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His Honor, Samuel C. Cobb, Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR, — I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, prepared in obedience to the fourth section of the Ordinance of 1869, relative to the Public Library.

Very respectfully,

JUSTIN WINSOR,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
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IN conformity with the requirements of the Ordinance concerning the Public Library, the Trustees have the honor to present to the City Council their twenty-third Annual

REPORT,

being the sixth made under the last ordinance, and including the results of administration for the year ending on the 30th April last.

There are also submitted herewith the reports of the Superintendent and of the Examining Committee.

The report of the Superintendent, with its numerous appendixes, contains all the material facts relative to the work of the Library and its Branches during the past year. A careful examination of the details therein included is necessary to a full understanding of the administrative arrangements, and of the extent of the uses of the whole institution, of the apportionment of the expenditures, and of the large amount of clerical labor performed. The whole document is framed with a clearness and copiousness of statement that leave no material point untouched.

The Examining Committee for the present year consists of Wm. T. Adams, Esq., Rev. George A. Thayer, Hon. Benjamin F. Thomas, George W. Wales, Esq., Charles E. Ware, M. D., with David P. Kimball, Esq., of the Board of Trustees, as Chairman. The report is from the hand of the

Rev. Mr. Thayer, and in its introduction gives the first public expression of an embarrassment which has been felt for years. In the earlier days of the Library history, with a single collection of books of limited extent, it was an easy task to examine all the departments of administration, and the methods of use. But with an institution of the present size, including six Branches, it is impossible that any committee can afford the time to more than inform itself upon the general system of management, without undertaking the minute and precise inquiries customary with the early committee of citizens who were invited to and accepted the same task. These successive committees have rendered excellent service to the institution, and there is, unquestionably, a distinct value in the oversight of our present system by five intelligent, disinterested gentlemen, drawn from widely distinct classes of our citizens, — by the terms of the ordinance the committee of "citizens at large, — who, together with a Trustee as chairman, shall examine the Library and make a report of its condition to the Trustees." This simple requirement covers all the possibilities of the institution, which is bound to extend its benefits "as widely as practicable throughout the community," and this is the problem which is to be considered. Whether the trust funds are used upon the conditions for which they were given; whether the city appropriations for Library support are properly and judiciously expended; whether due attention is given to keeping the shelves furnished with the best and most recent publications needed by its widely extended constituencies, are questions for due examination and consideration. In this general way, the overseeing committee can always render real service both to the Library and to the powers who regulate its administration.

Another suggestion of the committee requires respectful notice. It is to the effect that the Bates Hall collection should be opened for readers in the hall on Sundays. This

is the same practical question which constantly arises with regard to the uses and the hours of the Library. The experience of the past twenty-three years has been simply tentative. The Trustees have gone from step to step in extending the freedom of the Library as fast as public demand required. If the presumed uses of the books were sufficient to authorize the Board to ask for additional appropriations from the City Government to meet the necessary expenses of administration, it has not failed to make such application. From the density of the surrounding population, the opening of the reading-room on Sunday, in Boylston street, has proved to be a moderate success, while in the Branches it has not been found to be either a necessity or a considerable convenience. It is just to say, however, that the success in the Central Library might have been more marked, had there been better accommodations for readers. With regard to the Bates Hall and its frequenters, the number of those who desire books for table consultation in the hall and of those who borrow books for home use is nearly equal. The freedom for hall use which is given to non-residents occasions frequent applications to the Library shelves. For this class the Sunday convenience would not contribute to the use of the books. In watching the class who desire books, as well as the periods when they wish to take them, the Trustees will give early attention to any proper demonstration looking to a still further extension of Library privileges; but as yet no such public demand is apparent. The question is one which will hereafter probably require consideration, and the suggestion at the present time will give the community opportunity to thoughtfully consider the possible results.

Upon the other points to which reference is made by the committee, the Trustees accept with pleasure the conclusion to which it arrived.

During the past year the convenience and safety of the building have been largely increased. The new tower con-

structed at the south-west corner has been finished, furnished, and devoted to the purposes for which it was needed. Other accommodations are also required for the public as well as for some of the Library departments.

With a view, then, to the requirements of the immediate future, the Trustees desire to call the attention of the City Council to a prospective enlargement of the building. The open space in the rear of the present edifice cannot now be used for the purposes for which it was intended, as the recent erection of a large stable upon Van Rensselaer place will probably preclude a nearer approach to the line of our estate than is at present attained by the recent addition; but the room necessary for the Library purposes can be acquired from the property purchased by the city for this object in 1872, and joining the building on the east.

The insufficiency of the accommodations for the visitors to the reading-room and the waiting-hall of the popular Library, apparent fully five years since, has shown itself in a more marked degree during the past year. The reading-room, containing, in accordance with the condition of Mr. Bates' legacy, one hundred chairs, with the arrangements for the use of a large number of periodicals, is now quite too limited in extent for the purposes to which it is devoted. The waiting-room has long been a great evil to the institution — small, low studded, unventilated, insufficiently lighted, it is often inconveniently overcrowded. Its condition has deprived the lower Library of a large class of borrowers who would otherwise gladly use the books of that favorite collection. A hall, sufficiently large to allow separate access for the boys, with seats and tables conveniently arranged for the use of two or three hundred persons, would eventually increase circulation, and remove most of the present objections to the system of delivery.

It is obvious that any material alteration of the present structure should receive most careful consideration, so that

any addition should affect, as little as is practicable, its air and light. The plans for the purpose will be prepared during the present year, and laid before the Council for its approval previous to the annual appropriation for the coming year.

The accommodations, also, at the South Boston Branch are insufficient for the public and the Library. The lease of the premises does not expire until the first Saturday of 1878. It is hoped that on or before that date the city may be able to provide suitable rooms in some building of its own property.

A brief summary of the condition and uses of the institution, inclusive of its branches, will lead, it is hoped, to a consultation of the tables of the appendix for fuller and more minute information. The whole number of volumes now in its possession amounts to 276,922, an increase of 16,372 during the year. Of these 221,049 are contained in the Central Library, and 55,863 in the six Branches. The issues of books, during the 306 days of the year, have risen to the large aggregate of 758,417, being an increase over the previous year of 132,975. A portion of this increase is due to the opening of a new Branch in Dorchester, which in about three months circulated 16,017 vols. The whole number of persons who have made application to use the Library since 1867 now amounts to 90,782, of whom 14,599 were entered during the last year. The periodical reading-rooms were opened 359 days, and were during that period visited by 249,870 readers, who used 348,772 magazines. The number of books lost, during the year, was 85, or about one to every 9,000 of circulation.

It is gratifying also to state that the number of persons evincing such interest in the institution as to induce them to make donations of books or pamphlets to its shelves was larger than ever before; 1,091 friends having given 4,169 vols. and 15,889 pamphlets.

An analysis of the circulation of the popular department of the institution gives the following results: The 32,590 volumes of the Lower Hall found 272,834 readers, an increase of nearly 20,000 over the previous year, notwithstanding the issues of the six Branches, which, with an aggregate of 55,863 volumes, distributed to their visitors 404,846 books. South Boston still leads in the uses of its books, every volume of its collection having been loaned, on the average, seventeen times. The lowest proportional circulation is to be found at Brighton, but this naturally arises from the fact that the Library is larger, in proportion to the surrounding population, than in any of the other districts of the city. The reading of juveniles and fiction is more general in the districts than in the city proper, although the proportion of literature of these classes is larger in the Lower Hall than in any of the Branches. From the Lower Hall only 69 per cent. of the issues belonged to these classes, a smaller proportion than ever before; while in the Branches it amounted to about 80 per cent. This change in the percentage of use in the Lower Hall is due to the interest shown in a higher class of reading, in consequence of the publication of the class list of History, Biography and Travel, the distribution of which swelled the loans in these departments, from 16,856 in 1873-4, to 23,925 vols. in 1874-5.

During the past year the staff of the Library has undergone important and unexpected changes. By an unusual fatality it has lost three heads of departments, and by resignation another. By the death of Mr. Wm. A. Wheeler, the Assistant Superintendent, and chief of the Catalogue Department, the institution was deprived of an officer from whose skilled training in his specialties it had largely profited in the past, and had important expectations in the future. To the minute exactness of the lexicographer, and to the general knowledge of a scholar, his culture had added the va-

rious information of a bibliographer, which his tastes and inclination had developed to a rare degree. After his decease, the keeper of the Bates Hall, Mr. Joseph Sykes, died, a gentleman whose courteous manners, and quiet following of his line of duty, had secured the kind regards of all those who sought his assistance in their various fields of inquiry and consultation. Subsequently Mr. J. Otis Williams, the special curator of the Tosti collection of engravings, and of the great pamphlet stores of the Library, also died; the term of his service having begun with the indexing of the Prince mss. in 1869.

Mr. Edward Capen, who had faithfully served the Library from its foundation, in various capacities, resigned his office; and accepted a similar position of trust in a neighboring city. These personal changes required to some extent a reorganization of the departments. Mr. James L. Whitney succeeded to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Mr. James M. Hubbard to that of principal assistant in the Catalogue Department, Mr. Henry Ware to the charge of the Bates Hall, Mr. Arthur M. Knapp to the care of the Barton and Prince Libraries, and the whole collection of periodicals and pamphlets, and Mr. José F. Carret to the oversight of the Patent Documents and the Engravings. It is believed that the accession of these educated gentlemen to the Library force will increase the direct usefulness of the Library to its great constituency. It is naturally found that in no place are general accomplishments, no less than special learning, so valuable and important as in a great collection of books to be used and consulted by such various classes of students who desire to go at once, and without loss of valuable time, to the books which they need.

By the death of Mr. Wheeler, the publication of the Ticknor catalogue, to the preparation of which he had devoted a

considerable portion of his labor for the past three years, and which the last report of the Trustees announced as to be published during the year, was unavoidably postponed. The materials for the work were, however, in such condition, that the printing of that most important contribution to the bibliography of Spanish and Portuguese literature is already in progress.

In rehearsing the details of an institution whose work and usefulness have grown in incalculable proportions year by year, the Trustees cannot but feel an increasing responsibility for the right use of the large funds entrusted to their care and proper expenditure. Each year brings a more intimate relation between the Library and the education of the community; each year develops new uses and wants, both of instruction and indirect cultivation. One distinguishes with added experience more narrowly the classes who seek only amusement or employment in idle hours and those who read for intellectual purposes, as well as those who perceptibly grade from the lower to the higher class. While, from the foresight and bounty of the City Government, the Library is not only permitted, but earnestly required, to extend its help to all who need, and by whom it has been sustained in a position of freedom of access previously unknown, it is just to say that the experimental trial of one generation, just completed, has amply and nobly confirmed and surpassed the hopes and expectations of the founders and benefactors of the institution. Without any intention to magnify any result, while considering that it takes its shade and color from the intelligence of the community which surrounds it, it has steadily gained in the magnitude of its resources, and in its relative importance among the great collections of the country. It also has demonstrated the fact that enormous numbers of books may be scattered freely among a dense and diversified population with such

safety to the property as to render the losses quite immaterial. The result has entirely justified the magnitude of the experiment.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY, 29th June, 1875.

[A.]

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE,

CONSISTING OF

WILLIAM T. ADAMS, ESQ., REV. GEORGE A. THAYER, HON.
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WARE, M.D., WITH DAVID P. KIMBALL, ESQ., OF THE
TRUSTEES, AS CHAIRMAN.

THE Committee appointed to examine the condition of the Boston Public Library, and to report thereon to the Trustees, beg leave to submit the following results of their observations: —

It is obviously impossible that a Committee of citizens, devoting but a few hours, taken from the many duties of their daily occupation, to the inspection of so complicated and extensive an institution as a great Public Library, with its many branches, should be able to form more than a cursory acquaintance with its work and needs. At best, unless they have a professional librarian's knowledge of such institutions, which, from the importance of a Committee being constituted like the jury of a court, of men with untechnical prejudices, it is not desirable they should possess; their chief service must be to serve as intermediary between the Library officials and the public at large, by obtaining a closer acquaintance with its methods of management, and the general aims of those who control its policy, than can be gained by ordinary visitors.

It might be advantageous, in giving partial direction to the labors of such Committees, and in affording opportunity for any complete vindication of the Trustees and Superinten-

dent from alleged faults, if a more general advertisement of the existence of an examining body could be made, to allow, to a reasonable extent, the presentation of possible grievances.

Your Committee can say, however, that, so far as they are competent to speak, there are no indications that all departments of the Library are administered in other than the most generous and impartial desire to facilitate every legitimate interest of readers.

The marvel has been, as they have explored its treasures, and become aware of the many perplexing problems arising in at once faithfully guarding books of rare and inestimable value, and carrying out the plan of a perfectly free Public Library, that so little friction should arise betwixt patrons and officials, and that there should be such apparently general acquiescence in the justice of its rules and restrictions, as is indicated by the striking infrequency of complaints, in any portion of the public newspapers, those sensitive organs of every shadow of public discontent.

Two opposing forces are always at work about a Public Library, to afford a severe test of the spirit of its management, viz. : the proper conservatism of those in whose charge it is placed, which endeavors to keep steadily in view the interests of coming generations, for whom as well as for living people the institution is created, and the destructiveness of those people who regard public property as everybody's property, to be used according to individual notions of propriety ; and in the reconciliation of these two elements, the high degree of skill and good sense of the Superintendent and his subordinates seems to be amply shown in the constant increase of readers, and the remarkable immunity from loss or irremediable injury of books, alike in the department most frequented by the less careful classes of the community, and in Bates Hall, the resort of the more cultivated and studious.

The statistics of the Central and Branch Libraries so clearly presented in the statement of the Superintendent, published with this report, and covering almost every possible ground of inquiry with regard to their work, render it unnecessary for the Committee to do more than express their gratification that the regular increase of expenditure is necessary to keep pace with the popular demands upon the resources of the various departments. It is an occasion of pride with those who have at heart the progress of general education in Boston, that the generous annual and special appropriations of the City Council, which from the beginning of the institution's existence have been uniformly made in the most wise and far-seeing spirit, have met with the best possible response on the part of those whom they were designed to benefit. The \$30,000, representing the yearly cost of books, but very inadequately suggests the value to every high interest of the people of having all that is of worth in recent literature, both in periodical and standard publications, and whatever is of classic or established character which has moulded the intelligence, or is likely to command the thought of the world, easily accessible by every citizen of years of discretion; and the oft-noticed fact, which continues to be confirmed, that the extension of the branch system has in nowise diminished the circulation of the Central Library, but, as was desired, has rather helped to increase it, shows a most hopeful popular appreciation of this privilege.

It is evident, however, that the utmost enthusiasm for taking books will not be a sufficient justification for a large expenditure, unless it is also clear that the zeal is rightly directed to the end of the growth of sound knowledge.

There is no lack of taste for reading in our community, but much of it, if left to the guidance of the reader's unenlightened judgment, would be but a slight improvement upon, if it were not worse than, absolute idleness. Leaving out of

consideration the downright vicious books, there is a vast range of ephemeral literature, exciting and fascinating, full of plausible unrealities, apologetic of vice or confusing distinctions between plain right and wrong, fostering discontent with the peaceful homely duties which constitute a large portion of average men and women's lives, and, according to the testimony of good medical writers, responsible for an immense amount of the mental disease and moral irregularities which are so troublesome an element of modern society; and this is the kind of reading to which multitudes naturally take, which it is not the business of a town Library to supply, although for a time it may be expedient to yield to its claims, while awaiting the development of more elevated taste.

