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ANNOUNCEMENT that the committee which began the most recent movement to establish a library in Halifax has been disbanded serves to recall the splendid purpose it has served.

This city, almost alone among North American cities of comparable size, has been satisfied to get along without anything resembling a library service. The committee, believing that those who served in the Second German War deserved a living, rather than an inanimate memorial, urged that a library should be established to honor them. Several meetings were held; many facts were collected; conferences with civic officials and with leaders in community life were held.

Eventually, and largely, as a result of the Committee's efforts, City Council became interested. In fact, two years ago it seemed that there might be immediate action. Nothing came of the promise. Finally, within recent weeks, the mayor and the aldermen again have expressed their interest and their intention to establish in this community a library which will serve as a regional library, and be the beginning of a library system which will cover all Halifax and its suburbs.

Once again, then, the work of the committee seems to have been completed and as it disbanded it suggested that the advice of an expert be obtained before the details of the City's plan were finalized. It remains to be seen, of course, what City Council actually will do to carry out a project that was started more than a century ago and has developed by this time only into a single over-crowded, under-equipped room at the end of a corridor.