

able to dispose of a large number of papers, with the additional advantage of having them all listened to and discussed by persons really interested.

I cannot understand why it should be impossible for members of the Library Association to send in their papers sufficiently early to permit of their being printed before the meeting. The rush of business in connection with the Annual Meeting is always unnecessarily added to by the tardiness with which papers come in. At the Aberdeen Meeting I had papers announced and sent in, for the first time, *the day before the opening*! I would earnestly beg all members who contemplate writing papers for the Belfast Meeting to begin at once, and I will undertake to have in type for circulation at the meeting every paper which I receive on or before the last day of June.

J. Y. W. MACALISTER,
Hon. Sec.

Summer School Prize.

REPORT OF THE JUDGES ON THE COMPETITION FOR THE PRIZES OFFERED BY THE EDITOR OF *THE LIBRARY* FOR THE TWO BEST ACCOUNTS OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

WE have had submitted to us eight reports drawn up by library assistants and others who took part in the proceedings of the Summer School organized by the Library Association during the month of July, 1893. It is satisfactory to observe that the course of instruction was attended by forty-nine persons, all of whom, it is to be hoped, derived benefit from the practical demonstrations at the various libraries, and from the visits to the type foundry, printing office and book bindery. It is perhaps less satisfactory to find that only eight among those who attended have decided to compete for the prizes offered by the editor of the *LIBRARY* for the best reports on the proceedings.

We are glad to find that all the writers show a lively and intelligent interest in what they saw. In certain cases, however, a somewhat flippant journalistic style has been adopted which is quite unsuitable to the subject.

We are of opinion that by far the best report is that sent in by Walter Powell, of the Reference Library, Birmingham. It is difficult to decide which is the next in order of merit, and we think that the reports written respectively by J. H. Allchin, assistant librarian, The Museum, Maidstone; A. H. Carter, St. Martin's Public Library; and H. E. Curtis, Public Library, Portsmouth, should be bracketed together as worthy of being placed in the second class. These gentlemen deserve to be honourably mentioned, but we make no award for a second prize.

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Hon. Treasurer of the L.A.U.K.