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A PAPER with the title, "Notes on Early Libraries, with especial reference to Somerset," was read by me to the Members of the Somerset Archæological and Natural History Society (Northern Branch) in December last, being an attempt towards the History of Books in Somerset prior to the Dissolution of the Monasteries. It was suggested that the paper might be of interest to the Members of the Parent Society, and the MS. was sent to the Rev. F. W. Weaver (the Secretary), who was good enough to say that he thought the Society would be pleased to make use of it; but being found too long for insertion in the *Proceedings*, it was decided to bring it out under the auspices of the Society to which the original paper was read.

Portions of the paper, as read, are now omitted as too general in character; some, however, are retained, as it is hoped that this book, appealing to local feeling, may come into the hands of some to whom the text-books on the subject though perhaps accessible, are not familiar. Very considerable additions have been made to the local details and lists of books. One