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The number of books issued during the year was 100,175, an average issue of well over 300 each day.

Three delegates were sent to the New Zealand Libraries' Conference, held at Wellington early in the year. The exchange of ideas and general information gained upon that occasion has proved invaluable.

To bring before the public a better idea as to the class of literature provided by the Library, a display case has been placed outside the building, where a constant change of book jackets together with suitable advertising matter is on show.

It was found necessary to provide assistance for the Caretaker. The position was advertised and selected applicants interviewed, with the result that Mrs M. Fox was appointed. The appointment has proved very successful.

The sub-committees—Executive, Magazines, Shelving, Book-culling, Fiction, Juvenile and Non-fiction have again given of their best, making for the successful management of Library affairs. The Book-buyers: Mr E. G. Thomas (Fiction), Mr A. Brettell (Non-fiction), and Mr L. W. Ballan (Juvenile) have exercised their usual sound judgment in the selection of books for their respective sections.

Thanks are again due to the Lady Librarians for their assistance during the afternoon sessions. These are Mesdames Hopkins, Binns and Gilbert, and the Misses Spence, M. K. Bridgman and D. W. Bridgman.

Resignations from the Committee during the year were received from Miss D. L. Good, Messrs M. J. Clark, M. Rolls, Junr., and A. Fowler. New appointments to the Committee were Messrs F. Rainbow, J. C. Fowler, R. A. Campbell and F. A. Boocock.

In conclusion, it is desired to thank all subscribers for their loyal support and it is hoped that the same measure of cooperation will be given to the incoming Committee during the next year.

A. BRETTELL, President. Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ending, and Balance Sheet as on 31st January, 1938

s. d. £ s. d. Balance from 31/1/37. 3 10 1 RECEIPTS Subscriptions 449 0 Extra Books 303 10 Sale of Books Fines Rent 13 City Council Grant P.O.S. Bank . Sundry . 1,044 3 0 £1.047 13 1

PAYMENTS 550 19 Magazines 66 Newspapers Binding . Reinforcing Delegates to Conference 16 Annual Meeting . Rent . Caretaking . 133 9 Insurances Firing and Lighting . Repairs & Maintenance 11 11 Fittings Printing, Stationery, etc. 23 11 Libraries' Association . Petty Cash & Sundries 8 19 Secretary . - -Treasurer . . 5 0 0 Caretaker .

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POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK

To Balance from 31/1/37	. 190 5	s. 2 14	d. 3 2
	195	16	5
By Withdrawals	. 165	0	0
Balance on hand	£30	16	5
ASSETS			
Cash in P.O. Savings Bank .		16	5
" Bank of New Zealand . " Counter Cash .	. 4	15 10	0
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