

The President for 1927-28 was Mr. C. P. Rutland, one of the very early band, having been on the committee of June 11th, 1909, and from that date, except for a brief absence, right through its history, has been a most willing and reliable worker. Another staunch friend of the Library movement throughout its history was Mr. A. Rountree, his practical experience in structural work proving beneficial to the Library on many occasions, while at all times he was zealous in his service.

Messrs. W. McKay, M. W. Meers, J. Clarke, are some of the very early band who gave their time and labour willingly and rendered faithful service, in the days when they only had their vision of the future to spur them on and inspire their work.

As nearly all those who interested themselves in the movement were men in middle life, it is only natural that we find a vacancy in the ranks to-day. But though they have "crossed the bar," their names will always be closely connected with our Library. One of these was Mr. A. Henderson, a prominent social worker, who gave himself freely to many good works. His kindly generosity earned for him the respect and esteem of all.

After the auspicious formal inauguration of the Library as an accomplished fact, the enthusiastic impulse was so well sustained that in December, 1909, the committee decided to open the Library every week-night, in lieu of the three nights obtaining hitherto, and simultaneously with this decision it was agreed to enlist a number of ladies to assist in the work. The Library was accordingly opened Monday to Saturday each week, but there is no record of ladies assisting in the actual work, and it would seem that the matter was dropped. But to-day there are several ladies who are so keenly interested in Library affairs that they give their services on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, a service very much appreciated by subscribers and committee.

In February, 1910, the Library sustained a loss in the resignation of Mr. H. M. Chappell, who had been transferred to Rangiora. He was most intimately connected with the Library from its inception, occupying, as he did, the office of secretary to the Linwood Citizens' Association, and pro tem. secretary to the Provisional Committee. He was most enthusiastic and enterprising, always being found in the front rank when work was to be done. The Library suffered a great loss on his retirement, though he had the satisfaction of knowing that it was well on its feet and heading for a prosperous future.

In February, 1910, Mr. W. W. Tanner, who had recently been elected to the Hospital Board, found that, owing to his many public duties, he was unable to attend as regularly as

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