of chairman of the sub-committee or as a member, and will follow up the work done in regard to medical periodicals by the late Mr. Alfred Robert in 1933-34.

CONCLUSIONS

International work is largely at a standstill. No reports of sub-committees of the International Federation of Library Associations are to be made this year. There is no doubt that scientific journals in every country face a difficult period of publication. The members of this committee have unanimously expressed themselves of the opinion that the wisest course is to take no drastic action of any kind at this difficult time, but to wait further developments. It is, however, entirely obvious that American libraries cannot bear the brunt of any markedly increased prices of periodicals no matter from what cause, and the solution of the difficulties should be met by publishers and editors as far as possible by inaugurating drastic economies and increased efficiency in publication rather than by increased prices. Even if journals must temporarily suspend publication, it is better than to attempt to introduce big increases in prices which bring inevitably the ensuing vicious cycle of loss of subscriptions and further increase in prices to compensate, until an acute situation is produced again as in the years just prior to 1932. Libraries, for their part, should maintain subscriptions in as far as they are able.

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of this committee, Miss Doe, Miss McCann and Dr. Francis for their advice and assistance. Much credit is due Miss Janet Doe of the New York Academy of Medicine Library, Mrs. Judith Wallen Hunt of the University of Chicago Library, and Mr. J. C. Bay of the John Crerar Library, for their assistance in obtaining data for the report regarding periodicals. I also wish to congratulate Mrs. Nancy Elliott and Mrs. Dorinda H. Knopp, of the Vanderbilt Medical Library, on their splendid co-operation in checking and compiling the tables, as the work this year was particularly difficult to carry out.

MRS. EILEEN R. CUNNINGHAM, *Chairman*

THE ORGANIZATION OF A COMMITTEE ON STANDARDIZATION
IN THE FIELD OF LIBRARY WORK AND DOCUMENTATION
(Z 39) UNDER THE PROCEDURE OF THE AMERICAN
STANDARDS ASSOCIATION (ASA)*

Upon request by the American Library Association and three other organizations, the Special Libraries Association, Medical Library Association and American Law Libraries, a committee on Standardization in the Field of Library Work and Documentation (Z 39) was organized this year under the procedure of the American Standards Association. At its San Francisco meeting, June 1939, the American Library Association accepted the sponsorship for this committee and invitations to appoint representatives were sent out on behalf of the American Library Association by the American Standards Association to a number of organizations, a list of which has been approved by the American Library Association.

The new American Standards Association committee held its first meeting in New York on March 15, 1940, at which the following organizations were represented:

American Association of Law Libraries
American Council of Learned Societies
American Documentation Institute
American Library Association
American Library Institute
Association of Colleges and Reference Libraries
Association of Research Libraries
Bibliographical Society of America
Medical Library Association
National Research Council
Special Libraries Association

The purpose of this meeting was to decide how the work of Committee Z 39 should be organized to bring about a co-ordination and unification of national practices in library work and also, to decide how in matters of international co-operation the committee could function effectively as the authoritative American group to formulate a national opinion representative of a united American front.

The scope of the work to be undertaken by the new American Standards Association committee (Z 39) reads as follows:

Standards for concepts, definitions, terminology, letters and signs, practices, methods, supplies and equipment used in the field of library practices.

Robert B. Downs, Director of Libraries, New York University, was elected chairman, and Rollin A. Sawyer, chairman Publications Committee of Public Affairs Information Service and Chief of Economics Division, New York Public Library, was elected secretary. In connection with the international standardization work in this field, which was reviewed at the meeting, it was

* Report originally presented to the American Library Association.

decided that subcommittees on the following subjects should be organized at once.

Subcommittee No. 1. (Mrs. Eileen R. Cunningham, Librarian Vanderbilt Medical School, Nashville, Tennessee, has been invited to be chairman of this subcommittee.)

To deal with:

- (a) Revision of Reference Data for Periodicals.
- (b) International Code of Abbreviations for Titles of Periodicals.
- (c) Marginal Identification of Periodicals, and
- (d) Form and Arrangement of Scientific Periodicals.

