

for circulation, the building again was thronged - this time by children and adults eager to take books from the new Library. It was a veritable run on the bank, and an ordeal in fringed book-charging, which the Librarian will not soon forget. Although gradually lessening, the rush continued for several weeks before settling down to a more normal pace. But, in the six months which have now passed, both the number of card-holders and of books circulated have shown a phenomenal increase.

As you will remember, the invested funds from the original Finches bequest had accumulated sufficiently in 1955/56 to cover the construction costs of the new Library. There was no margin, however, to meet the costs of equipment or furnishing.

I am happy to report that through personal appeals; exhortations at organization and club meetings; letters to Foundations and to public-spirited individuals; and the writing of the various circular letters which were mimeographed and sent to the voters of Smithfield as well as to residents of Greenville, I was able as Chairman of the Building Committee to secure adequate funds for the latter purpose. These comprised four thousand dollars from the Rhode Island Foundation; one thousand from the June Rockwell Levy Foundation; one thousand from Miss Comstock; one thousand four hundred from Miss Vallau; \$786.36 from the Cranford Club; and about two thousand dollars from local contributors and organizations.

In addition, contributions came in unsolicited from the officers and members of the Library's Executive Committee, and \$137.00 was realized from the benefit organization graciously given by Mr. Fred Cronhimer, a resident of Greenville and the organist of Grace Episcopal Church in Providence - with the result that at the time of the official opening on November 17th 1956, all bills were paid to date and there was the money in hand to pay for such as had not been presented. The Library, therefore, entered