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NEW SUBSTITUTION PLAN FOR COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES

The plan permitting the substitution of *College and Research Libraries* for the A.L.A. *Handbook* and *Proceedings* numbers of the *A.L.A. Bulletin* by A.C.R.L. members paying dues of \$5 or more was modified at the Boston meeting by action of the A.C.R.L. Board of Directors and the A.L.A. Council. The new plan provides that A.C.R.L. members paying dues of \$5 or more may make this substitution and receive a credit of fifty cents toward the normal \$2 subscription to *C. and R.L.*

At the Cincinnati meeting in 1940 the A.L.A. Council adopted a recommendation of a special A.L.A. committee permitting this substitution as an experiment for two years beginning January 1, 1941, in order to determine the effect on income and budget. The actual savings in publication expenses for the *A.L.A. Bulletin* resulting from the 730 substitutions in 1940-41 amounted to forty-one cents per substitution. Since this did not equal the loss of revenue to the *College and Re-*

search Libraries budget from the 730 subscribers, a serious deficit threatened the journal's budget. The Board of Directors of A.C.R.L., after considering the problem at two sessions during the Boston Conference and after consultation with several members of the original substitution committee, decided to propose a compromise arrangement rather than to recommend that the substitution be dropped outright or that the deficit be allowed to run for a second year. Subsequent action by the A.L.A. Council supported this compromise arrangement by allowing a fifty-cent credit to the *College and Research Libraries* budget for each A.C.R.L. member making the substitution.

For the coming year, therefore, a subscriber wishing to make the substitution will need to pay in addition to his dues, \$1.50 for *College and Research Libraries*. For an additional fifty cents he may also receive the *Handbook* and *Proceedings* numbers of the *A.L.A. Bulletin*.