

**THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF CBHL
HELD IN NEW YORK CITY.**

The New York Botanical Garden and The Horticultural Society of New York were joint hosts for the third annual meeting of the Conference on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, held from April 1 to 3, 1971. The meeting attracted fifty official registrants, representing thirty-two institutions and organizations. Most of the proceedings and discussions of the conference were recorded on tape, and are presented in digest form in this first issue of the CBHL Newsletter.

The business session of the third meeting of the Conference on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries was called to order by the Chairman of the Secretariat, Mr. Charles R. Long, at 2:25 PM on Thursday, April 1, 1971 in Classroom A of the Museum Building of The New York Botanical Garden.

After introducing the members of the Secretariat, Mr. Long introduced Mr. Charles D. Webster, President of The Horticultural Society of New York, who gave the official welcoming address.

Mr. Webster spoke of his enthusiasm for the formation of the Conference on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries and his pleasure of acting, with Dr. William C. Steere, as co-host of the third meeting. He indicated his interest in our libraries, "not as a librarian, but as someone who is deeply interested in books and in what a library is, stands for, and can stand for...and as a president of a horticultural society with a library." And he expressed interest in the way "a society with a library, and a library with a society, can function for the benefit of the library, the plant community, and the local, national, and international public."

Mr. Webster continued by suggesting that our libraries should move out into our communities in some way: "We're pretty good hosts to scholars and people seeking information who come to our doors, and perhaps we even try to get people to come [to us] by telling them what we have, but perhaps the libraries which we represent have an obligation to put themselves forward more actively to make the great resource which we share more available to those persons who do not know of it and who perhaps are hungry for all kinds of knowledge and lore which we have in our custody."

There are four major functions which the Conference on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries should consider: 1. Can we do more to assist newly formed horticultural societies, groups, and garden centers who are trying to establish libraries?

2. Should we consider ways in which to help our libraries specialize and coordinate?
3. Can libraries serve as "money makers" for their institutions or societies, through programs in the community, etc.? Is this their function?
4. Can we share among us information about research-in-progress being carried out by users of our libraries?

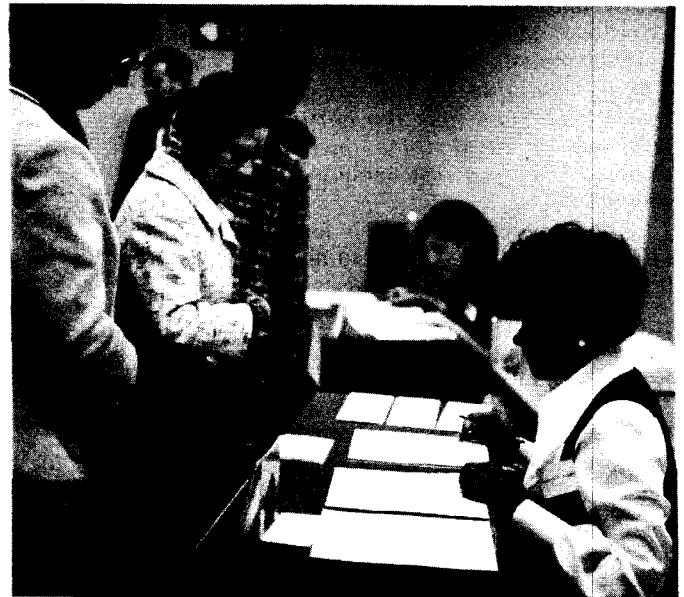
Following Mr. Webster's interesting and stimulating address, announcements were made about the information packets distributed at the meeting, and specifically, about the duplicate lists from the Arnold Arboretum, the Gray Herbarium and the Hunt Botanical Library, and materials contributed by the Guild of Book Workers and TALAS.

An additional registrant, Miss Julia Davis from Colonial Williamsburg, was introduced and welcomed.

Mrs. Ruth Schallert gave the membership report: as of March 31, 1971, the Conference on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries had 35 paid individual members and 29 paid institutional members. In compiling the mailing list of possible members, the institutional mailing list for the *American Journal of Botany*, given to us by the Botanical Society of America, as well as *Index Herbariorum*, the *ALA Directory*, and other directories and lists, were used. Suggestions of other possible members were solicited.

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Registration in the Museum Building of The New York Botanical Garden on the first day of the Conference.

