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(Even two or three members on the Council at the present time could effect a welcome change if possessed of a heartfelt conviction of its necessity and desirability.) It surely is not beyond the capacity of the Council to find another home for the horses, carts, gravel, tar, and other sundries one usually connects with a Council yard, for the fact has been stressed again and again that this yard is a blot set in the midst of a closely inhabited and business centre. It is wholly out of place, and should be removed forthwith.

The widening of Stanmore Road is imperative and comparatively little remains to be done now to have the two blocks from Hereford Street to Gloucester Street widened to the full width. The old house that was next to the Library has been pulled down, and it seems to us that the time is opportune for this question to be considered seriously.

For some years the Library has been far too small for its requirements, and ultimately a suitable building will have to be erected. We suggest that the purchase of this now vacant section by the Council would be a politic move, for with the removal of the stables and gear, there would then be sufficient ground to plan and erect a building that would be worthy of the library, worthy of the city, and a source of pride to the citizens of the district. The day is past when any building could be altered, enlarged, or adapted for the purpose of a library. I believe that the consciousness of the people is daily becoming aroused to the urgent and vital necessity of having libraries housed in buildings suitable and capable of meeting all requirements. Town planning compels one to look ahead and plan accordingly—the erection or enlargement of buildings that are, or will be, out of place in a few years is a sheer waste and a confession of inefficiency. Rather should we visualise requirements for the future, and lay out a building so that it contains within itself the acme of comfort in the working and utility, and without such aesthetic beauty that will be attractive to the eye of residents and visitors.

Let 1937 be a year of endeavour and work for—the removal of the stables and gear, for the purchase of the adjoining vacant section in Stanmore Road, and for the erection of an up-to-date, commodious building for the Linwood Public Library.

NON-FICTION BOOKS RECENTLY PURCHASED

The Black Tents of Arabia, by Carl R. Rasman. An interesting book concerning a country of which most people know little. Besides containing much information, the many and varied experiences recorded hold the reader from beginning to end.

Two Vagabonds in Sweden and Lapland, by Jan and Cora Gordon. Still another of those charming volumes from the ever-moving Gordons. The "Sunday Times" says:—"The Gordons get into the very soul of the people among whom

they elect to wander." And "The Spectator" says—"Their book is as good as a holiday."

Leaves from the Lipton Log, by Sir Thomas Lipton. "Lipton's Tea" has been used in every part of the world, and Lipton, with his five "Shamrocks" in dour endeavour to regain the Americas Cup, aroused intense interest on both sides of the Atlantic, but the question "Who is Lipton" could be answered by only a few. "Leaves from The Lipton Log" tells us much about Sir Thomas, and we get a close, intimate acquaintance of a man lovable, kindly, and true. Born of the people he remained so, and his friendships with Royalty and nobility produced in him a perfect blend of understanding sympathy and generosity. From the early days of his life until the end, he proved his loyalty to the dictum:

Take your victories with modesty
And your defeats with a smile.

A most enjoyable book.

Roll, Jordan, Roll, by Julia Peterkin. Julia Peterkin not only fully understands the negro, but presents that knowledge in such a manner that one is caught by the unusual charm of her book. One learns quite a lot about the negroes, their quaint customs, and manner of life, their beliefs that have such a powerful influence from birth onward to death.

"They are taught that bearing heavy burdens makes for strength and that life was meant to be enjoyed." The numerous illustrations are by Doris Ullman. A book well worth reading.

No Place Like Home, by Beverley Nichols. Here we have a journey that takes us through Eastern Europe, described in the author's usual arresting manner. At times he is downright frank in his onslaught of others. There is that delightful touch of fun and frolic that makes the book a real pleasure. In Palestine there are quite unusual touches, for here the author tells us what he sees, and that often differs from the usual or conventional. In Tel Ario and Zion Vale he gives us something to remember and think about.

Poland and her Economic Development, by Dr. Roman Gorecki. We acknowledge with thanks the gift of this book from The National Economic Bank, Warsaw. Compressed within 124 pages this book is very informative and intensely interesting. Indeed, it is a revelation of National Recovery from something akin to chaos. Torn and split between their powerful and predatory powers for one hundred and fifty years, and during the last war ruined by military occupation and deliberate destruction and spoliation, Poland has during the subsequent period made most remarkable progress. A book well worth while.

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