

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Folks:

Under the head of "public relations," let's take a minute to congratulate Hoyt Galvin, Librarian at the Charlotte Public, on his good and attractive Annual Report, **UP FROM THE CELLAR**; to wish success and good sales to our friend and almost-colleague, Richard Walser, on publication of his **INGLIS FLETCHER OF BANDON PLANTATION**; let's offer appreciation to the **SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARIAN** for dedicating its Fall issue to Dr. Louis R. Wilson and for Dr. Tommie Dora Barker's lead article about him; congratulations to Dr. Wilson upon the completion of his latest title, **THE LIBRARY IN COLLEGE INSTRUCTION**, which he wrote with the Misses Reed and Lowell. We should like to offer "thank you's" to Dr. D. K. Berninghausen for his contribution to the program and work centered on intellectual freedom. Let one of your New Year's resolutions be to say "Hello" to Paul Ballance in his new work over in Winston-Salem.

Internationally speaking, the praises of the good librarians in North Carolina are filling the ears of all Japanese. You have become as well known among statesmen and teachers, as you have to the librarians of that country. Since the visit of seven Japanese librarians to North Carolina, last February, North Carolina has certainly taken the spotlight with Japanese librarians! Would you write an article for their revived All-Japan School Library Association publication? Will you help find some students in both Junior and Senior High Schools who would like to have a Japanese "pen-pal"? Many of these letters are already in this country waiting distribution. The Japanese youngsters are eager to have the opportunity to write again—the next time their letters (if some young American agrees) will be addressed to someone special!

Your budget committee is making plans; it wants estimates from Section and Committee Chairmen. These requests may be made to Marianna Long, Treasurer, Marianna wants to remind you, gently, that it is time to pay dues! SELA dues are also payable; so are ALA dues! Come on, join up. We have added Miss Martha Crowell, Cabarrus County Library to our Committee on Recruitment. A telegram of greeting was sent to the Kentucky Library Association at the time of its Fall Conference. Charlesanna Fox, Randolph County Public, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, is preparing suggestions and studying possible inclusions to the Legislative Program for 1953 of the State Legislative Council. You also have been busy helping promote the Library Services Bill.

The Constitution Committee meets—with much work already done—in February. Plan now to take off some time during 1952 to read the new parts you requested, to study it, change it, and then accept it. That powerful Public Libraries Section has done it again. More excellently planned Workshops are arranged for March and April. You have added your strength in the making of many intelligent inquiries and suggestions relative to the proposed—but now rejected—plan for the establishment of a North Carolina Prison bindery.

On Christmas Eve you bowed your head at the passing of your good friend and exceptional colleague, Bob Christ. You were there with his family and friends; you sent them a comforting greeting.

You've been busy, but you will go on working because sharing books and sharing the joy of reading is a high calling. Not a Happy New Year do I wish for you, but a year of good thinking, a year of successful planning, and full 366 days of friendly service to your State and its people. Does that add up to: A Happy New Year?

Cordially,  
JANE B. WILSON, *President*