Notwithstanding many popular notions to the contrary, it is no part of the duty of a municipality to raise taxes for the amusement of people, unless the amusement is tolerably clearly seen to be conducive to higher ends of good citizenship, like the encouragement of patriotism, the promotion of the public health, or the undermining of immorality; and the sole relation of a town Library to the general interest is as a supplement to the school system; as an instrumentality of higher instruction to all classes of people. These truisms have been recognized by the Superintendent, as well in the use of all reasonable efforts to avoid buying the poorest sort of novels, as in a systematic plan of preparing manuals for instructing well-disposed readers, who are hopelessly bewildered in ordinary catalogues in seeking to make a judicious selection of sensible books. The apparatus of the Library in this direction seems to your Committee thoroughly admirable, and they have only to suggest the advisability of making some such classification of the Branch Libraries as will correspond with the catalogue of works of history, biography and travel in the lower hall of the Central Department. The circulation of these Branches is very

largely in the direction of prose fiction and juveniles (in Roxbury, in 1874, 81 per cent. of the circulation ; in East Boston, 79 per cent. ; in South Boston, 78 per cent.) ; and undoubtedly a fair proportion of the readers of such matter would gladly choose thoughtful books of travel and standard histories if they had any idea what they were, or how they were to be reached.

It has been pleasant for some of your Committee to learn that many solid works are circulated among the poorer classes of people, of very limited educational privileges, and that, not infrequently, in the distribution of books, it has been noticed that while the well-dressed applicant carried away some flimsy novel, the less prepossessing and poorly clad neighbor showed an appreciation of a volume of science, art or history.

The advice of the teachers of the public schools is an important help in directing aright the choice of books by the youth who constitute a very large percentage of the frequenters of the Library, and particular efforts of the Superintendent towards informing the masters of those schools what facilities were offered to their pupils, to aid a wise selection of profitable reading matter, would be likely to bear good fruit in its elevation of the character of the circulation,—an aim which the Committee recognize as being always kept in view by the Superintendent.

In this direction may not the Sunday use of the Library be converted to better purposes than it now subserves? The success of the Sunday opening has been favorably mentioned in previous annual reports, and seems to have been greatest in the more densely populated portions of the city, where educational influences are most needed. The readers have now but a limited range, this choice being confined to periodicals, which, though often of a substantial sort, and quite equal in respectability to those which are likely to constitute the Sunday reading of a majority of households, cannot always be of as

profitable a character as frequenters of the reading-room might desire. The Bates Hall collection, which contains the best of literature, to the exclusion of the inferior matter which enters so largely into the circulation of some of the other departments, might be made available for use in the building only; thus involving but a slight increase in the number of the Sunday officials of the Library, while it would hold out an invitation to many persons to make the acquaintance of works of a positively educational value, to which they remain strangers in the hard working hours of the week.

The endeavors of the Trustees and Superintendent to give the Library a truly democratic character, by providing for the wants of the scholarly and cultivated, as well as of those of moderate attainments, seem to be wisely directed. The Committee have been interested to learn of the richness of the collection in many special departments; such as its having the best collection in the world of United States public documents; and that students from all over the Union have been glad to avail themselves of its resources for an assistance to their labors which they could gain in no other city,—applications which it has been found for the Library's reputation to aid by the generous purchase of additional costly volumes of technical treatises.

In the department of history the strength of the Library is of eminent value at times, like that of the present revival of interest in revolutionary matters, an indication of which is shown in the recent use of its materials by New York papers in illustrating their account of the battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill, and the service it affords to historians of national fame.

Not long since an unfavorable comparison was drawn, in one of our popular magazines, between the foresight of such a foreign Library as that of the British Museum, in gathering up every available document, no matter of how appar-

ently ephemeral a character, which bore upon the progress of our civil war, and the deficiencies of American institutions in this regard; insomuch, it was intimated, that the future historian of the rebellion might be compelled to go to London to obtain access to complete data for his record. Whatever justice there may be in this criticism of other American Libraries, it certainly does not apply to this of Boston, for the labors of its officers seem to have been indefatigable in accumulating everything from handbills, ballads, and newspaper scraps, to the most elaborate volumes, which could serve to present to later generations an accurate portrait of the spirit of that momentous period of our national life. In all directions pertaining to the history which is making by the living generation, the managers are showing their appreciation of the teachings of experience to other librarians and book-makers, that nothing which throws light upon the ideas and tastes of an era of thought is so obscure or trivial, so common or unclean, that it is not worthy of preservation. Other Libraries have learned that street ballads, play-bills, political advertisements and caricatures, and like expressions of popular opinion, which are apt to go into the waste-basket or the street-sweepings, often become the most precious of relics to the antiquarian of a later age, who seeks to restore the past to something like vitality, and have been glad to buy collections of such papers at fabulous prices; and it is therefore well that this Library should be extending its hospitality to every kind of printed matter which is, in any fair sense, of historical consequence, especially welcoming contributions illustrating the growth of Boston. The Committee have had occasion, with many of their predecessors, as with the gentlemen of the Trustees, to regret that such valuable matter as the files of newspapers should be exposed to irretrievable ruin in a dark basement.

In closing, they would express their confidence that the Library is performing all, and even more than its founders

could have anticipated, in fulfilling the function of a university for the education of the people, not only of Boston, but of the State; for not the least of its services is its part in presenting a model in the formation of the numerous Libraries which are springing up in all the chief towns of Massachusetts; and they have to thank the Superintendent for his patience in answering all inquiries bearing upon the execution of this trust.

For the Committee,

GEO. A. THAYER.

[B.]

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Trustees: —

GENTLEMEN, — I herewith present my eighth annual report, and referring you to the appendixes for the body of the information which you have a right to expect, I shall touch here such points as need further elucidation.

The addition to the Central Library building, of which a plan was given in last year's report, showing how it was intended to be only the beginning of a more extensive enlargement, was begun, with the breaking of ground, on the 10th of June, 1874. The work was carried on during the summer, subject to delays, which arose in part from the inaccuracy of the working plans. To this is also to be assigned a very unfortunate loss of room on each floor, which has lessened the importance of a series of small rooms up and down the entire new structure. It devolved upon the City Architect to make the best of the plans which were prepared before the creation of his office. After the structure was completed, the wishes of the Library, as to the fitting up of the several departments, were fully met by the Committee on Public Buildings; and the Trustees' room and office of the Superintendent was ready for occupancy on the 10th of January, 1875. The other stories were finished later, at short intervals, and the work was completed in March; and the small anterooms adjacent (in the original structure) in each story were renovated in April; and, at the present writing, all the apartments thus added to the accommodations of the Library are in use. The relief from

the narrow confines in which much of the work was formerly done is great, and only renders more irksome the necessity under which other departments of the service rest, of working in quarters ill adapted to the purpose, and too contracted to ensure either promptitude or exactness in manifold details. The public derives immediate advantage but from one of the new apartments, that given to the Patent Collection in the upper story. The increasing use of this section of the Library had long rendered an enlargement necessary, and it came none too soon for the credit of the institution. The appointments in this room for convenience of investigators are complete, and it is calculated that its capacity will meet the requirements of a dozen years. The next room below, given to the Catalogue Department, brings into close relationship with one another a force that was before scattered inconveniently about the building; and enables it to work with more ease to itself and with greater efficiency for the Library. The room adjacent to the old office of the Superintendent is now ample for the increasing business of his department, and affords the Trustees the accommodations which they have been deprived of for so long. The apartment still lower down is put to use as a general work-room; a use to which the Art-Room has been given over much of the time for the last seven or eight years, to the disappointment of the public, who have accordingly been debarred, except for brief intervals, the inspection of its marbles and pictures. But one floor remains unmentioned, and that is on the level of the Lower Hall. This apartment has been devoted to the Barton and Prince Libraries, with additional shelving for an increasing class of books which belong to the general collection, but which should be kept under special supervision and not allowed to leave the building, or to be seen except with an attendant. The small room adjoining is given to the officer who is placed in immediate charge of these two collections,

which are closed to all visitors except at times when an officer is present.

The lower story of all contains the new apartments of the janitor, and they have recompensed that officer for the loss of other rooms, which have since been taken to enlarge the bindery. This enlargement was accomplished during February and March, through the prompt action of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. The new shops thus arranged give ample room for the nine persons who now constitute the force of that department.

Unfortunately the work of redecorating the Bates Hall, which would have interfered with its use by the public in the smallest degree, had the work been done in July and August, it was not deemed practicable to begin till September, just as the autumn increase of circulation was beginning; and for three months the circulation of that Hall received a check such as it had never received before, inasmuch as all opportunity for the hall use of books was prevented by the staging of the workmen. This was not finally removed till December 5. Sections of the galleries were, after this, closed to use, one after another, while the workmen were engaged in them; and the decorators were not entirely out of the building till early in January. The Hall, in its new dress, is much changed from its former appearance, and has, I believe, given general satisfaction. Its floor surface is now being more and more encroached upon for official purposes, and the time may not be far distant when it will not afford the needful accommodation for readers, as further encroachments seem inevitable. The extension of the Public Card Catalogue has formed a bay, in which the Curator of that Catalogue is conveniently placed for her work, and for the supervision of the users of the Catalogue. The additional drawers which this extension gives will, perhaps, suffice for four or five years longer, when a further extension towards the front of the building will become necessary.

When this is filled there seems no resort but raising a structure in the middle of the Hall, upon the base of the existing cases, so that its dimensions can be duplicated in a second, and perhaps a third story above. I do not doubt but with good architectural discernment it can be managed so as not seriously to detract from the appearance of the Hall.

During the coming summer it seems necessary to enlarge the desk facilities of the delivery end of this Hall. With a circulation reaching at times 600 volumes a day, the conveniences which were planned to meet the requirements of a daily use of one or at most two hundred issues have become greatly insufficient to ensure a systematic and expeditious waiting upon the public. Accordingly a new counter (stretching across the entire width of the Hall on the line of the first columns on either side), which will allow two points of public approach, one of delivery, and the other of receipt, will do much to meet the just expectations of our patrons. In this case the present enclosure could be put in a corresponding position at the other end of the Hall, and serve a useful purpose.

At the same time it would be highly desirable to extend the Parker Gallery laterally into the Hall, so that its additional floor shall form a sort of canopy to the enclosure made by the new counter below. The city architect has in hand his side of the problem, and it is hoped that the way can be made clear to accomplish in this manner a much-needed enlargement of the space, within which the ordering clerk and her attendants perform the critical, laborious and somewhat confusing details of the work belonging to them.

The work during the year upon the other buildings of the Library can be briefly recounted. The annexation of Brighton turned over to Boston an unfinished Library building, which was slightly altered in plan, to suit the requirements of a Branch; and in August, 1874, it was completed and handed over by the contractor to the

Committee on Public Buildings, who, having accepted it, sent the key to this office on the 21st of the same month. The work of removing the books from the old Library rooms was immediately begun, and in ten days the Branch Library was in full operation in its new quarters. The formal dedicatory services were deferred till the cooler weather of October, when they took place in one of the churches; the principal part of the evening's service consisting of an historical address by the Rev. Frederic A. Whitney, who was the President of the Trustees of the Holton Library, as the institution was called previous to its becoming the Brighton Branch of the Public Library.

At Charlestown we were indebted again to the promptness of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, under whose supervision the old rooms of the Mystic Water Board were added to the quarters of the Charlestown Branch. The whole of the second story of the old City Hall being thus given to our use, the parts were rearranged, additional shelving and reading-room accommodations were made; and the rooms of the Charlestown Branch, ornamented as they now are with the large paintings which were a legacy from the old city government of that district, now present one of the most conveniently planned and cheery-looking of our dependencies.

The formation of our new Dorchester Branch was delayed till it was ascertained that quarters could be appropriated for it in the new city building at Field's Corner. When this was decided upon, the work of gathering the books was pushed forward, so that on the completion of the rooms, in January, everything was ready for removal, and possession was taken on the 7th of that month; and on the 25th the business of the Branch began in regular form. A dedication service had in the meanwhile been held in the Rev. Dr. Hall's meeting-house, when the Mayor presided, and addresses and music made up the programme of the

evening. An account of them has been printed as a 'City Document.

A comparison of this year's figures with antecedent ones in the several appendixes will show that the Library has made no backward step during the year. There is one sad feature in this twelve months' record, however, which it is painful to dwell upon. The service has suffered unusually from death. On the 28th of October, Mr. William A. Wheeler, the Assistant Superintendent, and the head of the Catalogue Department, died of typhoid pneumonia, after an illness of about three weeks. On the 30th, the Trustees met, and it was

Resolved, That in the death of William Adolphus Wheeler, the Assistant Superintendent of the Library, this institution has lost an officer signally fitted by scholarly accuracy and thorough research for the special duties of his position; always painstaking and helpful; courteous in every relation, and answering all expectations of this Board, and faithful to the interests of the public.

"This Board tenders its sympathy to his family in their affliction, fully cognizant of a loss which to them is irreparable."

Mr. Wheeler entered the Library service in April, 1869, and I had formed such an attachment for him, and so depended upon his fidelity in his own department, that to an official loss was added the poignancy of a personal deprivation. I have asked Mr. James L. Whitney, his next associate, and most intimate friend in the service, and who has succeeded to his responsibilities, to prepare a brief sketch of his career, which will be found in the appendix. The place that Mr. Whitney vacated has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. James M. Hubbard, from whose scholarship the Library must gain much.

On the 9th of January Mr. Joseph Sykes died of pneumonia. He joined the Library staff in June, 1866,

and was appointed to the charge of the Bates Hall the next year, and was in that position when he died. He had been a painstaking officer. Mr. Sykes has been succeeded by Col. Henry Ware, whose acquirements will find a fit sphere in his associations with the readers who draw upon the higher departments of the Library.

Major J. Otis Williams, who for several years had had charge of the Pamphlet Collections and of the Tosti Engravings, had so far succumbed to an attack of pulmonary consumption, that he was forced to leave the service in the autumn, and has since died.

Mr. Edward Capen, whose connection with the Library antedated that of any one still surviving, left the service at the close of 1874, and took charge of a new Public Library in Haverhill.

Almost at the beginning of the year Mr. Frederic B. Perkins was assigned to my office as a Secretary and Sub-executive officer, and I have to acknowledge my indebtedness for the alacrity and helpfulness of his labors with me.

In January Mr. José Francisco Carret was appointed to the charge of the enlarged Patent Room, with added duties, covering the care of the engravings, and helping in the Catalogue Department. At the same time Mr. Arthur Mason Knapp was made Curator of the Periodical and Pamphlet Departments, and given the immediate supervision of the Barton and Prince Libraries in their new apartments. Other changes in the Library force are noted in the roll of the service given in the appendix.

The work of the Catalogue Department suffered an interruption at the time of the death of Mr. Wheeler, and that event compelled some change in its organization. The current addition of over 20,000 volumes, including duplicates, has strained the capacity of the force as organized to its utmost. The labor of this department on the duplicates is small, but it is made up for, in the aggregate of 20,000,

by the excess of labor on composite volumes, containing many titles, and requiring manifold cross-references.

There have been sixty-one of the ordinary broadside sheets of titles printed during the year, covering probably about 6,000 titles. Taking these on the average, as requiring a main entry and three cross-references to each title, and doubling for the duplication (Public Card Catalogue and Official Card Catalogue), it will make about 50,000 cards prepared. In addition, five special broadside sheets have been printed, containing perhaps an average of twenty-five titles each, which, if each required seventy-five cards for the two catalogues, would make between six and seven thousand additional cards, comprising altogether nearly 60,000 entries of the ordinary accessions of the Central Library, which have been made by the cataloguers.

This does not include the subsidiary copying of the work for the Lower Hall Catalogues, which is done for official and public convenience by the officers of that department.

The cataloguer's work is followed by that of the Curator of the Public Card Catalogue and her assistants, and she reports that the number of cards mounted and inscribed under her direction has been nearly 70,000 from the broadsides. In addition to this, and in order to make the Public Card Catalogue a complete representation of the entire collection of the Central Library, considerable progress has been made in cutting up the Bulletins (issued anterior to the establishment of the printed card system), the printed volumes of the Bates Hall Catalogues, and the Lower Hall Class Lists. The titles thus cut out are pasted on as many cards as the cross-references require, and are then inserted in their proper alphabetical places. Over 30,000 such cards have been added to this Public Catalogue, and this makes a total of about 100,000 cards mounted and inscribed during the year.

Considerable labor has also been expended on the original

large cards of the Official Catalogue, to reduce them to the dimensions of the present standard; but the work is not yet wholly done.

About 1,100 of the Ticknor volumes have also been catalogued during the year, completing that work; and since August the whole of the Catalogue of that collection has been revised, preparatory to going to press, which is shortly to be done.

