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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ITS USE

By John Barr, Chief Librarian Public Library,
Auckland.

Addresses and papers delivered at conferences of any kind are often useful if somewhat pedestrian. Now and then, however, a person contributes something which is above the average, and one such was given at the last conference of the English Library Association, held at Manchester in September last. This address which was given by Mr Harold J. Laski, Professor of Political Science in the University of London, has the additional virtue of giving the views of a man well qualified to express the opinions of people not professionally interested in libraries, so that motives of a personal or professional kind can be at once cancelled out. His standing as an economist also gives his utterances an importance which would not be the case if the same things had been said by a mere librarian.

I would urge everyone who is interested in the relation of libraries to the thought of to-day to read and ponder this address, which was printed in full in the September, 1935, issue of the "Library Association Record." For those who may not be able to secure a copy I have attempted a brief precis.

Professor Laski commences by stating that schools and libraries to-day occupy a comparable place in the cultural life of the community, and their influence is similar to that of the mediæval university. At a time like the present when the old security has vanished and new ideas of living are being suggested and tried out, it is essential that the means of enlightenment should be maintained against the forces of suppression. One of the greatest of these

means he believes is the public library properly understood and developed. Sensing the danger of accepting the public library as being taken for granted, he urges the need of re-considering what a public library is for and what its implications are. He answers his own questions thus:

"I believe that the purpose of a public library is to make accessible the heritage of culture, in the widest sense of the word, to any who may wish to take advantage of it. The first implication, therefore, of my view is the need to view that heritage as something independent of any special attitude of mind. We are not entitled to narrow its substance because we are socialists or conservatives, Christians or free thinkers, exponents of one philosophy rather than another. The only test we can apply to the content of the public library is the test of significance. If the book meets that test, in the judgment of competent persons, the public is entitled to find it on the shelves of the library. The only censorship we are entitled to impose arises out of this criterion. . . . Our business is to offer him access to knowledge of the human adventure. We are not justified in barring gates which lead to roads we may not happen to approve."

He goes on to say that the public library's duty does not end in merely providing books; its main business is to circulate them. "Every home in this country into which there is not a constant flow of books represents a failure of the public library system." Some of the avenues which the public library has not yet explored are mentioned, among them being hospitals, shops, factories, and various organisations. To remedy this he suggests greater publicity by means of lectures, special book lists, and other media.

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"I would have the librarian make his services known, if not as constantly at least with as eager an emphasis as the brewer. I think the result not unlikely to be equally beneficial. . . Adequate publicity would do much to increase the public we serve. But with what are we to serve them? Roughly, I think readers are divided into four groups: (1) there are those who read as a way of occupying their leisure; (2) there are those who read for self-development; (3) there are those who read to acquire some specific information needed occasionally or for a limited and immediate purpose; (4) there are those who use the public library much as the scholar uses the British Museum. We need adequately to serve each of these groups."

I wish I had the space to quote Professor Laski's sympathetic and understanding remarks on each of these groups of readers, but you can read them for yourself. It will be time well spent.

The address concludes with an eloquent appeal to librarians to stand firmly on the side of intellectual freedom. "Your essential task is the guardianship of culture. But the inner essence of culture is freedom; its life-blood is security. Unless, when it is attacked, you are prepared, as librarians, to leap to its defence, its hope is poor indeed. . . The librarian is in charge of the tradition of civilized man. He is required by his office to be militant about its rights."

14/12/1935.

NEW NOVELS

By Our Reviewer.

Something to his Advantage. By W. F. Morris. Readers of "Bretherton" and "Behind the Lines" will look forward to this new effort of the author. The story opens with Noel Oliver, a successful novelist, and George Gould, a lawyer, as companions on a trip to East Anglia. Gould's business is to bring to Cullen, a young schoolmaster, the good news of an unexpected legacy, but unfortunately on the eve of his arrival Cullen mysteriously dies leaving his possessions to Isobel Trevor. Oliver discovers in Isobel an old flame of his schooldays, and begins energetically to make up for lost time, while Gould, suspecting foul play, starts enquiries, and the

evidence he collects seems to point incontrovertibly to Isobel and a male companion as guilty of murder. How Oliver remains true to his old love and finds a happy way out of their difficulties will be for the reader to discover for himself.

