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P R E F A C E

This book – “Libraries for Everyone - One Step a Head towards Promoting Healthy, Thriving, and Liveable Communities” is written for the Common reader, and by “Common reader” is meant not the reader who only be specially interested in libraries – he can refer to the more technical literature on the subject, of which there is plenty – but the reader who is sufficiently curious to read a book about the public, or, as the writer prefers to call them. Social libraries, which is neither long winded nor dull. The writer can do no more than entertain a pious hope that he has succeeded in being informative without being dull. With this aim he has drawn a picture of the library service in broad lines, steering as carefully as he can between the Scylla of too much detail and the Charybdis of too little, and giving prominence to the features of more general interest. His difficulty has been what to leave out, rather than what to include, whilst retaining the essentials, the writer has not hesitated to state his own opinions on the controversial matters discussed, which are confined to the matter on which the intelligent layman – and only the intelligent layman is likely to be attracted by this sort of book – can form an opinion as well as the expert. Librarians who read the book will no doubt find them – selves at odds with the writer on some of the points dealt with, but this series is intended to be provocative as well as informative. The main thing is that there should be no confusion between fact and opinion, and it is hoped that the distinction has been duly preserved.

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