As regards the books of the Barton Library the year has been occupied in entering them on the Accessions Catalogue, and in getting those needing binding through that process, which is nearly completed. At present writing the books are undergoing transfer to their future depository in the new addition; and when the Ticknor Catalogue is well started in the press, Mr. Whitney hopes to begin the work of cataloguing the Barton. For the present the slips of main entries prepared for the Accessions Catalogue answer the purpose of a Finding List.

Nothing further has been done in cataloguing the Barton Library except in the preparation of the bibliographical notes relating to the early quarto and folio editions of Shakespeare, which have appeared by instalments in the monthly reports of the Superintendent during the year. They have elicited responses from Shakespearians in this country and in Europe, and opened a correspondence that will be of advantage as the work of cataloguing goes on.

The usual quarterly Bulletins of the latest accessions have also been prepared, printed and distributed, and bibliographical notes, with characterizations of books, and surveys of subjects in their literary aspects, have been a feature of increasing prominence, and it is hoped of growing importance to the users of the books. These notes have been of the character of those which were given in the Class List of History, Biography and Travel, mentioned in the report of last year, and whose effect upon the circulation

of the Lower Hall (popular department) has been carefully noted during the year. For the first four months the increase of use of the books in these classes over the corresponding period of the previous year was about 160 per cent. ; and not more than 2 or 3 per cent. of this can be attributed to the increased circulation of that department. For the next eight months of the year, that is from September, 1874, to April, 1875, the relative effect was diminished, because the same Catalogue was in use the previous year in corresponding months. With this disadvantage, the accumulative gain in inciting readers to a better choice of books is shown by an increase of 23 per cent. in these classes of books, of which not more than 6 or 7 per cent. is due to the general increase of reading. The figures in Appendix XVI show that the use of fiction and juveniles has been reduced during the year in an unprecedented manner. Having been as high as 78 per cent. it is now reduced to 69, and the gain has been entirely in the departments of History, Biography and Travel.

There is no direct means of ascertaining the influence that the Catalogue may have had upon the use of the Bates Hall. The increased demand upon that department is considerable, notwithstanding that for more than three months, when the staging of the decorators encumbered the Hall, the use of books was confined to such as could take them away. And this enlarged use is not improbably owing in some considerable degree to the assistance of that catalogue, which is found to be in frequent requisition by the patrons of that Hall.

Early in 1871 a young man one day inquired in which of Scott's novels he could find Cromwell as a character ; and his question gave rise to a determination to ascertain if an enumeration of imaginative literature in some way by which historical personages and events could be traced, would be generally desirable. A list was rapidly prepared of the

most obvious instances of such books, whether in prose fiction, in dramas or in verse, arranging the titles primarily by countries, and then by chronology; and an edition of 500 copies was struck off. The speed with which the edition was exhausted seemed to prove the point, and as opportunity offered, considerable labor was bestowed upon the plan, and the list having swelled to several times the extent of the trial issue, it was printed and put before the public in January last; and it has been received with an avidity which argues well for the interest it has for the general reader. It was not devised as a catalogue, and so no shelf-numbers were appended to the entries, which are usually mere memoranda, intended rather as suggestions. In its scope it fitly supplements the History Class List, and the two together are doing not a little, it is hoped, to teach people the relations of books to subjects, to each other, and to the needs of intelligent readers.

There is no doubt that the fineness of the type in the notes of the History Catalogue debars many from using it; and perhaps too much sacrifice was made to economy in its printing. I am, however, of the opinion, that when the present supply is exhausted, or nearly so, a reissue of the notes, increased as they can be to advantage to two or three times their present bulk, for which material is already gathered, and embodying also the matter of the "Historical Fiction" already referred to, and all put in type of a size that will be more grateful to the eye, will serve a better purpose as a manual for readers, to be used in connection with the catalogues, than in its present form of notes appended to catalogue entries. It is not intended, however, to omit the bracketed shelf number as now given in connection with the references to the books.

Our stock of Lower Hall Catalogues is ample for the coming year, except the list of books in the foreign languages, which is nearly exhausted. Preparatory to

going to press with a new edition, the alcoves devoted to this class have been gone over, and such books as have not proved to be in demand in the popular departments have been prepared for removal to the Bates Hall. This will somewhat diminish the extent of the list, which, during the year, it is hoped to carry through the press with fuller titles than before, and corresponding in methods to the more recent issues of these Class Lists. Of the other lists we have these copies on hand : —

Fiction and Juveniles	850
Arts and Sciences	1,300
Poetry, Drama, etc.	3,450
History, etc.	1,500

In this connection a word of explanation may be made about the Indicator of the Lower Hall, which, during the last two months, has been disused. It was put in position in 1867, the joint device of Prof. Jewett, the late Superintendent, and of Mr. H. R. Taylor, the cabinet-maker. It was thought at the time to be unique both in principle and purpose; but it was afterwards discovered that a similar instrument had been in use at Manchester, England, for several years. Its use here led to its adoption in other libraries, sometimes with modifications of its construction. At the time it was thought to work well, and in some particulars it does now; but the large increase of use of the Lower Hall has brought out its weak points more prominently, which chiefly consist in the inability to get the users of the Library to use it invariably, and in the misleading it gives frequently regarding books much in demand. These go out for instance to earlier applicants, causing the pegs to be turned (to indicate the going out) *after* applications have been put in by later applicants. Upon an investigation of the matter it was decided that the advantages and disadvantages — among these the delay necessary in checking off a book

before it goes out — were so evenly balanced, that in the narrow quarters now allowed the growing crowds of the public, the room it occupies can be more serviceably used in other ways. Accordingly it is hoped during the dull season of next summer to have some modifications made of the Lower Hall Delivery Room, to fit it better for the accommodation of adults and girls at hours when the boys largely monopolize it.

In the enumeration already made of the catalogue work mention was not made of this service as regards the Branches ; one assistant in the Catalogue Department does all this work. While the necessary cards are sent with the books to the respective Branches, a consolidated record for all the Branches is kept by this cataloguer at the Central Library ; such consolidated file supplementing the printed catalogues of the several Branches, and corresponding to the entries in the printed quarterly Bulletins. The Card Catalogues, kept at the several Branches, would, however, supply the copy to be used by the printer, whenever Supplemental Branch Catalogues become necessary. The catalogue of the Charlestown Branch needs thorough revision and reduction to our system ; that of the Library in its former independence not conforming to our usages. With this recataloguing would come a rearrangement of the books whenever the expense attending it can be readily borne. The present confused state of affairs has more or less deleterious effect upon the usefulness of the Library. The same statement in some measure applies to the Brighton catalogue, which came to us with the transfer of the Library ; but there is no difficulty in this case from bad arrangement of the books, and the want of conformity of system can well enough continue till there is urgency for a new catalogue for other reasons. The gathering and opening of the Dorchester Branch called for the printing of its list of books, which was done under the immediate charge of Mr. Wm. H. Foster, the Library proof-reader.

The cataloguing and other care of the bound newspapers has devolved upon Miss Elizabeth J. Stevenson, and the growth of that department, over 400 volumes during the year, does not indicate in an adequate degree the labor of collation and preparation for the binder which is involved. This work during the early part of the year was done in the dark and confined central area of the underground Newspaper Room, where a current of out-door air is necessary in the summer to prevent the condensation of moisture; and in winter the apartment is only less adapted to its purposes. Gaslight is necessary at all times. Since the new addition was completed this labor of arrangement has been done in the new general workroom, which strongly contrasts with the unhealthy gloom of the Newspaper Room. Its remoteness from that collection, however, renders it more or less inconvenient to do the work there.

Our collection of bound newspapers now numbers over 2,600 volumes; and on the upper wall surface of the same rooms are placed the sale duplicates, numbering between 9,000 and 10,000 volumes. This is not an undesirable plan to save room, inasmuch as the bulk of newspaper volumes renders it impracticable for easy handling to place them above reach from the floor, and the upper wall surfaces are thus economically available for the storage of duplicates. That they cannot long, however, remain in the present unfit apartments, without bringing more or less discredit to the Library, is quite certain in the opinion of those who are forced to make the descent to our Newspaper Room to consult its files; and it is to be hoped that the City Council will put the Library and its patrons under renewed obligations at as early a day as is possible, by allowing an addition to the south-east corner of the building, similar to that which has just been completed at the opposite angle.

The service of the Central Library, which from modest

beginnings has grown to over sixty persons, is hardly decently provided with the toilet arrangements and retiring closets which must be needed by so large a number of the two sexes. There is absolutely no provision made for this purpose, except in an extemporized way in public passages, where privacy is impossible. This omission in the planning of the building needs also to be remedied in this prospective addition.

I need not enlarge here upon the advantage of better accommodations for students, as distinct from borrowers of books, which will in time doubtless be provided for.

That the accommodations in the Lower Hall, both for frequenters of the Reading-Room and for borrowers of books, are not sufficient has long been felt; and I confidently look forward to the enlarging and rearranging of these several apartments, by making use of the lot between the Library and the Hotel Pelham, and availing of the passage under that building for another entrance to the Library. At certain hours the space of the Lower Hall apartment is so largely monopolized by boys, that adults and girls are deprived of their rights; and an arrangement of the divisionary nature in use at the Roxbury Branch seems desirable.

The Sunday opening of the Reading-Room has had another year's trial. From the start the use of the Central Reading-Room has been abundantly commensurate and has justified the movement. At the Branches the trial has not given similar results. The use of the second year has hardly increased over the first year; and at Brighton the opening, for want of support, has been discontinued. At Dorchester there has been no demand for it as yet.

Our benefactors continue mindful of us. The record of those who send us, gratuitously, books and other publications still evinces an interest in the institution, which tells largely of the hold it has upon the sympathies of our

citizens and of strangers. There are those in distant parts of the country and in other lands who never fail to remember us as occasion offers; and among the agents of our government abroad we have had evidence of the kindly intercession of Judge Russell at Caraccas; and among publishers of our own country, Robert Clarke & Co., of Cincinnati, have bestowed many of these gratifying remembrances. We owe to Mrs. Lydia H. Parker, the widow of Theodore Parker, the gift of a number of interesting scrap-books and other volumes, which had been retained by her when the Library of her husband was removed to our alcoves. President Tuttle, of Wabash College, has sent a hundred or more books and pamphlets, many of them monographs of a class peculiarly difficult to obtain,—a welcome instance of discriminating assistance. Mention should also be made of the characteristic labors of the Rev. E. P. Tenney, of Ashland, who has constantly rescued for us, from the paper mills, old books and pamphlets, which do much towards completing our records of the past.

The figures showing the extent of our collection still place the institution in the foremost rank among American Libraries; and as the Library grows it seems to strengthen in sinew as well as to stretch in frame, and, with the prosperity of our city running on in the future, there can be no reason why it shall not have a success still more gratifying to its conductors; acquire a name more creditable to the municipality which supports it; and present attractions more grateful to the public which uses it. No one can know more continually than its officers its shortcomings. To no one are its defects so often presented, both by those who conceive of the difficulties of its administration, and offer sympathy with their suggestions, and by those, happily few in number, who measure the regularity of a great machine by any chance ungearing that may attract their notice. The wonder is perhaps that all runs so smoothly. If a day is

spent in rearranging and readjusting parts — and few days are passed without more or less of such labor — we might think that human agencies stand badly the trial; but when we survey the year's work, as made up in the appendixes of this report, see the constancy of averages, and the sensitiveness of the system to outer agencies, we feel much more inclined to hold that we are contemplating a sensate organism, which fulfils the law of its destiny.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent.

May 8, 1875.

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TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

1875.

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APPENDIX I.

EXTENT OF THE LIBRARY, BY YEARS.

YEARS.	CENTRAL LIBRARY.				ROXBURY BRANCH.		SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.	EAST BOSTON BRANCH.	WEST BOSTON BRANCH.	CHARLESTOWN BRANCH.	BRIGHTON BRANCH.	DORCHESTER BRANCH.	WEST Roxbury BRANCH.	Pamphlets added from the beginning.
	Dates Hall.	Lower Hall.	News Paper Room.	Duplicate Room.	City Part. Athenaeum.	Total.								
1. 1852-53	961
2. 1853-54	3,950
3. 1854-55	6,507
4. 1855-56	12,386
5. 1856-57	16,053
6. 1857-58	17,938
7. 1858-59	19,236
8. 1859-60	20,707
9. 1860-61	27,381
10. 1861-62	28,874
11. 1862-63	31,043
12. 1863-64	31,837
13. 1864-65	32,553
14. 1865-66	36,566
15. 1866-67	44,443
16. 1867-68	47,254
17. 1868-69	61,177
18. 1869-70	74,770
19. 1870-71	89,746
20. 1871-72	100,383
21. 1872-73	112,153
22. 1873-74	134,628
23. 1874-75	150,921

* A actual count. † Nine months.
NOTE. The figures under West Part may be recollections from duplicates for such prospective Branch.

NOTE.— The aggregate of pamphlets "added from the beginning" includes many since bound, singly or in groups (which are now counted among volumes), and a very large number of duplicates, which are thrown out and put among the pamphlets held for exchange.

APPENDIX II.

YEARLY INCREASE OF THE WHOLE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE
AND BY GIFTS.

NOTE.—The increase of volumes is not the sum of those added by gift and purchase, etc., because lost and condemned books are deducted.

YEARS.		Increase. (Net after 1861.)		Gifts.		Purchases, including those charged to funds and added by exchange.		Fellowes Athenæum.†	Donors, excluding anonymous.
		Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	*Pamph.	Vols.	
1	1852-53	9,688	961	4,000	961	5,688	. . .	. . .	75
2	1853-54	6,533	2,980	2,152	2,980	4,381	. . .	. . .	105
3	1854-55	6,396	2,557	2,663	2,463	3,733	89	. . .	153
4	1855-56	5,463	5,879	1,865	5,300	3,598	549	. . .	126
5	1856-57	6,816	3,667	1,686	3,646	5,130	21	. . .	132
6	1857-58	35,955	1,885	23,214	1,885	5,741	. . .	. . .	381
7	1858-59	7,192	1,217	3,405	1,317	3,787	. . .	. . .	247
8	1859-60	6,980	1,452	3,741	1,452	3,245	. . .	. . .	207
9	1860-61	16,048	6,674	12,200	6,656	4,649	18	. . .	242
10	1861-62	7,391	1,493	1,274	1,493	6,117	. . .	. . .	234
11	1862-63	5,529	2,169	829	1,953	4,700	212	. . .	194
12	1863-64	6,223	2,930	1,081	2,772	5,145	167	. . .	219
13	1864-65	6,082	1,516	804	1,925	5,178	490	. . .	328
14	1865-66	7,662	4,013	1,476	3,342	6,286	671	. . .	336
15	1866-67	5,303	7,877	1,465	7,769	7,732	108	. . .	300
16	1867-68	7,673	2,811	1,554	2,513	6,396	298	. . .	342
17	1868-69	8,685	13,923	2,138	10,984	6,531	2,939	. . .	649
18	1869-70	7,775	13,593	1,643	10,228	6,129	3,365	. . .	666
19	1870-71	18,090	14,976	9,750	10,805	8,349	4,171	. . .	604
20	1871-72	13,708	10,637	4,349	5,831	9,359	4,806	. . .	610
21	1872-73	14,644	11,770	3,990	8,060	10,705	3,710	865	601
22	1873-74	51,094	22,475	4,783	17,138	18,671	5,337	1,330	739
23	1874-75	16,372	16,293	4,169	15,399	17,080	394	572	1,091

* Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession Catalogue. The large number, of recent years, has been occasioned by the systematic completion of serials and periodicals for the Central Library, as well as for the Branches.

† Included in previous columns. These volumes are not the property of the Public Library, but form a part of the Roxbury Branch by agreement.

(6) Of the increase, 24,618 were the Bates gift.

(9) Of the increase, 11,721 were the Parker bequest.

(19) 3,774 volumes of the Ticknor bequest, and 2,632 from the Sumner Library Association, are included in the increase.

(20) 1,471 volumes from the Mattapan Literary Association are included in the increase.