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★ ★ NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT ★ ★

A meeting of the CBHL Secretariat was held on May 26, 1971 at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The Secretariat agreed to confirm the date and place of the 1972 Conference as April 20, 21, and 22, in Washington, D.C. The theme of the meeting will relate directly to the resources of federal government libraries, and their utility in relation to the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries; the cooperation and assistance of special libraries in the area will be sought. The possibility of visits to collections such as the Library of Congress, National Geographic Society, National Agricultural Library, the National Arboretum, Dumbarton Oaks, and others, as well as the Smithsonian libraries will be investigated. The Planning Committee for the 1972 Conference will consist of Ruth Schallert, Chairman; Edith Crockett, and two other persons to be selected by Mrs. Schallert.

A Nominating Committee was selected to consider candidates for election to junior membership on the Secretariat by CBHL at its next meeting, Mr. Reed will ask Charles Long to chair the Committee, and Julie Morris and Howard Swift to serve with him. The names of the two candidates will be submitted, along with others suggested by any CBHL member writing directly to the Chairman of the Secretariat, for publication in the next issue of the *CBHL Newsletter*. One person shall be elected by secret ballot during the business meeting of the Council at its 1972 meeting.

Mr. Reed stated that while incorporation of CBHL could be deferred indefinitely, since members can receive grants at present through their own institutions, the need for the formulation of certain by-laws had become apparent. These will be formulated by the Secretariat and presented for discussion to CBHL at a later date. Further clarification and cooperation within CBHL are needed in such areas as photocopying charges, interlibrary loan policies (a questionnaire regarding the various interlibrary loan policies of member libraries is being worked out by Charles Long, Cornelia Tyler and Lothian Lynas), duplicate exchange pricing and/or credit arrangements, the identification of materials needing preservation, and the possibility of outside funding for such programs. The feasibility of having AABGA act as a duplicate exchange center for CBHL will be investigated by the Secretariat also.

◆ ◆ ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK ◆ ◆

The **FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF CBHL** will be held on April 20, 21 and 22 in Washington, D.C. The program will concentrate on the resources of governmental libraries and their usefulness to specialized subject collections, such as those of CBHL. A registration form and more detailed information will appear in the next issue of the **CBHL NEWSLETTER**.

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The **ARNOLD ARBORETUM CENTENNIAL** will be celebrated in May 1972. As part of the week-long celebration the library will present an exhibit of botanical books at the Houghton Library which will be on display through the summer of 1972. A second, month-long exhibit of books, letters and memorabilia at the Widener Library is also planned.

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Mr. Gavin Bridson reports that the **LIBRARY OF THE LINNEAN SOCIETY** in London has undergone notable changes: an air-conditioned fireproof strongroom has been pro-

vided for the Linnean collections, manuscripts and other holdings; and, an ambitious re-cataloguing is underway. A new library policy is to be announced soon.

In cohort with Mr. Anthony P. Harvey of the British Museum (Natural History), Mr. Bridson is preparing a detailed gazetteer of biological collections that have special historical bibliographies or subject indexes to particular topics, and that are actively working on any aspect of bibliography of natural history.

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**YOU** are invited to submit for publication any news of appointments, promotions, new acquisitions, meetings, or other items of use or interest to members. If you have any suggestions about the contents of future issues of the **NEWSLETTER**, please send them to me also.

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The composition, format and content of the proposed *CBHL Newsletter* was confirmed, there having been a previous meeting of John Reed, Edith Crockett, and *CBHL Newsletter* Editor Joan deFato at The New York Botanical Garden on April 19th. It was hoped that three issues per year could be sent to the membership, and that it could be used to report on the activities of the Secretariat during the year, provide summaries of the annual conferences, give notices of other, related-interest meetings, news from members of CBHL, and disseminate information on sources for financial assistance for specific programs. A subscription to the *CBHL Newsletter* will be an automatic part of membership privileges of CBHL; no separate subscription rates for non-members will be offered. It is hoped that this will encourage applications for membership in CBHL by interested institutions and individuals. Mr. Reed will ask Albert Strickland of the Hume Library to actively solicit memberships in CBHL by land grant institutions.

The Secretariat accepted the invitation of the Civic Garden Centre Library of Don Mills, Ontario, and its Librarian, Mrs. Peter Dorn, to host the 1973 Conference. There being no further business, the meeting was concluded.

