

BULLETIN OF THE A. L. A. COMMITTEE ON BOOK PRICES.

"They (librarians) were promised in advance by figures (which proverbially cannot lie) that the net system of prices * * * * would mean for them an average increase of eight per cent. This they were willing to allow as their contribution to a philanthropic movement. * * * But subsequent experience seems to have made of the promised eight per cent. a barren ideality."—*The Dial*, Feb. 1. See the following table of increased prices under the net system:

TITLES OF BOOKS.	Former list price.	Former cost to libs.	Present net price.	Present cost to libs.	Increased cost to libs. %
Amer. historic towns (Putnam)	\$3.50	\$2.34	\$3.00	\$2.70	15
Amer. men of energy (Putnam)	1.50	1.00	1.35	1.22	22
Appleton's lib. of useful stories	.40	.27	.35	.32	18
Bates. Talks on writing English. (Hou.)	1.50	1.00	1.30	1.17	17
Beacon Biographies (Small, M.)	.75	.50	.75	.68	36
Birrell. Essays and addresses. (Scrib.)	1.00	.67	1.00	.90	34
Dames and daughters of Colonial days. (Dodd)	1.50	1.00	1.35	1.22	22
Great commanders ser. (Appleton)	1.50	1.00	1.50	1.35	35
G. A. Henty. Various works. (Scrib.)	1.50	1.00	1.25	1.13	13
Heroes of the Nations. (Putnam)	1.50	1.00	1.35	1.22	22
Lanciani. New tales of old Rome. (Hou.)	6.00	4.00	5.00	4.50	12
Macmillan's handbooks of Eng. lit.	1.00	.67	.90	.81	20
New Testament handbooks. (Mac.)	.75	.50	.75	.68	36
Periods of European lit. (Scrib.)	1.50	1.00	1.50	1.35	35
Riverside art ser. (Hou.)	.75	.50	.75	.68	36
Riverside biog. ser. (Hou.)	.75	.50	.65	.59	18
Seton-Thompson. Lives of the hunted. (Scrib.)	2.00	1.34	1.75	1.59	17
Story of the nations. (Putnam)	1.50	1.00	1.35	1.22	22
Variorum Shakespeare (Lipp.)	4.00	2.60	4.00	3.60	40
Am. Men of letters. (Hou.)	1.25	.83	1.25	.99	18
Am. Commonwealth Ser. (Hou.)	1.25	.83	1.10	.99	18

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