LIBRARY ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION.

THE opening meeting of the second session of the Library Assistants Association was held at 20, Hanover Square, on Wednesday, October 14th, Mr. MacAlister presided, and there was a good attendance. Dr. Richard Garnett, C.B., delivered a most interesting and instructive address on "The Librarian of the Nineteenth Century." The speaker gave his audience some sound advice as to the many ways in which they might advance themselves in their profession. He said that librarianship had become a recognised profession, and it rested a good deal with themselves to raise it to that position which it ought to occupy. He was certain that there was a future with great possibilities before them, and he had every hope that in a few years the librarian would be looked upon as an absolute necessity in every civilised community. Dr. Garnett was listened to with great attention during the whole of his lecture, at the conclusion of which a short discussion took place. The company was very kindly entertained to light refreshments by Sir Edmund and Miss Verney.

THE Committee have decided to hold meetings monthly instead of fortnightly, on the first Wednesday in each month. Mr. A. H. Carter, St. Martin's Public Library, is the chairman for the present session.

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To the Editor of THE LIBRARY.

DEAR SIR,—Your report of the inquiry held by Major-General Crozier, at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on September 11th, is not quite correct. The facts are :—The Shoreditch Library Commissioners purchased a site for the Hoxton Library in March, 1895, at a cost of £4,500. The library is now in course of erection, and is expected to cost an additional £12,000.

Instead of there being, as reported, some opposition to the scheme, not a single voice was raised against the proposed second library ; but, on the contrary, those present at the inquiry were unanimously in favour of having two such institutions in Shoreditch, one for each parliamentary division, viz., Haggerston and Hoxton.

Yours, &c.,

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