Selina Is Older. By Sheila Kaye-Smith. Selina South is the elder of two daughters of a Hastings doctor, a distinctly precocious child, developing a literary talent. The story covers a period of her youth, and appears to hold an element of autobiography, giving it a true quality of life. The simple straightforward telling of the story should hold the attention and interest of adult readers.

Put Up the Shutters. By Mrs Henry Dudeney. Of this book the "Literary Times" says:—"If only for Talbot, the delightful dog, this new book of Mrs Dudeney's would be well worth reading, but besides Talbot, there is a group of persons whose acquaintance is pleasant and profitable too." A very old lady, her daughter—Talbot's mistress—a companion, and a few others occupy the foreground, and the story "is full of the individual quality and tranquil humour one associates with Mrs Dudeney's name on a novel."

The Turquoise Arail. By W. C. Tuttle. For Western thrills and humour Mr Tuttle is already well known, and the present book is well up to his usual standard. Although containing two stories, the main character is the same, and the book may be read as two incidents in the career of Irish O'Shea, a handsome smiling cow-puncher working with the "Seven Cut Outfit." In the first story kindly old Bedrock Bolton, the boss of the Outfit, is murdered, and O'Shea tracks down the murderer, while in the second story he is seen rounding up rustlers on the Mexican border. The dialogue is humorous, and a light romance is also introduced.

Victorious Troy. By John Masefield. Although implied by the title the story is in reality very remote from the ancient city of Troy, unless the theme can be compared with the heroic defence of that city. It is purely a story of the sea, with Dick Sands as the chief character, and relates the adventures of a grain ship on her way from Australia to England. Commanded by a tyrannical and determined old captain, who insists on carrying more sail than was safe in a cyclone until she is dismasted by a huge wave breaking on board, which also swept away all her officers and injured the captain. It is now that Dick Sands assumes control, and takes measures to save her from immediate foundering. The "Literary Supplement," in commenting on this book, says of Mr Masefield that "he tells us about the officers and crew, as a historian of the sea; and, as a poet, about the winds and waters in increasing tumult. For those not familiar with nautical terms a glossary is provided at the back of the book."

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EDITORIAL

This is the first occasion we have had of congratulating, in our columns, our Patron upon his accession to Ministerial rank in the Government of New Zealand.

We do so heartily, and feel sure that our subscribers will join with us in wishing him every success in his new and exalted sphere.

The Hon. D. G. Sullivan has for many years shown his deep interest in Library matters, and, as Patron of our own Library, has at all times been willing to assist our cause in matters financial and otherwise.

We trust he will long remain at the head of Linwood Library, and in spite of his increased responsibilities, his interest will remain as constant and sincere as ever.

We have reached the end of another Library year, and in the near future will be celebrating the event by holding our 27th annual meeting.

We take the opportunity of extending an invitation to subscribers to attend this gathering, which will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, at 8 p.m. A good attendance is gratifying to the committee, showing that its efforts during the year have been appreciated.

Our readers' opinions upon any matter relative to Library matters are welcomed.

Address all correspondence to "The Editor,"
Linwood Public Library.

Perhaps some subscribers have ideas as to ways in which the Library management may be improved. If so, the annual meeting of subscribers is the occasion for such ideas to be ventilated. Suggestions will be welcomed as showing the interest taken by individual members. The committee renders an account of its stewardship for the past year, and is pleased to know that its efforts are appreciated, but equal appreciation will be shown for any assistance given by subscribers.

