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## NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP-LOAN FUND

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The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Library Association met in Raleigh, January 17, 1948 and unanimously agreed that the North Carolina Library Association establish a Scholarship-Loan Fund.

Administrators have had much to say about the scarcity of librarians but have done very little toward changing the situation. It is the opinion of the Committee that many of our library workers and prospective library workers could and would increase their knowledge of library procedure by attending library schools if funds were made available. As a result, North Carolina libraries, from the mountains to the sea, would be greatly improved by a larger number of trained librarians. The Committee considers this fund to be the first positive and practical step in **Recruiting for Librarianship**, and it feels that the only way to make a start is through voluntary contributions thereby giving each member the opportunity of sharing in what the Committee believes to be a most worth-while cause.

The Executive Committee is confident that each member will want to share in making this enterprise something of which we will all be proud

and will respond with a personal gift. No pressure methods will be used because the project speaks for itself and every member will want to have a part.

As President of the North Carolina Library Association, I have given a great deal of time and thought to this undertaking. I have also consulted leading business men, lawyers, bankers and executives and have received spontaneous interest and encouragement.

A prominent Asheville attorney has volunteered his services to attend to the legal matters concerning the establishment of this fund. The Committee is unanimous in that every precaution be taken in the administration of this trust.

Mr. Charles M. Adams, Librarian of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro and second vice-president of the North Carolina Library Association has graciously accepted the appointment as Chairman of the Scholarship-Loan Committee. It is hoped that by next September our Scholarship-Loan Fund will be in operation and we can watch with interest our first scholarship-students.

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