

During these years Elizabeth V. Dobbins, D. C. Buell, H. O. Brigham, E. H. Redstone, O. E. Norman, and John A. Lapp, have been Vice-Presidents.

The secretaries have been as follows: Anna Sears, (1909 to 1910) Guy E. Marion (1910 to 1915), Jesse Cunningham (1915 to 1916), John A. Lapp (1916 to 1917), Ralph L. Power (1917 to 1918,) Caroline E. Williams (1918 to 1919); and Estelle L. Liebmann (1919 to date).

COMMITTEE METHODS OF PROCEDURE

The association began to conduct its work

blems in the first number of *Special Libraries* as follows:

"It will be advisable to find out what libraries exist; what material they possess; how they got it; what they are doing with it and what they propose to do with it in the future; how far private and quasi-public insurance libraries are duplicating work which, in combination, they could do much more effectively; how far public libraries have gone in the collection of insurance literature, to what use their collections are being put, and what principle, if any, governs them in their additions to these collections; how far cataloging and classification of insurance literature has been carried and what attempts, if any, have been made to unify such efforts as may have been made; and finally, if there is any data upon which to base



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chiefly thru committees, the first organization embracing the following committees: Agricultural Libraries, Commercial Associations, Insurance Libraries, Legislative and Municipal Reference Libraries, Membership, Public Utility Libraries, Publication, Publicity, Sociological Libraries, and Technology Libraries. In time these committees went out of service, other special committees have been created from time to time, have reported and have been discharged. It is interesting to note now in retrospect, how comprehensively these early committees planned. A statement of The Insurance Libraries Committee proceeds to outline its own pro-

a judgment, what branches of insurance occupy a foremost place in insurance interests, at the present time, and what particular phases of each branch may be most helpful by the publication of sources of information thereon."

This is but a sample of the serious way in which the founders of this association started out to perform their work.

THE NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

In a paper written several years ago called "Resumé of The Association's Activities, 1910-1915"* I described another part of the association's organization, the National Advisory Board from which I quote:

**Special Libraries* v. 6, no. 9, p. 143.