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Things are at last moving in the Christchurch library world and it seems likely that a long standing stigma will be removed. The City Council has announced that a substantial grant will be given towards a Reference Department in the Canterbury Public Library. The next problem will be to find suitable housing for a comprehensive collection of technical and other books suitable for reference purposes, but once a worthy collection becomes an accomplished fact, then a building in which to place it is of such importance that it must naturally follow.

The mills of our City Council grind exceedingly slow in library matters, but we hope that the ultimate result will be worthy of the Cathedral City.

When thinking of library extensions our thoughts automatically turn towards our own library and the urgent need for a new building. Extra shelving space has been sadly needed for many years and our present building is hopelessly inadequate for the large number of subscribers who congregate every evening.

Representations have been made on many occasions to the City Council relative to this problem and we have been repeatedly assured of the Council's sym-

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pathy and given a measure of encouragement and hope for the future. "Hope deferred" must some day reap its reward and we trust that the day is not far distant when we may see a library building in Linwood that will be worthy of the district and of the subscribers.

We would direct the attention of our readers to the coloured illustration of the steamship "Queen Mary," placed over the fireplace in the subscribers' reading room. This wonderful ship is shown in section, disclosing a great wealth of detail and a close study of this engineering marvel should help us to appreciate more fully the greatness of that seafaring nation to which we belong. It will bring home to us the truth that there is nothing decadent in a country that can bring into being this "mistress of the seas."

As noted briefly elsewhere, the Committee will, at its next monthly meeting, be called upon to deliberate upon the advisability of revising the subscription rates for both juveniles and old-age pensioners. At present the juvenile members pay one shilling for three months' reading. When this low sum was first decided upon, the committee, in its zeal for the welfare of our young readers, did not anticipate the demand for short-term membership; it was hoped that those taking advantage of the exceptionally easy terms would remain with us for at least half a year. Time has proved that a large percentage of juvenile members resign at the end of the quarter in many cases rejoining a few weeks afterwards.

This entails a considerable amount of extra work and much wastage of material, such as printed cards for librarian's and secretary's use. The expense thus entailed is thought to be too great to warrant a continuance of the quarterly sub-

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