

NEW SOUTH BRANCH
OF LIBRARY OPENEDPeople of District Express
Appreciation.

The new south branch of the public library was opened yesterday afternoon and was visited by a considerable number of South London people, who all expressed appreciation of the extension of public library facilities to that part of the city. Though the collection of books in the south branch is necessarily small, it is the intention to add to it steadily during the year, not only the latest books in all lines, but the best literature of the past as well.

Has Good Results. This policy, it is stated, the east branch, has resulted in building up a library of nearly 5,000 volumes for a people in that part of the city, and the appreciation of the East End is shown by the fact that the library has averaged a year of the average.

The south branch will be a boon to the boys and girls of South London, providing them with plenty of good reading. The first book borrowed yesterday was taken out by Harold Betts, the young son of Fred G. Betts, of 112 Wharfedale road, and he returned about an hour later with two of his friends.

Three Days Open. The branch will be open on Thursday and Friday afternoons of each week and on Saturday evenings. Beginning next week it will run on a regular basis, being open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 4 to 6, and on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 10 to 12.

The public school children will be expected to get their books on the first day of the year, and the evening sessions more free and uninterrupted for the adult readers.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

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IN CITY WAS HEAVYFigures Show 358 Increase
Over 1917.

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During December this year there were 81 deaths, 27 of which were attributed to influenza and pneumonia. There were 83 births and 42 marriages during the last month of this year. In 1917 there were 81 deaths, 195 births, and 50 marriages.

CHIMNEY ON FIRE. The firemen of the fire department of the City of London, Ontario, were called out to a chimney fire. The damage did not amount to much.

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REACHES HIS HOMESilent About His Experiences
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REDUCES ACCOUNTS

FOR USE OF CHURCH

Will Allow Latter Day Saints

One Hundred Dollars.

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Second in Dominion. In giving London ranks second in the Dominion in comparison with the other cities having given in taxes an average of \$10 for each inhabitant to the church.

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