

MAY WE PRESENT . . . OUR SECRETARY

Miss Esther Evans, Duke University Library has been appointed to fill the unexpired term as secretary of the North Carolina Library Association. We asked for a short biographical note. The informal letter received in reply to our request was so delightful we can't resist publishing it just as written. We know you will enjoy knowing Miss Evans.

—*The Editors*

Dear Jane,

Here is my autobiography:

Born and reared in the country, I still call a certain white house on the "Old Virginia Road," near Edenton, North Carolina, home.

I received my early education in both public and private schools—with the result that probably no other freshman ever entered Duke University with quite the assortment of credits that I did. Thanks, however, to the powers that be (especially to one professor, who, it was truly said, passed every girl in his mathematics class) in due time I was graduated. Years later I received a degree in library science from Simmons College. In the interim I did summer school work at Columbia University and the University of North Carolina.

Over a long period I taught English in the Perquimans County High School, of Hertford, North Carolina. In fact, I left the teaching profession just in time to avoid having new students say, "You taught my mother; and she said you use to make her write these same themes and term papers."

Since September, 1947, I have been a member of the Duke University Library staff. My experience at Duke has been in the fields of subject cataloging and bibliography. Occasionally I write book reviews for the DURHAM HERALD.

My favorite diversions are music—both symphonic and operatic—and the theater, bridge (although I am an erratic player) and Double-Crostics, baby sitting and horse racing.

As for my appearance—perhaps I can best give some idea of that by passing on a compliment I once received. Our candid cook, seeing me in a new linen frock, eyed me critically and then voiced her opinion: "Miss Esther, you looks lovely in that dress. You don't look one bit like yo'self."

I trust that this is what you want, and that it is not too long.

Sincerely,
Esther Evans

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**"KEEP AWAY FROM PEOPLE
WHO TRY TO BELITTLE YOUR
AMBITIONS. SMALL PEOPLE
ALWAYS DO THAT, BUT THE
REALLY GREAT MAKE YOU
FEEL THAT YOU, TOO, CAN
BECOME GREAT."**

—Mark Twain