ses of the Carnegie Library last night, he following annual report. REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Library of Charlotte:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to present to you the ninth annual report of the Carnegie library of Charlotte, and the second of my librianship for the year ending December 31, 1911.

The significant events of the library year were the increased appropriation of \$1,500 annually, granted by the city council in May, and the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie of \$15,000 for the erection of an addition to the building. It was hoped that the income of the library could be placed on the basis of a certain millage of the assessed property valuation in order that it could be sure of continuosly progressive support in proportion to the growth of population and increase of library needs. Such a millage would as the wealth of Charlotte and its consequent ability to spend, increases.

To this end, a bill was sent to the general assembly, with the approval of the city council, which provided for an election on the question of a library tax. The bill passed the legislature, and general preparation for the election were begun. In May, it was discovered that owing to a misunderstanding of the date, it would be unadvisable, if not impossible, to hold the election. The matter was then presented to the city council with the re-

was indeed a welcome one. The prestractive children's room, and an auditorium. The present children's room will then be used for reference, as the corner set apart for that work is not sufficiently large, and much of the room during the past year.

It is expected that these two significant events of 1911 will make possible the community in the future. This pubtunity in this growing and progressive brary. city, and it is hoped that never again will inadequately support cripple the work as in the past.

InVentory. Books in library, Jan. 1, 1911.... 5.610

gift, and 104 were transferred from the rent collection, making a total of 980 additions; 324 volumes were with-

Juvenile books issued for home

Circulation,

The increase in the issue of books and enthusiasm of the staff. for home use was 2,214 over that for 1910. Since 1907, the issue of books for home use has decreased every year until 1911. This decrease in the past three years was the direct result of lack of sufficient number of books,

35,798 books in the past year. The library is now open from 9 a m, to 9 p, m, every week day except certain holidays. The hours were extended as soon as possible after the increased appropriation was granted. Th night opening has proven very popular, and is well worth the additional

and we are glad to note the issue of

A change in the method of registerable in order that as few obstacles as terday.' possible should be put between the borrower and his book. In the future, no guarantor will be required provided the name of the applicant is in the city or the telephone directory. The applicant will be given his borrower's card immediately, and will not have to wait a day before he can get a book. It is expected that these changes will meet! facilitate matters for the public.

the requirement of re-registration of all borrowers whose cards are five years application blanks and will be given new numbers. This will be done in order to ascertain the number of active members and to get rid of the names of the people who have moved away from Charlotte or for various rea-

sons no longer use the library. An increase in the number of registrations is noticeable, 640 new members joining in 1911.

The number of books issued from the rent or duplicate pay collection was 2,518; 89 volumes were purchased at a cost of \$92.80; 104 volumes paid for themselves, and were transferred to the main collection.

Reference. Attendance in reading and ref-

No. days library was The attendance in the reading and reference rooms shows an increase over that for 1910, 13,996 people having been noted during the year. I am convinced that the increase is larger than the figures indicate, as it is almost impossible to keep acurate count during the rush hours at the desk.

The reference work is largely confined to the study club work, and the work with schools and colleges, although every kind of reference work

is done to some extent. The study club work involves assistance in compiling programs, preparation and publication of lists of books for individual papers, in some cases, the lists prepared at the library are printed on the programs, in others the lists are published through the courtesy of the daily papers. As there are 10 study clubs, besides the Woman's Ciub, with its various departments, this is a very large part of the reference work.

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The work with the schools and colleges includes debate and thesis preparation. This work is done for the high school, Presbyterian and Elizabeth Colleges, Baird's School for Boys, Charlotte University School, and the Southern Industrial Institute, besides the debating societies of the churches of

New reference books are needed very much, and it is hoped that this collection can be augmented during 1912. There is no doubt but that it would be very gratifying if th estatis-tics of the number of books used daily At a meeting of the board of trus- from the reference shelves could be given in this report, but it would be an fliss Palmer, the librarian, submitted interrupted and partial account that could be given by the librarian in

Binding and Mending.

One hundred and twenty volumes of magazines were bound during the year, and added to the reference collection. There are now over 600 volumes of bound magazines in the library, and these, with the periodical indexes, are invaluable in the reference work.

Three thousand seven hundred and twelve books were mended at the librarry during 1911. Often books are mended several times before being disearded, because of the necessity of using books just as long as possible.

Donations.

