

**ANALYSIS OF FICTION AND NON-FICTION BOOKS
PLACED ON SHELVES.**

Date To	Total Books Bought	No. of Books Bought during year	No. of N.F. Books Bought during year	Total Non-Fiction
1909	960	960	188	188
1912	1,994	1034	134	322
June 1913	2,975	981	132	454
" 1914	4,005	1030	116	570
" 1915	4,730	725	225	795
" 1916	5,459	729	92	887
Dec. 1916	5,932	473	68	955
" 1917	6,683	751	105	1063
" 1918	7,482	799	58	1118
" 1919	8,526	1044	113	1231
" 1920	15,030	6504	531	1762
" 1924				
" 1925	16,340	1310	119	1881
" 1926	18,283	1943	54	1935
Dec. 1927	20,019	1736	113	2048
May 1928	20,504	485	57	2105
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A few words about the non-fiction section in which, as may be seen by the casual reader of the record, Mr. Brettell is keenly interested, may not be out of place here. Joining the committee in June, 1910, he speedily recognised the disadvantage to both Library and reader, on finding non-fiction and fiction mostly shelved together on fiction shelves.

To gather together, classify and catalogue all the general works, took some time, but it relieved the fiction shelves of about 1300 or 1400 books, and finally, having evolved order from chaos, he was placed in charge of the non-fiction department, and appointed buyer for this section. Among many gifts, the outstanding one has been that of Mr. F. C. Fairclough, comprising a portion of his late father's library, consisting of nearly 900 volumes. These are set apart in an alcove in the non-fiction room, and include a fine set of the Elizabethan dramatists, several reprints of choice early English writers, and other valuable works, making a fine addition which many libraries would be proud to possess.

Last year approximately 2500 books were taken by subscribers from the non-fiction section, and it is pleasing to state that the interest of subscribers in this department is steadily increasing, notably among young students, reading up in preparation for examinations.

The juvenile section, inaugurated by Mr. Reynolds, has, since his removal to Wellington, been carried on by Mr. A. S. Forrester, comprises some 800 or 900 volumes, and is exceedingly popular among the younger members.

The most important section of the Library, viz.:—Fiction, has been fortunate, from the foundation onwards, in the men who have had charge of it. When Mr. A. Marshall, following other worthy members, resigned from the position of book-buyer in 1921, he was succeeded by Mr. Hargreaves, and later, by Mr. E. G. Thomas. The faithful and zealous work of these members is shown by the high standard of volumes placed upon the shelves. Another factor, also important, is an early and adequate supply of the newest books, thus meeting the urgent demand of subscribers for the very latest, with the result that Linwood Library has drawn to itself nearly 1800 subscribers who are as proud of the Library as their elected representatives on the committee.

The writer would like to express his appreciation of the valuable services of all members of committee, and to that spirit of co-operation that has been so pronounced, and that has been such a prime factor in securing the measure of success that obtains to-day.