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CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT COMMITTEE

A certified copy of the Constitution was obtained from the Registar, Joint Stock Co., and cyclostyled copies of the same were circulated to all the Members of the Constitution Ammendment Committee which met for the first time on 3rd January, 1961. In that meeting Dr. C. P. Shukla was designated as Convenor and was entrusted with the task of drafting a suitable amendment which he completed and circulated to the members of the said Committee for suggestions, Comments are now being incorporated before being finally circulated to all members of the Association. Names of Members of the Committee are given below :

Dr. Niharranjan Ray *(Chairman)*
Shri B. S. Kesavan
Shri S. Das Gupta
Shri P. N. Gour
Shri Sohan Singh
Dr. C. P. Shukla *(Convenor)*
Shri S. Parthasarathy
Shri N. C. Chakravarty
Shri Dhanpat Rai
Shri B. Majumdar

BRANCH OFFICE AT NEW DELHI

In consideration of the fact that in Delhi there are many Senior Librarians and Institutions who can hold consultations and approach responsible authorities in Delhi, a branch office of the Association was opened at New Delhi under the supervision of one of the Assistant Secretaries, Shri B. L. Bharadwaj, a very active member of the profession. It may be recorded that Shri Bharadwaj did some very valuable works on behalf of the Association.

THE JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

We are glad to report that the Journal which, for various reasons, was irregular was revived.

THE LIBRARY

It may be reported that steps have been taken towards the formation of a well equipped library of the Association. The existing resources have been marshalled and as a first step the loose periodicals have been bound. Books worth about Rs. 500/- have been purchased.

GENERAL BODY MEETING

The General Body meeting was held on the 18th April 1960, at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Gol Park, Calcutta.

The following office-bearers were elected :—

President :

Dr Niharranjan Ray, Bageswari Professor of Fine Arts, University of Calcutta. Member of Parliament.

Vice-Presidents :

1. Shri B. S. Kesavan, Librarian, National Library, Calcutta.
2. Shri S. Das Gupta, Librarian, Delhi University Library, Delhi.
3. Shri P. N. Gour, Librarian, Sinha Library, Sinha Library Road, Patna.
4. Dr. C. P. Shukla, Librarian, Baroda University Library, Baroda.
5. Shri N. C. Chakravarty, Librarian, Ministry of Finance Library, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Treasurer :

Shri T. C. Dutta,
3. Debendra Nath Mukherjee Road, Bally, Howrah.

Secretary :

Shri Bimalendu Majumdar, Librarian, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Gol Park, Calcutta-29.

Assistant Secretaries :

1. Shri M. N. Nagaraj, C/O National Library Calcutta-27.
2. Shri B. L. Bharadwaj, Librarian, Planning Commission Library, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Librarian :

Sm. Mira Sanyal,
C/O National Library,
Calcutta-27.

Ex Committee Members :

1. Dr. Niharranjan Ray, Calcutta.
2. Shri B. S. Kesavan, Calcutta.
3. Shri T. C. Dutta, 3, Debendra Nath Mukherjee Road, Bally, Howrah.
4. Shri S, K. Mukherjee, University Library, Calcutta.
5. Dr. A. K. Ohdedar, National Library, Calcutta-27.
6. Shri Phani Bhusan Roy, Librarian, Commercial Intelligence & Statistics Library, 1, Council House Street, Calcutta-1.
7. Shri G. B. Ghosh, Librarian, Geological Survey of India, Govt. of India 29, Chowringhee Road, Calcutta.
8. Shri B. L. Bharadwaj, Librarian, Planning Commission Library, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
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10. Shri M. N. Nagaraj, C/O National Library, Calcutta-27.
11. Sm. Mira Sanyal, C/O National Library, Calcutt-27.

I. F. L. A. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CATALOGUING PRINCIPLES

In will be of interest to members that a National Committee was formed by the Association to help the I. F. L. A. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CATALOGUING PRINCIPLES, held in Paris in October 1961. The working papers of the INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE were circulated to members of the National Committee for comments and these comments were duly sent to the Conference. Shri Benoyendra Sen Gupta, Assistant Librarian, National Library, attended the I. F. L. A. International Conference, both as the first official delegate of the Indian Library Association and in his personal capacity as contributor to a Working Paper. Dr. C. P. Shukla, Librarian, Baroda University attended this Conference as the Second official delegate of the Indian Library Association. Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, in his personal capacity, on invitation from the authorities of the Conference, also represented India along with the officially sponsord delegates at the Conference. The fuller report of the I. F. L. A. International Conference on Cataloguing Principles is incorporated in volume 3, No. 4 of the Journal.