The Library is owned by members, and each individual subscriber has the right of speech at the annual meeting. It is to be hoped that these few remarks will have the desired effect of creating a record attendance and an increase in individual interest.

**SOME NOVELS RECENTLY
PURCHASED**

African Nymph.....F. E. Bailey
Agent B7.....Ared White
Answer that Bell.....M. Baillie-Saunders
Daddy and I.....Eliz. Jordan
Death of a Beauty Queen.....E. K. Punchow
Diamond Mountain.....Temple Keeping
Gun Sovereignty.....Archie Jocelyn
His Lady Secretary.....J. J. Farjeon
Not Proven.....Bruce Graeme
Purple Pirates.....Talbot Mundy
The Remover Returns.....Roland Daniel
Richardson Solves a Dartmoor Mystery

Sir Basil Thompson
Roll on Pioneers.....Fred Lape
Rustlers' Ranch.....Will Ermine
Steel Blade.....Simon Dare
The Vampire.....Sydney Horler
When Sorrows Come.....H. A. Vachell

In the Juvenile Section

At the Sign of the Wolf's Head...Bernard Masters
The Mystery of Cranston School...Michael Poole
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"OIL UNDER THE WINDOW"

A Review by the Author, Norman Berrow.

In the country house of Sir Julius Wincham, an eminent but somewhat unscrupulous financier in the city of London, were three marvellous pearl necklaces. Originally, when Sir Julius had first acquired them, they had been in one long rope; but Sir Julius, realising that here was portable wealth, had divided it into three, and given them to members of his family. One went to his sister, one to his niece, Mary, and the other to his wife. Sir Julius, now a widower, kept this third one in trust for Mary, who was eventually to get all three.

(At least, I think that was something of the idea. N.B.—con apologia.)

To Sir Julius one evening came a curt note from an unknown, signing himself "The Black," stating that he, "The Black," would visit Wincham House very shortly and possess himself of the necklace that Sir Julius was holding in trust. Sir Julius pooh-poohed the threat, and threw the note into the fire.

But "The Black" came. He came one evening as Sir Julius was dressing for dinner, and he left bearing the necklace, and leaving Sir Julius half-strangled. That same evening Sir Julius's chauffeur disappeared—to be found later, murdered.

"The Black" sent another note. And again, despite police protection, and Inspector Mellish, of Scotland Yard, he came. This time he took with him the second necklace, that of Sir Julius's sister. Again there was another short disappearance, and another murder, that of Sir Julius's valet. And again he left another note, saying that he would be back for the third and last necklace.

The problems that faced Inspector Mellish were these: Why the apparently unnecessary killings? What connection, if any, had they with the robberies? How was he going to stop "The Black" from getting the third necklace? Lastly, who was "The Black?"

And not until the Inspector saw the oil under the dining-room window could he make any attempt to answer them. Then he guessed.

(And did he guess aright?)

This, as far as I can remember, is the essence of the thing. In addition it contains a certain amount of alleged humour, and is written with the author's well-known flair (?). And I think it's fair to medium tripe.

FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR

Our Library year closes on January 31st every year, and as usual at such times we are busy preparing reports and balances. The work of the Library has gone along on the usual lines, even to an increase in the number of subscribers. The Juvenile Department has had a busy year, showing an increase in numbers of juvenile subscribers and quite a large addition to the number of books on the shelves. It is most regrettable that we are unable to give our young members proper and sufficient seating accommodation and room to enjoy either reading or pictures.

It will be interesting to watch and see how

the City Council deals with the motion to be brought forward by Dr. Guthrie re the Canterbury Public Library. I am wondering how long we shall have to wait before the City Council seriously considers the difficulties under which we do the work of running our Library, for while we sometimes get indignant at the apathy of the City Fathers, when we are continually being reminded of the way our young members have to put up with such cramped quarters, we also realise that the same condition exists in the other departments of our Library.

