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In addition to the drives headed respectively by Mr. Illingworth, and Miss Stillwell, in what proved to be a rather neck-to-neck race to the goal, two other projects had been planned. Mrs. Moore - who served efficiently and effectively in providing publicity to aid Mr. Illingworth's campaign - had also agreed to give a concert as a benefit for the library fund, and to head up a house-to-house canvas of the prescribed area, calling into service the volunteer workers who annually conduct such canvases for the United Fund and various other health and welfare agencies. Both of these projects were postponed and finally abandoned, when owing to a combination of circumstances and pressure of other activities she withdrew from the committee last February. The Financial Committee and the Building Committee both voted against the House-to-House Canvas. It is very much to be hoped that the concert may still be given, not only for the benefit of the library but for the pleasure it would give the community.

There are still various pieces of equipment that are needed - a small electric refrigerator for the use of the staff, more furniture than is now on order, and so forth. But more than present needs is the psychological effect of personal contact and solicitation. Analysis of the list of persons who contributed to Mr. Illingworth's drive shows that the business and professional men responded to solicitation extremely well. The local clubs and church groups responded effectively to personal letters. But the home owners, in general, have given relatively little in voluntary donations. Their gifts, however small, would give them a feeling of personal contact with the library and a wholesome sense of responsibility. There is no reason at all why a small group of persons should work unceasingly to provide a library, whose growth and upkeep the incoming residents merely take for granted, while they and their children make use of it constantly. They too should help to make the library their own. It is only through their personal support of the library that the citizens can express their thanks to its officers for their effective service; to Mr. Fernald, who through his ingenuity has saved the library countless dollars; to Mrs. Moore, who with her helpers has arranged innumerable educational exhibitions at the library, in the local stores, and in the schools.

Great credit should be given Mrs. Dexter and her