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from extra books during the last ten years is approximately £3,500, and when stated in this fashion, the nimble 3d assumes quite a different aspect.

The changing times have brought us into closer contact with other libraries in New Zealand, thus bringing to us a fresh view point and a wider outlook. The gain of knowledge concerning library work and administration is helpful and interesting, but with limited financial support it is impossible to apply that knowledge to the routine in libraries such as ours. To sum up. Much of the progress between 1909 and 1936 is the result of wise and sound judgment at the earlier period, and earnest conscientious work through the intervening years.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

NEW NOVELS.

By OUR REVIEWER.

Snowstone, by J. M. Scott, is a story of a treasure hunt in Greenland, the main figures of which are Geoffrey Troy, a young athletic explorer with a slight figure and pale face, but limited means, and Ivan Sound, an unscrupulous knave with wealth on his side. An old Eskimo divulges the secret of "Snowstone," a new mineral to be found in an inaccessible fjord on the east coast of Greenland, to Geoffrey who leads a party across the Ice Cap from the west coast. In the meantime Ivan, who has got wind of this untold wealth, gets together another party, charters an aeroplane and flies direct to the fjord where the two parties meet and come to grips, the younger and legitimate party winning in the end. The story has adventure, romance, thrill and suspense and, above all, it should appeal to readers for its description of the country and life of Greenland.

Cruise to Adventure, by Annabel Lee. A light romance of Caroline Freeling, who relinquishes her position to accompany a flighty widow to the East. On the way out she goes ashore in the Duchy of Luana, steps into a tangle of politics, is captured by brigands in the company of an English journalist named Guy Farling. Farling is engaged to Bionda, an American millionairess, who ransomed them both, but becoming suspicious of Farling's attentions to Caroline, abandons her in a precarious position. Farling, hearing of this, breaks with Bionda and marries Caroline. The romance is woven with skill in a convincing manner.

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The Horned Crescent, by Douglas V. Duff. With a framework of reincarnation the story is

of an ancestor of Sir John Harding, told in the form of a dream, telling how one, John Harding of Dorset in 1181, became proscribed for killing a powerful Norman noble in defence of the Lady Elgiva, a daughter of Sir William of St. Thorold and Lord of Bridport. In thankfulness for his daughter's escape and in recognition of John's gallantry Sir William assists him to escape by finding him a passage in a Norse fleet bound for the Mediterranean. His adventures with these bold mariners—sea fights, pillaging and plundering—are skilfully and thrillingly told, until they arrive in Palestine. In Palestine he takes service with various nobles, becomes knighted and goes back to England to claim and marry the Lady Elgiva. Returning to Palestine he takes part in many adventures of those turbulent times, finally being killed in the battle of the "Horns of Hattin" in 1187, when the Emir Saladin utterly destroyed the Latin forces under King Guy, and broke up the feudal kingdom of Palestine. The Times Literary Supplement in summing up this book says "The author evidently knows Palestine and can describe any number of fights without making two alike." "The politics of the unique feudal kingdom are well brought to life, the austere life of the Hospitallers and the reasons why most of the Frank ladies had three or four successive husbands."

Not Wisely, by "Sinbad." This author is in his element when telling stories of the sea and the men who make a living on it, and those who have enjoyed his earlier books will welcome this present volume. Ned Drayton, the master and owner of the windjammer "Sheila," finding his eyesight failing and profitable cargoes hard to obtain, decided to lay his ship up and settle down trying to make a living by his pen. Ann Lerwick, a London typiste and artist's model, answering his advertisement for a typist, was engaged on the strength of her looks and her knowledge of ships and nautical terms. Being unsuccessful in his literary attempts he had to sell up his house at Dartmouth and go to sea again taking Ann at her earnest entreaty, with him as his steward. The reader will find pleasure in reading of their many and various adventures.

I love the tumult of the trees,
The silvern slant of willow leaves,
The song that falling water sings,
These, and a thousand thousand things
I love.
The shadowy tideways of the moon,
The drowsy gold of afternoon,
Blue uplands where cloud shadows flee
Pines calling, sea like, to the sea.

The clear pale evening star alight
Far down the windy gulf of night,
Cloud-purpled seas of changing hue,
And bright web-threaded drops of dew,
The twilight song, a late thrush sings,
Sun on a soaring sea-gull's wing,
These and a thousand thousand things
I love.

—By Doreen Price, from "Kowhai Gold," an anthology of contemporary New Zealand verse.

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