(22) The increase of this year includes the totals of the libraries at Charlestown and Brighton, and also, under purchases, the Barton Library, 12,057 vols.

APPENDIX III.

EXTENT OF THE BATES HALL COLLECTION IN VOLUMES.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
The Gen'l Library .	87,658	93,553	101,428	107,724	115,232	121,709	126,207	133,585	140,379
Patent Library							2,120	2,323	||2,457
Bowditch Library* .	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542
Parker Library* . . .	†11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,935
Prinee Library	1,952	1,952	1,952	1,952	†1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970
Tieknor Library					3,774	§3,907	3,907	3,907	3,940
Barton Library								12,057	**11,902
Entered on the Accession Catalogue, but not yet located	1,678	1,327	140	294	361	651	829	187	. . .
	105,737	111,281	117,969	124,419	135,786	142,686	149,482	166,453	175,125
Condemned	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	0	3
Total	105,737	111,281	117,967	124,419	135,786	142,685	149,477	168,478	175,122

* See Appendix IX.

† Including 186 duplicates, which are boxed and stored in the basement.

‡ Including 18 vols. of MSS.

§ Includes 31 vols. of MSS., as bound.

|| Included before 1873 in the General Library. Now in charge of a special Curator. The additions for the year are 134 vols., namely, 115 English; 11 American; and 8 French.

** The number given last year was as near as could be reckoned before the entry on the Accession Catalogue was made. The number given this year is what have actually been entered, and the full number will probably, in the end, exceed last year's report.

NOTE. — Of the volumes lost from the Bates Hall some reappear each year, while a few in excess disappear, increasing the aggregate loss a little, so that it is probable the figures of the Bates Hall collection are a trifle in excess of what an actual count would indicate.

APPENDIX IV.

EXTENT OF THE LOWER HALL COLLECTION.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
Reported the preceding year	25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605	32,596	
Added during the year	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799	1,465	3,385	
Total	27,202	29,075	30,140	32,689	33,188	33,626	34,070	35,981	
Books transferred to Bates Hall	339	93	19	23	7	1	6	37	
Books transferred to Branches				859	535	342	166	10	
Condemned during the year	257	259	212	1,233	819	678	1,303	2,539	
Total left	*25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605	32,596	33,395

* Actual count.

NOTE. — There have been since the last actual count in 1867, over a hundred volumes irrecoverably lost in the Lower Hall. Perhaps an equal number are to be classed as "unaccounted for," but may reappear.

APPENDIX V.

SALE DUPLICATES AND ODD VOLUMES.

(Not including the Parker duplicates, or a large lot of odd and imperfect volumes of books, not likely to have the missing volumes supplied, which are boxed up at intervals.)

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
Number at beginning of year	4,955	5,146	5,805	6,106	6,954	7,314	8,183	9,400	
Added during the year	714	1,004	847	443	383	996	1,375	1,641	1,234
	5,669	6,150	6,652	6,549	7,950	8,689	9,824	10,724	
Disposed of	523	345	546	304	234	636	506	334	†786
Total	5,146	5,805	6,106	6,245	*6,954	*7,314	*8,183	9,400	*9,938

* This number is by an actual count of the serviceable volumes now arranged in our Duplicate Room; and it includes one hundred and forty volumes of newspapers.

† Being divided as follows: — 241 sent to Branches; 50 Blue books, assigned to Bates Hall by subjects, the first copies being in the set of British documents; 326 Blue books sent to Yale College Library on exchange account; and 169 volumes otherwise disposed of by exchange.

NOTE. — There are also of pamphlets some forty thousand duplicates, arranged and ready for exchanges. Libraries are invited to make such exchanges.

APPENDIX VI.

INCREASE OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	
<i>Eates Hall.</i>	Gain in located books (App. VIII.)	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,384	6,622	6,198	6,504
	Of these not located at last Report	1,678	1,327	140	294	4,135	651	829	187
	Added and located . . .	4,619	6,148	6,156	7,214	6,249	5,971	5,369	6,377
	Added and not located . . .	1,327	140	294	4,135	651	829	*12,244	. . . . .
	Total gain	5,946	6,288	6,450	11,349	6,900	6,800	17,613	6,377
	Condemned . . . . .	. . . . .	2	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	5	. . . . .	3
	Net gain	5,946	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	6,795	17,613	6,374
<i>Lower Hall.</i>	Gain in located books .	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799	1,465	3,385
	Less transfers and condemned books	596	352	231	2,115	1,361	1,021	1,480	2,586
	Net gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778	15 (loss) †	799
<i>Newspaper Room.</i>	Gain in located books .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	254	101	402
	Less loss . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
	Net gain . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	254	101	402
<i>Duplicate Room.</i>	Gain by addition . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	1,375	1,041	1,234
	Less loss by exch'es, etc.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	506	334	786
	Net gain	659	301	139	149	360	869	1,307	448
<i>F. Boston Branch.</i>	Gain in located books .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	5,936	881	621	664	915
	Condemned and lost . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	50	97	143	334
	Net gain . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	5,936	831	524	521	581
<i>S. Boston Branch.</i>	Gain in located books .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	855	850	1,359
	Condemned and lost . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	76	217	644
	Net gain . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	4,365	809	633	715

* Includes 12,057 (close estimate) of the Barton books, and 187 other volumes.

† The condemnations have been large for the year, the transfers few; but their combined excess over the gains, which are exceptionally small on account of the few books published in this country, shows, for the first time, an absolute loss for the year.

APPENDIX VI, *Continued.*

		1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
<i>Rox. Branch.</i>	Gain in city part . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,754	1,069	1,296
	Condemned and lost . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	26	46
	Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,750	1,043	1,250
	Fellowes Athenæum . . (Net gain.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865	1,330	572
	Total gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,615	2,373	1,822
<i>Chn. Branch.</i>	Gain in located books .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,932	1,305
	Condemned and lost . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	144	403
	Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,788	902
<i>Bri. Branch.</i>	Gain in located books .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,049	430
	Condemned and lost . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	75
	Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,037	405
<i>Dor. Branch.</i>	Gain in located books .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,905
	Condemned and lost . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0
	Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	3,905
<i>W. Rox Branch</i>	Duplicates reserved for this Branch . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	19
<i>Total Increase.</i>	Bates Hall gain	5,946	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	6,795	19,271	6,374
	Lower Hall gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778	(lose) 15	799
	Newspaper Room gain .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254	101	402
	Duplicate Room gain . .	659	301	139	149	360	869	1,307	448
	E. B. Branch gain . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,936	831	524	521	581
	S. B. Branch gain . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,365	800	633	715
	Rox. Branch gain . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,750	1,043	1,250
	Fellowes Athenæum gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865	1,330	572
	Chn. Branch gain . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,788	902
	Bri. Branch gain . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,037	405
	Dor. Branch gain . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	3,905
W. R. Branch gain . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	19	
	Total gain	8,012	8,708	7,775	18,099	13,708	14,644	51,094	16,371

APPENDIX VII.

INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
English Books with British imprint . .	635	708	625	811	899	1,006	1,339	1,294	1,533
English Books with American imprint.	1,154	1,445	1,455	1,411	2,200	3,042	4,301	3,807	7,365
English Books with Continental imprint	104	100	80	50	43	115	201	125	375
Foreign Books	539	673	789	437	561	891	1,064	858	767
Duplicates of either class, when not included in the other items	97	.....	447	243	480	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	2,529	2,926	3,396	3,007	4,194	5,744	7,045	6,084	10,040

APPENDIX VIII.

VOLUMES LOCATED IN BATES HALL, BY MONTHS.

MONTHS.	1868-69.	1869-70.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1872-73.	1873-74.	1874-75.
May	758	.....	727	455	584	357	383
June	509	.....	480	464	584	527	477
July	1,037	.....	462	291	631	839	713
August	333	347	520	518	554	405	560
September . .	713	833	378	511	457	436	622
October	866	697	546	295	520	414	590
November . . .	443	763	695	*4,523	489	377	722
December . . .	639	632	905	651	646	507	758
January	626	834	427	611	658	665	427
February . . .	563	633	706	724	456	594	349
March	521	382	1,001	788	551	472	419
April	417	1,175	661	†598	492	605	544
Total	7,475	6,206	7,508	10,334	6,622	6,198	6,564
Pamphlet vols. arranged by the Curator . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	385	554	206	159

NOTE. — These monthly figures are the results of tables made out year by year, like the one constituting Appendix VI for 1869. The figures for May, June, and July, 1868-69, should follow those for April of the same year. They were misplaced to adapt the table to a change of the Library year.

* 3,876 are books of the Ticknor Library, then assigned to permanent places.

† Includes 31 vols. of the Ticknor MSS.

Pamphlets. During the year the Curator of pamphlets has continued the arrangement of all the loose pamphlets by subjects, etc., in the Cabinet Room; and such as were duplicates and not needed have been arranged in adjacent apartments.

APPENDIX IX.
BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

(Not including volumes added, but not yet located.)

SPECIAL LIBRARIES.					Class No.	CLASSES.	GENERAL LIBRARY.										Total of Books In- cluding Special Libraries.
1858.	1861.	1866.	1871.	1873.			Located 1857.	Located 1858.	Located 1859.	Located 1870.	Located 1871.	Located 1872.	Located 1873.	Located 1874.	Located 1875.	May 1, 1875.	
Bowditch	Parker	Prince	Ticknor	Patron	Patent	I. Cyclopaedias, etc.	24	86	19	22	32	10	9	13	1,263		
32	596	3	246			II. Bibliography and Literary History	170	231	326	271	235	205	106	178	4,475		
18	650	54				III. General History, Biography, Travel and Geography	170	140	184	167	223	199	210	240	4,707		
96	707	621	152		154	IV. American History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Public Literature	515	1,168	1,438	918	1,305	983	962	1,380	19,490		
75	573	69	16		2,096	V. English History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Public Literature	493	762	739	767	1,018	605	712	611	15,519		
59	413	7	40		297	VI. French History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Public Literature	188	335	413	297	263	536	433	271	8,998		
9	291	2	30			VII. Italian History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Public Literature	87	229	189	160	238	60	198	147	6,149		
7	1,283	8	18			VIII. Germanic History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Public Literature	228	159	266	222	250	260	210	184	5,287		
6	1,122	106	27			IX. Greek, Latin, and Philology	190	100	112	97	107	123	98	114	3,905		
20	82		2,798			X. Spanish and Portuguese History, and Literature						47	57	25	687		
2	369	1				XI. Other History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Literature	214	216	189	160	262	176	143	148	3,692		

Not yet classified.

903	601	5	97	XII. Periodicals and Transactions	314	311	567	445	560	397	394	208	222	13,632	15,143
144	3,243	872	310	XIII. Theology, Ecclesiastical History, etc.	968	595	836	617	985	496	620	672	684	13,467	18,036
5	1,247	40	77	XIV. Metaphysics and Social Science	185	343	429	444	378	203	324	290	397	5,688	7,066
3	307	13	30	XV. Jurisprudence	145	161	111	112	114	106	115	109	115	2,957	3,300
65	98	15	15	XVI. Political Economy	79	66	118	75	130	58	101	97	148	1,464	1,642
3	66	22	...	XVII. Medical Science	370	556	706	515	365	669	747	499	570	9,032	9,123
14	124	...	...	XVIII. Natural History and Science	155	170	172	212	191	331	289	188	223	1,701	5,839
821	90	20	53	XIX. Mathematics and Physical Sciences	312	318	394	449	485	434	323	301	263	7,523	8,510
4	9	...	...	XX. Useful Arts	96	116	119	102	76	181	256	265	174	2,106	2,179
...	29	1	...	XXI. Fine Arts	197	205	183	338	253	215	201	162	215	4,339	4,309
6	...	...	...	XXII. Bound Vols. of Miscellaneous Pamphlets . . . . .	...	15	6	5	3	9	5	5	9	430	445
...	...	18	31	XXIII. Bound Vols. of Manuscripts . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	1	0	50	50
2,542	11,835	1,970	3,940	Totals	5,100	6,237	7,475	6,296	7,508	6,477	6,622	5,995	6,383	140,379	175,122

EXPLANATION.—Class III includes General History, Universal Biographies, Histories of Eras, Voyages and Travels, when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians.

Class IV includes North and South American History, Documents and Statistics, Biographies of Americans, Geography of, and Voyages and Travels in America, with the collected works of American writers, and what of American Literature is sometimes termed Polygraphy.

Class V, CLASS VI, CLASS VII, CLASS VIII.—Those have the same scope for the respective countries that Class IV has for America. Class VIII includes also Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland, as also the Scandinavian nations.

Class XI includes Russia, Greece, Turkey, with Asia, Africa, Australia, Polynesia, etc.

Class XIV includes Political Science, Social Science, and Ethics applied and unapplied, Intellectual Science, Education, Rhetoric, Logic, Chronology, etc.

Class XIX includes Mechanics, Military and Naval Arts, Agriculture, Domestic Arts, etc.

Class XXII embraces all such pamphlet volumes as may have been received from time to time, and are generally too heterogeneous in their make-up to be classed otherwise than by themselves.

The subdivisions of classes are kept in ranges by themselves, so that for purposes of enumeration or learning percentage of use, it is practicable at any time to get exact figures upon the subdivisions; as also upon such points as Biography, Travel and Voyages, etc., by summing the results of the ranges devised to them in the several alcoves.

NOTE.—The above figures of the special collections, excepting the Patent Library, which is yearly increased, exhibit them as when received in the Public Library and assigned to our shelves. There have been since then some small additions to them, chiefly from continuations of serials, but such accessions are counted in the classes of the general Library, though the books are located with the special collection. The increase of the Ticknor Library will hereafter be considerable from the fund left by the donor; but the accession will appear in this table under the increase of the General Library.

The annual increase of the Patent Library is included in the last column of the Special Libraries, and not in the yearly locations of the General Library.

The column "May 1, 1874," does not include the totals of the Patent Library, or of the other special libraries.

APPENDIX X.

LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASSES.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.						Total, May 1, 1875.	
	Total Aug. 1.	Total Aug. 1.	Total Aug. 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total, May 1.	New books added.	Duplicates added.	Condemed books replaced.	Total added, 1874-75.	Transferred to B. H.	Transferred to Branches.		Condemed.
Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, etc.	1,488	1,569	1,651	1,703	1,753	1,805	1,802	1,792	28	3	5	36	..	..	6	1,822
Jurisprudence and Political Science	270	276	280	283	279	275	285	294	5	..	4	9	..	..	2	301
Medicine, Mathematics, Physics or Natural Science	1,705	1,778	1,857	1,898	1,903	1,943	2,043	2,098	62	13	22	97	16	..	27	2,116
Useful and Fine Arts, Military and Naval Science . .	599	629	647	654	639	620	656	668	21	4	10	35	..	..	12	691
American History and Politics	1,023	1,059	1,082	1,089	1,086	1,070	1,077	1,070	11	2	8	21	1	..	19	1,072
Foreign History and Politics	1,333	1,374	1,387	1,401	1,363	1,359	1,354	1,362	23	1	4	28	..	..	10	1,380
Poetry, Drama, Oratory, Rhetoric	2,268	2,344	2,534	2,576	2,467	2,529	2,544	2,540	49	7	29	85	11	..	53	2,572
English Prose Fiction, including Juvenile Fiction, and other juvenile books	7,165	8,062	9,130	9,818	10,460	11,281	11,864	11,858	409	633	1639	2,631	5	10	2,113	12,425
Biography	2,342	2,223	2,300	2,336	2,298	2,281	2,246	2,234	45	5	31	81	..	..	37	2,278
Travels	1,897	1,871	1,989	2,041	1,990	1,980	1,965	1,956	60	14	27	101	..	..	47	2,040
Libraries, Collections, Periodicals, etc.*	2,621	2,798	3,125	3,305	3,478	3,771	3,827	3,728	64	26	72	162	4	..	192	3,898
German Books	1,137	1,206	1,232	1,246	1,247	1,250	1,262	1,261	9	..	6	15	..	..	13	1,263
Italian Books	221	221	221	224	223	226	227	228	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	229
French Books	1,043	1,104	1,191	1,209	1,209	1,213	1,232	1,244	3	..	1	4	..	..	7	1,241
Spanish Books . . . . .	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Books of Reference	87	92	97	123	171	214	225	232	15	..	14	29	..	..	1	260
Totals	25,199	26,606	28,723	29,903	30,574	31,827	32,005	32,596	804	708	1873	3,386	37	10	2,539	33,396

* This class, embracing sets like Bohn's "Libraries," etc., includes many books, of course, which in a minute classification, would have been divided among all the previous heads of this table.
 NOTE. — The column of "Condemed books replaced" includes books condemed in previous years as well as in the current year. The column "Total added" shows the number of volumes as put upon the shelves, counting as one those bound two volumes in one, etc.

