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until 1879 when, with his wife and infant son, he emigrated to New Zealand, arriving at Lyttelton on Christmas Eve, 1879.

For ten years he followed his trade in Christchurch, but in the industrial upheaval of 1890 he became prominent in the Labour movement. He was elected for the Heathcote district, and continued in Parliament for eighteen years, during the colourful period when the Right Hon. John Ballance and the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon guided New Zealand's ship of State. Mr Tanner has always been interested in the Friendly Society movement, becoming a Forester in England in the early seventies. He was Chief Ranger of his Court both in England and New Zealand. In local matters Mr Tanner served for several years on the Woolston Borough Council, and after his retirement from general politics served North Canterbury as a member of the North Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board for a number of years.

With Mr Richardson and Mr Marshall he was instrumental in securing the offices formerly occupied by the Linwood Borough Council for the purposes of the Library Association, and has been a member of the Library ever since. He is also a trustee of the Library. At present, in his eighty-fifth year, Mr Tanner is living in retirement in Barbour Street, South Linwood.

NON-FICTION BOOKS RECENTLY PURCHASED

Africa Calling. By Roger Courtney. Many books have been written about the "Dark Continent." Some are vivid word pictures that, while adding to our knowledge of the many and varied inhabitants, leave a far from pleasant memory. Others are full of the slaughter of beasts, but this book is the account of an observant man going through his daily round.

It possesses the human touch, and there is that about it that while it gives much information it is vitally interesting.

Readers will find this book well worth reading.

England Speaks. By Sir Philip Gibbs. The author has given us here a worthy companion to "European Journey." He met all sorts and conditions of people, and the recorded conversations are sometimes illuminating.

The Luncheon Party of Four, one of whom was a handsome romantic-looking man, though haggard and worn. Once he had been leader of a party, which had refused to follow him, and accused him of treachery. Instead the author finds a man, noble, loyal, and honourable. A fine sketch of Ramsay Macdonald.

The visit to the B.B.C. gives one a good idea of the thought and skill necessary to give the world its wonderful results.

The chapter with the heading "The Monstrous City" is a book in itself, and provides food for thought.

Every thinking man and woman should read this fine book.