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great extent, to spend a little thought and time on the article on the first page and the Editorial. These, from a policy view point, are the most important features in our Gazette and opinions from subscribers would be of much assistance to our Editor and would be a guide to him in writing the Editorial or any notes he may insert.

As "the Chair" mentioned in No. 1 we desire the full co-operation of subscribers, and as the only method of reaching that desirable position is by a frank expression of ideas, we are taking this opportunity as early in the New Year as possible to ask subscribers:

First, to see that you get the Gazette regularly every month.

Second, to read it.

Third, tell us your opinion about it.

OUR FOUNDERS. No. 4

Charles Percy Rutland

Mr Rutland was one of the men who formed the first committee of our Library, and is the last remaining one, who is yet an active worker in connection with it, taking his place on the rota with unfailing regularity. He has served a term as President and is a very popular member.

Mr Rutland was born at Temuka in 1878, was educated at Temuka District High School, developing a gift for drawing. On leaving school, after a brief period in the Soft Goods trade, he joined the staff of G. C. Bates & Co., Decorators and Sign Writers, as apprentice. During the following years he became a member of the Temuka Brass Band, playing for them for some years. He was a sergeant in the Temuka Rifle Volunteers. Leaving Temuka he came to Christchurch in 1903, with the object of studying at the Canterbury College School of Art. During this period he joined the staff of W. A. Polson, remaining there for six years, leaving there to go to Anderson's Ltd. in 1911 where he is still engaged.

He joined the Veterans' Rifle Club and the Linwood Miniature Rifle Club. Besides being a keen rifle shot Mr Rutland is an ardent angler and in his own quiet fashion can tell a good "fish" yarn.

Of a quiet, retiring disposition, he has earned the esteem of his fellow members. We all join in the sincere wish that for many years to come Mr Rutland will be with us, working for "Our Library."

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Growth of Library Habit.

Rugby, Sept. 10th, 1935.

The number of books issued annually by public libraries in the London and home counties area, has grown from 23,237,887 in 1924 to 56,905,176 last year, while in the same period the number of books on their shelves increased from 3,139,804 to 6,537,870.

By means of inter-library relations and links with the National Central Library for students, individual readers, instead of being confined to the stock of non-fiction works at any one library, have access to the resources of the entire area, comprising several million volumes.

From The Press, 12/9/35.

NON-FICTION BOOKS RECENTLY PUBLISHED

The Boundary Rider. By R. B. Plowman. This book is the final of the Trilogy by this author, the two previous books being: (1) "The Man from Oodnadatta"; (2) "Camel Pads." Although it is the third book of the series, it actually deals with the days before motor cars or wireless had appeared in the bush in Australia.

The description of homesteads in their varying stages of development, the tremendous distances, the lonely isolated lives of the shepherds and boundary riders, the changing scenery, make this book one of great interest and gives one an understanding and sympathy with the splendid work of the Padre, as he cheerfully goes from hut to homestead smiling, bright, happy, and above all, helpful to all.

A Trader in Cannibal Land, The Life and Adventures of Captain Tapsell. By James Cowan. A most interesting book. There is adventure galore; in whalers, and in the Mediterranean, he served in the Danish Navy and fought against Nelson. He commanded a privateer and spent some time in a Swedish prison, finally reaching New Zealand just after the tragedy of the Boyd.

The country and its people aroused his interest and he remained, ultimately becoming a trader.

He died at the age of 94.

Twixt Hell and Allah. By Ex-Legionnaire No. 1484. Francis A. Waterhouse. This is another "Legion" book and will become as popular with subscribers as previous books dealing with the Foreign Legion. It is full of incident, thrilling, gruesome, pathetic, and in one of two cases, a lighter touch that is quite humorous. A very interesting book.

SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM

The response to our notification that T. E. Lawrence's "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" is available to subscribers has been remarkable.

Although we have purchased four volumes of this outstanding book, it is inevitable that many of those who have placed their names on the waiting list will have to wait a considerable time before receiving the book.

To expediate matters, we have divided each book into two parts, but in spite of this it will probably be several months before many subscribers have their wishes gratified. We can only assure them that when eventually they get the book, they will realise that it was indeed worth waiting for.

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A SATISFIED SUBSCRIBER

One of our subscribers has expressed his appreciation of the Linwood Library in no uncertain terms. He tells us that he bought a section and built a house in Linwood for the express purpose of being close to the Library. He says he has never regretted it.

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