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COMMITTEE MEETING.

Mr A. Brettell, president, occupied the chair at the monthly committee meeting on Tuesday, September 15th. There was a good attendance of committeemen.

A letter was received from the Town Clerk, Wanganui, enclosing a copy of Miss Blackett's report on the Library Association Conference held at Margate, England.

The treasurer's statement was received and accounts for $\pounds76/12/11$ were passed for payment. New subscribers for August were—Adults 44, Old-age Pensioner 1, Juveniles 10. Resignations were: Adults 38, Juvenile 21, leaving the total number of subscribers on August 31st at 1816. Books issued during the month totalled 9788, those placed on the shelves being 130 fiction, 19 non-fiction and 44 juvenile.

At the recent Library Conference held at Margate, England, Mr McColvin, Librarian, Hampstead, during an address, stated that Public Libraries had a moral responsibility in providing material to help in the better employment of leisure and urged that the best approach to nonusers of libraries was not that of offering them popular fiction, but of giving them suitable practical books on things in which they were already interested. He stressed the point that people must be given pleasure by reading and this was done not always by novel reading, but by keeping in touch with all the ways in which folk spend their leisure.

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