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EDITORIAL

We must apologise to our readers for having kept them waiting for this—our final issue of the Gazette. The task of preparing the material for this little journal has fallen upon a small committee, who during the past three years have endeavoured to provide our subscribers with book reviews and to keep library topics to the fore, for the benefit of those interested in the library movement.

We have received a measure of approval and we feel that our efforts have not been in vain. To the printers, Messrs Simpson & Williams, we offer our thanks for their co-operation which has made possible the issuing of our journal.

We trust the Linwood Library will long remain the most successful of suburban libraries, and that, when the day eventually arrives for a National Library Service to become operative, Linwood will be in the forefront of the movement.

SOME NON-FICTION RECENTLY PLACED ON OUR SHELVES

Turbulent Journey, by Owen Rutter. This is a Life of William Bligh, Vice-Admiral, and claims to be an attempt to present the Captain of the Bounty at the time of the well-known mutiny, in a truer and more favourable light than in which he is often shown.

Covered Wagon 10 H.P., by Guy Austin, describes a journey from New York to Hollywood in a Plymouth car, which already had covered umpteen miles and had a just right to be retired. However, the journey is made, mountains are crossed and rivers forded with quite a few incidents thrown in. Mr Austin, in this his second book, keeps the reader amused, and causes quite a few chuckles as he proceeds on his journey.

Lapland Journey, by Halliday Sutherland. A very enjoyable book, covering ground seldom touched upon by writers. Mr Sutherland has again met a number of folk that please us, through the author's introduction, and we lay down the book having enjoyed every page.

New Guinea Gold, by Edmond Demaitre. Beginning at the time when New Guinea was taken by British troops, he depicts the life of both natives and whites, drawing attention to the difference between then and now; this a result of the development of gold production. "Gold, Gold." Everyone thinking gold, and everyone talking gold. The difficulty of transport was overcome by powerful aeroplanes and men of iron. Police patrols scoured the country, eventually winning the trust of several native tribes. While his description of the country is excellent, his chief aim was to "discover the native." "Anyone living in the jungle and observing man, beasts, plants and flowers must inevitably come to the conclusion that there is no such thing as a bad animal or a useless life. . . . But to understand this fully one must observe at close quarters the various manifestations of life in the jungle which, although apparently capricious, anarchical, confused and cruel, yet have a precise and definite object in view." While with the patrol he made copious notes on the customs, beliefs and habits of the natives also, as to his original home. The first chapter in the third book "Short Biography of a Kanaka" gives a glimpse of the working of the native mentality.

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