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EDITORIAL

The first issue of the Jamaica Library Association Bulletin was issued in May 1950. The end of the first five-year period may be a good time to look back and assess how much of what we set out to achieve has been accomplished - how much left undone. May I refresh your memory by quoting from that Editorial:

"The publishing by a professional association of its own  
"periodical is generally an indication that the members  
"display and maintain a wide and active interest in matters  
"touching their profession, both at home and abroad.  
"This belief, then, outlines the principle on which our  
"editorial policy should be based; the island's library  
"resources should be regularly reported, the Jamaican  
"opinion, praise or criticism, fully ventilated; this  
"local side being maintained in true perspective by the  
"inclusion of news from the greater Caribbean area, and  
"from the still wider English-speaking world."

Having stopped a minute to look back at the distance we have gone -

perhaps not so far as we had hoped - let us now take a good, deep breath and start again on the forward march determined to reach the goal we set ourselves.

As an Association there is much to give us encouragement. Although progress has been slow we are moving forward. Members of library staffs have been able to take advantage of the facilities for training offered by the Regional Training Centre in Trinidad with excellent results. It is imperative for the progress of libraries in Jamaica that these facilities should continue. More Book Centres and Parish Libraries have been established by the Jamaica Library Service. Of great significance is the coming opening of the first Branch Library in the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation, partly through the assistance of the Jamaica Government.

We hope to bring you still more encouraging reports in future issues of the Bulletin which, with your co-operation, we are planning to issue twice a year. Please keep us informed of developments in your library area. Tell us about the little humorous incidents that occur, write to us about your problems and any information you need, give us your ideas of library work as you find it.

The Bulletin is YOURS. Make it a vital and interesting one.

#### THE EDITOR'S DILEMMA

Getting out a publication is fun, but no picnic.  
If we print jokes, people say we are silly  
If we don't they say we are too serious.  
If we clip things from other magazines, we are  
too lazy to write them ourselves.  
If we don't we are too fond of our own stuff.  
If we don't print contributions, we don't  
appreciate true genius.  
If we do print them, the page is filled with junk.  
Now, very likely, someone will say we swiped this  
from some other magazine -  
We did.

Author Unknown

## JAMAICA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Jamaica Library Association was held at the Institute of Jamaica on Thursday 17th February, 1955.

Before the meeting a visit was paid to the Offset Printing Company in Harbour Street to observe the processes employed in colour printing. A very interesting time was spent. Members then assembled at the Institute for a visit to the Annual Art Exhibition in the Art Gallery and for tea.

The meeting was held in the Lecture Hall of the Institute. Mr. Chape the retiring Chairman welcomed everyone present. He also expressed appreciation on behalf of himself and Mrs. Chape and also of Mr. and Mrs. Holdsworth for the honour paid to them at the party on the 21st January.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:-

President:	Mr. Bernard Lewis
1st Vice President:	Mr. S.W. Hookey, O.B.E.
2nd Vice President:	It was unanimously agreed to invite the Hon. J. W. H. O'Regan to serve as a Vice President.
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. V. Mightly
Hon. Secretary:	Miss Beryl Fletcher

other members elected to serve on the Committee were: Rev. R. Morton York, N. Kenneth Ingram, Miss Mercedes Josephs, Miss E. Marson, Mr. Pat Jones.

Mr. Lewis then gave his presidential address. He reviewed the activities of the Association from its inception and expressed the view that there was great need for training of staff and that it was necessary for the Association to be very firmly established as it could more easily



make its voice heard on behalf of the profession. He was glad to see many of the foundation members still working with the association. It was with a great deal of regret that we had had to say farewell to Mr. Chape and Mr. Holdsworth, both of whom had made a considerable contribution to the profession during their term of office in Jamaica. People in Jamaica were learning to appreciate the work done in the libraries and he hoped that the Association would continue to prove that its efforts on behalf of librarianship as a profession had not been in vain.

In closing Mr. Lewis wished Mr. and Mrs. Chape a very happy holiday and success in their new sphere of work in Western Australia.

#### EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

In view of the urgent need of trained staff in all branches of the library service in Jamaica, the Committee of the Jamaica Library Association appointed an Education Sub-Committee to consider this question.

