

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

READING COMPETITION AT WESTMINSTER.

The annual reading competition organized by the National Library for the Blind was held at the library, 18, Tufton-street, Westminster, yesterday. The library was started 42 years ago in a small room in Hampstead, when only a few books were available. These were lent to readers for 1d. a week. The movement has since developed, and the library now has a comprehensive collection of books of all types, and representative of all the country's literature, together with a large number of foreign books, and a music library. There are now 95,000 books and records, and an average of 500 volumes are added each day from Westminster, a list being delivered in London for their further travels. The books had been transcribed from 500 voluntary writers.

Mr. H. G. HUGHES, the chairman of the library, stated that earlier in the year competitions had taken place, and he now formed an opinion of the candidates. Lady Keeble, who had been remembered as Miss J. C. Stobart would have been unable to be present.

The candidates were then heard in Class "A" where there was no knowledge of what they had been reading. They were given "Reflections on the Patriot," and "The Patriote," and in the French class "Histoire de France" by Soulayr. In those between 12 and 16 "Purposes" by George Ade Winds were the class for children under of Peter Pan," retold and "At Home," from "Young," by A. A. The judges had some difficulty in Class "A" and the winner of the Miss M. Jameson; Miss Maisie Scherer; Miss Helen Fletcher. She had been asked criticism on the reading she thought it would part. There seemed they had heard some more beautiful than cared to be a greater voice, the punctuation the rhythm very good. more memorizing of pages of Shakespeare and not got any books she would like to book on that subject and written by her Keeble. (Cheers.)

presented the prizes and audience to help to of the library. Their inadequate, and they hoped that the foundation of the library fund. A considerable sum had been raised, and the amount required so far and be free of all tribute to the work writers and to others good work in which

VETERANS.

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of the King's Royal Association was held at the Headquarters of the Association, 56, Davies-street. Lieutenant-General CAMPBELL, president, presided over the chair. The Chairman of the Veterans' Association said that it was a pleasure to speak about the distinguished officers of their ranks since they last met. Lord Grenfell, General Lord Herbert, Major-General Aubyn, and General who died last Friday at the age of 80, had been in India very well. It was an

A GREAT CAMBRIDGE ANTHROPOLOGIST.

TRIBUTES TO DR. HADDON.

Glowing tributes to the work of Dr. A. C. Haddon in anthropology and ethnology were paid at a dinner given at Cambridge on Saturday to celebrate the attainment of his 70th birthday. It was also the eve of his retirement from the post of Reader in Ethnology and Anthropology in the University. PROFESSOR SIR WILLIAM RIDGEWAY was in the chair, and among those present were:—

Mrs. Haddon, the Vice-Chancellor (Professor A. C. Seward), Sir Arthur Shipley, Professor C. G. Seligman (London), Mr. Henry Balfour (Oxford), Professor A. F. Dixon (Dublin), Professor J. Graham Kerr (Glasgow), Dr. C. S. Myers, Professor Hobson, Professor Marr, Professor J. T. Wilson, Dr. J. N. Keynes, Professor Stanley Gardiner, Professor Pearson, Dr. Latimer Jackson, Professor Nuttall, Mr. Martin White, the Principal of Homerton College, Mrs. Fay (Toronto), Mr. P. A. de Laszlo, and many others.

SIR WILLIAM RIDGEWAY spoke of Dr. Haddon as his colleague for the past 25 years, who went to Cambridge when there was no school of anthropology. In the early days Dr. Macalister was endeavouring to carry on some kind of work, and he found a young student in Haddon who "enthused" everyone from the first. He found how difficult it was to create enthusiasm, but he pushed out into new fields. This energy aroused the attention of the speaker, who went to the late Master of Christ's, Dr. John Peile, and asked if he could do anything for anthropology. The result was that 25 years ago Haddon started on a £50 scholarship in the University. His long researches in the field, as well as his published works, had made him one of the leading ethnologists of his time, with a world-wide reputation. By his zeal and self-sacrifice he had done more than any man to forward the teaching of this science in the University. To perpetuate his work portraits had been painted by Mr. de Laszlo, one of which would be hung on the walls of his own college; another was for the museum, while the artist had presented a third to the family. Dr. Rivers ought to have succeeded Dr. Haddon, but Rivers had died ten years younger. He was the man to whom Haddon should have handed his torch, but the fates had willed it otherwise.

Mr. HENRY BALFOUR said Dr. Haddon's life had been devoted whole-heartedly to the cause of science. In his early years he had studied comparative zoology, but he had emancipated himself from the lower animals to the higher. One thing was noticeable—his astounding versatility; for he had not been a close specialist in any one branch. He was master of them all. His brilliant memoir on the art of New Guinea was a most effective piece of work, which had set people thinking on lines that were more or less new. At present he was coping with a great problem—that of racial classification and racial diffusion; and he was tackling it with great energy and confidence.

PROFESSOR C. G. SELIGMAN spoke of Dr. Haddon's work in London when he gave the first systematic lecture on ethnology in 1904, in the chair founded by Mr. Martin White. He had taken an enormous amount of trouble to put the Anthropological Society on its feet. In the field Haddon was always an optimist, and he had never heard him grumble in the Torres Straits or in New Guinea. He was an extraordinarily good comrade. His success among the natives was that he could always make his opinion clear when occasion arose.

Dr. HADDON, in reply, said that his colleagues had always been most kind to him in every way; there had been no jealousy or rivalry between them. It was remarkable that they had always been a happy family. Reviewing his life, he said that in his early days his father recognized that he was a failure in business, so he sent him to Cambridge 50 years ago. After taking his tripos two years later he accepted the chair of zoology at Dublin; but as he did not like taking second-hand goods over the counter, he determined to see what tropical life was like. He went to the Torres Straits, where he soon got intimate with the natives, and got to know them. On his return he was anxious to publish some works on his visit, but he was warned by Sir William Flower that there was no money in them, a statement which he had since abundantly verified. For several years he lectured at Cambridge without stipend, and after another visit to the Torres Straits he returned to the University, but had no appointment. Eventually the University were induced to take up the subject; but they were still going through critical times, and the school was not yet firmly established. The death of Dr. Rivers was a great blow to him.

Mrs. Haddon received a bouquet.

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