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FOREWORD

A general list of children's books for home reading has long been needed. A beginning was made in 1915-16 by the Elementary School Committee of the Library Section of the National Education Association, under the chairmanship of Miss Effie L. Power. That earlier compilation is the basis of the present list. The original plan of providing an annotated list of approximately one thousand standard children's books, including classics, which would be useful in buying for the first nine grades, has been followed.

The present list has been prepared with the needs of both teacher and librarian in mind. It does not assume to take the place of the Children's Catalog compiled by Miss Bacon or the Pittsburgh Catalogue of Children's Books, which have been helpful in its preparation.

Including as it does only books for general reading, the list must be supplemented with titles which meet local school needs. No text books as such are included. For the convenience of teachers, a list of sixty reference books useful for the first nine grades has been added.

As the limits and character of the list prevented a general rounding out of the subject material, the committee provided no subject index, but the American Library Association editorial staff has compiled the one included for such assistance as it will give, basing the work, by special permission, on the subject index section of the Pittsburgh Catalogue of Children's Books.

In the belief that no library, however modest in size, is complete without a few really artistic books, some of the more expensive editions illustrated by artists who appeal to young people have been included. Many chil-

dren have no opportunity in their daily lives to see beauty in line and color. A few finely illustrated editions provide this beauty related to what is fine and lasting in literature.

It will be noticed that there are three lists: Section A, picture books and easy reading books for children in grades one, two and three; Section B, titles for fourth, fifth and sixth grade pupils; Section C for seventh, eighth and ninth grade children. In order to place each book more accurately, all the grades in which it may be used are designated after the individual entry.

A list is given below of the sources which were consulted for annotations.

The selection of titles was made by members of the Elementary School Library Committee of the National Education Association for the years 1919-20 and 1920-21.

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The committee is indebted to Miss Effie L. Power, Director of Work with Children, Cleveland Public Library, for advice in the final revision, and to Miss Bertha Hatch, Librarian-Teacher, Cleveland School of Education, for much valuable assistance in the general preparation of the list.

The following sources have been consulted for annotations:

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A. L. A. Catalog, 1904. 1904-11.
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Supplement, 1918. 1919.
- BAKER, E. A. Descriptive guide to the best fiction.
- BOOK REVIEW DIGEST.
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- CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY. Open Shelf.
Seventy-five books of adventure.
Eighty books of valor and romance.
- HARRON, J. S., and others. Course of study for normal school pupils on literature for children. American library economy, Part V.
- LOWE, ORTON. Literature for children.
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- NEW YORK CITY. Department of Education. Catalog of books for public school libraries.
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Monthly bulletin.
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- PRATT INSTITUTE FREE LIBRARY and East Orange, New Jersey, Free Public Library. What shall we read now?
- ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY. Books to buy for children.
Monthly bulletins.
- UTICA PUBLIC LIBRARY. Books for home reading.
- WISCONSIN FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION. Wisconsin library bulletin.
Suggestive list of books for a small library.

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