The Report of the Sub-Committee which has approved at a special general meeting held on the 7th April 1954, recommended that the fullest advantage be taken of the Regional Training Centre in Trinidad for the training of library staff in Jamaica, and that as far as funds permit the proposals for sending students to Trinidad be implemented as quickly as possible.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 10th February 1955, the Sub-Committee further reported as follows:-

"Two members of the staff of the Jamaica Library Service, two from the Parish Libraries, and one from the Secretariat Library went to Trinidad in August for three months training in the Regional Library and

the excellent report on their work which was received from the Director, Regional Library who is personally responsible for the training has been underlined by the extremely good results which they obtained in the December examinations. The Sub-Committee would like to bring to the notice of the meeting the fact that the future of the Regional Library is very uncertain, and would suggest that a strong representation should be made by the Jamaica Library Association on the need for a continuance to this organization.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee has approached the Government on the possibility of receiving assistance from C. D. & W. grants, both for training in the West Indies and for overseas scholarships. No reply has yet been received.

During a recent visit to the United States the Chairman enquired about the possibility of grants for training in American Library Schools or library services. Letters have been received from the Institute of International Education and the Atlanta University School of Library Service but no definite propositions have yet emerged.

Finally the Sub-Committee notes with pleasure the successes in the December examinations and extends congratulations to all those who have participated in this record pass list."

In view of this excellent beginning in library staff training it is to be successfully hoped that the authorities will realize the importance of continuing the Regional Training Centre in Trinidad for the purpose of providing the trained library personnel needed for the development and expansion of library service throughout the Caribbean area.

#### NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Jamaica Library Association will be held at Sav-la-mar on Thursday, 2nd June, on the kind invitation of Mrs. Hylton, B.Sc., Chairman of the Westmoreland Parish Library Committee. It is hoped that a large number of members will make it possible to attend. The programme will include a visit to Frome Sugar Factory.

### COCKTAIL PARTY

On Friday evening, January 21st, the Jamaica Library Association held a cocktail party in honour of Mr. Harold Holdsworth of the University College Library and Mr. Bill Chape of the Jamaica Library Service, both of whom were proceeding to Australia to take up posts as librarians there.

The function was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Hockey and there was a good attendance of Association members.

Gifts of Jamaican handicraft in wood were presented to Mr. Holdsworth and Mr. Chape by Miss Gray of the Jamaica Library Service and Miss Woo-Ming of the University College Library on behalf of the membership. Floral tributes were presented to Mrs. Chape and Mrs. Holdsworth and after a short period when good wishes were extended and "thank you" were expressed, a very pleasant evening came to a close.

### ST. CATHERINE PARISH LIBRARY

The St. Catherine Parish Library is planning its Annual Festival this year as part of the Tercentenary Celebrations. The eliminations will take place throughout the Parish during the last week in May and the Finals during the first week in June.

HER MAJESTY'S PATENT OFFICE LIBRARY, LONDON

By Mary A. Brebner, F.L.A.,  
Librarian, Institute of Jamaica.

Before discussing the Library itself, it may be useful to dwell a little on patents and the functions of Patent Office generally. It is said that the Greeks encouraged inventive cooks by granting patents for new table delicacies in 500 B.C. What then is a patent? The full title is Royal Letters Patent for Invention and it is a letter from the Sovereign open for all to read, granting to an inventor the exclusive right to make or sell a new invention. In this way the Crown grants a limited monopoly of sixteen years and the inventor in return describes his invention in a specification, being obliged also to put it into commercial use during this period, otherwise other interested parties may get permission to do so.

The inventor drafts and files his specification at the Patent Office in Chancery Lane which is a Government Office under the Board of Trade, and it is examined for novelty by the Patent Office Examiners, a body of men with technical training and background. They may reject the invention, but if on the other hand they recommend acceptance, a patent is granted and it becomes one of the 20,000 new British specifications published each year, the object being to make new developments in the industrial field as widely known as possible throughout the country. The Office also covers the registration of designs and trade marks, and questions relating to literary and artistic copyright.

Although primarily to aid the Examiners in their work, the Library is at the same time open to any member of the public for reference purposes, again in order to disseminate technical information widely. It was opened in 1855 following the impetus given to British industry by the Great Exhibition of 1851, and therefore celebrates its centenary this year. As one of the largest technical libraries in the

world, it contains textbooks, pamphlets, trade catalogues and periodicals dealing with the applied sciences and industrial arts, including complete sets of officially published specifications, indexes and journals relating to patents and trade marks of all countries. The volumes held number 340,000 and there are 9,000 periodical titles, 4,000 of these being currently received.

