

## BOOKS FOR BLIND JUMP IN DEMAND

Standard and Modern Fiction Is Being Called For.

### SUPPLY CUT BY HIGH COST

Committee for Men Blinded in Battle Makes Appeal for Publications of More Books in Raised Type—Average Novel is Done in Braille for \$10—1,100 Active Readers Use One Library for the Blind in New York.

All over the country an amazing increase is noted by librarians in the demand for books for the blind, according to a recent statement of the secretary of the Committee for Men Blinded in Battle, which makes its headquarters at 111 East Fifty-ninth street, New York, which is making an appeal for the publication of more books in raised type. This, it is pointed out, is not only due to the fact that the United States now has scores of war blind, but also to the growing desire of the blind to make the widest possible use of the public libraries where such books are obtainable free.

The revised Braille, says the committee, generally adopted as a standard two years ago, is beginning to be more widely studied and used by the sightless. Textbooks and educational matter no longer fill almost the entire field of books offered for the blind reader, which was the case at one time. The blind reader now has before him an ever-increasing number of story books of all kinds. The total figure of raised letter books published yearly is placed at approximately 250, and of this number a large percentage now cater to the entertainment of the reader.

Emboldened by the increasing number of titles in the field of modern fiction and verse, appeals have now been made, says the secretary, not only for more Dickens and Walter Scott and Daudet, but also for more Charles M. Schwab and H. C. Witwer. The last named, whose books are replete with modern slang, received a letter the other day written in revised Braille by a blind girl, asking for the early publication in raised letter of his new book, "The Leather Pushers." Mr. Witwer was very much interested and caused his answer to be done into Braille also. "The Mirrors of Washington" has recently been asked for by some who are interested in political gossip, who have read the London prototype of the book.

Revised Braille Widely Used. It is the opinion of the Committee for Men Blinded in Battle that revised Braille will probably in time supersede all other forms of hand reading in this country, with the exception of one other sort of raised print, which is formed in imitation of the actual English alphabet. For those who lose their sight after they have learned to read this last is, in many cases, the easiest kind of touch letter to learn.

"The blind have a greater interest in libraries than any other class because the distribution of raised letter books is of necessity in most cases free. They are quite costly to make and their circulation is not large. The average popular novel costs about \$10 to produce in Braille, and yet one day recently three of the four copies of a popular novel were out when request was made for it at the library here," said the secretary.

Miss Lucille Goldthwaite, in charge of the Library for the Blind in the New York Public Library, which has the largest collection of works in the Braille system in the United States, says that there is a tremendous need for more books in raised type for blind readers.

At the Library for the Blind in the big Central building on Fifth avenue, New York, it was said that blind persons read the same kind of books that seeing people read—that is, speaking in quantity, fiction first and other classes following. A popular book, if non-fiction class, like James' "Psychology," is popular, likewise, with blind readers. In the early days of books for the blind the prevalent idea was to try to give them none but religious works, to the exclusion of all other literature. However, as the librarian pointed out, naturally, "they like religious books no more and no less than the rest of us."

The material which the library can buy is very limited. That is to say the actual amount of material available in Braille is limited. Blind readers are greatly in need of more books of all sorts. It takes three or four big volumes to make one novel the way these raised-type books are printed which accounts for the high cost, it was pointed out.

1,100 Blind Used Library. Active readers to the number of 1,100 used the Library for the Blind in the Central building during 1920, the circulation of books for the year being 35,807 volumes. The collection contains more than 12,000 volumes printed in the American Braille, Moon, New York point, line letter, revised Braille, grade one and a half, and revised Braille, grade two or European scores, raised for the study of blind music readers, and the library also affords an opportunity for its readers to study all embossed magazines and all magazines in ink print relating to work with the blind.

The Library for the Blind, which is

a branch of the circulation department of the New York Public Library, is in room 116 on the first floor of the Central building. It is open to readers on week days from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Reading matter may be borrowed by blind persons who are residents of New York city or who live in the state of New York, New Jersey or Connecticut. Books may be called for at the library or the blind reader may avail himself of a special service which arranges for their being sent free through the mails to the nearest post office or postal station.

The library also has available for the use of residents of New York city a limited number of desk and pocket tablets for writing Braille and New York point types. Alphabet sheets in any type and printed and embossed catalogues of books in the collection also are available for distribution.

