

# Post-Professional Education and Training

THE POST-PROFESSIONAL education of librarians was treated in an illuminating paper by Helen Frances Pierce, librarian, Junior College Library, Modesto, Calif., before the Junior College Libraries Subsection at the San Francisco meeting. Her paper will be published in the *A.L.A. Bulletin*. It complements the foregoing papers.

Miss Pierce pointed out that in recent years increasing provision has been made by the professions to assist the practitioner in growing. There has also been, as was shown by a summary of what has been attempted, a considerable stirring in the library field. But the efforts and programs on the graduate level thus far are

deficient in one or more of the following respects: (1) relatively few librarians have been reached; (2) the supply of capable teachers is not equal to the demand; (3) problems of content versus methodology and technique have been only partially solved; and (4) there is not agreement upon the amount of specialization in a single field that is desirable.

Miss Pierce is convinced that librarians must overcome the complacency that has characterized them in the past and that each must ferret out such knowledge and methods as will increase his professional stature, unless librarians are content to be merely mediators or handmaidens to the learned scholars. A. F. K.

## Conference of Eastern College Librarians

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usual feature of the organization is some twenty regional alumni groups distributed over the country. These alumni members have proved particularly useful in discovering and procuring local imprints for the Yale library.

### *Advocate A.C.R.L. Membership*

At the suggestion of Charles C. Williamson, dean of the School of Library Service, Columbia University, the question of the future status and conduct of the Conference of Eastern College Librarians was opened for discussion by Wil-

lard P. Lewis, librarian of Pennsylvania State College. The conference has always been an informal organization, without officers or dues, meeting under the auspices of Columbia University. Mr. Lewis pointed out the advantages of a closer affiliation with the A.L.A. and the A.C.R.L. The sentiment of the group did not favor any change in the informal character of the conference but adopted a resolution, offered by Henry Bartlett Van Hoesen, librarian, Brown University Library, supporting individual membership in the A.C.R.L.