

***In Conclusion: Highlighting the Indiana Library
Association - 1923 Meeting at the West Baden Springs Hotel
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The October 1923 issue of *Library Occurrent* (Volume 6, Number 12) gives highlights of that year's annual meeting. *Library Occurrent* was published by the Public Library Commission of Indiana, and was an earlier name of *Indiana Libraries*. The *Indiana Library Association (I.L.A.)* was later renamed the *Indiana Library Federation (I.L.F.)*.

We wanted to close this issue with excerpts about the 1923 I.L.A. annual conference:

Report of the I.L.A. Meeting (pages 427-428):

With more than two hundred persons in attendance, with fine weather, with good hotel accommodations, with an interesting program, and but few counter-attractions, this year's annual conference of the I.L.A. proved a very satisfactory one for all concerned. On Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 10th, most of the librarians were given a ride in automobiles provided by a local entertainment committee consisting of the library trustees of French Lick, Orleans, Paoli, Huntingburg, Bedford, Shoals, and Salem. That evening, the first general meeting was held in the convention hall of the West Baden Springs Hotel, at which time Miss Anna Maris, President of the Orange County Historical Society, gave an interesting, even a beautiful, description of 'Orange County's hills and waters.'

Then, after excellent and much appreciated music by Mr. Edward LaShelle and Miss Elizabeth Ohr, the address of the evening was given by Dr. A.W. Vernon, professor of biography, Carlton College, Northfield, Minn. That address is worthy of a paragraph here. The enthusiasm of the man in regard to the worth of biography made eager and rapt listeners of us all. We wished he had had two hours longer to talk to us. 'A good book is a good deal more alive than most of our friends.

We do not go into less life, but into more life, when we read a good book. The library is to be more and more the gateway to life.'

Thursday was crowded with good things, the evening program including:

- 'The librarian as censor' by Mary U. Rothrock of Knoxville, Tenn.
- 'Some contemporary continental novelists' by Jennie M. Flexner, Louisville, Ky.
- 'The American Library in Paris' by Sarah C.N. Bogel, Chicago, Ill.

Friday morning was devoted to a business meeting and to a final general session... Resolutions were adopted protesting the reduction of library levies in Indianapolis and other cities in the State...; pledging support of the members to the children's library for the Riley Memorial Hospital...

A vote of thanks was expressed by the Association to the Entertainment Committee and to the Hotel authorities for their services and courtesies... The convention came to a close Friday noon.

We extend a sincere thanks to all the contributors of this issue.

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