APPENDIX XI.

DONATIONS MAY 1, 1874, TO APRIL 30, 1875.

Donors (excluding anonymous),	1,091
Volumes,	4,169
Pamphlets,	10,153
Nos. of Periodicals,	5,746
	} 15,899

Note.—The income of the Library Funds is expended for books, which are credited yearly to the respective founders. See APPENDIX XXIII.

DONORS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Abbot, G. J., <i>Meadville, Pa.</i> ,		1
Acadia College, <i>Wolfville, N. S.</i> ,		2
Adams, <i>Hon.</i> Charles F.,	6	
Adams, J. F. A., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Pittsfield</i> ,	1	
Advocates' Library, <i>Edinburgh</i> ,	1	
Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College, <i>Auburn, Ala.</i> ,		6
Alabama Insane Hospital, <i>Tuscaloosa, Ala.</i> ,		9
Albany County Bible Society, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> ,		11
Albany Law School, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> ,		2
Albèri, <i>Chev.</i> Eugenio, <i>Florence, Italy</i> ,	1	
Alfred University, <i>Alfred Centre, N. Y.</i> ,		8
Allen, J. C., <i>Leominster</i> ,		12
Allen, <i>Miss</i> Margaret,		2
Allen, <i>Hon.</i> William, <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> ,		1
Allibone, S. Austin, <i>LL. D.</i> , <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , A set of proofs of Article Shakespeare in his "Dictionary of authors,"		
American Academy of Arts and Sciences,	1	
American Antiquarian Society, <i>Worcester</i> ,	1	2
American Association for the Advancement of Science,	1	
American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> ,		1
American Baptist Missionary Union,	1	
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,	2	
American Congregational Association,		6
American Education Society,		1
American Female Guardian Society, <i>New York City</i> ,		6
American Institute of Mining Engineers,	1	
American Ophthalmological Society, <i>New York City</i> ,		8
American Pharmaceutical Association, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pphs.
American Philological Association,		2
American Philosophical Society, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
American Social Science Association,		17
American Society of Civil Engineers, <i>New York City</i> ,		4
American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, <i>New York City</i> ,	114	1
American Tract Society,		2
American Unitarian Association,	45	2
Anderson, <i>Rev. Rufus, D. D.</i> ,	5	
Andover, Town of,		14
Andover Theological Seminary,		1
Andrews, C. Stanley,		3
Anonymous, 3 broadsides, 1 map, 74 newspapers, Antioch College, <i>Yellow Springs, Ohio</i> ,	61	153
Apgar, <i>Ellis A., Trenton, N. J.</i> ,		1
Appleton, Nathan,	5	
Appleton, William S.,	1	
Apprentices' Library, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Apprentices' Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		2
Archibald, <i>Hon. Adams G., Halifax, N. S.</i> ,	2	
Argentine Confederation,	4	
Arkansas Institute for the Blind, <i>Little Rock</i> ,		3
Arnold, R. A., <i>Nashua, N. H.</i> ,		9
Association for the Protection of Roman Catholic Children, Astor Library, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	6
Atkinson, Edward,		2
Atlanta University, <i>Atlanta, Ga.</i> ,		1
Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, <i>Portland,</i> <i>Me.</i> ,		4
Attwood, Gilbert,		34
Atwood, Charles,	4	2
Auburn Theological Seminary, <i>Auburn, N. Y.</i> ,		20
Austin, <i>Hon. Arthur W.</i> ,	1	
Austin, S. Harris, <i>Grantville</i> , 1 broadside,	27	24
Ayer, <i>Rev. Franklin D., Concord, N. H.</i> ,		9
Babcock, Albert, <i>Berlin</i> ,		30
Bagley, <i>Hon. John J., Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	1	
Bailey, <i>Hon. A. J.</i> , 4 broadsides, 1 newspaper,	14	143
Bailey, John E., <i>Manchester, England</i> ,	1	
Bailey, <i>Mrs. Mary Otis</i> ,	1	
Baird, <i>Prof. Spencer F., Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Baker, Henry B., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	1	
Bakewell and Marthens, <i>Pittsburgh, Pa.</i> ,	5	40
Bangor Theological Seminary, <i>Bangor, Me.</i> ,		1
Baptist Union Theological Seminary, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> ,		9
Barber, <i>Lieut. F. M.</i> ,	1	1
Barker, Edward T.,	2	
Barnard, James M.,	12.	1
Barnett, <i>Hon. N. C., Atlanta, Ga.</i> ,		1
Bartlett, C. L.,		6
Bartlett, Edward J., <i>Concord</i> ,	1	
Bartlett, William S., <i>Chelsea</i> ,	1	
Baxter, W. J., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	3	
Bayes, T. P., <i>Orange, N. J.</i> ,		1

DONORS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Beardsley Library, <i>West Winsted, Conn.</i> ,	1	
Beckwith, Harvey J.,	1	
Bell, <i>Maj.</i> James B.,		5
Beloit College, <i>Beloit, Wis.</i> ,		33
Benham, <i>Gen.</i> H. W.,	1	
Berea College, <i>Berea, Ky.</i> ,		9
Bigelow, Jacob, <i>M. D.</i> , 2 maps,		551
Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton</i> ,	1	
Binney, Henry P., 155 newspapers,	47	15
Bird, Joseph, 1 broadside,		1
Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries Committee,	1	12
Bishop, Levi,	1	
Blaisdell, Charles,		4
Blake, Andrew M.,		1
Blake, Nathaniel F.,		1
Blake, Thomas H., <i>Kensington, N. H.</i> ,		13
Blatchford, John S., 3 broadsides,	1	
Blood, Benjamin P.,	1	
Boarding Home for Young Women, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		7
Bolander, <i>Hon.</i> , Henry N., <i>Sacramento, Cal.</i> ,	4	3
Bordentown Female College, <i>Bordentown, N. J.</i> , 1 broad- side,		3
Borgman, M. V., <i>Detroit, Mich.</i> ,		8
Bosson, George T.,		9
Boston, City of, 2 broadsides,	139	311
——— Athenæum,		1
——— Board of Trade,	3	10
——— City Missionary Society,		2
——— Dispensary,		1
——— Gas Light Company,	4	
——— Lying-in Hospital,		1
——— Provident Association,		2
——— Society of Medical Sciences,		1
Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation,		6
Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation,		1
Boutwell, <i>Hon.</i> George S., <i>Groton</i> ,	53	1
Bowditch, Ernest W.,	1	
Bowditch, Henry I., <i>M. D.</i> ,		94
Bowditch, Henry P., <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Bowditch, William I., <i>Brookline</i> ,	1	2
Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> ,		1
Bowles, William B.,	1	
Boylston Medical Society,		1
Bradbury, John M., <i>Ipswich</i> ,	1	
Bradford, T. G., Likeness of Gov. Gore in wax,		
Bradlee, <i>Rev.</i> Caleb D., 57 broadsides, 204 newspapers,	132	85
Bradner, N. Roe, <i>Jr.</i> , <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Breck, Charles, <i>Milton</i> ,	2	
Breck, <i>Rev.</i> J. Lloyd, <i>D. D.</i> , <i>Benicia, Cal.</i> ,		2
Brevoort, J. C., <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> ,	1	
Brewer, Fisk P., <i>Columbia, S. C.</i> ,	1	
Brewer, Thomas M., <i>M. D.</i> ,		11
Brewer and Tileston,	7	
Bridgeman, Alfred, <i>New York City</i> ,		2

DONORS.	Vols.	Ppns.
Briggs, Daniel B., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	6	
Briggs, G. C.,		6
Brigham Hall, <i>Canandaigua, N. Y.</i> ,		2
British Museum, <i>London</i> ,	7	
Brookline Public Library,		1
Brooklyn Industrial School Association, and Home for Destitute Children, <i>Flatbush, N. Y.</i> ,		8
Brooklyn Society for the Relief of Respectable Aged Indigent Females, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Brown, Charles, <i>Ayer</i> ,		2
Brown, F. A., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> ,		6
Brown, Henry A., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	2	
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United States. Board of Indian Commissioners,	4	
—— Bureau of Education,	2	4

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United States Bureau of Navigation,	1	2
—— Bureau of Statistics,	2	
—— Chief of Engineers,	7	2
—— Chief of Ordnance,	3	
—— Civil Service Commission,		7
—— Department of the Interior,	56	
—— Department of Justice,	1	
—— Library of Congress,		1
—— Naval Observatory,	2	
—— Mint,		1
—— Patent Office,	24	
—— Quartermaster General's Office,	2	
—— Surgeon General's Office,		1
Universalist Publishing Company, 5 newspapers,		11
University of Louisiana, <i>New Orleans</i> ,		3
University of Minnesota, <i>Minneapolis</i> ,	1	
University of Missouri, <i>St. Louis</i> ,		6
University of New Brunswick, <i>Fredericton</i> ,		2
University of Notre Dame, <i>Notre Dame, Ind.</i> ,		3
University of Rochester, <i>Rochester, N. Y.</i> ,		6
University of South Carolina, <i>Columbia, S. C.</i> ,	1	32
Upham, J. Baxter, <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Van Nort, <i>Hon. G. M., New York City</i> ,	1	
Veazie, Joseph,	1	
Venezuela, Government of,	12	1
Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company,		7
Vermont State Library, <i>Montpelier</i> ,	8	1
Very, <i>Lieut. Samuel W., U. S. N., Washington, D. C.</i> ,	2	
Vibbert, <i>Rev. George H., Somerville</i> ,		4
Viles, Daniel F., <i>Waltham</i> ,		1
Vinton, Frederick, <i>Princeton, N. J.</i> ,		1
Waldo, <i>Misses C. and P., Cambridge</i> ,	140	15
Wallace, <i>Capt. W.</i> ,	2	
Ware, <i>Col., Henry</i> ,	4	1
Warner, <i>Hon. F. A., Des Moines, Iowa</i> ,	2	5
Warren, <i>Hon. G. W.</i> ,	87	1
Warren, <i>Hon. William W.</i> ,	2	83
Warren County Library, <i>Monmouth, Ill.</i> ,	1	
Washington and Jefferson College, <i>Washington, Pa.</i> ,		3
Washington and Lee University, <i>Lexington, Va.</i> ,		3
Washington University, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> ,		3
Washingtonian Home, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> ,		1
Waterston, <i>Rev. R. C.</i> ,		3
Watertown Free Public Library,		3
Wattson, Thomas B., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		2
Weaver, Abram B., <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Webber, S. G., <i>M. D.</i> ,		78
Weigel, <i>Hon. Eugene F., Jefferson City, Mo.</i> ,		7
Welsh, Isaac, <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> ,		2
West Chester Library Association,		1
Western Lunatic Asylum, <i>Staunton, Va.</i> ,		1
Western University of Pennsylvania, <i>Pittsburgh</i> ,		3
West Newton English and Classical School,		1
West Virginia Medical Society, <i>Wheeling</i> ,		4

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Wharton, <i>Rev. Francis, D. D., Cambridge,</i>		2
Wheaton College, <i>Wheaton, Ill., 2 broadsides,</i>		6
Wheeler, <i>Lieut. George M., Washington, D. C.,</i>	1	
Wheeler, <i>William A.,</i>	9	6
Wheeler, <i>Mrs. William A.,</i>	2	
Wbeildon, <i>William W., Concord, 5 manuscripts,</i>	1	4
Whitaker, <i>J., London,</i>	1	
White, <i>Andrew D., Ithaca, N. Y.,</i>		1
White, <i>James C., M. D.,</i>		278
White, <i>James W., Grafton,</i>		7
Whiting, <i>Mrs. William,</i>	1	
Whitman, <i>Mrs. Mary K., 46 newspapers,</i>		
Whitmore, <i>William H.,</i>		1
Whitney, <i>Edmund B.,</i>	1	
Whitney, <i>Rev. Frederick A.,</i>	5	16
Whitney, <i>Mrs. Frederick A.,</i>	1	
Whitney, <i>Mrs. George,</i>		208
Whitney, <i>George C., Worcester,</i>		2
Whitney, <i>Henry A.,</i>	7	
Whitney, <i>James L., 6 broadsides, 47 newspapers,</i>		42
Whitney, <i>Prof. Josiah D., Cambridge,</i>	2	
Whitney, <i>Prof. William D., New Haven,</i>		1
Whittier, <i>D. B., 1 broadside,</i>	1	
Willard Asylum for the Insane, <i>Willard, N. Y.,</i>		4
William Jewell College, <i>Liberty, Mo.,</i>		1
Williams, <i>B. W.,</i>		9
Williams, <i>James, Columbus, Ohio,</i>	1	
Williams, <i>Hon. John M. S., Washington, D. C.,</i>	27	1
Williams College, <i>Williamstown,</i>		2
Williamson, <i>R. S., Philadelphia, Pa.,</i>		17
Wilmington, <i>Del., Board of Trade,</i>	3	2
——— Institute,		3
Wilson, <i>Gen. James Grant, New York City,</i>	3	2
Wilson Industrial School and Mission, <i>New York City,</i>		17
Winchester Home for Aged Women,		5
Winchester Town Library,		16
Winsor, <i>Justin,</i>	3	1
Wisconsin Historical Society, <i>Madison,</i>	1	2
——— Horticultural Society, <i>Madison,</i>	3	3
——— Industrial School for Boys, <i>Waukesha,</i>		5
——— Soldiers' Orphans' Home, <i>Madison,</i>		7
——— State Agricultural Society, <i>Madison,</i>	1	
Woburn Library Committee,		2
Woman's Christian Association, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio,</i>		4
Woman's Christian Association, <i>Pittsburgh, Pa.,</i>		6
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, <i>Bloomington, Ill.,</i>		3
Woman's Medical College, <i>Chicago, Ill.,</i>		5
Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, <i>Philadelphia,</i> <i>Pa.,</i>		2
Woman's Union Missionary Society, <i>New York City,</i>	4	1
Woodman, <i>Cyrus, Cambridge,</i>	1	
Woods, <i>George, LL. D., Pittsburgh, Pa.,</i>		1
Woodworth, <i>John M., M. D., Washington, D. C.,</i>	2	2

DONORS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Wooster University, <i>Wooster, Ohio</i> ,		8
Worcester County Musical Association, <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
Worcester Free Institute,		3
— Public Library,	2	5
Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company,		17
Working Church Publishing Company, <i>New York City</i> ,		2
Working Women's Protective Union, <i>New York City</i> ,		2
Worthington and Flanders,	2	
Wright, <i>Hon. Albert J.</i> , 3 broadsides, 6 maps,	193	1633
Wright and Potter,		5
Wynne, <i>Thomas H.</i> , <i>Richmond, Va.</i> ,	2	1
Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> ,		14
York Institute, <i>Saco, Me.</i> , 5 newspapers,		
Young Men's Association, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> ,		2
Young Men's Christian Association, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Young Men's Christian Association, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		2
Young Men's Christian Association, <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
Young Men's Christian Association of the United States, and the British Provinces,		7
Young Men's Christian Union, 1 broadside,		1
Young Men's Institute, <i>Hartford Conn.</i> ,		1
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, <i>Cincinnati,</i> <i>Ohio</i> ,		1

APPENDIX XII.

CIRCULATION. [W.]

(Books issued.)

