

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Executive Board. Your Executive Board met November 14 in Greensboro to start the wheels going 'round for the new biennium. The first business of this eight-hour session was a study of the new Constitution for responsibilities and duties of the Executive Board.

March 20. It was decided that the Executive Board would invite the Section Officers and the N. C. L. A. Committee members to a meeting in Greensboro for a similar study of the new Constitution and its determination of Committee and Section duties, responsibilities and activities. In addition to a group meeting, there will be time also for committee meetings during the day. We believe this meeting will be of great benefit in our Association's work for the biennium.

Fiftieth Anniversary. Fifty years ago, in 1904, a group of librarians organized this Association. The Executive Board is marking the year in as many ways as seem appropriate and possible. Already plans are being made to bind the past records of the Association and for a special issue of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES.

The first meeting of the Association was held in the library of the State Normal and Industrial College (now Woman's College) in Greensboro on May 14, 1904. About thirty librarians and others interested in library matters were present. The officers elected were: President—Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Charlotte; Vice Presidents—Dr. Charles Duncan McIver, Greensboro, and Mr. J. A. Bivens, Charlotte; Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Louis R. Wilson, Librarian, State University, Chapel Hill; Executive Committee—Mrs. Ross, Miss Annie Petty, Greensboro; Mr. Breedlove, Durham, and Mr. R. D. Douglas, Greensboro. The first Conference was held in Charlotte in November of the same year.

Committees. Most of the committees have been organized and are listed in this issue. Others will be completed and announced in the next issue.

Dues for 1954-1955. In January the Treasurer, Marianna Long, sent out notices concerning dues for two years of this biennium. The "year" of the Association is the calendar year, so dues are now due for all who did not renew their memberships at the Asheville Conference.

A directory of members will be issued this spring. Be sure that your name and correct address are in the Treasurer's file in plenty of time to be included.

Budget. The Executive Board adopted a tentative budget for the biennium of \$1,700.00, to be revised when more complete records are available.

North Carolina Libraries. The Executive Board accepted the Ruzicka Company's offer to publish the magazine for the biennium. The Association is thereby spared the problems connected with financing and printing our official publication and is grateful to the Ruzicka Company for this valuable assistance.

Library Dedications. O. V. Cook represented the Association at the dedication of the new libraries at the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech, November 19-21.

Post-Conference Activities. Jane Wilson and Esther Evans have had the task of completing the business connected with the Asheville Conference and it has been no easy matter. Members of the Association have expressed their appreciation of the excellent Conference planned by Jane and the 1951-1953 Executive Board in cooperation with Margaret Ligon and the librarians of Asheville. Perhaps our gratitude for a well-planned Conference will help compensate for the tremendous amount of work which was required to see it through.

Goals for the Biennium. The Executive Board is thinking through the things we would like to see accomplished during the next two years. Do you have any suggestions for us before our March 20 meeting?

With my personal greetings to each one of you—

CHARLESANNA FOX