

*Proposed Union with the Library Association.*—The Council have considered very carefully the invitation to this Association to become a branch of the Library Association, and, having regard to the obvious value of a co-ordinated body representative of the entire library service of the Kingdom, and to the fact that under the proposed agreement of union the Scottish Library Association would retain its national entity, they have concluded that the interests of both the Scottish library service and the Association would be best served by the closest possible affiliation with the Library Association. They have unanimously approved, and recommend the acceptance of, the following draft agreement between the two Associations. A ballot, in which the members of the Association will be asked to record their votes for or against union on these conditions, will be taken by post after the Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AND THE SCOTTISH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

1. The Scottish Library Association agrees to enter into union with the Library Association, in accordance with Bye-laws E1 to E7 of the Library Association.
2. The Scottish Library Association shall continue to be known as the Scottish Library Association (in affiliation with the Library Association), or by any other title selected by its members, provided always that the title chosen shall indicate the connection and/or union with the Library Association.
3. The Scottish Library Association shall retain its present Constitution, subject to amendment by its own members at any time, and shall make such alterations in or additions to its Bye-laws as may be required to conform to the terms of this agreement.
4. The membership of the Scottish Library Association at the date of union shall be in two divisions—
  - (a) Members of the Library Association, who shall pay the appropriate subscription of the Library Association, without any addition; and
  - (b) Members of the Scottish Library Association not being members of the Library Association, who shall be known as Transitional Members, and shall continue to pay the subscriptions

which are demanded from members of the Scottish Library Association at the date of this agreement, and shall enjoy all the privileges of membership of the Library Association, as provided for in Bye-law A7, excepting in so far as modified by paragraph 8 of this agreement.

5. The Scottish Library Association shall undertake to enrol new members of the Association after the date of union only in accordance with Bye-laws A3 to A6 of the Library Association, and it shall be part of the policy of the Scottish Library Association to persuade Transitional Members to become members of the Library Association under Bye-laws A3 to A6.
6. The subscriptions of Transitional Members of the Scottish Association shall be collected by its officers, and shall be retained to meet the expenses of the Scottish Library Association. The Council of the Library Association shall pay to the Scottish Library Association, towards its expenses, the equivalent of a rebate of not less than Three Shillings per Guinea of the subscriptions of members of the Library Association who are members of the Scottish Library Association, or who elect to become members of the Scottish Library Association.
7. The Scottish Library Association shall retain any balance of monies in its possession at the date of the union, and its Scholarship Fund shall remain its property and under its control.
8. Transitional Members of the Scottish Library Association, notwithstanding the provision of Bye-law A7, shall not be entitled to receive "The Library Association Record," and shall not be entitled to registration under Bye-laws A10 to A12 of the Library Association.
9. Pending the completion of the act of union, all members of the Scottish Library Association shall be deemed to be qualified for admission to the Professional Examinations of the Library Association, subject always to the candidate having the educational and other qualifications demanded by the Library Association.
10. The Scottish Library Association shall give to the Library Association not less than twelve months' notice of its desire to determine this agreement.
11. This agreement shall come into force on the first day of January, 1931.