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#### EDITORIAL

The passing days have brought us once again to the close of the year, and we take the opportunity of expressing the wish that the New Year may bring prosperity to all our subscribers.

The past twelve months has been memorable in more ways than one. World conditions have been fraught with difficulty and danger and our own Empire has faced unprecedented circumstances with that magnificent spirit that makes one feel proud to be British. Statesmanship of the highest order has commanded the respect and admiration of the world. In our own Dominion we have entered into a new order of things, politically and socially, and we await the outcome of our advanced legislation with equanimity, hoping that the new year may make the depression a mere memory, and that the unemployment problem may be a thing of the past.

The subject of Libraries and their control has received considerable attention, both nationally and locally, and it appears probable that the coming year will see some improvement in the library position in Christchurch. We in Linwood have endeavoured to serve our district faith-

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fully, in spite of the handicap of insufficient accommodation and inadequate facilities, and we trust that our City Fathers will, during the next year, provide us with a building that will relieve the present congestion and inconvenience.

We extend greetings to those who daily scan our shelves in search of entertaining or informative literature, to those who have but recently joined the ranks of our subscribers, and to those citizens who have used our "Gazette" to make known their wares, we thank them for that support which has made it possible for us to carry on, and trust that during the coming year they may make the acquaintance of many of our subscribers. To everyone using our Library we express the timehonoured wish-"A Happy New Year."

#### FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR

In the "Star-Sun" of September 30th there appeared a report of the monthly meeting of the Linwood Burgesses Association. The report mentions the fact that adjoining our Library are the Christchurch City Council stables, and this provoked Mr T. S. Dacre to make an emphatic protest. He said that hundreds of people congregated at the library, and he was sure every subscriber had been annoyed by the smell, and would support any action taken by the Burgesses' Association to abolish the nuisance. "It is one of the most scandalous things in the city."

The President, Mr A. Peverell was even more outspoken in his indignation. "It's a rotten thing to have a stable adjoining a flourishing library. The stables outlived their usefulness years ago, and we should not let the matter rest until they are shifted."

It appears the Burgesses' Association wrote to the City Council, receiving in reply the City Engineer's assurance that all care was taken to prevent smell from the stable, but without moving the horses to another yard the position could not be improved.

The Library Committee have on different occasions complained to the Council, but without effective result, and it appears to be quite possible for years to go by ere anything is done. AULSEBROOK'S Latest Sensation

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