The use of this library is reported to be steadily increasing year by year and it is generally in need of books. The collection is maintained largely by a fund left for this purpose by the late Benjamin Stephens. The Library for the Blind is a development of the work of the New York Free Circulating Library for the Blind, which was founded by Richard Randall Ferry in June, 1895, and became a part of the New York Public Library in February, 1903.

### LEGAL NOTICES

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Curtis Harold Bliven, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of the said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Dakota County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room in said county, on the 10th day of February, 1922, and on the 11th day of April, 1922, at 10 o'clock A. M. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims or examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed or creditors to present their claims and one year for the administrator to settle said estate, from the 10th day of December, 1921.

This notice will be published in the Dakota County Herald for four weeks successively prior to the 10th day of February, 1922.

Witness my hand, and seal of said court, this 10th day of December, 1921.

SHERMAN W. MCKINLEY,  
(Seal) County Judge.

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ROAD NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern: The Commissioner appointed to locate a County Road petitioned for by James Hogan and others, described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of section five, township twenty-eight, range seven, in Dakota county, Nebraska, running thence east, between section five and section eight, and between township and range, in said county, and terminating at the southeast corner of section four in said township twenty-eight, range seven, in said county and state, has reported in favor of the establishment thereof, and all objections hereto or claims for damages must be filed in the County Clerk's office on or before noon of the 27th day of February, 1922, or such road will be established without reference thereto.

GEO. J. BOUCHER,  
(Seal) County Clerk.

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ORDER OF HEARING AND NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL.

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska) ss.  
Dakota County, )

To Mrs. Anna Nash, Mrs. Emma Allen, Mrs. Salina Twanley, Mrs. Hattie Armbricht, Chas. W. Blessing, Elmer A. Blessing, Beatrice E. Blessing and to all persons interested in the estate of Mary Blessing, deceased.

On reading the petition of Beatrice E. Blessing praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 19th day of December, 1921, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved and allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of Mary Blessing, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to Ed T. Kearney, as executor.

It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 7th day of January, A. D., 1922, at 10 o'clock A. M., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this Order in The Dakota County Herald, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand, and seal of said court, this 19th day of December, A. D., 1921.

SHERMAN W. MCKINLEY,  
(Seal) County Judge.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale issued to me by Geo. J. Boucher, Clerk of the District Court of the Eighth Judicial District in and for Dakota County, Nebraska, in an action therein wherein William F. Wenke is plaintiff, and Edward D. Allen, Matilda E. Allen, Lester B. Moore, Mary H. Moore, J. C. Chmelka, first and real name unknown, D. T. Shea, first and real name unknown, and James A. Ollis, are defendants, I will on the 6th day of February, 1922, at the hour of

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- One Gray Mare, 5 years old, weight 1350 pounds.
- One Bay Mare, 12 years old, weight 1250 pounds.
- One Bay Gelding, 12 years old, weight 1200 pounds.
- One Mule Colt.

### 22 head of Cattle

8 Milch Cows, 4 fresh and balance fresh in February and March. One 2-year-old Heifer. One 2-year-old Steer. Four yearling Heifer. 4 yearling steers, 3 calves. One Red Polled Bull.

### 37 Head of Hogs

20 Black Brood Sows, bred to Poland China Boar, weight about 250 pounds. 3 Black Brood Sows, bred to Poland China Boar, weight about 400 pounds. 13 Barrows, weight about 250 pounds. 1 Poland China Boar. All these hogs are Double Vaccinated, and are Cholera Immune.

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to o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the south front door of the Court House in Dakota City, Dakota County, Nebraska, being the south front door of the building in which the last and former terms of the District Court of said Dakota County, were held, sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described real estate to-wit:

The East Half of the Southwest Quarter, and the west Half of the Southeast Quarter, and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, all in Section 24, Township 27, North, Range 7 East of the 6th P. M., in Dakota County, Nebraska.

Said sale will be held open one hour.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1921.

GEO. CAIN,  
Sheriff of Dakota County, Nebraska.

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Alexander H. Baker, also known as A. H. Baker, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, That the creditors of the said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Dakota County, Nebraska, at the County Court room in said County, on the 1st day of May, 1922, and on the 1st day of April, 1922, and on the 1st day of March, 1922, at 10 o'clock A. M. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Four months are allowed for creditors to present their claims and one year for the administrator to settle said estate, from the 31st day of December, 1921. This notice will be pub-

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