YEAR.	NUMBER OF WHOLE DAYS OPEN.	TOTAL CIRCULATION.				BATES HALL.				
		Issues.	Daily average.	Largest No. in one day.	Date of last column.	Home issues.	Hall issues.	Total issues.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.
1854	142	33,380	250	335	Sept. 16					
1855	286	81,281	281	600	Feb. 10					
1856	284	82,661	291	647	Feb. 23					
1857	293	89,423	310	730	Jan. 24					
b 1858	197	75,570	383	693	Feb. 27					
1859	254	149,468	585	1,335	Mar. 5					
1860	297	181,020	608	1,052	Feb. 4					
1861	274	166,877	587	1,303	Feb. 23					
1862	288	189,302	658	1,517	Mar. 1	7,409	10,263	17,673	61	
c 1863	215	138,027	644	1,534	Feb. 7	5,222	7,124	12,346	57	
1864	280	181,035	654	1,424	Feb. 27	7,468	11,057	18,525	68	
1865	275	191,927	708	1,464	Nov. 16	10,571	13,090	23,661	85	
1866	278	193,862	732	1,389	Feb. 10	9,763	10,438	20,201	73	
1867	277	208,993	754	1,513	Feb. 23	13,096	11,553	24,649	92	
1868	270	175,727	630	1,323	Feb. 1	17,020	16,854	33,874	121	33
d 1869	284	217,677	770	1,498	Feb. 29	23,203	19,702	42,905	151	30
f 1870	320	210,993	661	1,768	Feb. 19	25,998	21,601	47,599	207	44
1871	307	222,445	725	1,856	Jan. 28	31,080	34,225	65,305	212	45
1872	308	389,348	1,264	2,435	Mar. 16	23,150	37,992	61,251	163	26
1873	308	497,855	1,610	3,073	p	23,261	31,093	54,354	192	38
1874	308	627,442	2,031	3,724		34,443	37,872	72,315	235	54
1875	305	758,417	2,581	4,074		41,721	39,016	80,737	263	60
1876	300	947,621	3,097	5,055		54,956	59,573	114,529	373	87

a Six months.
 b Removal of the Library.
 c Ten months.
 d Eleven months (Library not closed for examination).
 e New restrictions put upon costly books.

Home use. White slips.	LOWER HALL.				EAST BOSTON BRANCH.					SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.					ROXBURY BRANCH.					CHARLESTOWN BRANCH.					
	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use. Green slips.	Total use.	Home use.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use.	Total use.	Home use.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use.	Total use.	Home use.	Largest daily use.	Daily average.	Hall use.	Total.	Home use.	Largest daily use.	Daily average.	Hall use.	Total.	
1854	250	535																							
1855	284	606																							
1856	291	647																							
1857	310	730																							
1858	383	693																							
1859	585	1,335																							
1860	608	1,052																							
1861	587	1,303																							
1862	658	1,517																							
1863	644	1,534																							
1864	654	1,424																							
1865	708	1,464																							
1866	732	1,389																							
1867	754	1,513																							
1868	630	1,323																							
1869	770	1,498																							
1870	661	1,768																							
1871	725	1,856																							
1872	1,264	2,435																							
1873	1,610	3,073																							
1874	2,031	3,724																							
1875	2,581	4,074																							
1876	3,097	5,055																							

f Nine months.
 g Central Library only.
 h If the issues of East Boston be excluded, this footing would be 296,315; and if Bates Hall be excluded, there will be a record of 295,710 volumes used at home.

i Open seventy-eight days.
 m See report for 1868.
 n Includes books borrowed and returned the same day, on white slips, as shown in Appendix XIII.

o The E. B. Branch
 p Includes the last same day, as in q
 q The use of the L

APPENDIX XIII.

REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE. The first registration, 1854-8, had 17,066 names; the second, 1859-67, had 52,829 names.	THIRD REGISTRATION.								Totals.	
		1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.		
I.	Applications.	<i>Central Library</i>	12,057	6,490	6,577	7,096	6,688	6,670	8,016	7,885	61,479
		<i>E. B. Branch</i>				2,320	993	826	1,244	1,001	6,384
		<i>S. B. Branch</i>					232	3,094	1,666	1,560	6,562
		<i>Rox. Branch</i>							3,475	1,470	4,945
		<i>Chn. Branch</i>	Previous Registration assumed.						693	1,070	8,391
		<i>Bri. Branch</i>	Previous Registration assumed.						108	263	1,672
		<i>Dor. Branch</i>								1,349	1,349
		<i>Total</i>	12,057	6,490	6,577	9,416	7,913	10,596	15,202	14,599	90,782
II.	Applications sent to Police (for verification when needed).	<i>Central Library</i>	2,810	3,462	1,904	3,040	2,876	3,419	3,642	3,906	25,059
		<i>E. B. Branch</i>				1,012	474	266	463	470	2,691
		<i>S. B. Branch</i>						645	515	340	1,500
		<i>Rox. Branch</i>							237	353	590
		<i>Chn. Branch</i>							11	8	19
		<i>Bri. Branch</i>							0	0	0
		<i>Dor. Branch</i>								53	53
		<i>Total</i>	2,810	3,462	1,904	4,052	3,350	4,330	4,868	5,136	29,912
III.	Cards Re-fused (mostly for non-residency or under age).	<i>Central Library</i>	233	202	179	241	267	288	287	233	1,980
		<i>E. B. Branch</i>				80	28	10	12	15	145
		<i>S. B. Branch</i>						64	36	18	118
		<i>Rox. Branch</i>							89	51	140
		<i>Chn. Branch</i>							3	9	12
		<i>Bri. Branch</i>							3		
		<i>Dor. Branch</i>								7	7
		<i>Total</i>	233	202	179	321	295	362	430	333	2,402

APPENDIX XIII. — *Continued.*

REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE. The first registration, 1854-8, had 17,066 names; the second, 1859-67, had 52,829 names.	THIRD REGISTRATION.								Totals.	
		1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.		
IV.	Cards not called for during the year.	<i>Central Library</i>	852	589	404	393	439	409	291	230	3,607
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	117	151	93	90	84	535
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	179	65	60	306
		<i>Rox. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	102	119
		<i>Chn. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	52	52
		<i>Bri. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
		<i>Dor. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	50
		<i>Total</i>	852	589	404	510	590	681	894	578	4,669
V.	Applications Cancelled. (Six months on file, and one month longer after notice).	<i>Central Library</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	264	196	245	335	2,255
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	82	45	46	44	217
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	82	106	68	256
		<i>Rox. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	102	119
		<i>Chn. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	52	52
		<i>Bri. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	17	17
		<i>Dor. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	346	323	414	618	2,916

During the past two years an attempt has been made to separate the slips of persons believed now to be using the Library, distinguishing them by the fact of their visiting the libraries during the year, and the result shows that nearly two-thirds of the cards may be considered *alive*.

APPENDIX XIII. — Concluded.

MEMORANDA.

MEMORANDA.	1872.			1873.			1874.							1875.						
	CENTRAL LIBRARY.	E. B.	S. B.	TOTAL.	CENTRAL LIBRARY.	E. B.	S. B.	TOTAL.	CENTRAL LIBRARY.	E. B.	S. B.	ROX.	CHN.	BRI.	DOR.	TOTAL.				
Largest weekly No. of applications	204	34	197	630	211	40	53	47	42	12	264	672								
Month of this last	Nov.	Nov.	May	Nov. Dec.	Nov. Dec.	Dec.	Mar.	Nov.	Mar.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.				
Smallest weekly No. of applications	58	2	17	123	67	3	10	1	6	0	17	106								
Month of this last	June.	June.	Dec.	June.	June.	Sept.	June	June.	May, etc	Dec.	April	June.	May, etc	Dec.	April	June.				
Weekly average	128	16	60	323	151	19	30	29	20	5	77	332								
Largest daily number	39	14	53	169	48	11	16	16	12	7	61	169								
Date of same	Feb. 28.	Feb. 1.	May 11.	Jan. 30.	Jan. 30.	Mar. 27.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb. 13.	Jan. 16, etc	Jan. 25.	Jan. 25.								
Smallest daily number	2	1	2	6	2	0	0	9	0	0	0	3								
Date of same	Sept. 18.	May 30.	May 30.	May 30.	May 30.	Several	Apr.	May 29.	Several	Several.	Apr 26.	Apr 26.								
Cards reported lost	2,483	402	711	3,997	2,951	546	734	184	162	14	150	4,733								
Of these replaced	1,656	209	512	3,144	2,017	460	521	175	119	14	129	3,427								
Cards detained for fines	273	382	192	959	700	228	410	367	80	10	5	1,791								
Cancellation warnings	327	51	112	479	415	44	89	109	72	0	0	729								
Of these cards called for	63	45	172	172	335	19	21	2	20	0	0	397								

APPENDIX XIV.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED. USE OF BRITISH PATENTS AND TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.

YEARS.	BOOKS RECOMMENDED.						USE OF PATENTS.		USE OF TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.					
	Total recom- mended.		Already in Library.		Received since.		Persons.	Hours' use.	Citizens.		Strangers.		Total.	Copys. .
	Eng.	For.	Eng.	For.	Eng.	For.			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
1854	123													
1855	221													
1856	121													
1857	18													
1858	85													
1859	178													
1860	91													
1861	115													
1862	204													
1863	135													
1864	56													
1865	58													
1866	306						182	243						
1867	546			95		260	187	248						
1868	1,120			183		423	197	248						
1869	1,178			226		535	297	327						
1870 (nine months)	1,231			257		448	301	589						
1871	1,665			418		549	346	389						
1872	*1,576			334		756	347	301						
1873	1,625			339		753	642	815					812	3
1874	1,990	290	467	48	1,028	127	973	1,801	119	221	142	100	642	4
1875	1,968	326	419	61	945	96	1,490	2,591	137	251	152	218	758	

NOTE. — The column of "Received since" denotes those received of the "Total recommended," the same year. What may be in subsequent years received of such "Total recommended" does not appear in this table For instance, of the 1,120 — (183 + 423) = 514 not received in 1868 of the total recommended that year, a large part has since been received.

* The partial disuse of the Bates Hall, on account of the alterations going on, affected this number.

Patents. — The American, French and British Patents have now been placed in the new Patent Room, under charge of a Curator. The figures before 1874 in the table showed the use of the British Patents only.

Engravings. — The statistics refer only to the bound volumes, not to those framed and on the walls. The showing of them during the greater part of the year has been very irregular, owing to the illness of the former Curator, and the want of space while the work of decorating the Bates Hall went on. But it is now arranged that the Curator shows them every day from 9 to 12.

APPENDIX XV.

BATES HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATIONS.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.												
	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
English History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	17.5	16	13	18	20	17	17	17	17	12	19	16	15
American (North and South) History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	6	8.5	10	8	12	12	12	12	13	10	12	11	11
French History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	5	7.5	6	6	7	4	5	5	5	4	6	6	5
Germanic History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	2.5	2	2.5	2	4	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	4
Italian History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	4	2.5	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2
Other History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	3.5	3.5	2.5	4	4	5	5	3	3	3	4	3	4
General and Epochal History, Geography, Biography, etc.	4.5	4.25	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	2
Greek, Latin and Philology	3	3.5	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4
Bibliography	2.5	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Transactions	3	1.5	2.3	5	7	5	4	5	1	1	1	1	2
Periodicals	7	6	6	11	7	8	9	10	8	10	8	8	7
Fine Arts	9	12	16.5	8	5	8	8	8	9	11	10	11	11
Natural History and Science	4	4	4.6	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	3
Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Ethics, Education, etc.	11	11	8.5	4	4	8	9	8	11	14	10	11	11
Medicine	7	5	4.6	8	6	6	8	8	9	9	8	7	6
Law, Government, and Political Economy	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
Useful Arts, Mathematics, Physics, etc.	5.5	5.5	7.5	7	8	7	6	5	6	8	5	6	7
Miscellaneous Pamphlets, bound	2	.75	.75	2	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	2	3

NOTE.—In computing this percentage, the use of books in the Bowditch, Parker, and Prince Libraries, — which are kept apart from the general classifications of the Library, — is reckoned as nearly as possible and included in the usual divisions, as is indicated in the table. See *Explanations* to Appendix IX.

APPENDIX XVI.

LOWER HALL READING.
SHOWN FROM SLIPS OF BOOKS RETURNED.

Class No.	ALCOVES.	CLASSES.	1868.		1869.		1870. (Nine months)		1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.		1875.	
			Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.
1	I, XI and ranges 8, 9, 10 of X, XX.	Sciences, Arts, Professions .	10,522	7.4	11,430	6.97	7,607	4.9	12,662	5.7	15,990	6	12,757	6+	14,422	7	16,218	7-
2	II, XII.	American History and Politics	2,533	1.8	2,682	1.63	2,071	1.4	2,270	1	2,096	-1	1,496	1	2,705	3	3,878	3-
3	IX, XIX.	Foreign History and Politics	3,030	2.1	3,221	1.96	2,386	1.5	2,702	1.2	2,715	1+	1,863	1	2,834	3	3,983	4-
4	III, XIII.	Poetry, Drama, Rhetoric, Miscellaneous, Essays, etc.	3,692	2.6	2,461	1.5	2,441	1.5	5,954	2.7	8,019	4	7,651	7	8,636	4	9,704	4+
5	IV, XIV.	Prose fiction for adults and youths	105,227	74.2	125,273	76.36	120,355	78.4	107,604	77.2	173,438	70	154,835	74	158,453	71	163,657	69+
6	VII, XVII.	Biography	3,641	2.6	4,570	2.78	4,025	2.7	5,108	2.2	4,106	2	2,641	1	5,027	3	7,415	3+
7	V, XV.	Travels, Voyages, etc.	3,289	2.3	5,303	3.26	5,154	3.4	6,062	2.8	4,998	3	3,631	1	6,290	3	8,649	4+
8	VI, XVI.	Collections, Periodicals, etc..	5,941	4.2	4,550	2.77	5,747	3.8	11,530	5.2	14,815	6	17,167	8	15,563	7	15,106	6+
9	VIII, XVIII.	French, German and Italian Books	3,978	2.8	4,482	2.73	3,637	2.4	4,451	2	2,691	1+	5,341	2	6,388	3	7,394	3
10	X, XX, except ranges, 8, 9, 10 .		141,833	. . .	164,038	. . . . .	153,423	. . .	216,696	. . .	228,864	. . .	207,382	. . . . .	221,418	. . .	236,004	. . .

A comparison of this table with those showing the classifications of the Reading at the Branches, indicates the beneficial effects of the notes in the Lower Hall class list for History, Biography and Travel, which has reduced materially the percentage of fiction used, while it is maintaining its old predominance, and in some cases increases in the Branches.

NOTE.—The columns of "Loans returned" do not include the books taken and returned the same day.

APPENDIX XVII.

EAST BOSTON BRANCH READING.

(Shown from slips of Books returned.)

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1872. (3 mos.)		1872.		1873.		1874.		1875.	
			Books returned.	Percent- age.	Books returned.	Percent- age.	Books returned.	Percent- age.	Books returned.	Percent- age.	Books returned.	Percent- age.
I.	10, 11, 12, 19, 21	Biography	669	3	1,104	1	729	1	1,216	1+	1,145	1+
II.	4, 33	Collections, Libraries, etc.	552	2	1,002	1	632	1	801	1	819	-1
III.	24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34	Fiction in Prose	8,593	36	31,937	43	30,373	45	37,350	46	42,460	49+
IV.	27	Foreign Books	27	-1	57	. . .	'62	. . .	43	. . .	25	. . .
V.	13, 14, 18, 35	History	1,096	5	1,819	2	1,197	2	1,679	2+	1,830	2+
VI.	1, 2	Juvenile Books	6,639	23	25,855	35	25,411	37	26,786	33	27,077	31½
VII.	15, 20	Miscellaneous	747	3	1,256	2	798	1+	1,317	1+	1,292	1½
VIII.	5, 6, 7, 17, 37, 39, 40, 41	Periodicals (<i>Louise</i>)	1,119	5	4,009	6	3,914	6	4,786	-6	4,495	5+
IX.	16, 22	Poetry and Drama	2,071	9	2,447	4	1,131	-2	2,206	2+	2,047	2+
X.	3, 36, 38	Sciences, Arts, Professions	883	3	2,057	3	1,527	2	1,997	2	1,954	2+
XI.	8, 9, 23	Travels, Voyages	1,179	5	2,296	3	1,863	3	2,241	-3	1,957	2+
XII.	25	Patent Office Reports . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
		Totals	23,575	. . . . .	73,839	. . . . .	67,637	. . . . .	80,423	. . . . .	85,101	. . . . .

