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It is surprising to hear our subscribers continually enquiring for new books. Each month we place on the shelves some two or three hundred new volumes, mostly fiction and they are immediately sought after by readers to the exclusion of many older and better books. Of the vast number of new novels published each year the percentage of books to survive the first edition is lamentably small, yet hosts of fiction readers show a voracious appetite for anything in a new cover. On our shelves are large numbers of books that have proved popular during the past few years—books that are well worth reading. Many of them have been rebound so as to stand up to the wear and tear that much handling entails. We would suggest to our members that a selection of such books will provide many pleasant hours. Perhaps the covers are not so attractive as those of newer novels but we can assure readers that rebound books are invariably some of the best.

We frequently receive complimentary reference to our Library with its wealth of good reading matter in return for the small outlay of six shillings a year. We would ask our members to tell their friends of the Linwood Library and per-

Do you appreciate your library with its wealth of varied literature? Then persuade a friend to join.

suade them to join up with us. Many unthinking persons imagine that the system of paying threepence per book, such as obtains at the commercial libraries, is cheaper than a subscription to a public library, but these folk would be surprised to find that they spend pounds a year instead of a modest six shillings.

Once again, with the approach of Christmas, we make the suggestion that a yearly subscription to our library is a welcome gift to anyone, young or old. Twelve months of pleasurable reading is a lasting joy and we commend the idea to you.

#### NON-FICTION BOOKS RECENTLY PLACED ON SHELVES

**The Men I Killed.** By Brig-General F. P. Crozier, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. In chapter nine we get to the essence of his motive in writing this book. Not for him the glorification of the cruelties of war, but a stern resolve, that come what may, he will do what he can to make the fomenting of a war spirit impossible. No longer was the soldier able to find strength or reason in fighting for "victory" for such a state no longer exists; instead is a period of useless slaughter, of soldiers and civilians, the breeding of hate, anguish and misery, for not only the nations engaged, but the whole wide world. Nearly 2000 years ago, the poorest Man and the greatest Pacifist left us His Gospel. Still the nations kill each other, and the author suggests we try the 2000 year old message, and though our effort to walk the straight road may not be perfect, we shall be in good company and doing our bit to straighten things out.

The chapter on Military Religion is well calculated to get under the skin of many people, but it expresses the opinion of multitudes of thinkers. Dealing with the Triple Alliance of Army, Navy and Church, he gives us a burning outpouring of an earnest mind opposed to the shams and hypocrisy so obvious today. He says their first and strongest loyalty is to Caesar and not to Christ, and the only remedy is to dethrone Caesar and to enthrone Christ individually, nationally and racially. He asks, are the Christian Churches powerless to avert catastrophe? powerless to lead? Not if they are really Christian for the way has been clear for 2000 years, and goes on to suggest that the matter lies

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