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the beginning of this paper will supply a clue.

Mr W. C. LANE then presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Ladies and gentlemen, the Committee on resolutions has two resolutions which have been referred to it from the floor, and it has other resolutions of its own to present in regard to the kindness which we have received at Asheville. The first resolution referred to the Committee relates to copyright. The Committee has taken the liberty of re-wording this, and expects that, in its present form, it will be acceptable to all members of the Association, and will constitute a true expression of their opinion in regard to the present condition of the copyright bill.

A bill having lately been reported to Congress which amends and codifies the existing law with respect to Copyright—a subject of vital concern to all members of this Association,

Resolved, that the members of the American Library Association here present express their approval of the provisions of the Copyright Bill in its present form so far as these provisions affect the interests of libraries,

Resolved, that they record their thanks, (1) to the Committee appointed by the Executive board which represented the Association before the Copyright conference and prevented the inclusion in the first draft of the bill of unfavorable restrictions; (2) to the Library copyright league which took up the work at the point reached by the Committee, and in the hearings before the Joint Committee of Congress and by public discussion helped to make plain the justice of granting still greater freedom to libraries in the importation of books, and contributed to securing the provisions at present embodied in the Copyright Bill.

Adopted.

Mr LANE: We have all been pleased to hear good news from our old friend and senior ex-President, Mr F. M. Crunden, of St Louis. The Committee desires to find a means of sending Mr Crunden our good wishes. It therefore presents the following:

The American Library Association in session at Asheville, N. C., 500 strong, sends cordial greetings to its senior ex-president, with assurances of keen gratification at the continued news of returning health, and expresses the hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

Adopted unanimously by rising vote.

Mr LANE: It is one of the pleasant duties at the close of a conference to say "Thank you" to those who have been hospitable and kind to us. Your Committee on Resolutions therefore proposes that the thanks of the Association be recorded in the following form:

The American Library Association at the close of the Asheville conference of 1907, desires to express its most hearty thanks for all the hospitality it has received, and its appreciation of the kind welcome that has been accorded to it.

It would especially record the courtesies and attentions extended to it by its hosts, both official and private:—

The Asheville library association

The North Carolina library association and its cordial President, Mrs Annie Smith Ross

The Asheville board of trade and Mr W. F. Randolph, its Secretary

The City of Asheville as represented by Judge J. C. Pritchard

The State of North Carolina in the person of the Lieut. Governor, the Hon. F. T. Winston

Mrs A. C. Bartlett and the proprietor and guests of the Manor Hotel whose hospitable receptions were greatly enjoyed by the many who attended them.

It would also thank all those citizens who have manifested their good will by contributing to the comfort and pleasure of the Association.

It cordially thanks the Asheville electric company for having afforded many members a most enjoyable glimpse of the delightful surroundings of Asheville.

Nor does it forget the admirable reports of the sessions and meetings of the Conference supplied by the local press, by the "Asheville Citizen" in particular.

To Professor W. P. Trent, of Columbia university, the Association owes a debt of gratitude for his kindness in delivering a most scholarly and suggestive address, as it does also to Miss Mary E. Wood, librarian of Boone college, Wuchang, China, for her interesting description of library work in that distant region.

The several Affiliated associations have, by their presence and cooperation, contributed not a little to the interest and success of the Conference. To them, and to their members who have participated in the meetings, thanks are due.

Finally, the Association acknowledges, with appreciation, the pains taken by the railroads to meet its desires in all practicable ways, and to make the journey to Asheville, from whatever quarter, as agreeable as possible.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I have to call for the report of the tellers of the election, by Mr P. L. Windsor.

A. L. A. CONFERENCE

Asheville, 1907.

Your tellers, appointed to receive the ballots and to count the votes at the annual election of officers held yesterday, beg leave to report that the total number of ballots cast was 341, and that the following was the vote in detail:

	No. of votes
For President:	
Arthur E. Bostwick.....	181
N. D. C. Hodges.....	157
For 1st Vice President:	
C. H. Gould.....	334
For 2nd Vice President:	
Helen E. Haines.....	304
Scattering	5
For Secretary:	
James I. Wyer, Jr.....	186
Bernard C. Steiner.....	151
For Treasurer:	
Anderson H. Hopkins.....	197
Drew B. Hall.....	139
For Recorder:	
Lutie E. Stearns.....	277
Beatrice Winser.....	35
Scattering	3
For Trustee of the Endowment fund:	
C. C. Soule.....	310
For Members of the Council:	
Mary E. Ahern.....	297
T. L. Montgomery.....	289
R. R. Bowker.....	280
Gardner M. Jones.....	275
W. F. Yust.....	243
Frank C. Patten.....	202
H. E. Legler.....	19
P. L. Windsor.....	6
Signed	

P. L. WINDSOR,
CHALMERS HADLEY,
Tellers.

The PRESIDENT: You have heard the Report of the tellers, and in accordance with it I declare

Mr A. E. Bostwick, President,

Mr C. H. Gould, First Vice-President,

Miss H. E. Haines, Second Vice-President.

Mr J. I. Wyer, Secretary,

Mr A. H. Hopkins, Treasurer,

Miss L. E. Stearns, Recorder,

Mr C. C. Soule, Trustee of Endowment Fund,

Miss Ahern, Messrs Montgomery, Bowker, Jones and Yust, members of the Council for the ensuing year.

Mrs ANNIE SMITH ROSS: As a member of the Library Association of the "Old North State," it is my pleasure and privilege to present to the American Library Association this gavel, in appreciation of your sojourn in the Sunny South. It is made of rhododendron, whose beautiful blossoms have smiled a welcome to you to this "Land of the brightest of skies." Today it is chaste and white, symmetrical in outline, perfect in contour, but if with the advancement of years it becomes marred and discolored, and Time always leaves his scar, may it be chipped in a good cause, and subdue the turbulent sea of discontent into peace and harmony. At future sessions, when "attention is called," may it re-echo the pleasure of the Asheville meeting of 1907.

The PRESIDENT: Mrs Ross, and through you the North Carolina library association, I give my thanks in behalf of the American Library Association, and accept for them this symbol of authority. I hope that your wishes may be fulfilled, and I hope that it may typify a new development and departure in the work of the Association. It is with regret that I find my own name is not to be inscribed upon the roll to be born on this instant, and yet I am proud, too, that my name completes the series on the old gavel, the one that began its career at Lakewood, which bears the names of Putnam, Lane, Billings, Thwaites, Carr, Hosmer, Richardson and Hill, with whom I have been proud to be