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OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of another of our founders—Mr Alfred Marshall, who passed away on March 27.

His early work on behalf of our Library will long be remembered. As look-buyer and treasurer for several years, he devoted much time to his fellow-citizens of Linwood.

Although Mr Marshall was not actively interested in the management of the library during recent years, he was, until quite recently, a familiar visitor, still keenly interested in literature.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow and family.

The annual meeting of the Addington Public Library was held during February, Linwood being represented. The same wide awake interest was shown here as at St. Martin's, in the question of library control and its probable effect on our suburban libraries.

The forthcoming conference between the Canterbury University College Council and representatives from the City Council has naturally caused much speculation as to the possible outcome.

We heartily congratulate the Addington Library Committee on their success during the past year and with a more cheerful outlook for the future we wish them every success.

- SOME RECENTLY PURCHASED FICTION**
- And Barry Came Too.....Dornford Yates
 - Ask for Ronad Standish.....Sapper
 - Balkan Monastery.....Stephen Graham
 - Bridal March.....Eliz. Carfrae
 - Broken Melody.....F. J. Thwaites
 - The Eight Crooked Trenches.. Francis Beeding
 - Facing East.....Andrew Soutar
 - Farewell to Freedom.....Phyllis Bentley
 - Feather.....Ruby M. Ayres
 - Five Ways.....Emmeline Morrison
 - The Glasshouse.....M. B. Eldershaw
 - The Greenstone Door.....Wm. Satchell
 - A Hand to Burn.....Joanna Cannan
 - Home Bird.....Lewis Cox
 - Hunted Riders.....Max Brand
 - The Kingdom of Sand.....J. S. Sisco
 - The Lady Was Warned.....Kathlyn Rhodes
 - The Lamp of Friendship.. Effie A. Rowlands
 - Lords of the Coast.....Jackson Gregory
 - The Lovely Ghost.....R. S. McNamara

- Lucy and the Dark Gods.....Edgar Jepson
- The Melody Lingers.....F. J. Thwaites
- Miss Tiverton's Shipwreck.... Rosemary Rees
- Mr Tolefree's Reluctant Witness R. A. J. Walling
- Murder on the Cattle Ranch.... Chas. H. Snow
- Old Soldiers.....Frederick Niven
- The Pursuer.....Louis Golding
- Rising Mists.....Valentine
- Sam Campbell, Gentleman.... Edison Marshall
- Slumgullion Trail.....Tevis Miller
- Such an Enmity.....Roland Pertwee
- They Found Atlantis.....Denis Wheatley
- Tough Company.....Carlton Dawe
- Trigger Pardners.....Buck Billings
- Vengeance Trail.....Jackson Cole
- Wings of Love.....Paul Trent
- Wives Are Like That.....Deirdre O'Brien
- The Woods Runner.....H. Pendexter
- Work-a-Day Lady.....Maysie Greig

NEW NOVELS

The Glasshouse. By M. Barnard Shaw. This book is not, as might be supposed from the title, a romance or a mystery story in which a greenhouse with tropical and other beautiful plants as a background, but a story of the experiences of an observant passenger on a Norwegian freighter bound for Australia with the usual nondescript collection of passengers. Miss Armstrong is the chief character and through her eyes we are given a life-like description enriched with a certain amount of imagination of the personalities and lives of those on board. The book is well and sensitively written with a good deal of humour and will be found a pleasant and absorbing story.

Freedom Farewell. By Phyllis Bentley. A story written of the time of Julius Caesar and is mostly a well-sustained study of his career, giving episodes in his life, moving rapidly and dramatically up to the time of his murder. Although historical facts are largely included, the story is well proportioned and written in Miss Bentley's best style.

They Found Atlantis. By Dennis Wheatley. As is usual with the author this book is made up of travel, romance, narrow escapes and crime, with sufficient fact to make it interesting as well as thrilling. The story starts with an expedition headed by Dr. Tisch to explore, with the aid of a bathysphere, the site of the ancient city of Atlantis. Among the members of his party are Camilla, a millionairess and cousin Sally. "Oxford Kate," a super crook and the villain of the piece seizes the ship intending to hide Camilla. Her friends proclaim her death and claim her fortune. His plans are upset by the hero McKay. How they all escape from the bathysphere, their travels under-sea and life among the Atlantians is left to the reader to discover.

Trouble Rides the Wind. By B. M. Bower. This popular author of western stories has given us another thrilling story of the west. The chief character is Chip Bennett of the "Flying U" outfit. A reticent and retiring young cowpuncher, he accidentally overhears of a proposed frame-up against the Duncan brothers, who are close

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