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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Today the responsibility of the librarian is greater than ever before. From the beginning of time, man has attempted to record through pictures and symbols his knowledge and ideas for the benefit of posterity. This urge for the preservation of man's progress has made a very significant contribution to our present day culture, and these ideas and records naturally fall within the walls of libraries—both large and small.

World conditions have become so complex, individual opinions so varied, our country so overrun with 'isms, that it is very difficult to arrive at a real solution to any problems. As librarians, we can be, by careful study and a deep sense of responsibility, an influence for the improvement of society in our community. With the multitude of ideas before the world today, librarians, by knowing their material and their patrons, have the opportunity to render a definite serv-