Subcommittee No. 2. (Mr. Elwood H. McClelland, Technology Librarian, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, has been invited to be chairman of this subcommittee.)

To deal with Bibliographical References.

Subcommittee No. 3. (Mr. Keyes D. Metcalf, Director, Harvard University Libraries, Boston, Massachusetts, has been invited to be chairman of this subcommittee and has accepted.)

To deal with Photographic Reproduction of Documents, including reproduction of documents on paper and on films.

An International Standards Association proposal on card formats which deals with types of cards designated in English as Publishers' Book Card, Contents Slip, Bibliographical Card and Index Card, was referred to Miss Carolyn F. Ulrich, chief, Periodicals Division, New York Public Library, to make a study and report her findings at the next meeting.

The International Standards Association proposal on transcription of Cyrillic Letters was reported to have been held for study by a subcommittee of the International Standards Association on Documentation (ISA 46). The office of the American Standards Association agreed to find out the present status of this proposal.

It is expected that the next morning of the American Standards Association committee on Standardization in the Field of Library Work and Documentation will be held in the fall of 1940.

CAROLYN F. ULRICH, *Representative*

INDEXING AND ABSTRACTING

It was with profound regret that members of the Joint Committee on Indexing and Abstracting Services learned of the untimely death last summer of their Chairman, Mr. Donald B. Gilchrist, Librarian of the University of Rochester.

In October, 1939, Mr. Robert Lingel of the New York Public Library was appointed as Chairman to succeed Mr. Gilchrist. Mr. Lingel had hoped to get enough members of his Committee together in Cincinnati during the meetings of the American Library Association in June, to call a conference, but he had to give up the project, as he found that none of the members could be present.

Due to the fact that the members of the Committee come from different areas and are not usually able to attend meetings at the same time, it makes the task of outlining work very difficult.

EILEEN R. CUNNINGHAM, *Representative*

FOREIGN IMPORTATIONS

On October 3, 1939, the Executive Committee of the American Library Association arranged for the appointment of a Joint Committee on Foreign Importations to speak on behalf of the American Library Association, the Association of College and Reference Libraries, the Association of Research Libraries, the Law Libraries Association, the Medical Library Association, the Music Library Association and the Special Libraries Association.

The Executive members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Importations are:

Mr. Harry Miller Lydenberg, Director, New York Public Library—Chairman

Mr. Robert Lingel, New York Public Library—Vice-Chairman

Mr. Keyes D. Metcalf, Harvard University Library

Mr. Thomas P. Fleming, Columbia University Medical Library

The Committee has had numerous conferences with members of the Department of State and with the librarian of the Library of Congress.

On October 11, the Committee issued its first statement on the situation concerning the importation of foreign books and periodicals. Because of the Committee's desire to reach as many libraries in the shortest space of time without undue expense, the statement was sent to a selected list of libraries.

The second statement, on behalf of the Committee, was issued late in December and was distributed to Medical Library Association members by the Committee on Periodicals and Serial Publications of the Medical Library Association.

A third statement was prepared, planning for distribution early in May before the meeting of the American Library Association later in the month. Just about that time, however, the situation on the continent moved so fast and changes came in such bewildering fashion that it seemed fruitless, even misleading, to say anything.

Considerable correspondence and consultation have been had with the State Department and with the British ambassador concerning a scheme for the importation of German material. Beginning April 9, as we all know, the Germans have struck one blow after another, with the result that it has been well-nigh impossible to issue any statement concerning the situation which would hold for longer than twenty-four hours. Until the latter part of May, when the Italians ordered all ships to remain in port, many American libraries had experienced very little difficulty in securing German books and periodicals. Now that Italy has entered the war, this particular avenue is definitely closed, and, with the situation a grave one in England, at the moment of writing, it is practically impossible to set up any scheme whereby books and periodicals may be imported with any definite assurance. Some libraries have taken a long term view of the affair and have requested their agents to store their books and periodicals in Germany. Some agents have made provisions for the storage of German material in Switzerland.

