Library Association Announcements.

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THE publication of the list of subscribers is postponed until the amount required is made up.

Those who intend to help are earnestly urged to inform the Hon. Secretary without delay of the amount they mean to subscribe.

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Correspondence.

THE LIBRARY BUREAU PROTEST.

To the Editor of "THE LIBRARY."

DEAR SIR,—Mr. Chivers complains of a paragraph in my last prospectus, but in publishing his grievance he should, in common fairness, not misquote the passage in question. I did not say "The Library Bureau *is* backed up by two or three members of the Association" but that it *probably is*, which to my mind is a different thing.

As to other insinuations he refers to I can say nothing until I know what they are ; possibly he refers to my coloured litho lately sent out, which shows that the so-called Chivers' Indicator was designed by Mr. Morgan and exhibited at the two first conferences of the Association, long before Mr. Chivers was even heard of. I am informed that some one else claims the drawer part of the business.

As to the Library Bureau everyone is entitled to express an opinion. Mine has so far been a very mild one and has chiefly consisted in *not* plac~~ing~~ing my several inventions therein. However, as Mr. Chivers has in a manner challenged me I will add a word or two. I never approved of the arrangements made in connection with the Bureau, as undoubtedly they give its proprietor a great advantage over other bookbinders, booksellers, &c., who are also members of the Association.

We may talk a great deal of sentiment about honour, integrity, and so forth, but business is business and it is only natural that a man's employ~~es~~es will try to serve him if placed in a position to do so and I cannot blame *them*, but it is manifestly unjust that the onus should be laid upon them to exhibit and explain the commodities and designs of other persons in competition with those of their own employer or that he is commercially interested in.

I do not wish to cause pain to anyone further than I have been forced to do by Mr. Chivers' letter, I will therefore refrain from saying more unless compelled by others to do so.

Yours faithfully,

A. COTGREAVE.

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