

book at so high a price, but we hope that a corrected edition may speedily be issued in a cheaper form and find its way into the hands of every librarian.

### **Museum of Library Appliances.**

Since the announcement was made that the Library Association had resolved to form a museum of library appliances, a considerable number of exhibits have been received and promised. These consist of various kinds of models of racks, indicators, shelf-fittings, and specimens of book-holders, pamphlet-boxes, magazine covers, files, cabinets, newspaper holders, tablets, &c., &c. There have also been received various bibliographical works, library catalogues, forms, library stationery, &c., and a large number of plans, models, and other contributions are being prepared for the collection. Librarians and others who mean to send specimens, as requested in the circular recently issued with the LIBRARY, should send everything loose, so that the various kinds of appliances can be classified. It will be esteemed a favour if all contributions be sent to Mr. BROWN, at Clerkenwell, as early as possible, in order to allow of the arrangement being set about at once. The sets of forms, &c., sent in duplicate, are being placed on one side for the American Library Association, and will be despatched whenever there is a large enough parcel.

### **Correspondence.**

*To the Editor of THE LIBRARY.*

DEAR SIR,—Would you allow me a small space in which to say a word concerning the allusion, in your last number, to my part in the management of THE LIBRARY, during the first two years of its existence.

Base as are the motives of publishers, and sordid as are their aims—they are sometimes foolish enough to undertake work for the pleasure of doing it, and take their profit in the form of the gratification of keeping a pet or hobby going—incredible as this statement may seem. When this is the case one rests satisfied, and bears the ills which accompany enterprise quietly. But there comes a point at which even the publisher turns, and, finding that there is too great a counterbalance to the pleasure of running his hobby, he is compelled to part with it, as a too expensive luxury, without further hesitation. This is what has occurred in the case of THE LIBRARY. The running of the magazine for two years represents as many hundred pounds out of pocket, and this seems rather an extravagance under the circumstances. You have, Mr. Editor, my best wishes for the success of THE LIBRARY, and I have no doubt that you will make a far better publisher than

Yours faithfully,  
ELLIOT STOCK.

### **Library Association of the United Kingdom.**

The January monthly meeting of the Association was held by invitation from the Commissioners in the Chelsea Public Library on Monday, January 11th, 1892, Mr. H. R. Tedder in the chair. The report of the Committee on Size-Notation (*vide* "Monthly Notes," vol. iii., p. 130) was brought up for adoption, and, after a brief discussion, the full consideration was adjourned until those present had a further opportunity of practically testing the book-scale proposed by the Committee.

Mr. J. Henry Quinn, Librarian of the Chelsea Public Libraries, read a paper dealing with the libraries under his charge and the special features of library work in Chelsea. At the conclusion of the paper, Mr. D. H. Hodge, Chairman of the Chelsea Libraries Commissioners, in welcoming