We have waited for some years now for a new building, and sometimes we almost lose hope. However, let us at the end of this financial year fervently express the hope that during the coming year something practical and tangible will be done, and then the Chair believes that Linwood will not only increase—if not in leaps and bounds—then at least steadily, and that everyone, both subscribers and management will find greater pleasure and comfort in working for "Our Library."

Though the "Linwood Library Gazette" is devoted wholly to purely Library matters and affairs, it is fitting that we should refer to the death of King George V., an event that has brought such deep sorrow to the Empire and from all parts of the world, such wonderful testimony of the great esteem and high regard held by those who owed him no allegiance.

When the news flashed round the world that "The King is dead" men were at first stunned by its suddenness, quickly followed by a poignant sense of loss. King George held a place in the hearts of British people hardly comparable with the feelings held for previous sovereigns; it was deeper and of a rarer quality, we felt that he was ours, for we had heard his voice speaking to us as a father might speak to his sons and daughters, with a spiritual force, appealing in its intensity and emotional power. Those who heard will remember the sincerity of his tones, and however long life may be those words will ever be an inspiration and a fragrant comforting memory.

We respectfully tender our sincere sympathy to King Edward VIII., Queen Mary, and to all the members of the Royal Family in their great bereavement and sorrow.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

OUR FOUNDERS. No. 5

W. W. Tanner

Of the founders of our Library, Mr W. W. Tanner must rank with Mr Dan Richardson and Mr A. Marshall. Mr Tanner was born in the village of Moulton, Northamptonshire, in 1851. He was educated at the Church of England school in the village, and was later apprenticed to the cordwaining business. When his apprenticeship was over the bottom fell out of the business because of the new method of rivetting soles coming into general use. Mr Tanner immediately turned his attention to the rivetting work, and was employed in the shoe trade in Northampton

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until 1879 when, with his wife and infant son, he emigrated to New Zealand, arriving at Lyttelton on Christmas Eve, 1879.

For ten years he followed his trade in Christchurch, but in the industrial upheaval of 1890 he became prominent in the Labour movement. He was elected for the Heathcote district, and continued in Parliament for eighteen years, during the colourful period when the Right Hon. John Ballance and the Right Hon. Richard J. Seddon guided New Zealand's ship of State. Mr Tanner has always been interested in the Friendly Society movement, becoming a Forester in England in the early seventies. He was Chief Ranger of his Court both in England and New Zealand. In local matters Mr Tanner served for several years on the Woolston Borough Council, and after his retirement from general politics served North Canterbury as a member of the North Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board for a number of years.

With Mr Richardson and Mr Marshall he was instrumental in securing the offices formerly occupied by the Linwood Borough Council for the purposes of the Library Association, and has been a member of the Library ever since. He is also a trustee of the Library. At present, in his eighty-fifth year, Mr Tanner is living in retirement in Barbour Street, South Linwood.

NON-FICTION BOOKS RECENTLY PURCHASED

Africa Calling. By Roger Courtney. Many books have been written about the "Dark Continent." Some are vivid word pictures that, while adding to our knowledge of the many and varied inhabitants, leave a far from pleasant memory. Others are full of the slaughter of beasts, but this book is the account of an observant man going through his daily round.

It possesses the human touch, and there is that about it that while it gives much information it is vitally interesting.

Readers will find this book well worth reading.

England Speaks. By Sir Philip Gibbs. The author has given us here a worthy companion to "European Journey." He met all sorts and conditions of people, and the recorded conversations are sometimes illuminating.

The Luncheon Party of Four, one of whom was a handsome romantic-looking man, though haggard and worn. Once he had been leader of a party, which had refused to follow him, and accused him of treachery. Instead the author finds a man, noble, loyal, and honourable. A fine sketch of Ramsay Macdonald.

The visit to the B.B.C. gives one a good idea of the thought and skill necessary to give the world its wonderful results.

The chapter with the heading "The Monstrous City" is a book in itself, and provides food for thought.

Every thinking man and woman should read this fine book.