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#### CHANGES IN THE PRAYER BOOK.

THE alterations made necessary in the Book of Common Prayer by the accession of King Edward are considerable. There is special mention of the Queen before the Collects, in both Morning and Evening Prayer, in the Prayer for the Queen's Majesty in each service and in the Litany. The same mention occurs in the prayer for the High Court of Parliament, in the two Collects in the Communion service, in the prayer "for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here on earth," and also in the prayer to be read in the navy. Then there is the form of prayer, with thanksgiving, to be used on June 20, "being the day on which Her Majesty began her happy reign," and finally the Royal command, dated January 27, 1559, whereby certain prayers are discontinued.

Altogether, some 18 pages of the Prayer Book are affected by the changes, and, moreover, the final form of these is not yet known. In other words, is the Duke of York to be created Prince of Wales at once, or will there be an interregnum? Meanwhile, for the general guidance, one of the few firms privileged to publish the Scriptures has issued the following table of corrigenda in reference to the Prayer Book.

In all cases where the word "Queen" appears the word "King" to be substituted. For "Victoria" read "Edward."

Instead of "our Sovereign Lady" read "our Sovereign Lord."

In the Prayer for the Royal Family, etc., instead of "Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all, etc.," read "our gracious Queen Alexandra, George Duke of Cornwall and York, the Duchess of Cornwall and York, and all, etc."

In all cases where "she" or "her" appears, read "he," "his," or "him."

#### LOSS ON PRAYER BOOKS.

Those who carry English Church Prayer Books are greatly concerned at the prospect of dead stock. It is understood that the only practical policy is to clear them out at a loss. Mr. Wilkinson, who visits Canada for the Oxford Press, is expected here soon, and it will be known what the publishers

can do to keep the sale of the old books with Queen Victoria's name in them. There is a great sale for prayer books at Christmas, and some city dealers had, therefore, laid in quite a stock of them.

## THE LIBRARY COLUMN.

... In future this will be a regular feature of BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER, and will contain the latest information of value to libraries.

THE Ontario Library Association, organized last Autumn, will hold its first regular meeting in Toronto, April 8 and 9. Papers will be read and literary topics discussed. The officers are: James Bain Jr., president; Dr. A. B. MacCallum, treasurer; E. A. Hardy, Lindsay Public Library, secretary.

Five annual volumes, which even the most moderate-sized library ought to have, are: "Hazell's Annual," "Whitaker's Almanac," "Whitaker's Titled Persons," "Canadian Almanac," "American Annual of Photography." If the appropriation is large enough, the "Statesman's Year Book" should be added.

The report of the McGill Medical Library for 1900 (which is quite distinct from the University Library) shows that it contains about 23,000 volumes. Dr. F. G. Finley is librarian.

Bulletin No. 5 of the St. John, N. B., Free Library, just issued, give a list of books added in 1900-1901. They include fiction, biography, history, etc. Several volumes of the Jesuit Relations have been added.

A motion was made in the Montreal City Council to establish a free public library there. The Chateau de Ramezay offer to equip their own building for such a library for \$10,000 and an annual allowance. They agreed for this also to establish branch libraries in the city. The Mechanics' Institute thought that the best way to get a good library was to amalgamate the Fraser Institute, the Historical Society, the Chateau de Ramezay, the Fine Arts Association and the Natural History Society. To do this, however, it was agreed that a public benefactor would be required. A report is to be made to the council which, while admitting the necessity of having a free public library, will say that the city is not now in a position to do anything toward getting one, as it is not thought that it can afford to give a grant.

Mr. James Bain, jr., librarian of the Toronto Public Library, in a recent interview on the subject of popular taste in literature, said that the present was the period of biographies, and all worthy books of this sort were meeting with a good demand. The Winter was the time for serious reading, Spring and Summer for novels, etc., and in Fall educational and scientific works come to the front. All sorts of gift books made their appearance in the holiday season. The South-African War brought a lot of books on

South Africa out. The book, though, that had the greatest call was a work on palmistry called "Chiero," the extraordinary demand for which had now lasted for two years.

Librarian A. T. Lancefield reports 27,440 volumes in the Hamilton Public Library. During 1900, 1,138 volumes were added, of which 41 volumes were gifts. The new books are classified as follows: Fiction, 326, miscellaneous, 254; history, biography and travel, 232; science and art, 171; general literature, 110; philosophy and religion, 35.

#### NEW NOVEL BY A CANADIAN.

A new field in historical fiction is presented in "The Curious Career of Roderick Campbell," by Miss Jean N. McIlwraith, of Hamilton, whose "History of Canada" has been the preparatory work for her forthcoming volume, which will be issued by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston, early in March. It is a story of the uprising for the Pretender in Scotland and of the struggle between the French and English in New York and Canada for the possession of the Ohio Valley. A love story of chivalric quality is inwoven in an interesting narrative, and serves as a background for some attractive historical portraiture—Montcalm, Bougainville, St. Pierre.

#### MESSRS. HIBBEN'S VANCOUVER BRANCH.

Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co., Victoria, B. C.'s pioneer firm of booksellers and stationers, have, since the establishment of the firm, in 1858, witnessed many changes in the trade, and in the course of events have absorbed numerous other business houses. With the commencement of the new century, however, they have now extended their operations to the city of Vancouver, having recently purchased from the British Columbia Stationery Co., of that city, their large and varied stationery stock. Mr. W. H. Bone is in Vancouver making all the necessary arrangements.

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