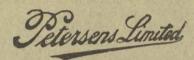
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He frequently pointed out that while the country spent an enormous sum of money upon education practically nothing was done to encourage and help boys and girls to continue their studies after they left school. This latter fact is one quite frequently heard in Christchurch today. but Mr Wm. Levs saw it and stressed it forty years ago, yet so apathetic and slow to perceive, we are today face to face with the position that he saw in his day.

Leys Institute has progressed and its work has expanded until it now comprises Lending Library, Reference Library, Recreation Room, Reading Room, Lecture Hall and Gymnasium.

The Gymnasium is a later addition, made possible by the gifts of the Hon. E. Mitchelson (£100), Mr A. M. Myers (£100), Mr W. T. Leys (£100), and a bequest of Mr Wm. Mason (£1000). Mr (now Sir) Cecil Leys defrayed the cost of the whole of the gymnastic appliances, and a piano was presented by Councillors Court and Casev.

The generosity of Auckland citizens in regard to libraries is evidence of a fine public library spirit, and is further shown by the maximum Library Rate of 1d in the £, paid by the ratepayers for several years. Latterly, owing to the depression this rate was reduced to 3d in the £, which is the rate paid today.

The present Government's sympathetic understanding of the position of Libraries as a whole in New Zealand was admirably expressed by the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage, Prime Minister, in these pages last month. But is it not essential that the public of New Zealand should co-operate with equal readiness and ardour in this splendid work for the fuller development and use of the latent talent in our country. If our city fathers could envisage the possibilities, then the difficulties would quickly be overcome.

Or, is there a Wm. Leys to show them how "impossibilities" become possible and difficulties disappear, as the mist before the rising sun.

#### NEW NOVELS.

By Our Reviewer.

The Tune and the Dancer, by Sheila Macdonald. In this lively and entertaining romance the author has chosen as her heroine Favne Ralston, who despises the idea of a set career and seeks employment as a governess as a means of gaining travel and experience. In the course of time she gains a temporary position as a school-mistress in a remote part of Africa. While there she discovers an authoress in her landlady's daughter and meets Mark Conroy, a jilted and temporary misogynist, who falls in love with

her.

The story is told in a simple and pleasing way and readers will follow the peregrinations and vicissitudes of Fayne with interest from the

start to the happy ending.

Jane's Way, by A. C. G. Hastings is an interesting story, the background for which is set in the Cameroons in West Africa. Jim Allen, who holds a Government post on a lonely station in the Mandara Hills is returning after furlough and meets on board Jane Ford who is studying African languages and cultures on behalf of an international institute. Allen, whose only interest is his work, has a deep seated distrust of the opposite sex, but confesses a liking for Jane and admits her evident capability. They part at Lagos to go their various ways, but fate takes a hand and brings them together again. There is a rising of natives and the white man's authority is at stake. Then Jane takes a hand in saving the position. How she does, the reader must read for him or herself. The story is both interesting and thrilling and should appeal to all readers.

Red-Handed, by Lee Thayer, is a mystery story surrounding the death of Marvin Hayden who was found in the library lying shot through the head while his wife Emily and his son James stood over the body with blood on their hands. James was supposed to be miles away on his way to South America and his unsatisfactory explanation of his presence in the house leads to his arrest. Emily also is suspect and an old family friend unsuccessfully tries to shoulder the guilt by a bogus confession. The mystery thickens and the reader is kept thinking until the final unravelling of the tangle with the assistance of Peter Clancy, whose solution when revealed, is neat and unanticipated.

Satyr Mask, by Augustus Muir. A thrilling story of Irvine, a young man who inherits from his grandfather a house in the Highlands. His grandfather was rather a wicked and blackmailing old scamp who during his life obtained the title of "Satyr Mask." The story dates from the time Irvine is shut in by a blizzard, his companions being two servants, an elderly man and a girl as visitors, and a suspiciously friendly neighbour. Some had been victims of old Satyr Mask, and others wanted to secure certain letters to carry on the business. It is around these the plot is built up and it is not until Irvine has twice been nearly strangled that the climax is reached.

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