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With this December issue of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES we are concluding the Know Your Public Library survey. Certain detailed discussions such as Negro library services were purposely shortened as this material was presented in the May, 1944 number of North CAROLINA LIBRARIES.

Both positive and negative North Carolina library situations have been pictured. Aside from the positive factor of growing service over a four-year period of state-aid to public libraries, a working cooperation between all types of institutions was revealed. In a public library pattern below the A.L.A. standard of one dollar per capita such cooperation between agencies has appreciably increased library coverage.

On the negative side a need for still greater cooperation between various agencies has been pointed out as well as a need for the actual forming of larger units of service. Speeded up reading needs in these rapidly changing times and the impetus of state-aid to public libraries might rightly transfer a false sense of small unit loyalty to an appreciation of effective larger service units.

In this first state-wide survey of North Carolina library service we offer the instrument not only for measuring our present condition but for planning future North Carolina library service. It might be interesting to check this "future library service" with a multiple-year-growth study.-E. G.

Dr. Harry Miller Lydenberg, Director, A.L.A. International Relations Office, spent two days in Chapel Hill in November, talking informally to the University library staff, the library school faculty and students, and other interested groups.

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