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## LIVING AND LOVING

BY FLORENCE SMITH VINCENT  
"I CAN SEE"

In a life of a housewife upon these lives a little old lady whose years have passed the four-score mark, whose friendships have faded to sweet memories. The little old lady cannot walk, is unable to buy her hands in any of the trifling talks to deny familiar to the old ladies. Time has taken too heavy toll of her strength. The other day, at some Good Samaritan's request, a radio was sent to her. The little old lady's eyes sparkled with joy at being "prised." With eager interest she looked the present over. Then gently but firmly she refused it. "It is wonderful to know that somebody has thought of me!" she said. "This alone makes me very happy. But I couldn't accept the radio; it wouldn't be right, when I know there are so many folks worse off than I am who would enjoy it. Please give it to some one who blind! I can see!"

Dear little old lady! How well you have learned the lesson of living! How rightly you are interpreting the spirit of the Yuletide! With selflessness as a lever you lift yourself out of cramping environment and cruel circumstances to that height where you find it infinitely more blessed to give than to receive.

You have so pitifully little, little old lady, yet you are mistress of great wealth. Love, tenderness, sympathy—priceless treasures, these are your all; and you offer them unstinted.

Little lady, you make us stop and think a moment. In what spirit will we celebrate Christmas? What will we give? To whom? Why? How much goodwill and affection will we tie up with the package? Will the day after Christmas be little more than a period of nervous reaction after our hectic preparations for our better and exchange of presents.

of a day of peace and contentment assured by our giving. It is a privilege to those who most need our thought and our giving. Here's hoping that for us, as for the dear old lady and for a like reason, the 25th of December will be in very truth—  
A Merry Christmas!

## TREMENDOUS GAIN IN CIRCULATION AT LIBRARY REPORTED

First 11 Months Of 1926 Show 3000 Gain Over All Previous Year

### SEE ADDED POPULARITY

Circulation for the first 11 months of 1926 at the Baldwin Public Library reached a figure higher by over 3,000 than the total circulation for the year 1925, according to the report of Miss Blanch Kerns, librarian. The number of books borrowed up to Dec. 1, this year is 29,268, as compared with 20,705 for all last year.

Much of the increase in circulation has taken place during the fall months, although the monthly reports show a steady gain throughout the year, with only a slight falling off during the summer.

"The unusual interest in the library during the fall promises great things for the new library," Miss Kerns said. "Of course, the older months are the reading months, but in comparison with the same months last year, the circulation has increased greatly."

Reports so far this month indicate that the total circulation for 1926 will run over 35,000.

New members to the number of 174 were added during the first 11 months of the year, and only 22 withdrawn. In October alone 81 new borrowers were registered at the library. Miss Kerns expects the list of new members to reach a total of 500 for the year.

Six hundred and sixty-one books were added to the library during the eleven months of the year fifty-nine by gift and the rest through purchase. The Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women gave the library \$25.00 for the purchase of books on pre-school education.

The increase in the number of

books in the library, however, is only 394. One hundred and twenty-seven books were withdrawn from circulation during this time because they were worn out.

Fines and dues totaling \$293.91 had been collected at the end of the first 11 bidding fair to pass the \$300 mark before 1927.

"The growth of the library is simply a reflection of the growth of Birmingham," Miss Kerns said. "The town has grown amazingly, even in the last few months, and it speaks well for Birmingham that the library registration shows a coincident growth."

"The collection of books in this library is something to be proud of. When the new building is finished, Birmingham will have one of the finest libraries of its size in the state. Even now we have quite a number of persons from Boyd, Oak and Pontiac patronizing this library, and the new building will find even more out-of-towners using it."

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