

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SECTION

CHARLES M. ADAMS, *Chairman*

The College and University Section of the North Carolina Library Association convened in the Sheraton Room of the Sheraton Hotel, High Point, at 11:15 a.m. October 21, 1955 with about one hundred members in attendance.

Before introducing the topic of the day, "Books for College Libraries," the chairman, Mr. Charles M. Adams, began the fiftieth anniversary meeting with a brief history of the tremendous growth of North Carolina libraries since 1904. For a closer look at the present day situation the speakers chosen were representative of two professions closely related to the college library, a college faculty member and a bookseller.

Mr. Randall Jarrell, Associate Professor of English, Woman's College, Greensboro, "poet, novelist and critic," spoke of his lifelong regard for libraries, "the primary essential medium through which culture is disseminated." A library is not an end but a means to what really educates a person, said Mr. Jarrell. He emphasized the importance of open stacks, of a kindly atmosphere, attractive display of new books and old books, and

an adequate supply of magazines and records. The spirit of a library is a reflection of the man in charge. The good librarian is one who loves his books and his readers and makes it as easy as possible to bring them together. He reads books as well as handles them.

The second speaker, Mr. A. J. Petch (Jeremy North) of Durham, North Carolina, is a member of the American Antiquarian Booksellers Association. Of all trades that of antiquarian book seller is most firmly rooted in the past Mr. Petch stated. Although the literature on the subject is scarce, the excerpts read from a text of 1774 are relevant even to the present. In answering the question of how to be selective the speaker said that 20 per cent of books issued form the book stock of the dealer in old books. Finding, buying, stocking and making available to potential users at as low a price as possible is the business of such a dealer.*

During the brief business session, dispensing with reading of the minutes, the proposed By-Laws were adopted for the section. The report of the nominating committee, composed of Dr. Benjamin Powell, Miss Elizabeth Walker and Mr. William L. Eury, was presented by the chairman. The following slate was elected by acclamation: chairman, Dr. Andrew Horn, librarian of the University of North Carolina; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Spears Hicks, reference librarian of Woman's College, Duke University; chairman-elect, Mrs. Lilian Buchanan, Western Carolina College, Cullowhee; directors, Mrs. Oma U. Johnson, librarian, Elon College and Dr. Benjamin Smith, librarian of North Carolina College, Durham.

The group was joined at 1 p.m. for luncheon in the ballroom by the sections of Special Libraries, School and Children's Libraries and Junior College Libraries. At this time the three living founders of the North Carolina Library Association were given recognition. They were Mr. Robert Douglas, Mr. Louis R. Wilson and Miss Annie Petty, unable to be present because of a broken ankle. A silver letter opener was presented each of the founders. Other guests were Mrs. Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. Petch. Following the luncheon Miss Nora Beust spoke on "Experiences of an Educational Consultant in Korea."

VIRGINIA F. BARNES,
Secretary