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IN LIEU OF the annual conference of college and reference librarians, which is devoted to a discussion of common problems, the officers of the association have felt it desirable to present to its readers a consideration of currently important topics through the medium of *College and Research Libraries*. The material in this issue was gathered, in the main, by a committee composed of Ralph A. Beals, Wave L. Noggle, Winifred Ver Nooy, and E. W. McDiarmid, chairman.

This committee met a year ago and selected the topics of communication and cooperation for discussion. Lead articles on these topics were prepared by Harold D. Lasswell and Robert B. Downs, respectively. Each of these papers warrants the attention of college and reference librarians and, together with the discussions by various individuals, represents a valuable contribution to the literature. Although

the problems of cooperation have been treated rather liberally in the journal from time to time, those of communication have received slight discussion until now. Certain of the papers have been placed apart from the two major divisions. That by James G. Hodgson deals with an experiment in cooperation and follows the discussions of Mr. Downs's general review. Those by Fremont Rider and Alice I. Bryan are concerned with problems of both communication and cooperation.

The committee and the editors hope that this Conference in Print will provide new insight into many of the problems of communication and cooperation and will help substantially in developing a program for postwar action. They will be grateful for any comments readers may wish to make concerning points raised by the writers.

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