A large number of periodicals in various languages is absolutely essential in a library of this kind so that the latest technical developments all over the world are made known. Periodicals currently received are listed alphabetically on a Roneodex Visible Index and four members of the staff have as part of their duties the task of entering new issues of these and following up by correspondence the non-receipt of any of them. Each periodical is scanned when it arrives for changes in its title or publisher and for the noting of articles of special interest, particularly those on patents and the proceedings of international conferences. Most of the periodicals are bound, therefore the problem of finding space in which to house the sets is acute.

The system of classification is peculiar to the Patent Office and the cataloguing is very full, a great deal of analytical cataloguing and special indexing being done also. There are separate card indexes for periodicals, trade catalogues, dictionaries and bibliographies.

The central point in the Reading Room itself is the Information Desk where enquiries from both staff and public are received, and other service points on the ground floor are located at the British Patent end and at the Current Periodicals section. Patent specifications, journals and indexes of foreign and colonial countries are housed in one of the galleries and arranged alphabetically by country of origin from Afghanistan to Zanzibar. A great deal of material is received by the Library on an exchange basis, the Patent Office sending copies of its publications such as the "Official Journal of Patents" to various institutions all over the world and receiving their publications in return.



The staff of the Library number 43, comprising the Chief Librarian, Deputy Librarian, two Assistant Librarians who supervise the classification, cataloguing and staffing arrangements, six Executive Officers each of whom is in charge of a section, fourteen Clerical Officers and a number of paperkeepers, typists and messengers.

A proposal has been made in Government circles that a Science Centre be set up on the South Bank of the Thames and the Patent Office Library moved there to become the main scientific reference library for the country. This would give it a much-needed new building, and it is felt that if Britain is to maintain her position in this technical age, a large and expanding reference library is a very great necessity. It is hoped that this suggestion will be implemented before very long.

#### International Committee of Agricultural Librarians & Documentalists

At a meeting in Frankfurt, March 1955, attended by agricultural librarians from seven countries and F.A.O., preliminary arrangements were made for the formation of this Committee, with the purpose of reviving and extending the work of the pre-war Comité International des Bibliothécaires Agricoles. Plans were made for the holding of an International Congress of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists on 10 and 11 September, 1955, probably at the Rijkslandbouwhogeschool at Ghent, at which the formal constitution of the Committee is to be followed by papers and discussion.

Anyone interested in making contact with the Committee is invited to write to one of the following addresses; Dr. S.v.Frauendorfer, Hochschule für Bodenkultur, Vienna 18/110, Austria; Mr. Th.P.Loosjes, Centrum voor Landbouwdocumentatie, Rijksstraatweg 1A, Wageningen, Holland; Mr. D. H. Boalch, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts., England.

## THE UNFINISHED LETTER

By Joyce Lawson,  
Senior Library Assistant, Jamaica Library Service.

An article for the Bulletin? Oh no! not that!! I just do not feel up to writing articles. Tell you what I'll do - I'll scribble a note to the home folks and tell them about the Library Association Conference I attended last year. That might interest them.

Hello Folks,

I was bewitched, bothered and bewildered. It was my first week at Library School. My lecturer in Administration had talked at such a speed that I could not keep up with him. Now it was Bibliography and this lecturer had such an indistinct muffle that I could not understand his accent. I reminded my self that I had come 4,000 miles to learn about libraries - and so about libraries I intended to learn. This time I tried to lip read, only to discover that the dear man sometime spoke between his teeth! I stared hard at his face and tried to concentrate. Gradually I began to recognise some words but my heart got heavier and heavier "Incunakula ... Pollard ... Greg ... Wise forgeries ... Hain's Repertorium bibliographicum" . That's when I gave up. Just then I remembered I would not be attending the next bibliography lecture as I would be going to the Library Association Annual Conference at Hastings. Good - once more I fixed my gaze on my tutor's face and was soon engrossed in deciding what to pack for my Hasting's trip.

Monday, Sept. 27th - I was bubbling with excitement, Mr. & Mrs. Mandy (Miss Mandy's parents) invited me to stay with them during the Conference. They gave me a warm welcome and made me very comfortable. I was ready for the first item on the Conference programme - Civic Reception and Dance given by the Mayor and Mayoress of Hastings. Black and gold shot taffetta rustled as I entered The White Rock Pavillon - late of course! There, in a beautifully decorated hall were hundreds of

people all in formal dress. They looked very smart and gay like normal people - AND MOST OF THEM WERE LIBRARIANS! Most of them were men (please tell Lensworth!) Most of them danced - or tried to. Most of them were very charming people. Those who refer to Librarians as cranks and dowdy old maids will have to change their tunes. Girls, you may take heart! Photographers rushed around taking pictures of interesting looking groups (I made certain to preserve a copy of one of these photographs as after the June exams I might find that photo to be the only scrap of paper I have to prove that I actually came to this country.) The band was very good and the floor show was amusing. I finally gave up trying to remember the names of people I was introduced to and thereafter thoroughly enjoyed myself.

