
LIBRARY FACILITIES

NOTICE TO MEMBERS FROM THE SECRETARY

At a Council meeting of the Society, held in December, 1944, a letter was read from a member suggesting that a library for the exclusive use of members should be started. The proposals were discussed, but the Council decided that the matter was beyond the resources of the Society, as, in addition to the outlay on the books, there was also the question of accommodation to be considered. An attempt was made to secure accommodation at a reasonable cost, but failed. The matter came up for discussion at the Annual General Meeting, and as reported in Vol. II., No. 1, page 45, several members spoke in favour of the idea. During the discussion, Mr. Galvin suggested that the Irish Central Library for Students might be in a position to help.

Arising out of this, the President approached the Irish Central Library and found the authorities there very helpful indeed. Details of a scheme, as outlined by the President at a Council meeting held in June, were embodied in a circular sent to members in July of this year. For the information of those members interested in these facilities for obtaining books on Forestry matters and who may have mislaid the circular, I am repeating the main points.

The Irish Central Library for Students is prepared to receive applications for books on Forestry and kindred subjects from members of our Society. All applications are to be sent through me, the Secretary, and I will forward them to the Librarian. Borrowers are limited to three books at a time and are permitted to retain books for a maximum period of six weeks, but it is particularly requested that books be returned before the specified time if readers have finished with them, in order that other applicants may not be left waiting. If a borrower so desires, and there is no other applicant, the loan may be extended for a further period of six weeks. A charge of 6d. per week is made for all overdue books, which in no case may be retained longer than six months.

I wish particularly to draw the attention of intending borrowers to the following regulations:—

With each issue of books is enclosed a printed form which must be signed and returned to the Central Library immediately the books are received. The cost of carriage, as shown on the form, normally from 6d. to 1s. 1d., should be sent at the same time. It has come to my notice that some borrowers have not returned the form or the postage for a considerable time after receiving the books. This is unfair to the Library and to the other members of the Society.

All books returned to the Library must be carriage (or post) paid. They should be carefully packed in strong paper, as they were received. Printed labels for the return of books accompany all loans.

All books lost or damaged must be replaced or damage made good. This Society will be held responsible for any loss, and members are expected to exercise the greatest care with all books on loan.

As stated above, members desiring the loan of books should make application to me at the Albert Agricultural College, and not to the Central Library direct. If they wish to study certain subjects and do not know the names of books or authors, I shall endeavour to have the most suitable books on the subject sent to them. When applying for books, I must submit the title, name of author, publisher, and the price to the Librarian. It would be most helpful if applicants would supply these details when possible. I propose preparing a list of books on Forestry and allied subjects for circulation to members, and any help in this connection will be appreciated.

Many applications have already been dealt with, and while, in most cases, books requested have been forthcoming, there may have been cases of delay or disappointment. At the present time many books, even recently published ones, are out of print and unobtainable. It would be well for members to suggest alternative titles.

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