Next in importance to Mr. Carnegie's gift was the donation of the Engineering Society of the Carolinas of the collection of books which has been housed at the library for some time. It increase the library revenues each year includes books on engineering, and allied subjects, and wil form a valued part of the general collection. Mr. Erwin A. Holt, of Burlington, do-

nated a set of Dr. Marden's works, and these have been among our most popular class books. Various donations of books and

magazines were sent in by individuais in the city and elsewhere, and were very much appreciated.

The largest amount of publicity was done by way of preparation for the sult that an increased appropriation of election which was to have been held \$1,500 annually was voted. This has in June. Copies of the book-mark "Our made possible longer hours, and the Public Library" were taken to the purchase of new books which were smaller factories, and placed in the pay envelopes of the employes. Talks The announcement in November of were made before several of the study the gift of \$15,000 from Mr. Carnegie clubs by the librarian, But most of the work was done through the daily ent building is becoming crowded, and and weekly papers. The librarian demore apparent. It is planned to have the new structure contain a large, athundred articles were published about the library in 1911,

In October cards were placed in the shop windows announcing the library work has been done in the reading hours, and as a result, twice as many

In December, by co-operation with

The only lectureo f the year was that on tree culture by Mr. Z. P. Metcalf, assistant state entomologist. Meetings,

Total additions 9.80 of the Georgia Library Asociation at Wilkes and by Miss Tomlinson,

of the night work, September 15th.

Respectfuly submitted MARY B. PALMER.

Wilson Popular.

ing just held in Washington, says:

"With the backers of Woodrow Wil-tration. son jubilantly asserting "that recent ing borrowers has been deemed advis. mittee came to a harmonious end yes is characteristic of the best French

A Virginia Fashion.

(From the Southwest Times.) Woolling and a miscellaneous assem- half in width. They are made of lace blage of elderly dames, the first Dur-Inet, or chiffon, or any thin, dainty mabar ever held west of the Alleghanies terial preferred by the wearer. On was brought to a happy termination some of the best silk or satin dresses, with general favor as they will greatly amid the enthusiastic cheers of the especially those made with the new well. I may pull through.

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ALL DRUGGISTS

ent building is becoming crowded, and and weekly papers. The librarian dethe need of more spoce is more and sires to acknowledge with apprecia-Ruffles on the Skirts Immense Buttonholes Are Seen

New York, Jan. 12.-There has probborrowers as usual were added in that ably never been a time when small dress accessories played such an imthe Louisville Public Library, lists portant part as now in the making of "Children's books as Christmas of the costume. With the means at lic library has an excellent oppor- gifts" were distributed from the li- hand in these days of artistic finishings the plainest dress becomes a thing of beauty in the hands of the clever woman who knows just what to choose to wear with it. Artificial and ribbon The librarian attended the meeting flowers, which can be had in many charming devices, and give just the Books in library Dec. 31, 1911.. 6,266 Carolina Library Association at Dur- right touch of color when skilfully On January 1, 1911, there were 5,610 ham in November. At the latter, the li- placed, are now worn with every style books in the library. During the year, brary was represented by the vice of dress, even the coat suit having its 581 were added by purchase, 295 by president of the board, Mr. J. Frank appropriate bunch of violets, its rose, or its camelia. Tiny rosebuds are to In September, Miss Annie Pierce the lace draperies to the front and drawn. We start the year with 6,266 was given leave of absence to enter back of the waist, and violets or roses the Library Training School in At- are worn, brooch fashion, at the neck, lanta and Miss Tomlinson a graduate the side frill or jabot falling in cas-Adult books for home use 30,964 of the school, was secured in her place. | cade from beneath them. The single Miss Mary Wiley was put in charge large roses which come in the colors of the American Beauty, Jacqueminot, I wish to express my ppreciation of La France or Golden Gates, are seen the continued confidence of the board, nestling among the laces of the cor-Total number of registrationc. 6,984 and to warmly commend the loyalty sage. They are sometimes used to fasten at the waistline a velvet ribbon or bias fold of velvet which passes over the shoulder and around to the waist again, making, with its sharply contrasting color, a valuable adjunct The Washington Post, in its first to the harmony of the costume. Such remarks in telling the result of the an arrangement of black velvet ribbon Democratic National Committee meet- with a red rose at the waist, on a white costume we have in above illus-

> This dress (figure 1) is a peculiarly events had proved that the New Jer-chic example of the most recent modes, sey governor would be the democratic It is made of white satin, handsomely nominee for president, Baltimore se-lembroidered with crystal beads and lected as the scene of the convention, silk around the panel, sleeves and low and June 25 fixed as the day, the meet- corsage. The dropped shoulder into ing of the Democratic National Com-which the sleeve is set without fulness models, and the pretty sleeve ruffles

