director of the University of Minnesota Libraries—who, following a few intensive days of interviewing campus personnel and examining library collections, procedures, and physical plant, will provide an expert assessment of strengths and weaknesses and cogent guidelines both for measures immediately desirable and for long-range library development. With these Sioux Falls College now stands equipped.

Two features make this report of interest beyond the college's own constituency. Sadly undernourished as the library is (the surveyors pound hard on the fact that after years of substandard support, a library will not regain its feet by any ordinary "formula," but that, instead, outsize expenditures are required, and for a good long time), yet the report is notable for all it relates as being right in the library. There emerges an inspiring picture of what can be accomplished, despite privations, in roughly two years by a librarian who applies astuteness and energy to a library that is in a bad way: vigorous weeding, for example, so that accelerated acquisitions can later build on a solid nucleus; establishment of sound procedures in technical processes; new services, however necessarily restricted in scale, for readers. The surveyors rightly express admiration of the college's librarian. As—one trusts!—the new level of recommended support materializes, he appears ready to shift right into high gear. Not all survey reports reveal such a picture; this one makes good reading.

The other remarkable aspect of this report is the surveyors' utilization of the new ALA Standards for College Libraries. They have thoroughly integrated them into their report, actually reproducing pertinent paragraphs in facsimile as introduction to most sections: "Structure and Government," "Reference Collection," etc. They then apply these quotations to the local scene, emphasizing or elaborating on particular points as needed. It is an effective technique, economical of space and of explanatory verbiage. It brings immediately to bear the most authoritative statements on each broad aspect of a college library. (Inevitably, they find occasion also to quote Guy Lyle.) It need hardly be added that both authorities stand up excellently. So does this survey.—Robert L. Talmadge, Tulane University Library.

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