

In the absence of the Secretary, her report was read by Mr. Moore and was accepted. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The Librarian reported that to date, the circulation is 1460 more than last year, with a marked increase among students. The Librarian's report was accepted with appreciation of her work and that of the staff. Mr. Moore reported on the work of the Legislative Commission of Libraries, the completion of its report and the presentation of the bill to both houses of the General Assembly.

Mrs. Moore requested the use of the Library for a Public Regional Meeting on March 20 for the towns of Smithfield, Gloucester, North Providence, and Johnston.

It was voted to send a letter to Sen. Walter Fane, expressing the endorsement of this Board for his careful consideration of the report of the Legislative Commission and urging passage of Bill S289 for the improvement of R.S. libraries.

It was voted to send a letter of thanks to Miss Alice Comstock for her generous gift, our first gift toward our building program. A letter of appreciation from the Smithfield Public Health League was read thanking the Library for its interest in the League, as shown by sponsoring the Health Show in September. The check for \$50.00 was sent to the Library toward the expenses of the Exhibition.

It was voted to secure the services of Miss Dorothy Abbott of Providence as a part-time cataloguer beginning March first.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to the preparation of the budget for 1964-1965 to be sent to the Town Council in early March. It was voted to increase the salaries for all library personnel to the legal minimum of \$1.25 to the assistants, and \$1.50 for the Librarian, effective March first.

Provision was made for additional hours open on Tuesday and Thursday 2 to 6 o'clock in addition to the present evening hours on those days in order to provide Library service every day except Friday, making a total of 32 hours