Everybody is wearing sleeve ruffles again. Some are wide, falling well I desire to announce to my friends the hand in the long sleeves, and and kinsfolk that, assisted by Dr. some are narrow, only an inch and a new subject of our realm this morn- sleeves tight fitting to the elbow, the ing. Mother and daughter are doing ruffles are made of finely pleated bobinet, and go around the hand and up the outside seam nearly to the elbow,



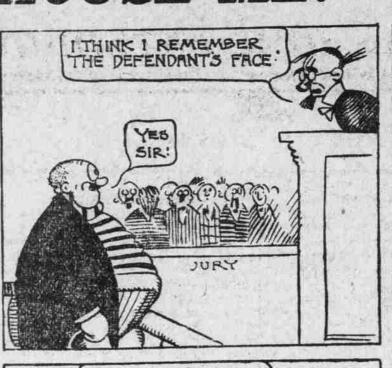
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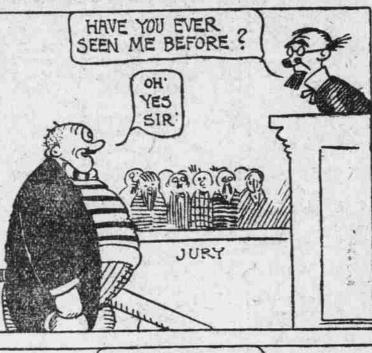
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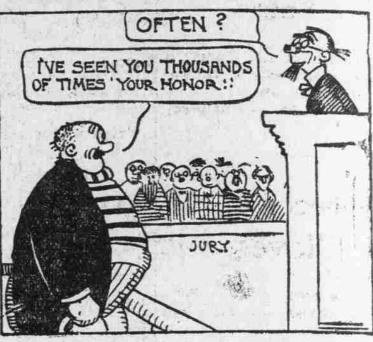


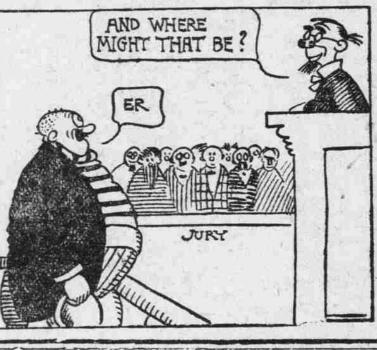


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M.MYER









hooks and eyes to insure the perfect yards and a quarter, which now seems fit now demanded by fashion. If there to be the regulation, and will take her as he sat at the head of the table at blouse, that, too, is outlined with the spring and summer. The apparent'ily, who were rejoicing over his renet pleating in a quaint fashion which fulness given by ruffles and cleverly turn; "this is about the toughest rel is most becoming. Fastidious women arranged draperies of course heralds I ever tried to eat." approve the sleeve ruffles, but they an eventual return to wider skirts, but "Well, we thought you'd like a must be kept scrupulously clean else for the present we must content our tle touch of sentiment," said his have ness is spoiled.

A logical sequence of sleeve ruffles dation. is ruffling or flouncing on the skirt, and we have the assurance of the best or voile, but real ruffles will undoubtedly be seen next summer on the lovely batistes and cotton voiles manufacturers are already preparing for our delectation. Among all the features of woman's dress contemptuously denominated "fripperies" by men other materials to give the best renothing so proclaims the eternal feminine as the ruffle. It is something a mere man cannot wear-hence his assumed scorn-and by its fluffiness and softness seems a fitting expression of the gentler woman soul. For this reason it is never long out of fashion, and its unfailing reappearance after a few seasons of eclipse is always a joyful lated tunic of broadcloth is in the diate points.

It is not to be supposed, though, that the presence of ruffles will mean full skirts. Fashion doubtless deems the width of skirts when she enlarged

Figure Two.

the seam being closed with buttons or them from a yard and a half to two is a round or a sailor collar on the stand on that all through the coming gazed around at the assembled fam the whole effect of feminine dainti- narrowness as best we can by sewing py father. frills to a two and a quarter yard foun-We do not much care, anyway, as years ago."

long as we are using silk and satin. It French dressmakers that that too is is only when climatic necessity brings! coming in again. Slightly gathered us to lawn and linen that we will sigh flounces are already seen on some of for more latitude. Just now we are needs no hod carrier," added the new skirts, particularly those concerned to get the best possible ef- Simple Mug. made of lighter materials, as thin silk fects from the bengalines, moires and poplins which are said to be making a bid for popular favor against satin which has held sway for so long. Bengaline and poplin may be used to good advantage for an entire dress,

but moire needs to be combined with sults, since the hard and shining "watered" effect is apt to play havoc with the lines of one's figure.