The following day the real conference began. Oh yes, this gathering looked more like a group of librarians; Each person was neatly classified with a number from 1 to 1176. I spent the next four days looking at number plates and then checking the list of names in my programme to see with whom I had been hobnobbing. Some interesting ones were Mr. Hill of the N. C. L., J. D. Stewart and F. M. Gardner of textbook fame and R. F. Vollans of the Vollans Report. (I must admit that I am a little friendlier towards their works now that I know the authors.) I was delighted to see Mr. A. S. Bryant and he seemed equally pleased at our meeting. We had a real Jamaican session and he sends you his kind regards.

The theme of the conference was "Staff, Stock and Standards." The Sessions consisted of the Presidential Address and various papers presented by prominent librarians. A particularly interesting paper was "Standards of Library Staff; recruitment and training." The burning question in England at the moment is whether library staffs should be divided into professional and non-professional groups. At the annual General Meeting a motion was also put forward for the Council to consider the reduction of the minimum standards of educational

requirements of future entrants to the Library Association Exams. I was intrigued to find that in most parts of England they found it difficult to recruit staff with the necessary five passes in School Certificate. However, the motion was thrown out by a large majority. The general opinion was that the standard should be raised rather than lowered. Some suggested that the difficulty of recruiting suitable staff might be solved by the division into professional and non-professional groups. These papers as well as the discussions that followed were all on professional subjects of current interest and have been very useful to me in my studies.

The Conference ended with another social function - The Annual Dinner. Once more librarians donned formal dress. I was fortunately placed next to Mr. Hill, Librarian of National Central Library. He helped me select my wine! Even more important was his invitation for me to do my practical at N. C. L. (I later spent a very profitable week there) After dinner came the toasts (1) To the Queen (2) To the County Borough of Hastings (3) To the Library Association by Sir Geoffrey Faber (4) To Literature. This, I think is the British Librarian's weak spot. They certainly were not good public speakers or perhaps they needed some Jamaica rum to loosen things a bit. Several times during the Conference I noticed that whilst the papers were very scholarly and full of matter the delivery was poor. Nigel Balchin's speech was easily the best. He replied to the toast to literature and made us all laugh very much.

The following morning we had one final session at which the Head of the Library Board in Sweden gave a paper on Swedish Libraries. Then it was all over. I was sorry to leave Hastings and Mrs. Mandy's cooking but soon I was back in London. The following Monday I cheerfully returned to school, but the wind was soon out of my sails. My Bibliography lecturer was still speaking about "incunabula ... the B. M. Catalogue ... Proctor Index ... Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke..." Now I am completely out of my depth - I'm sinking, H E L P!! HEL.....

## THE OLD SCHOOL LIBRARY

By Cliff Lashley  
K. S. A. Parish Library, Cross Roads

A lover of reading and books, the library was always my natural habitat. At school, in the afternoons, when the fields were over-run with languid young cricketers or robust foot-ballers, depending on the season, I used to go upstairs (usually a small boy ventured upstairs only on summons to the sixth form or to the headmaster's study) to the long many windowed library which had ceiling high book shelves, and long tables with benches which seemed as if they had been installed with an eye to large tea parties, old boy's dinners and conferences. The walls were hung with photographs of victorious games teams, and of scholarship holders each with a plaque saying which scholarship he had held and even sometimes how much it had valued.

The library was not much used and, especially in the afternoons, I was free to browse among the brown paper-wrapped volumes which hardly filled the shelves. It was poor browsing for they were mostly discards from the personal libraries of retired members of the Anglican Clergy or gifts from their widows who were returning to England or taking in boarders. There were few of those books that I ever read, or any small boy could ever read, with interest and pleasure. But most of them had good bindings, and whenever I was alone in the room, I would slip off the drab jackets and run my hands over the ribbed spines, and the smooth covers of the volumes. But the eyes of the sentinel games captains and scholarship holders would soon rebuke me, and then I would hastily reclothe the volumes, shelve them and return to my desultory browsing.

