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EXTRACT FROM SCHOOL LIBRARY LAWS

Act 323, Chapter 1, Section 3, laws of 1913: The Superintendent of Public Instruction * * * * with the cooperation of the State Librarian, shall prepare, at least once in every two years, lists of books suitable for township and district libraries, and furnish copies of such lists to each township and school officer entrusted with the care and custody of their respective libraries, from which lists the said school officers shall select and purchase books for their respective libraries.

Approved May 13, 1913.

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INTRODUCTION

In compliance with Act No. 323, Public Acts 1913, this list of books has been prepared by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Librarian, for the use of district schools. The list of books for township libraries will be compiled as soon as possible.

The new catalog is an enlargement of "A First Selection of 500 Children's Books for a Library" compiled originally for the State Library, by Miss Effe L. Powers, children's librarian of the Public Library, St. Louis, Mo. The present compilation has been made by Miss Mabel C. True. The books have been selected after perconal examination and reference to library lists made by librarians, whose judgment cannot be doubted.

have been selected after personal examination and reference to library lists made by librarians, whose judgment cannot be doubted.

When possible a choice of different editions has been given, but in all cases an effort has been made to avoid cheaply bound and poorly made books. The more expensive editions are not recommended for purchase by schools which have a limited amount of money. The text of the several editions is identical, the difference being in the paper, binding and illustrations.

The discount price in the catalog is the price for which the books should be furnished to Libraries and, in all cases, be allowed by bookdealers; if the local dealer will not follow those prices the following bookdealers in Michigan have sarreed to furnish them:

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These prices do not, however, include freight or express charges which are paid by the purchaser from the point from which the books are purchased. It is proposed to issue semi-annually supplementary lists of new books, thus keeping the purchasers in touch with late publications. The books contained in the catalog will be permanently placed in the State library for inspection by school officers and others who may wish to personally experience the books before purchasing.

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It has been unofficially stated that the amendment to the parcel post law, which will become operative March 15, 1914, provides for the inclusion of books, also an increase in the number of pounds which may be sent and a decrease in the rates. Under this amendment packages of books weighing not more than twenty pounds may be sent through the mail; full information on this subject may be obtained from the postmaster.

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