This pretty illustration (figure 2) shows a clever combination of moire ing cars, observation cars and di with broadcloth in making one of the coaches to Birmingham. Dining new coat suits. The lower part of the service. skirt is a taupe moire, and the simu- Danville, same gray shade. The coat matches the tunic, while the stylesh collar and wide cuffs are of the moire. The suit Jacksonville. has that smart look at which we all sleeping cars for Aiken, Augusta at enough concession has been made in aim in our clothes, no matter how conservative our taste. A feature of all the late coat suits

and tailored gowns is the immense buttonholes. These may be worked to admit the passage of the huge buttons with which all dresses are lavishly trimmed, or they may be merely simulated with narrow flat cord or tiny bias folds or silk. But, however, they Pullman drawing room sleeping a are made, their presence is emphatically apparent. Some that were seen at a display of fashion novelties seemed to be nearly three inches long, though as actual measurements were not taken allowance must be made for the inefficiency of the human eye before giving full credence to that statement.

fast mail, for Wilmington and point North. Pullman drawing room sleep ing cars, New Orleans and Birming cars, New York. Day coaches washington. Dining car service.

10:20 a. m.—No. 28, daily, for Wish ton Salem Boancke and local points.

JAMES KER, Jr., T. P .A., Selwyn Frains Leave Charlotte-Effective Nov. NO. 40-5:00 a. m., through train for Wilmington with parlor car attached. Connects at Hamlet with No. 33 for Portsmouth and Norfolk, No. 66 for Raleigh, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. Dining car service and vestibule coaches to Washington. Pullman sleeping cars to Jersey City.

NO. 133—10.10 a. m.—Local for Lincolnton, Shelby and Rutherfordton.

NO. 47—4:45 p. m.—For Lincolnton, Shelby, Rutherfordton and points West.

NO. 44—5 p. m.—For Wilmington and all local stations.

NO. 132—7:25 p. m.—Handles local sleeper to Portsmouth, Norfolk; connects at Monroe, with No. 41 for Atlanta and Southwest with through sleeper to Birmingham; at Monroe with No. 32 for him through sleeper to Birmingham; at With sleeping to Atlanta and Southwest with through sleeper to Birmingham; at With sleeping to Atlanta and Southwest with through sleeper to Birmingham; at Monroe with No. 32 for him Special for Washington and No. 33 for him Special for Washington and No. 34 for him Special for Washington and No. 35 for him Special for Washington and No. 36 for him Special for Wa for Atlanta and Southwest with through sleeper to Birmingham; at Monroe with No. 32, fast train with sleeper to Portsmouth and Norfolk and Jersey City. Connects at Hamlet with No. 34, with through vestibule coaches to Washington. Dining car Richmond to New York. Pullman sleepers to New York. Pullman sleepers to New York.

New York.

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133-10.10 A. M. from the East.
45-12.10 P. M. from the East.
46-9:55 A. M. from the West.
and all local stations.

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49-7.25 P. M. from the East.
59-16.50 P. M. from the East.
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"Good wine needs no bush.

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and observation cars New New Orleans, Atlanta and Macon. D ing car service. Solid Pullman trail 10:15 a. m .- No. 36. United State

ton-Salem, Roanoke and local points 11.10 a. m.-No. 11, daily local Atlanta and intermediate points. 2:55 p. m.—No. 46, daily, local 4:35 p. m.—No. 27, daily, loca Columbia and intermediate points. 4:50 p. m.-No. 41, daily except 800 day, local for Seneca and intermedial and Norfolk, Handles Pullman can Charlotte to Richmond, Charlotte New York and Salisbury to Norfolk

6:30 p. m.—No. 24, daily, except \$ day, local for Mooresville, Statesville, and Taylorsville. 7:30 p. m.—No. 38, daily, New You Atlanta and New Orleans. Limited Washington and points North. ing room sleeping cars, onservation cars to New York. Dining car served ham and New Orleans. Pullman di ing room sleeping cars New York New Orleans and Birmingham Decoaches Washington to New Orlean

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