students, and a second list of ante-Darwinian writers to enable librarians to discriminate in their catalogues or suggestions. This latter might take the form of a statement to the effect that all writers on geology previous to 18—, except So-and-So, are S.C. men, while all writers after that date, save So-and-So, are evolutionists. What, in short, Mr. Woodward, or some equally qualified person could do to aid lame brethren, would be to make a list of text-books by writers like Chambers, Dawson, Lyell, Murchison, Phillips, Page, Geikie, Ramsay, Pritchard, Jukes-Brown, and others of the same kind usually to be found in public libraries, to indicate the standpoint as previously suggested. If Mr. Woodward could be induced to do this, other branches of science might be similarly dealt with, and librarians would in a large number of cases be saved the nuisance of filling their science shelves with mere lumber. Such lists could be printed in the LIBRARY from time to time, and would be of immense service.

School Libraries.

RECENTLY, Mr. Edward Foskett, as chairman of a group of Board Schools in Camberwell, made a report to the local managers relative to the condition of the school libraries and the inadequate supply of books. A letter in accordance with this report was sent to the School Board for London, and the following reply has been received :—

DEAR SIR,—The Board have agreed to make and maintain the Libraries so that there shall be one book for every scholar in average attendance in Standard IV. and upwards, and the teachers will be asked to apply for additional books accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

A. A. READ.

E. Foskett, Esq., F.R.S.L.

The immediate result of the concession will be to double the number of books in the school libraries. If, as I hope, the departure is extended generally to the Board Schools throughout the Metropolis, it will prove of signal service. I have always held the opinion that the promoters of Public Libraries Act did not contemplate the provision of books for children of elementary school age ; but with fairly stocked libraries in every permanent board school the difficulty of meeting the needs of juvenile readers will be substantially met. I may add that I ventured on behalf of the Camberwell Libraries Committee to state that any pupils requiring books not in the school libraries could obtain them from the public libraries on the recommendation of the head master of any school in the district.