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An event of prime importance to book-lovers will take place during April in the form of "New Zealand Authors' Week," being celebrated throughout the Dominion. In Christchurch a band of enthusiasts has fallen in line with the movement and arranged for an exhibition of New Zealand books and manuscripts to be held in the Canterbury Public Library from April 17 to 24.

This exhibition will be of great interest, embracing, as it does, some rare and valuable first editions and manuscripts of historic interest. The occasion is one that should be taken advantage of by our subscribers as the opportunity is not likely to recur.

A feature of the exhibition will be a series of talks on appropriate subjects by local celebrities and we urge our members to visit the exhibition at least once during the week.

The object of this demonstration is to awaken the public to the fact that there is a large field of literature to be explored by the average reader; a field that will re-

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We wonder how many of our own readers have attempted a course of New Zealand history. It is a subject of absorbing interest and exemplifies the old adage that "Truth is stranger than fiction." Once embarked upon this armchair voyage of adventure, the reader will find himself loth to steer from the course. Our own non-fiction department is rich in books of this calibre and we extend to all an open invitation to try an experimental trip into the realms of New Zealand adventure.

Our fiction department has many novels by authors in our own country. Space forbids mention of each individual writer, but would-be readers of these books may always obtain information on this subject from librarians on duty.

Without wishing to appear of a parochial mind we must say that Canterbury is extremely fortunate in possessing so much literary talent and the province may be excused for being proud of such authors as Mona Tracy, Edith Howes, Ngaio March, Margaret Jepson, Jessie Mackay, Ian Donnelly, Norman Berrow, Walter P. Smythe, Monte Holcroft and Harvey Cook.

We hope that "New Zealand Authors' Week" will result in a wider appreciation of our own Maoriland talent and that this appreciation will extend to all countries where the English language is understood.

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