

GROWTH OF LIBRARY HELD ENCOURAGING

Annual Report of Miss Isom Shows Progress, Needs.

GREATER SERVICE PLANNED

Departmental Work Must Be Extended if Public Is to Get "Proper Benefit, Claim."

When a discharged soldier with his right arm missing turns in a request for a book of left-handed piano music, it looks as though the public library can give a little real comfort to some people after all, according to Miss Mary Frances Isom, chief librarian. In the first report she has made since her return from France, where she was engaged in war work, Miss Isom records some of the observations on the increased scope of the work in Portland and points out the pressing needs of the system.

Strange to say, the book most in demand during June was the "Education of Henry Adams." The "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" likewise enjoyed immense popularity.

"Duplicates and more duplicates are needed in this department of the library," reads the report, "not only of fiction but of poetry, house plans, garden books and books on the care of children."

Circulation Shows Gain.

The circulation for the month of June was 38,233, a gain of 4527 over the corresponding month of 1918, and the year's record for registration gives a gain of 25,667. There were 107 meetings in the central library with an approximate attendance of 4928.

An increase of 3 per cent was made in the reference department, where normal conditions are evident from the requests that come for help with club work.

Every unit of the system shows gains. The branch department has an increase of 7 per cent. One of the deposits made was one of 76 volumes placed in the rest room at the Troy laundry, to be used at the noon hour. The books at the jail have been revised, the badly worn volumes discarded and a fresh grouping made.

Children Read More.

The children's department had a circulation of 7124, an increase of 410 over last June. At the main building the room has been used as a nursery for the mothers who are taking some of the university of Oregon extension courses. Children are brought in the morning and left there the greater part of the day. When the librarians have a few spare minutes poetry is read or a story told.

In speaking of the order cards having been prepared for the proposed new branch, Miss Isom says she hopes that this new branch will not materialize until we are assured of proper funds for maintaining it, and until the other departments of the library are upon a proper basis.

She mentions that 692 books were received through the department in June at an average cost of \$1.10 per volume. Fifty-three in Finnish, French and Yiddish were added to the foreign collection.

Many Needs Set Forth.

Miss Isom mentioned the need for refurbishing the school department, establishing a music department and enlarging the children's room.

"A small boy," she said, "voiced his sentiments the other day when the room was crowded, every chair filled and so many children sitting on the floor that one almost stepped on them when crossing the room, by saying gloomily, 'This library is just like an apartment house, no room for children.'"

"The books in the library are now in a serious condition. We cannot run on a book fund of only \$12,000 or \$15,000 a year for many years without suffering. Our purchases have been so limited the last five years, of the standard and popular books, that the turnover has been very great, consequently a larger number of discards must be expected this year than ever before. This means generous replacements."

School Service in Need.

The school department is especially demanding, and the supervisor of the branch department tells me that we really should close some of the small branches if we cannot add new books. The branch at Albany should have \$5000 spent upon it immediately to take care of the small branches alone.

"The ten people that we are to secure to fill vacancies in the library as it stands today, but there should be additions made to the staff. Mr. Herdman called to see me the other day in reference to Washington high school. He tells me that the value of the library inside the school building is immeasurable, but that the work has increased to such an extent that the librarian is practically a clerk, she sits at her desk from morning until night simply charging books; any personal work done with the students is snatched in the few minutes after school or before school begins or going to and fro on the street. This same condition is true of the other high school libraries."

More Aides Needed.

"The librarians of a high school should have leisure and liberty to visit classes, to consider the students' requirements with the teachers, and to be the adviser of the boys and girls. Our librarians have done this to a considerable degree, but at great personal expense. It is most important that an assistant should be added to each high school library to carry all the clerical work, so that the librarian may have this necessary leisure."

"We should place a librarian in the commercial high school this year and the Girls Polytechnic should have the services of one for at least part time; the James John high school needs more and better service. The service formerly rendered the Albina Homestead school—the library open three times a week under a trainee assistant—should be resumed, and similar service should be given the schools on the outskirts of town that are distant from the branches. Visual instruction is now recognized as an important feature in education. Our picture collection, at present very useful, should be enlarged and placed in the care of one responsible assistant."

Greater Service Sought.

"The work of the library should be more intensive and more thorough on all sides. The reading clubs that we have started should have more attention, and there is a great opportunity for the direction and supervision of reading, especially in the branches, that should not be neglected. The book collections in institutions and hospitals should be developed."

"Manufacturers and managers of industrial plants seem to be better affected toward their employees than they have ever been before, and this offers an opportunity for the library to assist in their welfare schemes with collections of books, supervised and fitted to their particular needs."

"We should be ready to meet with promptness and efficiency the plans for the Americanization of the foreign-born, which are simmering in the federal mind, and we should continue and



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enlarge our own efforts in this direction. Better lectures should be encouraged, and if there is no one else to do it the library itself could well enter upon this educational field. Instead of refusing the library halls to meetings of foolish or doubtful character, why not crowd them out by lecture courses of real value.

Boat-Black Tale Cited.

"A friend told us of stopping on a day in Seattle to have her boots polished. As she passed the time of day with the young Greek boat-black, he said to her, 'Yes, I like Seattle, but I like Portland better and I'm going back. There's nothing to do in Seattle in the evenings but go to the movies; in Portland you can go to the library to a lecture every night.' There is a chance for Americanization training that should not be neglected."

It is hard for me to be pessimistic over the situation we now face, for after my winter of rather difficult work on the other side of the water, to run a library with a depleted staff and an exhausted treasury seems almost child's play. But we must realize that present conditions cannot continue if the library expects to maintain its present status in the community, and also to meet the developments and to prove that service that this after-the-war-world demands."

WORK ON CANNERY RAPID

Material for Construction on Ground and Work Will Be Rushed.

ALBANY, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Rapid progress is being made on the big cannery for the Fuyallup and Sumner Fruit association, the Paulhamus Fruit Canning and Marketing association.

FIVE OF FAMILY IN WAR

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HOOD RIVER STRONG ON ART

Paintings Sought in Portland for Exhibit at County Fair.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Plans are under way to secure several master paintings from the Portland Art association for exhibit at the Hood River county fair, to be held September 19 and 20. P. L. Manser, who has charge of arranging for an art exhibit, has conferred with the Portland association and believes such an exhibit can be arranged.

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SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAYS

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