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EDITORIAL

Our attention has been drawn to the mutilated condition of certain American magazines. We sympathise with those readers who find that a portion of the story they are reading has been cut out of the page, but unfortunately can do nothing to remedy the evil. This mutilation is the work of the Customs Department of New Zealand, the reason being that certain advertisements are considered objectionable, and removed before being allowed on sale in the Dominion. Owing to the American practice of placing reading matter and advertisements together the result is that portions of stories or articles are destroyed. So it is either a case of taking the magazines in this condition or discontinuing them altogether.

Owing to pressure on our columns the Editor has, this month, relinquished the space usually taken by him.

The next Conference of the New Zealand Library Association will be held in Wellington from Tuesday, February 16th, to Thursday, February 18th, 1937. Special attention will be given to the needs of the medium-sized and smaller libraries; the proposed National Library Service will be discussed; details of various library methods will be explained; and the librarians of the larger centres will be prepared to give advice on library matters.

Our readers' opinions upon any matter relative to Library matters are welcomed.

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Fangs of the Sea. By N. Caldwell and N. Ellison. Something quite new, and very good. We have had big game fishing for sport, but here we read of netting sharks for commercial purposes.

Full of action and adventures with shark, devil fish, snake, crocodile, and octopus. This book will be quite popular.

Wonders of the Great Barrier Reef. By T. C.

A book that will hold the close attention of anyone, it is so full of surprises and unique in every way. The fifty natural colour photographs help one to comprehend the almost indescribable variety and beauty of the Great Barrier Reef. The Southern Gates of Arabia. By Freya Stark.

Descriptive of a journey into Southern Arabia to the Hadhramant, one of the portions of this vast country still unexplored and unmapped.

Alone, the authoress penetrated into a land that up to recent times had been subject to tribal warfare, but where she met with kindness and hospitality, and gained much knowledge of the

country and its people.
Unfortunately Miss Stark became seriously ill, thus preventing the completion of her plan to explore the ancient incense roads.

A most interesting and indeed fascinating book.

SOCIETY OF OTAGO LIBRARIANS Regular meetings have been held in Dunedin by the above Society, at which some of the problems confronting New Zealand librarians have been discussed, such as Library Training, Classification for the Literature of New Zealand; Library Co-operation, and a National Library Scheme. They have also decided to contribute articles on library matters to the New Zealand fortnightly

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