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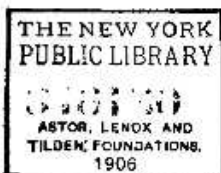
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Preface

This List is a selection of books for the home use of children from two to fourteen years of age. If some of those given for younger children appear somewhat advanced, it is because they have been chosen for reading to the child rather than for the child's own use. Many of the books for the older years are not usually classified as for children, but I believe that none has been included which is beyond the comprehension of the age under which it is grouped.

When an author has written many books of merit, the choice of a few has been made by Miss Helen Peters Dodd, the head of the Children's Department of the Newark Public Library. The List has been revised by Miss Clara W. Hunt, the head of the Children's Department of the Brooklyn Public Library, whose suggestions for addition and elimination have

been adopted with very few exceptions. Her report on the List is stated in a letter which, by her permission, is here inserted.

MAY 13, 1904.

Dear Mrs. Arnold:

I have been over your list, and you will be surprised to see how few titles I have marked out. But the books are all so good there really is no reason for cutting them out just because the list is long.

It is a good thing to give variety and for people to have a good many to choose from.

There are no books there which have not some positive merit, so far as I know the books.

I have not made any marks on the picture books, which subject I must familiarize myself with, and the books for older children in your list are what we librarians class as "adults." It is a matter of personal taste and opinion about what books to recommend for the "betweens age." Those on your list are certainly good.

I think the whole thing is excellent, and there is no need of having a sort of measured-out balance or proportion such as a business librarian might think of in apportioning public money. Your list is for private library use.

I shall be much interested in seeing it in print, and have enjoyed knowing about it.

Sincerely yours,

CLARA W. HUNT.

My thanks are due to the publishers, who, with one exception, have willingly provided facilities for examination of their publications.

G. W. A.

