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Periodical Report of  
The Non-Fiction Reference  
Section of The L. P. L.

It may be of interest to members of Committee to know that the Non-Fiction Section of the library is steadily gaining, in the number of its readers, & consequently, <sup>in</sup> its interest & usefulness.

The number of subscribers who examine the shelves in search of pleasure & knowledge is certainly, far more than hitherto, while the books themselves are utilized & taken out to a far greater extent than previously.

In conversation with members of Committee about this department of our library, the Convenor of the Section has noticed that the ~~impression~~ <sup>facts</sup> concerning the financial aspect of the last 15 months or so have not been fully realized, hence his desire to place one or two facts before the Committee.

Although the shelving has been added to on two occasions, it was not altogether because of new books having been brought during that period, but, that during the time of organizing not less than from 300 to 400 books have been gathered from the shelves in the main library. And it was to carry these that additional shelving was necessary. The amount of cash spent on this Section for new books has averaged about £1 per month, not more & up to the present about 70 new books have been purchased. The low average price per book is owing to the fact that nearly all have been purchased at sales. This month for instance some were bought at W & J. average price 2/9 another lot of 4 cost 6/9 plus 2/- for returning one, yet bought in the ordinary way, would