

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

DEAR FOLKS:

With the New Year come new responsibilities and new opportunities for each of us. For the Association, and for the Executive Board, especially, comes the furthering of plans for the last year of the biennium and for the 1953 Conference.

The Executive Board is happy to announce that Dr. Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress, will be the speaker at the first general session, Thursday night, October 22nd, 1953. And while we are talking Conference you may like to know that Miss Minnie Kallam, Wake Forest College Library, and Dr. William Pullen, University of North Carolina Library, are co-chairmen for Exhibits and Exhibitors.

Southeastern, always an excellent meeting, appears to have surpassed itself. This additional success may have been due to the great number of representatives from North Carolina! With such a large attendance from this state it was possible for some of us to attend each of the sessions and group meetings, and through the Executive Board, appropriate action is being taken relative to the several matters of importance still under discussion: state representation on the SELA Executive Board and the low standards set by the Southern Association for college and university libraries. A message of appreciation is being sent Miss Mabel Willoughby who served as editor for the very useful membership directory of SELA members.

It is also gratifying to know that a goodly number of the NCLA attended the Eighteenth Annual Conference of the North Carolina Negro Library Association when it met in November at Greensboro. Among those who spoke were Mrs. Mary D. Grant, Mr. Charles M. Adams, Miss Gladys Johnson, and your president.

The Association was also asked to send representatives to the North Carolina English Teachers Association and to the Virginia Library Association. Since it was impossible to send official representation, greetings were wired to each during its time of convention.

Before Southeastern, the Executive Board met with Chairmen and representatives of each Section and Committee of NCLA for briefing in pre-conference plans. The proposed Constitution was also presented to this group of leaders and additional changes were made and further suggestions were incorporated for your approval at a later date.

Although we here in North Carolina are not anxious to have our Junior Members leave the state, it is only fair to mention (since Daniel Hagelin asked us) the free placement service that is being maintained by and for the Junior Members Round Table of ALA. Any employing librarian may send advertisements to Mr. Hagelin.

How about taking time in the New Year to thank a few people? Madge Blalock is editing the Commission NEWSLETTER and it gets better and better! Elaine von Oesen, Cora Paul Bomar, and Madge are editing the proceedings of the School and Children's Librarians Conference held in Chapel Hill. And let's take time out to welcome new members! We are pleased that they also want to work.

Since the Library of Congress and other agencies and institutions are collecting NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES we are hoping to make plans for a new project that will include indexing for our publication.

Let me wish for you a pleasant and prosperous New Year with some fun and some work and great success in your various undertakings.

Cordially,

—JANE B. WILSON,  
President.