

or to the Schools' Library Association, or to the Travelling Library Service, Christchurch has always been to the fore. While this very fact suggests that the future citizens of Christchurch should be very library conscious and interested in the establishment and maintenance of a good library service, it is also a matter for present amazement. Why, it is natural to ask, does a city that takes almost no interest in decent library facilities play such an important role in educating its children to have the very interest lacking in their parents? Is it because of a feeling of regret that their own opportunities have not been so great? I think not: but rather that it is more probable that parents, although having no library interest themselves, will respond at once to any agency which is contributing to the welfare of their children. This is the natural parental instinct, but if the parents of tomorrow have, in addition, acquired the library habit in their youth, the future of the Christchurch library service should be assured.