

## The Colorado Springs Conference

THE forty-second annual meeting of the American Library Association, or the "Colorado Springs A. L. A." as it will soon be called, is destined to be long remembered for at least two things. The adoption of the Enlarged Program means that the Association is now about to embark upon the biggest and most far-reaching piece of work it has ever attempted in peace times. Second only in importance to this and a necessary adjunct to any

successful library program was the sentiment of the conference with regard to the salaries and welfare of library workers of all grades, especially the younger assistants. President Hadley's address was splendidly candid and constructive and his proposals became the underlying theme of the entire conference. So far as the program goes it was a "junior's meeting" primarily. Secondly, an attempt was made to have the various affiliated societies represented by speakers at the general sessions. Seldom have the old-timers witnessed such spontaneous

applause as greeted the papers read by Miss Doud, Miss Rich, and Miss Flexner at the fifth general session. In spite of the opposition that has been voiced in some quarters regarding the Enlarged Program, there was only in evidence on the part of opponents and proponents a desire to get together by compromise so that the work in its broadest phases might go forward. It was gratifying to see how different sections and affiliated societies took definite action even be-

fore the A. L. A. itself. Resolutions endorsing the Enlarged Program were passed by the League of Library Commissions, the joint session of Law and State Librarians, and the joint session of School and Children's Librarians, as well as by the Trustees Section, before the Association itself took action on Saturday morning.

Colorado Springs proved to be an ideal meeting place. That the sessions at the Antlers Hotel were so well attended was not because

of a lack of wonderful and interesting places to go and see, but because the business at hand was so important. The provision made on the program, allowing Friday afternoon and all day Sunday free for sightseeing, allowed everyone to attend meetings and visit points of interest as well.

The attendance reached the creditable figure of six hundred, but there were many familiar faces missing, chief among them being those of Mr. and Mrs. Bowker, and Mr. and Mrs. Carr. But there were also many red ribboners who became better acquainted with

every one because of the smaller number present. The Trustees Section claimed an attendance larger than ever heretofore and the progressive resolution on salaries adopted by that body is undoubtedly one of the most important actions ever taken by the section: "Whereas, we believe that a marked increase in the salaries of library workers is necessary to the continuation of efficient service in our libraries, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we urge upon all library trustees everywhere to labor earnestly to have sal-



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