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Libraries. They say:—

"The executive of the Libraries Association is urged to undertake a programme of work whereby the objects for which it was formed may be more speedily and effectively achieved. The tour of inspection which the writers made through New Zealand has convinced them that there is an urgent need for a strong Library Association to stimulate the efforts which are being made towards improving libraries, especially in the secondary cities. Committees are realising the need for library development, but they do not know what steps they should take to bring about necessary improvements. The first work that the Libraries Association should take in hand is the giving of the necessary guidance to the authorities of small libraries which need and desire such help. So far library endeavour has been only a series of disjointed efforts. The following objects should be formulated and put into practice as quickly as possible:—First, education of public opinion as to the place and function of libraries in the community, taking as models the library systems of Great Britain, the United States and other countries in which library service has been developed. The reforms desired will have to emanate from those possessing precise and practical knowledge of library administration; they will not be achieved from the outside. This requires extensive and intensive propaganda among individuals and organisations to bring about the desired results. . . . Co-ordination of libraries with all cultural educational and social organisations should be the primary aim of annual meetings of Conference."

Next month we hope to continue extracts from this same authority.

**SOME RECENTLY PURCHASED FICTION**

- All Love Excelling ..... Dorothy Blake
- As We Lie ..... K. R. G. Browne
- Backs to the Wall ..... Capt. C. D. Mitchell
- Bread into Roses ..... Kathleen Norris
- Call and I'll Come ..... Mary Burchell
- Comrades of the Colt ..... John K. Bassett
- The Cowpunchers of Badwater .... A. P. Nelson
- The Croquet Player ..... H. G. Wells
- Cut Flowers ..... Guy Fletcher
- The Dance Goes On ..... Louis Golding
- The Door in the Wall .... Lawrence W. Meynell
- Double Events ..... Alexander Wilson
- Emmy Untamed ..... Helen R. Martin
- Fade Out ..... Naomi Jacob
- Fellside Folk ..... Harold Bindloss
- Flyers of the Northland ..... John Allen
- Galloway's Daughter ..... Richard Starr
- Gallows Bird ..... Leslie Storm
- The General Died at Dawn ..... Chas. Booth
- Half Shot ..... Joan Butler
- The Happy Return ..... C. S. Forester
- The Havana Hotel Murder ..... Frank Dudley
- Hidden Cypher ..... Capt. A. O. Pollard
- Honeyball Farm ..... Ethel M. Dell
- The Huddle ..... Carolyn Wells
- I'll Never Tell ..... Roy Vickers
- It Howls at Night ..... Norman Berrow
- It Wasn't a Nightmare ..... Elliott Hay

- Leave it to Love ..... Pamela Wynne
- Like a Man ..... Jeremy Lane
- The Little Lady ..... E. M. Albanesi
- The Long Knives ..... Hugh Pendexter
- The Long Night ..... Andrew Lytle
- The Man of a Ghost ..... P. C. Wren
- The Man Who Played Patience .. Seldon Truss
- Maxine ..... Paul Trent
- The Minor Operation ..... J. J. Connington
- Murder by Proxy ..... Peter Drax
- Murder with Pictures ..... Geo. Harmon Cox
- Mystery of Mr Jessop ..... E. R. Punshon
- New Moon Through the Window .. Maysie Greig
- North of the Law ..... Christopher Cully
- North Wind ..... B. M. Bower
- Old Man Murray ..... Will Lawson
- The Old Manor Crime ..... Wyndham Martyn
- The Paradox of Mr Pond .... G. K. Chesterton
- Policeman's Holiday ..... Rupert Penny
- Prince Charming ..... Oliver Sandys
- Red Bunting ..... Hazel Adair
- Second Class Angel ..... Helena Grose
- The Shaggy Legion ..... Hal G. Evarts
- Sheriff of Olansha ..... Chas. H. Snow
- A Soldier of the Legion ..... Ottwell Binns
- The Staff at Simpsons ..... Frederick Niven
- Strange Fortuna ..... Dorothy B. Upson
- Tenderfoot Trail ..... S. Macdowell
- The Top of the Tree ..... Effie A. Rowlands
- True Lovers' Knot ..... Rupert Hughes
- When Cobb and Co. Was King .... Will Lawson

**NON-FICTION BOOKS RECENTLY PUBLISHED**

Men of the Last Frontier by "Grey Owl. This book describes the retreat of all life, human (Indian) and animal, before the onrush of hunters, lumbermen, prospectors and others, and "Grey Owl" while recognising the inevitable, finds it hard to accept, and voices his regret in words that often run like a flood. Right through the book his language has an arresting, holding quality that burns into one, a penetrating force and power that one rarely meets. In the chapter on "The Altar of Mammon" he writes with stinging force of the greed of man in destroying forest, beaver and other animals, and often the Indian in his lust for gold. There is not a page that lacks its charm or attraction. We can recommend this book with every confidence as good reading.

A Cottage in Majorca by Lady Sheppard. Lady Sheppard has here given us a book that will bring delight to all those lucky enough to get it. The Balearic Isles are written about but rarely, but here we get lovely pictures of the many scenic beauties of the islands and some vivid descriptions of a very attractive people, their simple life, unchanged for many, many years, their customs, beliefs and superstitions, traceable to ancient and various origins, as well as incidents of smugglers, and a bull-fight. The search through the different islands for a cottage is most interesting and when found, its internal transformation not only gave intense satisfaction to the author, but to those who made the transformation as well. In these picturesque surroundings the author lived for some years until Revolution came and disturbed the peace.

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