As all masters weren't sportsmasters, you often had a one-afternoon-a-week master-librarian who made you file into the library in



two's to choose a book in five minutes, who warned you not to lose the book, lend it out, write in it, swat flies with it, let any member of your family get at it, keep it overdue etc. etc., and all with just the slightest hint of corporal punishment as the penalty. I was often so dismayed by the long list of does and don'ts and the subtle hints at punishment, that I used to lock the book in my desk and only removed it to return it promptly on the date due - unless I had the misfortune to lose my desk key that afternoon.

But all master-librarians were not regimentalists and law-givers. There were those - usually an untidy language master with an acid tongue - who would bring a portable gramophone into the library to play recordings of his favourite composers and artistes for you, or else engage you in conversation on the books you had been reading and often helped you find a book.

This was my first library, and such were my first librarians. I was to go on to many others, but it was these early experiences that made me realize that discards were not all that a library needed, and that music and talks on books, and a helpful librarian were good things to have in a library.

Out of these memories have come the basis of a philosophy of librarianship. It is a philosophy that is plastic (to admit the wisdom of years) and humanistic, for librarians use books to help PEOPLE. From those early days I could see that the librarian should not be a cantankerous mechanical dispenser of books, but a considerate humanist, well-trained 'medico' who prescribes for a community whose book health is his greatest concern. The practice of this philosophy should ensure the growth of our young library service.

## NEWS FROM JAMAICA LIBRARY SERVICE

During the year the Jamaica Library Service has been struggling along with inadequate funds but, with the optimism peculiar to librarians, we have continued to plan for the better days which we know are coming. Indeed, as these notes are being written we have been given the first glimpse of the promised land and we are ready for the journey.

More book centres have been opened and, of course, the main event was the opening of the new Parish Library in St. Thomas by His Excellency the Governor on November 25th. A large gathering listened to some excellent speeches and the usual recitation from the Director on the basic requirements of a library service, and the lack of provision of them in Jamaica.

The staff training programme has gone ahead, and by the end of June five members of the Headquarters staff and three from the Parish Libraries will have taken the Registration Course in Trinidad. The excellent examination results and, equally important, the impact of the wider background of Eastern Caribbean on our bright young Jamaicans (not to mention their impact in Trinidad) have more than justified this experiment.

During the past few months two overseas officers, Miss Mandy and Mr. Chape, have left the service and we recently said goodbye to Mr. Small who is gone to Britain to study law.

## IT IS COMING!

At last the day is dawning! Jamaica Library Service is bringing to the people of the Corporate Area the key to the world of knowledge - A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE.

Situated in the heart of Cross Roads at 10, Caledonia Avenue, is an old unattractive building which has been rented by the Kingston and St. Andrew Parish Library Committee, but when the workmen and decorators have done their job what a pleasure it is going to be to see the transformation. Off-white ceilings, walls of green and pink and lilac blue, dainty window seats tucked in odd corners, and of course young cheerful and well trained assistants to guide the readers, will bring such light and colour to a library as has never been seen in Jamaica before.

Who made it possible?

Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation, and at long, long last, the Government of Jamaica.

## NEWS FROM THE INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA

On April 18th last the Institute had the honour of a visit by Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, and His Excellency the Governor, Sir Hugh Foot. The visitors were received by Mr. C. Bernard Lewis, the Curator, and Mr. H. A. Lake, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and ushered into the General Library where members of the staff were presented to Her Royal Highness. The Princess was particularly interested in prints, especially those depicting scenes of Jamaica in former days, and spent some considerable time examining

Belisario's "Sketches of Character", Hakewill's "Picturesque Tour of the Island of Jamaica", Duperly's "Excursions in Jamaica" and other volumes in the West India Reference Library. Calls were then made at the Art Gallery, the Lecture Hall, the Natural History Museum and the History Gallery. The Princess was anxious to see everything thoroughly that there was not enough time left for her to go to some sections of the Museum and the Junior Centre, but she expressed a wish to visit the Institute again the next time she is in Jamaica.

Other visitors recently have included Sir Hilary Blood, a former Governor of Barbados, and the Rt. Rev. R. McNeil Boyd, Bishop of Derry, Northern Ireland.

At the end of February we were advised by the Public Works Department that the load on the upper floor of the Library building had far exceeded the safety point and that the situation was now dangerous. We had therefore no choice but to close the History Gallery in the basement of the Museum building and transfer the books from the West India Reference Library to it. The newspapers and periodicals remain in the Library building and the members of the public make their enquiries there, pending a decision by the Public Works Department as to the amount of reconstruction necessary.

