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scription of a shilling and the committee will be called upon to decide upon the advisability of retaining the same rate but making the minimum subscription two shillings for six months.

Similar arguments may be used against the old-age pensioners' subscription of 2/6 for a year, and a proposal will be brought forward to increase this to 3/6.

Notification of the committee's decision will be given in our next issue.

SOME RECENTLY PURCHASED FICTION.

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| All This I Gave | Jan Tempest |
| Arabian Nights Murder | Jno. D. Carr |
| As a Man Loves | E. M. Albanesi |
| Ask Miss Mott | E. P. Oppenheim |
| Barren Metal | Naomi Jacobs |
| Be Gentle to the Young | Mary Sturt |
| Bubble Reputation | P. C. Wren |
| Clansmen | Ethel Boileau |
| Clear Waters | Owen Rutter |
| Dance of the Marionettes | Marjorie Warby |
| Death in the Bathroom | Sir Basil Thomson |
| Deep Calleth Unto Deep | Jos. Hocking |
| Demi Widow | Mary Pickford |
| Devil of a Girl | Guy Fletcher |
| Don John's Mountain Home | Ernest Raymond |
| Eve's Orchard | Margaret Widdemar |
| Fly Away Paul | Victor Canning |
| Following Footsteps | Louise Gerard |
| German Spy | Bernard Newman |
| Hurricane | Nordhoff and Hall |
| Inspiration Valley | Coningsby Dawson |
| Mistress Mary | Hazel Adair |
| Night Action | Sydney Parkman |
| Old King Cole | Edward Shanks |
| Quest of the Fearless | Tempest Keeping |
| Rustlers of Beacon Creek | Max Brand |
| The Silver Desert | Ernest Haycox |
| South Riding | Winifred Holtby |
| Sparkenbroke | Chas. Morgan |
| Summer Toy | Lewis Cox |
| Tiger Heart | J. G. Sarasin |
| Too Much Together | Ruby M. Ayres |
| The Tune and the Dancer | Sheila Macdonald |
| The Tunnel | Bernard Kellerman |
| The Vanishing Idol | Geo. Gibbs |
| The World Over | Edith Wharton |

FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR.

As you enter "Our Library" through the subscribers' door you see on your left our Juvenile Section. And this month the Chair desires to say a few words about its importance to the boys and girls who use it, and in a wider sense, to the community.

To the average boy or girl, the gift of a book is one that is received with delight, especially if it is chosen with regard to his or her desires. A sea story for one, a school story for another, or red Indian adventures, or an air story, in short, something with plenty of movement and action, and authors like E. Keple Chatterton, W. H. G. Kingston, L. M. Montgomery, E. S. Ellis, Capt.

Johns, and G. E. Rochester. For the girls Mrs A. C. Osborne Hann gives useful and charming stories about the Girl Guides, but perhaps Christine Chaundler, Dorothy Moore, Maud Peacock, Mary Gervase and others, may appeal more with their lively school stories, while Ethel Turner and M. G. Bruce take their readers to Australia and find there plenty to interest and charm. Then there are many others as full of appeal to their devotees, and sometimes when I look in and see the eager, searching look on a boy's face, the chair sees himself sixty years ago and sometimes, in an endeavour to probe into the boy's mind asks him a question or two. At present, many of them have no fixed idea what occupation, or calling, they shall follow later, but who knows but what there may be a Prime Minister, or Chief Justice, or an eloquent preacher among the boys who delight in our Juvenile Section; it is quite possible if they "hitch their waggon to a star," or in other word be ever looking upward.

The value of the Juvenile Section to the community is that it encourages the love of reading and as all our books are carefully chosen, there is the tendency for the young and plastic mind to be aroused to a love for deeper and more serious subjects and affairs.

May I ask all parents to encourage the younger members of their families to join up with us, thus not only giving us greater opportunities but probably also enriching the lives of their young folk.

COMMITTEE MEETING

At the monthly Committee meeting, held on Wednesday, June 17th, the chair was occupied by Mr A. Brettell, President.

The Treasurer presented his monthly statement, showing that receipts from subscriptions totalled £43/9/- and those from extra books amounted to £30/5/-. Accounts for £79/10/10 were passed for payment.

New subscribers for May were as under: Adults 51, old-age pensioner 1, juveniles 17. The total number of subscribers on May 31st was 1807. Books issued during the month totalled 9,190, and those placed on the shelves were, fiction 112 and non-fiction 24.

Notices of motion were given "that the subscription rate for juveniles be 2/- for half a year." "That the subscription rate for old-age pensioners be 3/6 per year."

Mr A. Brettell and Mr J. H. Houlden were appointed delegates to attend a meeting of bodies interested in library matters to discuss the need for a Public Reference Library.

We cordially congratulate Miss D. M. Neal, of the staff of the Canterbury Public Library, on being the chosen candidate for the Carnegie Corporation Scholarship.

Miss Neal is now on her way to U.S.A. to study Librarianship and we confidently believe that she will fulfil all the expectations of her friends. She carries with her the good wishes of Linwood.

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