NOTE. — The classification in this Branch is somewhat different from that of the Lower Hall of the Central Library, where juvenile books are scattered among the other classes, as the character of the book, whether fiction, history, biography, etc., would require.

APPENDIX XVIII.
SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH READING.

CLASS No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1873.		1874.		1875.	
			Books returned.	Per- centage.	Books returned.	Per- centage.	Books returned.	Per- centage.
I.	15, 16	American History and Biography . . .	2,604	-3	2,974	-3	3,188	-3
II.	5, 6, 7, 8	Foreign History and Biography . . .	1,867	2	2,242	2+	2,569	2+
III.	33, 34, 36	Travels, Voyages	3,054	3+	3,302	3+	3,937	-4
IV.	18, 28, 29, 32	Professions	349	-1	436	-1	435	-1
V.	25	Poetry and Drama	1,909	2	2,092	2+	1,989	1+
VI.	31, 39	Arts and Sciences	3,373	3+	3,454	3+	3,574	3+
VII.	3, 4, 17, 20, 27, 30, 35	Miscellaneous, Collections, etc.	5,162	3+	3,480	3+	3,509	3+
VIII.	1, 2, 19	Periodicals (<i>bound</i>)	4,140	4+	5,204	6+	4,388	-4
IX.	11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26	Fiction and Juveniles	76,222	78	85,047	78+	88,532	-79
X.	10	Patents	26	} -1	8	. . .	32	. . .
XI.	40	Foreign Languages	91	}	65	. . .	122	. . .
		Totals	96,797	. . .	108,364	. . .	112,275	. . .

APPENDIX XIX.

ROXBURY BRANCH AND FELLOWES ATHENÆUM READING.

NOTE.—The two sections of this table, refer to two different collections of books.

Rox. Br. Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1874.		1875.	
			Books Returned	Percent- age.	Books Returned	Percent- age.
I.	1, 3, 5, 7 .	Prose Fiction	28,575	-49	40,666	-52
II.	2, 4	Travels	2,623	-5	2,555	3+
III.	6, 8	History	1,121	-2	1,133	1+
IV.	9, 11	Juveniles	19,261	32+	26,650	34
V.	10, 12	Biography	1,351	2+	1,583	2
VI.	13, 14	Periodicals	1,019	-2	1,338	-2
VII.	15, 17	Arts, Sciences, Professions	2,657	4+	2,815	4
VIII.	16	Poetry and Drama	1,219	2+	1,235	-5
IX.	18, 19	Collected Works and Lit. Miscel- laneous	724	-2	1,069	-2
X.	20	Books in Foreign Languages	55		114		1+
F. A. Class No.		Total	53,605	..	78,858	..
I.	50, 54, 59 .	History, Biography, Travels . . .	1,982	35	3,754	-43
II.	55, 57	Modern Foreign Languages	729	13	1,073	12+
III.	51, 53, 65, 67	Periodicals	160	2	331	4
IV.	52, 56	Miscellaneous Literature	661	12	921	10+
V.	58	Theology, Sociology, Ethics	412	7	550	6+
VI.	60	Medicine	46	1	81	1
VII.	61	Greek and Latin Languages and Literature	262	5	374	4+
VIII.	62	Fine Arts, Engineering	684	12	750	8½
IX.	63, 69	Law, Politics, Government	36	1	149	-2
X.	64, 66, 63 . .	Mathematics, Natural and Applied Science	719	12	846	-10
		Total	5,691	..	8,829	..

APPENDIX XX.

BRIGHTON BRANCH READING.

Class No.	RANGES	CLASSES.	1874-5.	
			Books returned.	Per centage.
I.	1, 2, 3, 4,	Fiction	17,662	84
II.	5, 6, 7, 8,	Biography, Travel and History . .	1,424	7
III.	9 to 17	Others	1,957	9
		Total	21,043	. .

APPENDIX XXI.

DORCHESTER BRANCH READING.

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1874-5.	
			Books returned.	Per centage.
I.	1, 11	Poetry, Drama	221	-1
II.	2, 12	Travels	535	-4
III.	3, 13	Fiction	3,983	47
IV.	4, 14			
V.	5, 15	Juveniles	5,348	-37
VI.	6, 16	History	285	2
VII.	7, 17	Biography	414	-3
VIII.	8, 18	Periodicals	162	1+
IX.	9, 19	Art, Sciences, etc.	465	3+
X.	10, 20	Miscellanies, etc.	311	2+
		Total	14,601	. .

CHARLESTOWN BRANCH READING.

NOTE.—No classification of the use is practicable, as the books are shelved without regard to classes. Tables similar to those of the other branches will be possible when a rearrangement of the books is made.

APPENDIX XXII.

PERIODICAL READING ROOM.

PERIODICALS.	1875.										Total.					
	Central.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Ch'n.	Bri.	Dor.									
	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.				1875.				
BY LANGUAGES.																
English	141	176	208	220	315	333	374	547	318	43	40	69	85	23	25	609
French	39	46	49	47	48	52	54	57	61	1		4				66
German	27	31	35	34	36	38	41	43	43		3	2	1			49
Italian	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4							4
Spanish and Portuguese							2									
Totals	208	254	294	304	402	426	474	650	426	44	49	75	86	23	25	728
Duplicates					72	80	92	94	89	3	7	2	2			103
Grand Total					474	*506	566	744	515	47	56	77	88	23	25	831

STATISTICS OF USE.														
Number of days open	300	‡299	‡250	. . . . .	308	. . . . .	. . . . .	359	359	350	82		
Total readers	55,284	\$76,892	\$91,674	117,202	193,417	171,519	218,538	233,704	166,682	16,541	26,886	18,600	21,152	249,870
Daily average readers	191	256	303	510	675	537	678	706	465	46	75	52	60	698
Magazines read, total	81,783	88,034	133,122	142,962	269,150	254,159	288,462	329,524	255,593	27,792	43,785	28,398	15,204	348,772
Magazines read, daily average	283	293	455	622	992	825	897	964	657	77	122	74	43	973

	No. of Magazines.		Sundays open.		Average issue per Sunday for the year.		Largest average issue per Sunday in any month.	
	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
	Central	418	515	52	52	421	473	603, Jan.	646, Mar.
East Boston	41	47	52	52	141	113	241, Jan.	198, Feb.
South Boston	41	56	52	52	132	148	226, Nov.	310, Mar.
Roxbury	67	77	43	52	74	68	132, Feb.	97, Feb.
Charlestown	82	88	16	44	82	50	91, Feb.	78, Mar.
Brighton	23	23	17	51	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Dorchester (4 months) . . . . .	. . . . .	25	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .

* Transactions of learned societies and costly journals, kept in the Dates Hall, are not included in this count, but they are all embraced — if currently received — in the Periodical List, issued by the Library.
 † Eleven months and no vacation.
 ‡ Nine months.

\$ This includes for 1869, 2,120, and for 1868, 2,013 non-resident readers; but now the distinction is not made.
 NOTE. — The use of newspapers at the Charlestown Branch is not included, but the number of readers of them is. No statistics of use at Brighton and Dorchester are practicable under the present arrangements.

APPENDIX XXIII.

LOSSES, DELINQUENTS, ETC.

Class No.	CLASSES.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
		Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	16,652	11,911	13,124	11,920	18,700	21,868	27,191	31,953
2	Books returned after notice	14,203	11,479	12,613	11,419	17,856	20,872	25,746	30,140
3	Books sent for by messenger	1,449	432	611	501	844	993	1,445	1,759
4	Books recovered by messenger	••••	403	491	475	805	956	1,377	1,680
5	Books not recovered	231	35	20	26	39	37	68	79
6	Books condemned	420	237	261	212	1,234	869	855	2,299
7	Books covered	••••	35,241	23,826	34,639	54,184	81,805	106,557	152,102
8	Persons finable not paying messenger	••••	86	75	87	196	308	465	701
9	Fines collected by messenger	••••	\$85 73	\$122 10	\$108 37	\$184 07	\$214 20	\$304 59	\$321 76
10	Fines uncollected by messenger	••••	\$40 20	\$40 77	\$41 65	\$98 74	\$107 23	\$181 36	\$265 12
11	Residences changed without notice	••••	58	92	57	116	••••	345	129
12	Books sent to binderies	••••	••••	••••	••••	2,669	3,219	6,460	6,354

LOSSES, DELINQUENTS, ETC.—Continued.

Class No.	CLASSES.	1875.										TOTALS.	
		B. IL.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	ROX.	CH'N.	BRI.	DOR.				
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	5,033	13,394	3,722	4,739	4,233	3,339	1,432	312				36,309
2	Books returned after notice	4,773	12,022	3,532	4,559	4,136	3,300	1,393	310				34,095
3	Books sent for by messenger	265	1,372	140	180	127	89	39	2				2,214
4	Books recovered by messenger	290	1,308	137	179	120	84	39	2				2,129
5	Books not recovered	5	64	3	1	7	5	0	0				85
6	Books condemned	3	2,539	324	644	48	391	67	5				4,031
7	Books covered . . . . .	...	84,164	40,869	34,973	37,543	16,174	5,908	...				219,631
8	Persons finable not paying messenger	70	373	56	96	32	21	0	1				649
9	Fines collected by messenger	\$64 14	\$243 30	\$32 07	\$30 22	\$8 16	\$4 60	\$14 08	\$.38				\$396 95
10	Fines uncollected by messenger	\$32 27	\$170 19	\$19 05	\$34 56	\$26 04	\$7 34	...	\$.36				\$309 81
11	Residences changed without notice . . . . .	...	463	88	14	9	119	0	0				693
12	Books sent to binderies	4,700	3,271	647	650	879	494	239	0				10,930

1874-5. — Of 758,493 volumes delivered to borrowers, only one in 8,921 failed to be recovered.

APPENDIX XXIV.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

GENERAL LIBRARY ACCOUNT.	1870-71.		1871-72.		1872-73.		1873-74.		1874-75.		Paid into City Treas- ury from sales of Cat- alogues.	
	City ap- propriat's	Expended.	City ap- propriat's	Expended.	City ap- propriations.	Expended.	City ap- propriat's	Expended.	City ap- propriat's	Expended.		Years.
Binding	\$4,400	\$5,231 38	\$5,200	\$5,569 12	\$4,000†	\$2,511 10	\$5,866	\$5,883 63	\$8,500	\$8,080 84	1859	\$437 80
Books	7,500	{ 12,109 68	9,000	{ 14,538 60	9,000	{ 12,677 89	35,607 28	{ 44,131 56	15,000	{ 16,962 45	1860	450 00
Periodicals*		{ 1,979 63		{ 3,130 08		{ 1,895 84		{ 2,679 57		{ 5,395 16	1861	246 34
Catalogues (printing)	4,800	3,433 62	5,700	3,731 85	5,500	3,903 16	8,610	7,513 20	6,000	3,361 57	1862	350 00
Expense	1,600	1,678 90	2,000	2,487 04	2,000	2,628 59	4,305	3,141 01	5,000	4,159 59	1863	528 49
Fuel	1,300	1,083 80	1,650	1,596 20	1,650	1,543 75	2,580	2,720 50	4,000	3,440 88	1864	314 60
Furniture (cabinets, shel- ving, fixtures, etc.)	1,200	1,982 03	1,650	2,012 83	1,500	1,662 90	2,870	1,452 55	13,500	10,256 55	1865	385 64
Gas	1,700	2,041 76	2,200	2,303 98	2,500	2,425 45	5,022	3,460 06	4,500	4,528 55	1866	203 92
Printing (miscellaneous)	1,700	2,247 28	2,200	2,299 14							1867	504 18
Stationery	1,050	1,303 95	1,400	1,537 44			6,457	5,280 72	6,000	4,687 57	1868	507 72
Salaries	30,000	29,074 00	35,000	34,507 71	39,650	38,252 45	50,000	48,782 76	62,000	60,101 03	1869	659 85
Transportation, Postage, etc.	700	947 22	1,000	1,210 85	1,200	1,213 57	2,440	2,440 24	2,500	2,288 18	1870	996 63

BRANCHES.	East Boston Br.		South Boston and Rox. Branches.		Rox. Branch completing outfit.		Dorchester Branch.		1871	
Books and Periodicals	4,250	3,839 69		3,037 76		{ Ch'n 1746 55		3,000		1,150 00
Fixtures, Catalogues, Printing, etc.	1,700	2,323 41		2,274 10		{ Bri.	602 40	4,500	3,529 33	1,472 44
Salaries	3,000	1,117 35		4,639 30		{ Ch'n	343 42	2,500	1,026 45	1,681 79
				595 25		{ Bri.	175 34			2,000 00
				2,660 43		{ Rox. 3,000	4,084 97			2,360 24
				288 88		{ Ch'n	791 87			
						{ Bri.	291 88			
Totals	\$65,000	\$70,443 70	\$67,000	\$74,924 84	\$91,000	\$86,498 41	\$2,181 10	\$135,000	\$130,483 11	\$2,193 61

* The appropriation for Periodicals is included in that for books.

† The appropriation for binding before this year had included the salaries of the workmen in the Bindery, but is now changed to the appropriation for salaries.

‡ \$25,197.28 of this amount brought from last year, and added to the appropriations for books, to enable the Trustees to buy the Barton Library. The total appropriation includes an increase of \$11,650, by vote of the City Council in December, 1873, in anticipation of the annexation of Charlestown and Brighton. The difference of the total amount expended and appropriated is met by the income of the Trust Funds.

NOTE.—The expenditures for books cover the cost of those chargeable to our Trust Funds Account, as well as those charged to the annual appropriations from the City, and also includes such as are bought with the balances with our foreign agents at the close of the previous year. Our financial and library years now nominally correspond, but it will happen that bills accruing subsequently to the middle of March (when the last requisition of the year, payable April 1st, is approved) will be audited in the subsequent year's account, beginning nominally May 1st. In this way books added between March 15th and May 1st may be counted in one year's growth, and paid for in the subsequent year's account. The cost of maintaining Branches after the first year makes part of the general items of the several appropriations.

The money for books bought on account of the Fellowes Athenaeum is spent under the direction of the Book Committee of the Trustees of the Fellowes Fund.

APPENDIX XXV.
LIBRARY FUNDS. — INVESTED IN CITY OF BOSTON SIXES.

GIVER.	Amount.	When delivered.	No. of Bond.	When due.	Income.	Provisions.
1 Joshua Bates	\$50,000	March, 1853	1,727	April, 1894	\$3,000	To buy "books of permanent value."
2 Jonathan Phillips	20,000	April, 1861	3,283	Jan., 1876	1,800	"To the maintenance of a free Public Library." "Purchase of books."
		April, 1853	1,725	April, 1894		
3 Abbott Lawrence	10,000	May, 1860	2,944	July, 1875	000	Books having a permanent value.
4 Henry L. Pierce	5,000	December, 1873	1,567	Jan., 1894	300	"Books of permanent value for the Bates Hall."
5 Mary P. Townsend	4,000	July, 1861	8,296	April, 1879	240	Books five years old in some one edition.
6 George Ticknor	4,000	April, 1871	10,430	April, 1891	240	Books in Spanish and Portuguese, five years old in some one edition.
7 John P. Bigelow	1,000	August, 1850	1,726	April, 1894	60	Purchase of books. Books of permanent value, preferably "books on Government and Political Economy."
8 Franklin Club	1,000	June, 1863	5,531	Jan., 1884	60	
	\$105,000				\$6,300	

M E M O R A N D A .

