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To librarians of our traveling libraries:-

Greeting! The reading season starts out well with the greater part of our libraries out or spoken for. We take special pride in the large circulation of our books. Considering our number of books, and the population of the state, our books have had a greater circulation than those of any other system of traveling libraries of which we have any record. Even so, our ambitions are not altogether gratified. We want the books to reach more communities, and more people in each community. Whether we realize this ambition or not, depends largely upon your efforts. If you know of any community where a traveling library ought to go, tell them about us, and us about them.

In order to have libraries enough to do the work that is surely coming to us, and the work that ought to be done, we ask you to take under advisement at once, the matter of becoming permanent stations. Some places have been receiving libraries for several years, and have made no effort to help the good cause along by becoming permanent stations. This, in some cases, shows a decided lack of the library spirit. We are going out after new places with vigor this fall, and expect to have a large demand, which we shall be totally unable to meet, unless we secure more permanent stations. The towns and villages of Adams, Ashland, Bridgeport, DeWitt, Diller, Emerson, Exeter, Kenesaw, Liberty, McCook, Monroe, Papillion, Pender, Syracuse, and a number of other places are large enough, and prosperous enough, and ought to be energetic enough to become permanent stations. Our appropriation is totally inadequate to the work before us, so far as buying books is concerned. The Legislature failed to give us the additional money asked for, and we shall have only half as much money for books from this appropriation, as in the preceeding biennium. You are earnestly requested to help us by becoming permanent stations. We want more books to send to out-of-the-way places. If you know of such places—meaning communities where good books are scarce and much needed, let us know.

We are sending you our Library day circular, and hope that your community may take some public notice of the day, either by helping your school to observe the day and increase the school library, or by holding some meeting in the interest of your public library—the public library that every Nebraska community should have.

This year should see great progress in Library extension in Nebraska. It is your privilege to help the cause along.

Kindly send us the names and addresses of people who might be interested in securing traveling libraries for their neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Edna D. Bullock, Sec'y.