that it has. Unfortunately, only a minor part of the evidence deals with the effectiveness of the service rendered. An intangible, qualitative matter, this would have been difficult to assess completely. Nevertheless, the reports on contacts made with civic groups, on talks to Rotarians, Lions, women's clubs and church organizations, on instruction to school children in library usage, would show that libraries have not waited passively for readers to become conscious of their existence, but that they have deliberately sought out potential friends and readers. In these reader contacts and in the satisfaction which the reader derives from his own grass-roots library, on the one hand, and in able leadership, backed by the support of key figures in local government, on the other hand, seems to lie the hope for increased appropriation—as North Carolina's own experience would prove.

All the statistics in the Census reports are valueless unless after their compilation something is done about them. So with the 1944 Library Survey. Trends, achievements and lacks show plainly. Remains now the obligation of taking action on these. After all, self-investigation is only the beginning of wisdom; its end lies in the successful achievement of the goal thus revealed.

The American Library Association announces the election of officers for 1945-46. Ralph A. Ulveling, librarian of the Detroit Public Library, becomes president, succeeding Carl Vitz of Minneapolis, and Mary U. Rothrock, library specialist of the Tennessee Valley Authority, becomes first vice-president and president-elect. Other newly elected officers are Emerson Greenaway, 1935 graduate of the School of Library Science of the University of North Carolina, librarian of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, second vice-president; and Rudolph Gjelsness, chairman of the Department of Library Science at the University of Michigan, treasurer.

CHARLES WHEDEE 1875-1945

Mr. Charles Whedbee served as a member of the North Carolina Library Commission Board during the years 1939-1941. The Library Commission Board meeting in Raleigh August 9, 1945, wish to extend to his wife and his family sincere sympathy.

Mr. Whedbee possessed a broad vision for library service. He appreciated the inspiration and the stimulation which results from a knowledge of great literature. He worked diligently to secure books and public library service for every man and woman, boy and girl in North Carolina so they might secure facts and information, grow mentally and meet intelligently every situation. He visited, at his own expense, in the fall of 1940 every legislator and with each one discussed the need for more books, methods of promoting the use of books, and the State's responsibility toward its people. His acquaintance with legislative procedure, his watchful interest, his wise judgment and honesty were of immeasurable importance.

The American Library Association recognized his distinguished service as a trustee and selected him as one of two trustees in the nation to receive an award at the Milwaukee Conference in June, 1942. The citation read, "In recognition of his belief in the value and benefit of libraries to the people of North Carolina and especially for his realistic and energetic efforts in behalf of securing state aid for public libraries in his state."