

## BULLETIN OF A. L. A. COMMITTEE ON BOOK BUYING

This Committee on June 25 sent out 100 copies of Bulletin No. 26. Up to date 94 of the enclosed postal cards have been received. On 43 of these the list of books out of print was not checked, 8 libraries reporting that they contain no fiction, 7 saying that they did not need any of the titles listed and 26 giving no reason.

On 21 of the copies the second list of poorly made books was not checked at all, in 8 cases because the library contained no fiction; in 5 because the books were reported satisfactory or not worse than the average; in one case, because they were all in circulation and could not be examined; and in 6 for no reason stated. One, Mr. Clark of San Francisco, reported that all the books on the list had been burned.

Of the out-of-print books several libraries reported that they are ready to order at once the following numbers if reprinted:

Barrett. Admirable Lady Bidy Fane. Cassell.....	42
Briscoe. Jimty, and others. Harper.....	46
Bunner. Jersey Street and Jersey lane. Scribner.....	71
Zadoc Pine. Scribner.....	82
Dostoyeffsky. Crime and punishment. Lane.....	68
Earle. Man who worked for Collister. Small.....	23
Eckmann & Chatrian. Story of a peasant, 4 v. Ward, Lock .....	27
Farjeon. Blade o' grass. Hutchinson.....	44
Joshua Marvel. Harper.....	26
Janvier. Stories of old, new Spain. Appleton.....	49
Johnston. Dukesborough tales. Appleton.....	25
King. Balcony stories. Century.....	43
La Brête. My uncle and my curé. Dodd .....	35
Lawrence, G. A. Guy Livingston. Harper.....	22
Maupassant. Pierre and Jean. Heinemann.....	23
Sheehan. Under the cedars and the stars. Benziger...	46
Snaith. Mistress Dorothy Marvin. Appleton.....	22
Tchernuishevsky. Vital question. Crowell.....	19
Valdes. Sister Saint Sulpice. Crowell.....	32
Verga. Cavalleria Rusticana. Page.....	37

Most libraries desire to send an immediate order for only one or two copies; the largest single order was one of 30 copies for Bunner's "Jersey Street." In many cases additional copies would be needed from time to time for replacement.

These orders will be reported to the publishers, and are significant even if they are not large enough to warrant reprinting. Any additions to them should be sent to us at once.

The second list gives the number of libraries reporting that the books have been found by experience to be more poorly made than the average.

Bell. Caroline Lee. Page.....	8
Burnett. Dawn of a tomorrow. Scribner.....	18
Crawford. Fair Margaret. Macmillan.....	34
Dillon. In old Bellaire. Century.....	17
Dixon. Clansman. Doubleday.....	20
Donnell. Rebecca Mary. Harper.....	23
Hutten. Pam. Dodd.....	8
Lane. All for the love of a lady. Appleton.....	13
McCutcheon. Cowardice court. Dodd.....	25
McCutcheon. Nedra. Dodd.....	39
Macgrath. Hearts and masks. Bobbs.....	20
Martin. Emmy Lou. McClure.....	42
Oppenheim. Maker of history. Little.....	14
Rice. Sandy. Century.....	29
Richardson. Long day. Century.....	11
Ryan. For the soul of Rafael. McClurg.....	10
Saint Maur. Self-supporting home. Macmillan.....	9
Severy. Mystery of June 13th. Dodd.....	9
Tarkington. Conquest of Canaan. Harper.....	39
Ward. Fenwick's career. Harper.....	19

These votes will also be reported to the publishers, although the numbers are remarkable for their smallness as compared with the total number of votes cast. It should be borne in mind, however, that some libraries have not purchased certain of these books and so have no report to make as to their varying qualities.

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