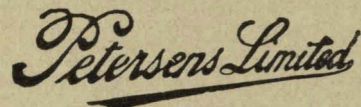


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We have received several congratulatory letters from other libraries concerning the Gazette. Mr A. L. Low, of the Public Library, New Plymouth, congratulates us on the excellence of the journal and the initiative of the Committee. Mr M. S. West, of Fairlie Public Library, wishes us success and the "Gazette" long life.

Mr C. E. Cook, of Waltham Public Library, states that the journal's information will greatly assist his library, and Mrs E. Eaton, of Spreydon Public Library, tells us that her committee congratulates us and wishes the new venture every success.

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