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Arrangements were made with Mr Bell for him to purchase new books, and it was decided to build up the non-fiction side of the Library by making purchases 30 per cent non-fiction, 60 per cent fiction, and the balance reference and children's books.

A weekly Library column is published in the local newspaper, giving items of information re new books, and other matters of interest to readers. Arrangements were made with the local High School to show each fortnight on the walls of the Library, copies of famous paintings from the Carnegie Institute Art Gift to the High School. Most of the world travel and tourist agencies were written to for a supply of travel posters, and these are displayed every fortnight on the walls of the reading room. Some hundreds of posters came to hand as a result, and the Leys Institute of Auckland very kindly forwarded their collection of Art Travel posters for display.

One or two other items may interest readers of the Linwood Library, but probably these are already in use.

We cut the paper new book covers and paste these on to sheets which are hung over the Librarian's desk. We also paste in each book short reviews of new books. We also collect maps of all kinds, and have these backed in calico and varnished, and filed in a large map cabinet. We change the flowers every week in the Library. We made a complete change in the magazines purchased, and now get these direct from London, thus getting them six weeks, and sometimes two months earlier than by the old method. We have stopped purchasing magazines such as "Strand," "Pearson's," "Wide World" and so on, and now get periodicals like the "Woodworker," "Homes and Gardens," the "Studio," "Current History," "Geographic," "Walkabout," "National Geographic" and so on.

We very fortunately got a friend of the Library to rebind all the magazines without cost, and we now take off all the outside covers, back them with stout manila, and paste this on again after the book has been sewn with strong thread. Magazines so treated last a very long time and when

the readers are no longer taking them out, we sell them in quite good order.

We have a waiting list and charge 4d. to cover the cost of postage and we allow extra books to be taken out up to any number for payment of 3d. per book. Each household is allowed two free Reader Cards. Each card allows one book or two magazines to be taken out. Books can be changed as often as desired. All books in the fiction section are kept together in strict alphabetical order according to authors. We received a very great deal of help from Mr Norrie and Mr Perry of Wellington, and from Mr Bell and Mr Collins of Christchurch. In fact, every Librarian that we have approached for help has been very good to us. We are quite proud of our Library and although a great deal yet remains to be done, we feel that we have improved our Library conditions 100 per cent.

The cost at the end of seven months has not been £20 over the cost when the Library was a subscription one, and it is a treat to visit the Library and find everything in first class order.

We hope next year to include the County Readers in the new system and if the County Council will make us a grant, then we can extend the free Library facilities into the country round about. One point about making the Library free that I have not touched upon is the help from the public. We have had given to us a very large number of readable and valuable books of all kinds.

At the recent Annual Meeting of our Library, the chief speakers were, as usual, the visiting City Councillors and Librarians. They made the usual complimentary remarks concerning the management of the library and everybody went away quite happy. Perhaps our own subscribers are too bashful to speak in public or possibly they are content to let the Library Committee manage affairs without comment. We would again remind all our members that these columns are open to suggestions or helpful criticism. The Linwood Library belongs to all members and it would indeed be pleasing to the management committee to receive expressions of opinion from individual subscribers.

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