- (1) Joshua Bates, b. near Boston, 1788; d. in London, as head of the house of Baring Brothers & Co., 1864. In addition to this fund, he gave \$50,000 worth of books to the Library.
- (2) The sum of \$10,000 was a gift in Mr. Phillips' lifetime. The other \$20,000 was bequeathed by his will, dated 28th Sept., 1849. He died 29th July, 1850, aged 82.
- (3) Mr. Lawrence died in August, 1855, and this sum was a bequest.
- (4) This was a donation from Mayor Pierce, previous to his retirement from office. The principal or interest may be expended as deemed best.
- (5) This fund was received from William Minot and William Minot, jr., executors of Miss Townsend's will, to whom discretionary power in making the gift was given by the will.
- (6) This fund was a bequest, accompanying the testamentary gift of his Spanish and Portuguese Library. It is required that \$1,000, at least, shall be spent every five years, for twenty-five years, for the addition to books to said library.
- (7) This fund was a sum intended for a testimonial to Mr. Bigelow on retiring from the mayoralty, and transferred by him to this purpose.
- (8) This fund was given by the Trustees of the Franklin Club, under authority given them at the dissolution of that Literary Association.

APPENDIX XXVI.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

JUSTIN WINSOR, *Superintendent.*

JAMES L. WHITNEY, *Assistant Superintendent.*

JAMES M. HUBBARD, *Principal Assistant.*

FREDERIC B. PERKINS, *Office Secretary.*

Charles A. Wilson, *Despatch Clerk.*

Miss A. A. Nichols, *Auditor.*

Frank H. Thomas, *Superintendent's Runner.*

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

JAMES L. WHITNEY, *Chief.*

James M. Hubbard, *Principal Assistant*; William H. Foster, *Proof Reader*; Arthur M. Knapp, *Pamphlets and Periodicals*; José F. Carret, *Patents and Engravings*; Mrs. S. A. Joslyn, *Patent Room and Accession Catalogue*; Miss Annie P. Call, *Assistant Cataloguer*; Mrs. A. C. D. Keen, *Branch Cataloguer*; Miss Elizabeth J. Stevenson, *Newspapers and Duplicates*; George H. Verity, *Runner.*

Mrs. R. M. Eastman and Miss Mary E. Joslyn, *Extras.*

CARD CATALOGUE.

Miss H. E. Green, *Curator.*

Miss Alice M. Porée, Miss M. I. Brooks, Miss Maude Ross, *Assistants.*

ORDERING AND RECEIVING DEPARTMENT.

MISS HARRIET N. PIKE, *Chief Clerk.*

Miss Mary A. McGrath and Mrs. E. T. Reed, *Assistants*; Ellen Stevenson, *Attendant.*

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

APPLETON P. C. GRIFFIN, *Custodian.*

John Bresnahan and Annie M. Kennedy, *Assistants.*

BATES HALL DEPARTMENT.

HENRY WARE, *Keeper.*

Miss L. S. Norton, *Desk Attendant*; Miss M. I. Brooks, *Assistant.*

Timothy Donovan, E. M. Thomas, Thomas Whyte, F. A. M. Stuart, *Runners.*

LOWER HALL DEPARTMENT.

ELBRIDGE BRADSHAW, *Keeper.*ALFRED A. BROOKS, *Assistant Keeper.*

Miss Elizabeth S. Haley, *Delivery Clerk*; Miss Lydia F. Knowles, *Receiving Clerk*; Miss Ellen E. Bresnahan, *Keeper's Clerk*; Misses Eliza J. Mack, Sarah A. Mack, Ellen F. McCarthy, *Assistants*; Ella Sturmy, *Art Room Attendant.*

Mary Connor, Margaret Donovan, Annie G. Shea, Mary Doyle (*extra*), *Runners.*

W. F. Robinson, *Registration Clerk.*Miss Elizabeth Ross, *Assistant Registration Clerk.*Miss Caroline E. Porée, *Reading Room Attendant.*

EVENING SERVICE. Fred. Kyle, *Registration Clerk*; Miss Henrietta E. Mack, *Delivery Clerk*; Miss Catharine McGrath, *Receiving Clerk*; Miss Amelia McGrath, *Assistant*; R. B. Ross, *Reading Room Attendant*; M. A. Mears, Margaret Doyle, *Runners.*

SUNDAY SERVICE. Fred. Kyle, *Reading Room Attendant.*

JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM E. FORD, *Janitor.*Thomas Collins and Henry Sullivan, *Assistants.**Extra Daily Assistants.*

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

FRANK P. HATHAWAY, *Foreman.*

Andrew M. Blake, Romeo Cervi, J. R. Beckett, James Pendergast, and M. J. Healy, *Assistants.*

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SUMMARY.

	Regulars.	Extras.	
Superintendent	1		} Central Library. 58 regulars. 11 extras. <hr/> 69 in all.
Office Secretary, Despatch Clerk, Auditor, and Runner	4		
Catalogue Department	13	2	
Ordering and Receiving Department	4		
Shelf Department	3		
B. H. Circulating Department	7		
L. H. Circulating Department, Day Service	14	2	
L. H. Circulating Department, Evening and Sunday Service		7	
Janitorial Department	3		
Binding Department	9		
East Boston Branch	5	5	} Branches. 28 regulars. 19 extras. <hr/> 47 in all.
South Boston Branch	5	5	
Roxbury Branch	6	4	
Charlestown Branch	5	3	
Brighton Branch	4	1	
Dorchester Branch	3	1	
Totals	86	30	
	30		
Grand Total	116		

APPENDIX XXVII.

REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

To the Superintendent: —

The examination of the Central Library and Branches has been made during the year ending April 30th, 1875, of which I beg leave to submit the following

REPORT.

In the Bates Hall there were missing from the shelves	
at the time of the examination	3,612 vols.
Of these there were found, —	
Loaned	1,970
At the Binder's	997
Otherwise accounted for	596
	— 3,563 “
Not at present accounted for, —	
Books	43
Periodicals, reports, etc., in boxes	4
Bound vols. of miscellaneous pphs.	1
Bates Hall Supplement	1
	— 49 “

Of the twenty-nine books reported as missing last year, four have been found on the shelves, in their proper places. Also four books missing in 1872, and one missing in 1870, have been found.

Everything possible in the way of accounting for these missing books has been done ; but many of them may be found during another examination of the Library, either misplaced, or numbered wrong. And some may have been taken from the shelves, and not properly charged. In so large a Library,

the chances of misplacement, and errors in numbering or charging, are of course great.

In the Lower Hall there were missing from the shelves	
at the time of the examination	7,001 vols.
Of these there were found, —	
Loaned	5,254
At the Binder's	622
Otherwise accounted for	948
	— 6,824 “
Not at present accounted for, —	
Fiction	126
Miscellaneous	51
	— 177 “

Of these, one hundred and thirty-eight volumes have not been loaned this year, and undoubtedly have been condemned; but the record of condemned books during the last year being incomplete, they cannot strictly be accounted for in that way. Deducting this one hundred and thirty-eight volumes, it leaves actually missing forty-one volumes. The number from each class is as follows: —

Arts and science	16 vols.
American history and politics	4 “
Poetry, drama, etc.	6 “
English prose fiction	126 “
Biography	1 “
Travels	3 “
Libraries, collected works, periodicals, etc.	13 “
Foreign history and politics	1 “
Foreign books	7 “

At the East Boston Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of the examination	2,012 “
Loaned	1,729
At the Binder's	137
Otherwise accounted for	146
	— 2,012 “

At the South Boston Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of the examination	2,396 vols.
Loaned	2,101
At the Binder's	155
Otherwise accounted for	128
	— 2,384 “
Not at present accounted for, —	
Fiction	7
Juveniles	5
	— 12 “

At the Roxbury Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of the examination, —	
Fellowes Athenæum books	307 “
Loaned	300
At the Binder's	6
Otherwise accounted for	1
	— 307 “

One Fellowes Athenæum book is missing from the Reading Room, viz. :—

Pierce. Dickens' dictionary.

Of the City books, there were missing from the shelves	2,134 vols.
Loaned	1,983
At the Binder's	138
Otherwise accounted for	7
	— 2,128 “
Not at present accounted for, —	
Travels	2
Juveniles	3
Miscellaneous	1
	— 6 “

At the Charlestown Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of the examination	1,636 “
Loaned	1,479
At the Binder's	66
Otherwise accounted for	91
	— 1,636 “

From the Reading Room, there are missing, —
 Appleton's American Cyclopeda, volumes 7 and 12.
 " Annual Cyclopeda for 1872.
 Pierce. Dickens' dictionary.

At the Brighton Branch there are at present not
 accounted for, —

History	2 vols.	
Periodicals	1 "	
	—	3 vols.

From the Bates Hall Desk, the following reference books are
 missing, —

Eggleston. How to educate yourself.
 Appleton's New American Cyclopeda, volumes 9 and 10.

And from the Central Library Reading Room, —

Bell's Geography, vol. 2.
 Chambers Information for the people, vol. 2.
 Clement. Handbook of legendary art.
 Webster. Unabridged dictionary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. C. GRIFFIN,

Custodian of the Shelves.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, May 20, 1875.

APPENDIX XXVIII.

WORK IN THE LIBRARY BINDERY.

CHARACTER OF WORK.	1871-2.	1872-3.	1873-4.	1874-5.
Bates Hall books bound and finished . .	2,219	2,008	2,635	2,613
Books of the Lower Hall and Branches .	1,015	744	753	1,508
Books repaired	396	430	492	444
Catalogues wired and covered for public use in Lower Hall and Branches . . .	490	437	287	143
Maps dissected and mounted	47	28	9	} 493
Map-volumes and shelf-lists mounted . .	212	165	109	
Pamphlet cases	546	64	24	
Portfolios	5	8	8	
Removable covers for catalogues and for paper covered books	266	263	450	1,520
Maps mounted, bound and bordered . .	54	41	8	. .
Hours of miscellaneous work	1,842	2,297	1,437	2,486

APPENDIX XXIX.

The year's record of the Public Library is shadowed by the loss of Mr. William A. Wheeler, the Assistant Superintendent, whose character and work reflect honor upon the institution.

Mr. Wheeler was born at Leicester, in this State, in 1833. Most of his youth was spent at Topsham, Maine, from which place he entered Bowdoin College, graduating in 1853. After teaching three years he became associated with the late Dr. Worcester in the preparation of a new edition of Worcester's Dictionary, upon the completion of which work he accepted a similar position from the publishers of the Webster series of dictionaries. Under his supervision the new Unabridged quarto edition was printed, and on him devolved the preparation of new editions of the National, the University and the Academic dictionaries as well as of the smaller or school editions. All these works, whose reputation is not confined to this continent, owe their value in large measure to him.

Mr. Wheeler entered the service of the Public Library in the spring of 1868, and later in the same year, on the death of Mr. William E. Jillson, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent. The Library was singularly fortunate in securing the services of a scholar so accomplished and so fitted by habits of patient, thorough research for the work to which his best energies were to be given.

His critical, accurate work may be seen in the various catalogues which were prepared, wholly or in part under his supervision — in the Prince and Ticknor Catalogues, in the Lists of Engravings and Bulletins, and more than all, in the Public Card Catalogue of the Library. These bear testimony

to the thoroughness and wide reach of his learning, and to the tenacity of his purpose to leave everything that he touched, finished and perfect.

Of the books written by Mr. Wheeler, all of which are of permanent value, the one by which he is most widely known is the Dictionary of Noted Names of Fiction, which was originally prepared as an appendix to Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, and afterwards published independently in an enlarged form. Other books, due wholly or in part to him, are Worcester's Spelling Book, the Manual of English Pronunciation and Spelling, a revised edition of Hole's Brief Biographical Dictionary, an edition of Mother Goose's Melodies, with antiquarian and philological notes, a Record of the class of 1853 of Bowdoin College, and a Dickens Dictionary. His contributions can be found also in the North American Review and in other periodicals. Other books, upon which work was begun or outlined, were interrupted by his untimely death. A Cyclopædia of Shakespearian Literature, materials for which he had begun to collect, would have been, had he lived to complete it, his most valuable contribution to literature.

The beauty and nobility of Mr. Wheeler's character were more striking even than his intellectual gifts. His associates, who owed their best inspiration to him, and the scholars as well, who sought his counsel and aid, were more attracted by the rare qualities of his heart than by the great stores of knowledge that always stood open to them.

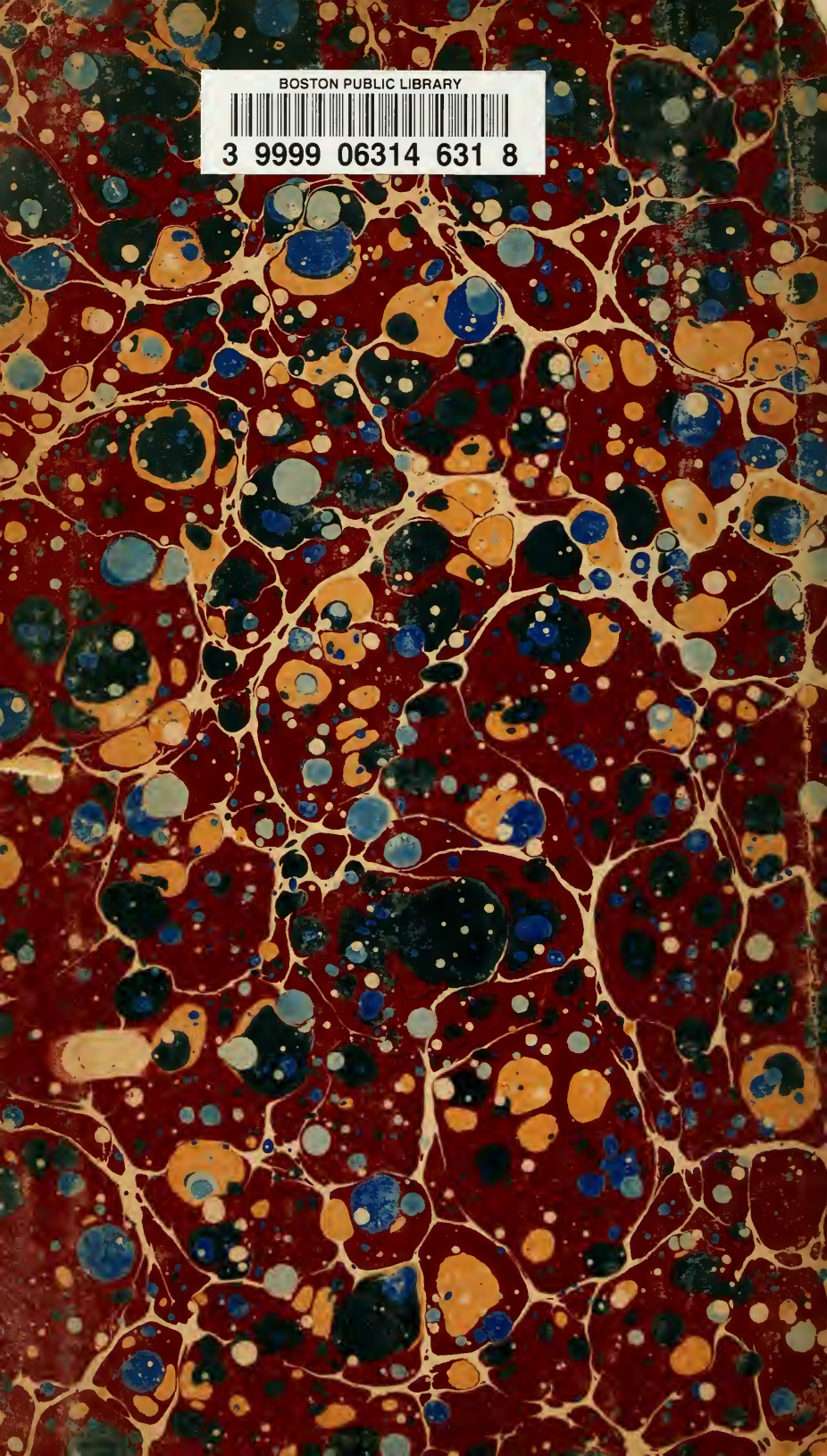
His loss will be felt not alone by the Library, or by those who personally knew him. Many to whom he was a stranger even by name, but who have profited by his labors, will have reason to mourn that he was removed in the very prime of life, seemingly just when his powers were fully ripened.

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