The situation with reference to securing publications from Norway, Denmark, Belgium, the Netherlands and France is extremely grave. It is rather difficult at the present time for the British, preparing to withstand a "Blitzkrieg," to give consideration to what to them appears to be of minor impor-

tance. The Committee, however, wishes to report that negotiations still continue with the British government for setting up a scheme whereby material from the totalitarian powers and their territories may be sent to American libraries via some examining center, and facilities for payment be set up.

THOMAS P. FLEMING, *Representative*

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

The Committee on Public Documents of the Medical Library Association has felt it can make a definite contribution by sponsoring and compiling check lists of government publications in the fields of Medicine and Public Health. Many libraries are desirous of building up collections of public documents in these fields, but difficulties are encountered due to the absence of annotated check lists of such documents. Members of the Committee have volunteered to compile or sponsor check lists of the documents of their state. Miss Sue Biethan is actively engaged in compiling a check list of Michigan state documents in the fields of Medicine and Public Health. Miss Margaret E. Campbell is likewise engaged in compiling a check-list of Illinois documents and Miss Annabelle Furman is also at work on a similar check-list of South Carolina documents. The members of the Committee report encountering difficulties in their work, but we anticipate the completion of the final check-lists during the coming year. The Committee wishes to call the attention of the members of the M.L.A. to a check-list of New York City Health documents compiled by Estelle Brodman, a member of the association, and published in *Special Libraries* for Jan.-Feb., 1940. The reorganization plans of the President of the United States have made some changes in official entries for certain Federal documents of interest to medical librarians. A member of the Association is now compiling a list to such changes for future publication in the *Bulletin*.

THOMAS P. FLEMING, *Chairman*

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

During the year 1939-1940, Volume 28 of the *Bulletin*, in four numbers, has been published. The general form of the *Bulletin* has remained unchanged; The Banta Publishing Company have maintained the high standard of printing established in the previous volume.

The first three numbers of Volume 28 contain the usual reports of our Association and the papers read at the Annual Meeting. In the last number, three important bibliographical papers were included which should be of interest to all medical librarians.

The Editor was greatly helped in the last year, as in the past, by Mr. Ballard, who acted as Business Manager, arranged the advertising and kept the accounts. He also contributed greatly to the *Bulletin* in papers and in writing notes. The Association has indeed, in its past President and long-time member, a strong and useful friend.

The *Bulletin* is slowly emerging from the stage of a "house organ" to that of a national and even international medical journal. The Editor feels

that this tendency should be encouraged and the *Bulletin*, unique in its field, has a definite place in the medical world.

The cost of Volume 28 has been kept well below the allocation of dues to support it. This is largely possible because the offices used as headquarters are provided, without charge, by the Boston Medical Library and both the Editor and Business Manager serve without compensation. A financial report is appended.

HENRY R. VIETS, M.D., *Chairman*

FINANCIAL REPORT

1939-1940

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions and Odd Numbers	\$ 81.90	
Advertising	194.40	
Authors' Reprints	55.00	
		\$ 331.30

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Advertising	\$ 15.30	
Advertising June, 1940 No.	86.70	
Authors' Reprints	21.10	
		\$ 123.10
Total		\$ 454.40

EXPENDITURES

Printing (three numbers)	\$ 761.57	
Printing Reprints	67.20	
All Other Expenses:		
Supplies	\$43.00	
Addressing	16.00	
Petty Cash	35.00	94.00
		\$ 932.77

BILLS PAYABLE

Printer—June, 1940 No. Estimated	\$ 300.00	
Total	\$1,232.77	
Less Receipts	454.40	
Net Cost	\$ 778.37	
Net cost of Vol. 27 was \$973.14		
Allocation of dues to support <i>Bulletin</i> : Treasurer		
May 15, 1940	\$1,225.00	
Net Cost	778.37	
Unexpended	\$ 446.63	