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Mr. John Reed gave the treasurer's report: as of March 31, 1971:

Income			
Membership dues			
Individual @ \$10.00 - 35	\$350.00		
Institutional @ \$25.00 - 29	725.00		
			\$1,075.00
Expenses			
Printing			
CBHL brochure	\$160.00		
Membership applications	50.00		
Minutes of second meeting	10.00		
Duplicate lists	20.00		
		\$240.00	
Postage		65.00	
Supplies		6.30	
Bank charges		4.57	
Total			\$ 316.12
Balance			\$ 758.88

Dr. Gil Daniels gave the report of the Nominating Committee in the absence of the chairman, Miss Elisabeth Woodburn. He prefaced his report by commenting on the make-up of the Secretariat: "We hope in time to have the Secretariat representative of the country on a wide basis geographically, but at this stage in our organization [we felt] that it was...a good move to try to keep the Secretariat fairly close, so that we would have people who could work together easily. We didn't want to have to worry about budgetary limitations..." Dr. Daniels then announced the Committee's selection for the new member of the Secretariat - Mrs. Edith Crockett, Acting Librarian at The Horticultural Society of New York.



Mr. Long asked for other nominations. There being none, Mr. Carleton moved that nominations be closed, and that the Chairman be instructed to cast a unanimous vote. The move was seconded and passed.

Mr. Long reported on the meetings of the Secretariat held in Washington, D.C. and in New York during the past year.

Next, Mr. Long broached the subject of the 1972 meeting. Mrs. Schallert, Librarian of the Smithsonian Institution - Botany Branch Library, offered to host the next meeting. There were no other invitations. (At the Saturday morning extension of the business meeting, it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Smithsonian Institution's offer be accepted.)

The suggestion was made that the 1973 meeting be hosted by an organization with a more western orientation.

Mr. Long discussed the importance of sharing and disseminating information about sources of financial support. There was general agreement that this is an area in which the Conference on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries can be of assistance.

The discussion then turned to other areas of cooperation. First, Mr. Long spoke of his interest in developing a directory of horticultural and botanical libraries and their holdings in the New World, and the possibility of developing this into a world-wide directory.

Next, Dr. Daniels was asked to speak about the possibility of adding locations to *Bibliographia Huntiana*. He indicated that it would be relatively simple to do this if outside funds could be obtained to print extra copies of the *B-H* checklist and to assist participating libraries in checking their holdings against the list. If the checklists were returned to the Hunt Botanical Library, it would then be a simple matter to record the location records in the data bank. The result of this effort would be a union catalog of participating library holdings for the period covered in *B-H*. If successful, this project might eventually be extended to include the more recent literature. The group felt this to be a worthwhile project and Mr. Reed and Dr. Daniels agreed to undertake the formulation of a proposal for seeking funds to carry it out.

The next topic discussed was the development of a national interlibrary loan network for botany and horticultural libraries. It was announced that the libraries of the Gray Herbarium - Arnold Arboretum, the Missouri Botanical Garden, The New York Botanical Garden and the Smithsonian Institution had agreed to try, on an informal basis, to set up an automatic shunting system, whereby interlibrary loan requests, unfillable by one library, would automatically be sent on to another library in the system with a minimum of delay. In discussion it was pointed out that a similar arrangement among horticulturally oriented libraries might be of even more value. Carleton Lees suggested that the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Library might investigate establishing a similar service with other libraries.

Mrs. Muriel Crossman was asked to speak about the questionnaire sent out for the compilation of the *Directory of American Horticulture*. She described in detail the compilation of the mailing and emphasized the national scope of the effort. She asked everyone to check his entry when the directory appears, and to notify her of deletions or corrections. It was suggested that this effort could be used as a nucleus of an interlibrary loan directory.

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The need for a directory which lists interlibrary loan policies was emphasized by several persons. Mr. Long expressed interest in gathering and compiling this information.

The matter of a newsletter was brought up. Attendees felt that such a publication would be useful. It was suggested that such a vehicle might be useful for noting the deposition of private collections and other matters of general interest. Mr. Long asked for a volunteer to act as editor. (Later during the meeting, Miss Cornelia Tyler and Miss Joan DeFato both indicated their willingness to act as editor. The Secretariat asked Miss DeFato to serve as editor because of her geographical proximity to two members of the Secretariat.)

