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**FOR RURAL LIBRARIES.**

**Two Excellent Lists of Books Are Recommended.**

The First List Will Cost \$30 and \$23 Will Buy Books on the Supplementary List.

Sunday's News and Observer.

Yesterday the committee appointed by the State Historical Society and the State Superintendent of Schools to prepare a list of books suitable for the Rural Libraries authorized by the Legislature of 1901, made its report.

The committee was composed of Messrs. T. F. Toon, of Raleigh; Geo. A. Grimsley, of Greensboro; D. H. Hill, of Raleigh; E. P. Moses, of Raleigh; B. F. Sledge, of Wake Forest, and J. I. Foust, of Goldsboro. These gentlemen were appointed nearly three months ago and have been diligent in their work. The final completion of the laborious task is due to Profs. Hill and Moses, who have succeeded in arranging two lists, one for a library costing \$29.97 and a supplementary library to cost \$22.95, transportation charges not included.

The first list contains the names of about 90 books, the second about 60. The first is intended to make a complete \$30 library and with the second to make a library worth \$53. If so desired books from one list can be substituted on the other, but the lists as given out represent the combined work of educators who have given time and thought to the selection of an ideal library which will come within the \$30 provided for the purpose.

The following are the books recommended with the price of each book:

Andrews: Stories Mother Nature Told Her Children, 45c.; Kelly: Short Stories of Our Sly Neighbors, 44c.; Gatty: Parables from Nature, 15c.; Buckley: Fairyland of Science, 18c.; Long: Ways of Wood Folk, 45c.; Long: Wilderness Ways, 45c.; Bergen: Glimpses at the Plant World, 45c.; Guerber: Story of the Romans, 53c.; Guerber: Story of the Chosen People, 53c.; Guerber: Story of the Thirteen Colonies, 55c.; Pratt: Legends of Red Children, 26c.; Eggleston's: Great Americans for Little Americans, 35c.; Eggleston's: Strange Stories from History, 36c.; Baldwin's: Fifty Famous Stories Retold, 31c.; Creasy: Decisive Battles of the World, 36c.; Dickens: Child's History of England, 30c.; Romance of French History, 63c.; Romance of English History, 63c.; Plutarch's Lives, 39c.; Franklin's Autobiography, 18c.; Abbott: Alfred the Great, 22c.; Abbott: Caesar, 22c.; Abbott: Napoleon, 22c.; Milton: Frederick the Great, 22c.; Milton: Great Winter Stories, 30c.; Chaucer: Great Winter Stories, 30c.; Scudder: Life of Washington, 36c.; Hawthorne: Biographical Stories, 23c.; Williamson: Life of Lee, 22c.; Williamson: Life of Jackson, 30c.; Peelle: Lives of Distinguished North Carolinians, \$1.10; Palgrave: Treasury of English Song, 42c.; Weber: Southern Poets, 21c.; Songs and Stories, 12c.; Poe (Astor edition), 30c.; Evangeline, 16c.; Miles Standish, 22c.; Enoch Arden, 16c.; Lady of the Lake, 18c.; Lays of Ancient Rome, 18c.; Sir Launfal, 22c.; Hiawatha, 18c.; Tennyson (Astor), 31c.; Shakespeare: As You Like it, 22c.; Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice, 22c.; Aesop's Fables, 20c.; Anderson: Fairy Tales, 20c.; Grimm: Fairy Tales (complete), 25c.; Hawthorne: Wonder Book, 16c.; Bullfinch: Age of Fable, 25c.; Alice in Wonderland, 25c.; Thro' a Looking Glass, 25c.; Lang's Fairy Books, (four numbers), (Burk), \$1.44; Kingsley: Greek Heroes, 18c.; Firth: Stories of Old Greece, 24c.; Peabody: Old Greek Folk Stories, 23c.; Flanagan: Stories of Norse Gods and

Heroes, 22c.; Child Life Reader, No. 2, (MacMillan), 28c.; Baldwin: Old Stories of the East, 40c.; Baldwin: Old Greek Stories, 39c.; Swiss Family Robinson, 30c.; Robinson Crusoe, 30c.; Arabian Nights, 30c.; Ivanhoe, 31c.; David Copperfield, 25c.; Mill on the Floss, 30c.; Vicar of Wakefield, 18c.; Tom Brown at Rugby, 30c.; Hawthorne: Tanglewood Tales, 25c.; Sketch Book, 30c.; Henty: With Lee in Virginia, 30c.; Henty: Boy Knight, 30c.; Henry Esmond, 36c.; Scottish Chiefs, 25c.; Harold, 36c.; Treasure Island, 25c.; Pilgrim's Progress, 32c.; Gulliver's Travels, 31c.; Birds Christmas Carol, 30c.; Dana: Two Years Before the Mast, 36c.; Taylors: Views Afoot, 40c.; Ballou: Footprints, 60c.; Stevenson: Travels With a Donkey, 62c.; Du Chaillu: The Gorilla Country, 60c.; Davis: Our English Cousins, 79c.; Shaw: Big People and Little People, 27c.; Green: Short History of English People, 85c. Total cost \$30.00.