THE SEMINAR ON BIBLIOGRAPHICAL ORGANIZATION AND CONTROL IN INDIA

The Indian Library Assoctation was requested by the Ministry of Education, Government of India to hold a Seminar on Bibliographical Organization and Control in India. The Association readily agreed to hold the Seminar at Calcutta sometime during 1961. The Ministry sanctioned a sum of Rs. 7,500/- towards the expenses of the Seminar. Eventually a Steering Committee was formed with the following members and the Seminar was unavoidably postponed till February 1962.

Members of the Streering Committee

Dr. NIHARRANJAN RAY, President, Indian Library Association
Shri BENOYENDRA SENGUPTA (Organizing Secretary)
Shri GOBINDA BHUSHAN GHOSH
Shri PHANI BHUSAN ROY
Shri SUBODH KUMAR MUKHERJEE
Shri BIMALENDU MAJUMDAR (Secy. of the I. L. A.)

Shri Benoyendra Sengupta deserves our cordial thanks for his having undertaken all the responsibility for working on the details of the Seminar.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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Shri P. N. Gour C/o. Sinha Library, Patna Slnha Library Road, Patna.
Shri P. B. Ray, Librarian Commetcial Intelligence & Statistics 1, Council House Street, Calcutta 1.
Shri C. K. Mani, Kerala Granthasala Sangham Trivandrum 1 (Kerala State).
Shri B. L. Srivastava, Referenee and Library Officer Ministry of Commerce & Industry Government of India, New Delhi.
Shri S. Das Gupta, Librarian, Delhi University.
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Shri Chittaranjan Banerjee,
Assistant Librarian,
National Library, Belvedere,
Calcutta-27.

REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 1960 AND 1961

The Executive Committee of the Indian Library Association presents the Report on the Working of the Association covering the calendar years 1960 and 1961

TWELFTH ALL-INDIA LIBRARY CONFERENCE, CALCUTTA

The twelfth session of the All-India Library Conference was held in Calcutta from the 17th to the 18th April 1960. Fiftytwo delegates from all parts of India attended the Conference.

Dr. Niharranjan Ray who was the President of the Conference, in his Presidiential address remarked that the Indian Library Movement had come of age and pointed out "The fact that the Government appointed a Library Advisory Committee is a sufficient proof of the force of the Library movement." Shri Sohan Singh, a member of the old guard of the Library movement in India, spoke next and said that we had to work libraries and social education together under force of circumstances.

A symposium on the Report of the Advisory Committee for Libraries (1959)—Ministry of Education, Government of India, was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. P. Shukla, Librarian, University of Baroda. Shri Sohan Singh, Assistant Educational Adviser, Ministry of Education, New Delhi gave a resumé of the Report. Discussions followed in which many members participated.

The symposium was followed by another symposium on the Report of the Commission of Enquiry on Emoluments and conditions of service of Central Government Employees 1957-59, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Das Gupta, Librarian, Delhi University in which Shri B. S. Kesavan, Librarian, National Library, Shri Sohan Singh and others actively participated in bringing out different aspects of the Report. The detailed resumé of the proceedings of the above Conference was published in the Association's Journal, Vol. 2 No. 4, October 1960.

THE ASSOCIATION AND THE U. G. C. PAY SCALE

The President of the Indian Library Association addressed a Memorandum to the University Grants Commission (after a Sub-Committee had submitted their findings to the President) in connection with the recent circular sent by the Commission apropos the pay scale of professional staff of University and College Libraries.

TAGORE CENTENARY

The Association in collaboration with the IASLIC and Bengal Library Association celebrated the Tagore Centenary in the premises of the National Library which was well attended by the Librarians of the City, on 18th June 1961, at 6 p. m.

RABINDRA MEMORIAL ESSAY COMPETITION

To commemorate Tagore Centenary celebrations the Association decided to award a prize of of Rs. 500/- to the contributor of the best essay on "The Library Movement in India". It was decided that the essay should be written in English and should not exceed 10,000 words. Twelve essays have been received in this connection and as per Excutive Committee's resolution they were sent to the following panel of judges.

1. Dr. Niharranjan Ray
2, Shri B. S. Kesavan
3. Shri S. Das Gupta

The name of the receipient of the prize may be declared at the Conference to be held in February 1962.

ACCOUNTS

Receipts & Payments Account for the period from January 1960 to December 1961 are added as appendix to this report.

The Executive Committee met nine times during the period under report. The council met twice.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

The number of members have steadily grown during the period under review. The following is the latest position :—

Patron	—	—	1
Donor	—	—	3
Life	—	—	80
Institutional		—	80
Associations		—	6
Ordinary		—	191
		Total	361

B. MAJUMDAR,
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