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### EDITORIAL

Our President will doubtless have something to say, in our next issue, concerning the N.Z. Library Conference, held at Wellington on February 16, 17 and 18, at which Linwood Public Library was represented by three delegates. These representatives consider the time well spent, much knowledge being gained that must prove of ultimate benefit to the library.

Some sixty librarians met in Conference and the interchange of ideas between men and women from all parts of the Dominion should result in incalculable gain to all concerned. The gathering was the most successful the Association has yet experienced, a friendly atmosphere permeating the proceedings.

The topic of prime importance was "The New Zealand National Library System." At the Conference held two years ago this subject was extremely nebulous and during the intervening period between that gathering and the recent Conference, much spade work has been done by the Council and it would appear that the day

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is not far distant when the actual foundation of a National System becomes an accomplished fact.

An outstanding feature of the Conference was the support of the Non-fiction section of library work. Some libraries concentrate practically all their energies upon this most important branch of literature; others, such as our own library, regard the fiction department as a means of providing light mental recreation to meet popular taste. But this does not imply that Linwood Library treats non-fiction books as of secondary importance. The three thousand books in our non-fiction department is proof of this and we urge our fiction-loving readers to browse among this collection of books occasionally; we feel sure that once the plunge is taken the reader who dives into the realms of travel and biography will find that truth is indeed stranger than fiction. We would suggest that a start could easily be made by reading those books reviewed in this journal each month.

The 28th Annual Meeting of Subscribers will be held at the Library on Tuesday, March 9. During the past few years the attendances at these meetings have been most satisfactory and it is hoped that our members will again show their interest in the usual gratifying manner. The Committee spends a lot of time during the year in the interests of subscribers and the individual members are but human in their appreciation of a metaphorical pat on the back, the friendly touch in this instance being a large audience at the yearly meeting, showing that the work is appreciated.

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