The supplementary list is as follows:

Dana: Plants and Their Children, 57c.; Thompson: Wild Animals I have known, \$1.20; Davis: Our English Cousins, 79c.; Guerber: Story of the Greeks, 53c.; Eggleston: American War Ballads, 94c.; Foster: Story of the Bible, 67c.; Smyth: How We Got Our Bible, 32c.; Spurgeon: John Ploughman's Talks, 18c.; Drummond: Greatest Kings in the World, 18c.; Milton: L'Allegro, etc., 25c.; Kipling: Barrack Room Ballads, 25c.; Allen: Collin Clout's Calendar, 67c.; John Halifax, 25c.; Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush, 24c.; King of the Golden River, 15c.; Young Marooners, 58c.; Sesame and Lilies, 18c.; Rob and His Friends, 18c.; Black Beauty, 20c.; Beautiful Joe, 20c.; Little Women, 90c.; Little Men, 90c.; Old-Fashioned Girl, 90c.; The Wide, Wide World, 36c.; Queechy, 36c.; The Lamplighter, 25c.; In the Golden Days, 25c.; Donovan, 25c.; We Two, 25c.; English Orphans, 20c.; Bow of Orange Ribbon, 24c.; Captain January, 30c.; Arabian Nights, 30c.; Erling the Bold, 20c.; Curry: Civil History Confederate States, 79c.; Curry: Southern States of American Union, 67c.; Poe: Poems (Astor), 30c.; Tales From Gesta Romanorum, 32c.; Prince of the House of David, 18c.; Little Lord Fauntleroy, 75c.; Two Little Confederates, 90c.; Story of a Piece of Coal, 26c.; Locusts and Wild Honey, 79c.; Gods and Heroes, 35c.; Stories of Old English Poetry, 54c.; Story of Ulysses, 35c.; Classic Stories of Little Ones, 31c.; Water Babies, 39c.; Don Quixote, 25c.; Days of Bruce, 36c.; Four American Pioneers, 44c.; Brooks: Cub Book for Young Americans, 90c.

**The Press as an Educator.**

Long ago it was said that the world is governed by three boxes—the cartridge-box, the ballot-box and the band-box—force, votes, women. But now a fourth must be added—the mail-box, loaded by the countless products of the printing press.

Today the newspaper competes with the seminaries, colleges and universities as an educator; with courts as a detector, exposé and punisher of crime; with fashion as a regulator of manners, and with the church as a modifier of morals. Through its advertisements and reports of transactions and markets, from the price of garden truck to the plans and achievements of the cosmopolitan financiers of the exchanges and bourses, it is the chief reliance of commerce. It can also nullify the acts of legislatures and the decisions of courts by creating a sentiment inimical to their enforcement, and it even assumes to elect presidents, to dethrone kings, to declare war, and to criticize and direct the movements of armies and navies.

Speaking generally, what the press does for the public—including the church—in the dissemination of information, in unifying public sentiment and arousing it and bringing it to bear to remedy wrongs, expose abuses and to drag into light insidious vices which perish when known abroad; in concentrating public attention on unpunished crime, and revealing the fitness or unfitness of candidates for office, cannot be overestimated.—Dr. J. M. Buckley before the Epworth League.

**Henry Somerville's Jack Racer.**

A sketch of life in the typical small town of the West, bright, wholesome and kindly, is Henry Somerville's new story, "Jack Racer," published by McClure, Phillips & Co. The young man who gives this breezy name to the novel is a refreshing, imperturbable individual, the pattern of the young men, admired by the girls, discussed by the gossips, disapproved of by the sedate old ladies. All Pekin, its magnates, its beaux, its belles, its cantata of Esther, and its politics are involved in the progress of Jack's fortunes and the development of his love affairs. But Pekin is not the only village that has its Jack Racer. He is a familiar friend of true life well met in fiction, for he and his companions are to be found in most of the respectable little towns which dot our western prairies. Common-place? Perhaps they are—too common-place people; but under the subtle treatment of the author they assume a delightful individuality in an atmosphere which is all their own. But Jack is a capital fellow, a thoroughly likeable chap, and, aside from a plot well sustained and clever character sketching, would by his own irresistible way lend a charm to any story.

Henry Somerville, the author of "Jack Racer," is a native of Ohio, and received his education for the most part in the public schools of that State. His family is of Virginia origin, and has long been characterized by its respect for letters.

This taste was inherited by Mr. Somerville and early led him to turn his attention to newspaper and literary work. He has written on both the New York World and the Journal, but states that he does not consider this fact worthy of dissemination. "Jack Racer" is his first serious attempt in the field of fiction, and was written at the suggestion of his mother, who wished him to attempt something more important than newspaper work. After reading "Jack Racer," one cannot but wish that Mrs. Somerville's suggestion had come at an earlier date and with greater importunity.

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