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**EDITORIAL**

On the front page we print the concluding part of the National Library Policy as outlined by the Right Hon. G. W. Forbes during the latter days of his Premiership.

We would ask our readers to once again carefully peruse the first part of the Prime Minister's statement, printed in the December issue of the "Gazette." By assimilating the article as a whole, readers will realise that the late Government was fully apprised of the importance and urgency of the Library problem in New Zealand.

In other countries, Libraries are recognised by the authorities as giving community service of paramount importance and as such are provided for out of the national revenue or, as an alternative, municipal funds. In our own country, we find co-operation sadly lacking, with the result that various cities, towns and districts are left to provide their own facilities for the education and literary amusement of readers.

Untrained enthusiasts have, in many instances, given their services on behalf of their fellow-citizens in an endeavour to provide libraries. Some have achieved success and others have been doomed to a long struggle, their efforts having been a predestined failure.

Our readers' opinions upon any matter relative to Library matters are welcomed. Address all correspondence to "The Editor," Linwood Public Library.

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It is to be hoped that the new Government will follow the excellent lead given by their predecessors. Education of the masses has long been a plank in the platform of the party and we have every confidence that the near future will see some concrete evidence of the Government's good intentions in the direction of co-ordination as applied to Libraries throughout New Zealand.

We wish to extend to all subscribers our wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. In addition to our personal greetings we would mention our earnest desire to see 1936 a still more prosperous one for the Linwood Library.

Here it is that subscribers can assist by introducing their friends to the Library. It is by increased membership that progress may be made in all directions, to the benefit of all.

There was no Committee meeting held during December, consequently we cannot publish current figures, including membership, books issued or purchased. However, we may say, that, as is usual at this time of the year, our membership has declined. We would urge subscribers, when renewing their subscription, to do so for the full twelve months. This, in addition to being a saving of money to the subscriber, ensures a steadier revenue for the committee's use, with beneficial results to the Library in the shape of increased efficiency.

**FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR**

So far, we are pleased with the reception accorded the Gazette, many subscribers having expressed their approval of it in very generous terms, and of their good wishes for its success. We are of course, gratified that our efforts have met with a kindly reception from so many, and earnestly desire that this spirit should prevail among ALL our subscribers. And in order to attain that end we again ask those who perhaps have, so far, not interested themselves to any

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