

International library work can, of course, never be spectacular. UNESCO's chief task is to set up a central clearing-house of information, a type of service upon which librarians are more dependent than are most other specialists. Jointly with the Library of Congress, it will carry out a survey of bibliographic services, and will encourage in every way possible the production of national union catalogues, complete national bibliographies, and manuals on library techniques. In order to assist countries with relatively undeveloped library services, UNESCO will during this year arrange for a European library school to conduct a summer school for working librarians, and will assist with staffing and finance. It will also promote and aid financially an inaugural meeting of an International Council of Archivists. It was decided to give assistance with the rehabilitation of the unique, ex-German Library of Archæology, Art, and Art History in Italy.

The Director-General has been instructed to explore all possible means of encouraging the inexpensive production of books and periodicals, and also to begin, on a limited experimental basis, an international book coupon scheme to enable "soft" currency countries to buy books from "hard" currency areas. A committee of experts is being convened to study the possibility of establishing inter-governmental agreements on the exchange of publications.

A meeting of an expert committee on science abstracting will be held early in 1948 in preparation for an International Conference on Science Abstracting to be held later in the year. Similar inquiries will be made into abstracting services in other fields such as medicine and the social sciences.

D. Copyright

A committee of experts on copyright met in Paris in 1947, and laid down a plan for a fuller study by UNESCO of copyright problems. Other international bodies, of course, are also interested in copyright, but it is felt that UNESCO represents a point of view and a set of cultural interests that are extremely important and that are covered by no other organization. A periodical bulletin on copyright is to be issued to keep these interests to the fore.

CHAPTER III : EDUCATION

Some disappointment was expressed at the rather meagre results so far achieved in the educational programme, and educationists at the Conference feared that this very important division of UNESCO's work was in danger of being relatively neglected, largely owing to the fact that there was no one on the Secretariat with direct