

Canterbury Public Library has, in the past, been debarred from fulfilling its appropriate function through shortsightedness and stinginess. In the suburbs, a similar state of affairs exists. One way, public funds are being used to enable suburban libraries to compete with commercial book clubs; the other way, public funds are being uneconomically used to satisfy the tastes of less than six per cent. of the population. Now that the city library has been acquired by the city authorities, there appears to be no adequate excuse for the prolongation of this unhappy state of affairs.