A number of important items have been added to stock in recent months. These include:-

1. Index Kewensis - an enumeration of the genera and species of flowering plants from the time of Linnaeus to 1885 (with supplements to 1945) together with their authors' names, the works in which they were first published, their native countries and their synonyms.
2. North American Flora, published by New York Botanical Garden.
3. Flora of Suriname, published by Koninklijke Vereeniging Indisch Instituut, Amsterdam.
4. Webster's New International Dictionary. 2nd edition.
5. House and Garden's Complete Guide to Interior Decoration. 5th edition.
6. Concise encyclopaedia of antiques, compiled by The Connoisseur.
7. Art and everyman, by Margaret H. Bulley.
8. An annotated set of Monumental inscriptions of the British West Indies, by J. H. Lawrence-Archer.
9. A Pictorial record of a voyage, 1868-69 ... to St. Thomas, West Indies, by Richard G. Vivian.

VACANT POSITION AT THE INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA

An assistant is required in the Library of the Institute of Jamaica. Salary scale £252 x £15 - £282, £300 x £20 - £420, point of entry depending on qualifications. Applications should be addressed to Miss M. A. Brebner, F.L.A., Librarian, The Institute of Jamaica, East Street, Kingston.



## P E R S O N N E L

In February last the Association lost two of its most valuable Committee members. Mr. Harold Holdsworth, Librarian of the U. C. W. I. since its inception, left to take up the post of Librarian of the University of Melbourne, Australia, while Mr. W. F. Chape, Deputy Director of the Jamaica Library Service, has gone to Perth, Australia, to be Librarian, Circulation Sextion, Library Board of Western Australia,

Mr. Holdsworth, former President of the Association, always took a keen interest in the Association and his wide experience and quiet enthusiasm contributed greatly to its establishment.

Mr. Chape also filled the position of President of the Association during his last year, but it was as Editor of the Jamaica Library Association Bulletin from its beginning that we are most indebted to him.

We wish them both success and happiness in their new spheres of work.

Mr. Kenneth Ingram, Assistant Librarian of the U. C. W. I. and former Secretary of the J. L. A. left Jamaica last August for England on a year's leave to study for the Final Examination of the Library Association.

The Association extends a hearty welcome to Mr. W. E. Gocking, B.A., F.L.A., who succeeds Mr. Holdsworth as Librarian of the U. C. W. I. A Trinidadian, Mr. Gocking was Director of Central Library in Port of Spain, Trinidad. He assumed his new duties at the beginning of April.

We welcome to Jamaica Miss Mary Brebner, F.L.A., recently appointed Librarian of the Institute of Jamaica.

Miss Brebner was trained at University College, London, and Northern Western Polytechnic, London. She has worked for the most part as a Reference Librarian and has been employed at the Edinburgh Public Library; Rochester, New York; Tottenham, London; and at the Patent Office Library in England which she left to come to Jamaica.

Mr. S. W. Hockey, Director of the Jamaica Library Service goes to England on four months leave in May. We wish him a pleasant holiday.

We are happy to welcome back Miss Ursula Raymond, Assistant Librarian in the West India Reference Library, who has been enjoying four months' leave in Trinidad. Miss Raymond managed to fit in two extra-mural courses in sociology, and met a number of students from Jamaica, who are attending training courses at the Eastern Caribbean Regional Library.

Miss Audrey Gunter, Library Assistant in the Library of the Department of Agriculture, who has been in England on study leave since 1951 returned a couple weeks ago to assume duties as Librarian of the Department's Library in succession to Miss E. Marson who retired recently.

## LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXAMINATIONS

The following are the results of the Library Association Examinations held in Jamaica in December 1954:-

### Entrance Examination

Miss E. A. Lawrence	Manchester Parish Library
Miss W. H. Gregory	Jamaica Library Service Headquarters.

### Registration Examination

Miss D. Douglas	Cataloguing & Classification Administration. (Secretariat)
Miss D. Findlay	Administration & Bibliography. (J. L. S.)
Miss H. E. Gray	Administration & Bibliography. (J. L. S.)
Miss L. R. Roberts	Administration (U. C. W. I.)
Miss N. E. Segre	Administration, Bibliography & Literature. (J. L. S.)
Miss L. Thomas	Administration & Bibliography. (J. L. S.)
Miss N. E. Woo-Ming	Literature. (U. C. W. I.)

OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!