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We were pleased to receive recently a suggestion from a subscriber relative to the labels on magazines. He pointed out that our blue labels, pasted on the covers of magazines not only disfigured the pictures but made it difficult for readers to remember if any particular magazine had been read by them previously.

We have acted upon the suggestion, and in future all magazines bearing blue labels will have a much smaller surface covered by these necessary disfigurements. One "Blue Label" magazine may be taken by subscribers in lieu of a book, or two "Red Label" magazines if so desired. "Red Labels" are attached to magazines that have served a term of usefulness in the "Blue Label" section. It has been decided to later reduce the size of red labels also.

Our correspondent also suggested that the "Blue Label" magazines should be placed in a more easily accessible position. We, of course, realise the desirability of this, but with our shelving space being so congested, this course is impracticable at the present time.

We thank our subscriber for making these suggestions, and take the opportunity of reminding other subscribers that

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helpful suggestions are at all times welcomed by the committee. It is perhaps not realised by some members of the library that ours is a community institution, controlled by a committee elected by members themselves. The committee is anxious to do all in its power towards the successful management of the library, and appreciates a helping hand such as has been extended in connection with the matter of magazine labels.

Community effort such as exists in our own Library has recently brought in its train a host of commercially-minded folk who have recognised the possibilities of making money by catering for readers of fiction. These so-called "Book Clubs" admit "members" upon payment of one shilling. The shilling is "for life," but the promoters refrain from saying this means the life of the club, which, if history repeats itself, will be very limited.

The sum of sixpence is charged by these commercial "clubs" for each book taken by members; that is if members desire recent fiction. If they are content with cheap reprints of books published many years ago, the sum of threepence is charged. This appears to be very cheap until one counts the number of books read in a year; then it is the reader realises he could get better service from his public library at a fraction of the cost.

NEW NOVELS

By Our Reviewer.

Act of God. By F. Tennyson Jesse. The setting for this novel is in a small fictitious town called Fraxinet, situated in the south of France, in which the Virgin is supposed to have appeared to two children, and upon whose evidence, after due enquiry, the miracle was accepted by the Church, and the town became a shrine for pilgrims. A drama with a tragic ending is introduced when Colonel Erskine discovers an earthly origin in a cousin named Vera, a widow, whose foolish vagaries are well told. The curé, M. **AULSEBROOK'S Latest Sensation**

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