EDUCATIONAL COMMENT

READERS OF BOOKS

That the British people are not "a nation of shopkeepers," as Adam Smith once put it, but rather "a nation of readers" appears from recent reports on the number of books published in the English language.

In 1932, it is announced, English publishers brought out 13,938 new books as against 9,035 in the United States. In 1931 England published 14,688 new books as against 10,307 in the United States. These figures do not include such English language books as are published in Canada and Australia.

Estimates indicate that the English people, numbering one-third as many as there are in the United States, read approximately 50,000,000 books a year, including those from libraries as well as purchased books.

The America of the future will need its schools and its libraries. Let books be the last place for economy.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

N. L. Engelhardt, professor of education, Columbia University, in speaking on the efficiency of business management of public schools, declared that it was his observa-

tion that many school systems manage their business programs better than private corporations. "It also appears to be true," he said, "that public school business management is in most cities of the United States superior to the management practiced in other fields of governmental activity."

In pointing out the progress that had been made in the improvement of financial programs in the public school systems and the pace they had set superior to business management, he cited budgeting, accounting, auditing, building planning and the management of funds as being performed with a high degree of skill.

DR. ALBERT E. WINSHIP

Dr. Albert E. Winship, one of the best known men in the field of education, and for forty-seven years editor of the Journal of Education, passed away on February 17, 1933, at his home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the age of eighty-seven. Dr. Winship was an editor but was even better known as a lecturer on education. During his life time his lecture tours took him across the continent more than one hundred times and he was a familiar figure wherever teachers gathered to discuss their problems. He was the dean of all educators and was beloved by all who knew him. Education will miss him—Detroit Educational Bulletin.

SEEN IN THE PUBLIC PRINTS

The Classical Association of the Middle West and South, meeting at William and Mary College April 13 to 15, brought together a large number of Latin teachers for the first general meeting ever held in a South Atlantic state.

Speakers included Professor W. L. Carr of Teachers College, Columbia University, Professor Roy C. Flickenger, of the University of Iowa, and Professor A. L. Bonduvant of the University of Mississippi.

"Since the program of public education