Several organizational matters were raised:

First, the Secretariat recommended that the outgoing member of the Secretariat act as Chairman of the Nominating Committee during the following year. The membership agreed to this procedure. For the time being, this is the procedure that will be followed.

Secondly, the Secretariat recommended that a permanent treasurer be appointed to avoid the annual transfer of bank accounts, etc. It was moved, seconded and approved that this recommendation be adopted. Mr. Reed agreed to act in this capacity at the pleasure of the membership.

Next was the matter of Corporate Membership, a subject which evoked considerable discussion, pro and con, on the advisability of allowing commercial interests to be represented within the organization. At the second meeting of the Conference on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries in Pittsburgh, we had decided against a corporate membership. During the year, a number of firms had contacted us concerning membership and concerning the membership list. After considerable discussion, it was moved and approved that commercial memberships would not be established. However, an individual from these firms could become a personal member with full privileges.

Lastly, it was moved and passed that the Secretariat send letters of thanks to the hosts of the meeting, The New York Botanical Garden, The Horticultural Society of New York, and the Garden Club of America, and also to the Antiquarian Book Fair.

Under New Business, there was discussion of the name of the organization. Many members felt that the name "Conference" was misleading and did not reflect the on-going nature of the organization. A number of alternatives were suggested -- Association, Consortium, and Council. It was moved, seconded, and approved by the membership that the name be changed to Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries.

The Secretariat was urged to try to establish a working relationship with the National Agricultural Library. Several attempts on the part of Mr. Long, in the past year, had met with no response.

Following this discussion, announcements were made of several upcoming seminars and meetings on book conservation. Mr. R. Henry Norweb, Jr. announced the theft from the Holden Arboretum of 756 35mm negatives of title pages of rare books and asked all members of the Conference on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries to keep on the look-out for them.

Mr. Long introduced the new Chairman of the Secretariat Mr. John F. Reed, who confined his remarks to announce-

ments about the schedule of programs and transportation for the rest of the meeting on Friday and Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned.

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA RECEPTION

The Garden Club of America, through its Library Committee chaired by Mrs. Fabian Kunzelmann, gave a cocktail party for the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries at its headquarters at 598 Madison Avenue in the late afternoon. Members of the Council were given the opportunity to view the library collection of the Garden Club of America, acquired over many years; there was also a special exhibit of rare books illustrating the refinement of gardening techniques and tastes since the 17th Century. On display were several striking dried flower arrangements (some brought especially from North Carolina for the reception) that were admired by all. In the comfortable and relaxed atmosphere, many questions of mutual interest were discussed informally.

The reception, which ended at 7PM, was followed by a visit to the preview opening of the International Antiquarian Book Fair at the Biltmore Hotel. Tickets for the event were graciously and generously donated to CBHL members by the co-chairman of the Book Fair this year, Elisabeth Woodburn. Miss Woodburn also had notified participating booksellers that the Conference dates would coincide with the dates of the Fair, resulting in a considerable number of books and prints on display of a botanical and/or horticultural nature, for the benefit and interest of the group. Members browsed among the stalls individually and at their leisure, and several items were purchased for CBHL collections. The preview officially closed at 10PM.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1971

The care and preservation of books was the subject of the second day of the CBHL meeting in New York. Carolyn Horton, well known expert on binding and book conservation, gave an illustrated lecture on some of the basic considerations in caring for books in libraries. Among the subjects she covered were binding materials, effects of different kinds of light on bindings, acid paper, and damage caused by foxing and insects. Mrs. Horton also mentioned materials that were suitable and unsuitable for repairing books.

For members who did not attend the afternoon workshop on first aid book repair, Mrs. Horton gave a demonstration of many of the conservation techniques that she had discussed in the morning. Using a group of books chosen to illustrate common problems, she described the proper preliminary cleaning of the books. Then spines and labels were re-attached, pages tipped in, and worn corners strengthened. After the final steps of touching up the color of worn bindings and treatment of leather, the books were ready to be returned to the shelves.

Mrs. Horton's informative sessions, combined with her book *Cleaning and Preserving Bindings and Related Materials*, laid a fine foundation for the members' knowledge of book conservation.

This concludes the proceedings of the first half of the Conference. Part Two, covering the roundtable and open discussion on cooperative opportunities for small society and institutional libraries, will appear in the next issue of the CBHL Newsletter.