Next, this collection was sorted into suitably sized packages of no more than 6 lbs., 9 ounces. Each title was checked against the catalogue card, noting package number, date; separate lists for each library were made; labels in duplicate typed; duplicate filed; packages wrapped securely, stamped and dispatched to their destinations. Records of hours spent on these details were kept so a monthly report to the General Education Board could represent the actual cost of assembling and mailing the material bought through the Bull’s Head Bookshop on a cost-plus basis. No profit accrues to the Bookshop. Planning has reduced to a minimum the charges for administering the project.

Paul Green wrote, after visiting some of the libraries, of the enthusiastic response to the gifts. Waseda University had made, previous to Mr. Green’s arrival, striking displays of the Drama material received. Translators are now busy on some of the books. Mr. Green’s mercurial messages fluctuated between high hope and some despair, sustained by his staunch faith in friendly people around the world.

Though Waseda University has now received practically all the titles shipped, letters from other Oriental libraries show that it takes the packages as much as three months to reach their destinations. Airmail correspondence kept the Bookshop in close touch with Mr. Green and the recipients of the books. From them come specific suggestions for additional shipments. For instance, Waseda is particularly interested in the technical side of the motion picture industry, information on salaries, production problems and costs. The Library in Ceylon needed books on puppetry. A few were selected and added to their allotment. The Philippines seem to need much more than the present budget will allow. The response from all quarters is both touching and inspiring.

The Bookshop reward lies in the satisfaction of meeting the challenge and in the inspiration of participating, in a practical way, in such a stimulating adventure. Miss Roberson, of the Library Extension Department, has contributed her remarkable energy and experience and has led her three assistants in the labor of research, typing, labelling, and dispatching. In the Bookshop the clerical work was carried along with the regular duties and routines. The project has been a valuable and exciting experience to the members of the staff, who hope the project will prove useful enough to inspire continuing effort.

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DIRECTORY

Editors are collecting information for the May 1952 DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS of NCLA. May 1950 DIRECTORY listed 669 names of library personnel, of which only 248 were also listed in the May 1946 DIRECTORY, (plus 48 listed with married names or changes in position) which would indicate 421 changes in personnel in 4 years. 1946 DIRECTORY listed 699 names. 406 of the 1950 names were listed as members of the NCLA. The revised list of NCLA members adds 63 names of librarians to the May 1950 list, and subtracts 64 names. Most of the new names are replacements of those members lost. Editors plan to list only members of NCLA for the next DIRECTORY, since most changes have been of trustees, clerks, teacher librarians, etc. Lists of all working personnel can be obtained from the North Carolina Library Commission and the State School Library Adviser.

LIBRARY SERVICES BILL

Read January 1952 issue of ALA BULLETIN, pages 21-24 to see that North Carolina would benefit most from the Library Services Bill. Take the action suggested that you write and get others to write and actively work for the passage of the Bill. For further information write Ben Powell, Duke University, Durham, N. C.