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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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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-sixth annual report, being the ninth and final one made under the last ordinance, and including the details of condition and of administration for the year ending on the 30th of April last, when the organization of the Board terminated.

They also submit herewith two necessary reports: one of the Examining Committee, consisting for the present year of Rev. Warren H. Cudworth, William Endicott, Esq., Hon. Robert M. Morse, Jr., J. Boyle O'Reilly, Esq., and John Collins Warren, M.D., with Weston Lewis, Esq., of the Board of Trustees, as Chairman; the other, of Samuel A. Green, M.D., the Trustee in charge, with the regular tabulations of the results of the work of the Library during the year, with such comments and recommendations for future progress as have been derived from his personal experience in its management.

The report of the Examining Committee bears forcibly upon two points which have been previously presented to the City Council, and which are most important to its future condition. The one presents strongly the insufficient accommodations of the Library, either in space for its shelving, or in accommodation to the public, in its reading-room, or in the ventilation necessary to the health of the attendants, and for the preservation of the books.

As a radical and absolute cure for these and other evils, they have entered quite fully into the question of a removal



of the Library from its present site, recommending early action on the part of the City Government. Upon the points of the necessity of greatly enlarged and improved accommodation, both to the Library and to the public, and increased safety for its invaluable treasures, the Trustees have expressed their opinion in previous reports. They submit the subject to the best consideration of the City Council.

The other portion discusses, in an impartial and thoughtful manner, the quality of the reading provided, the difficulties to be overcome in ministering to the various tastes dependent upon the institution, and the principles which, in the judgment of the committee, should control the acquisition of its books. The Trustees are glad to find that such an independent and practical body approve of the manner in which the popular selection, especially, has been made.

The report of Dr. Green, the Trustee in charge, gives the results not only of his work as Superintendent, but also of his experience as an active and valued member of this Board for ten years. His observations upon the disabilities suffered by the institution, and by the public in consequence, from the present library structure, will still farther fortify the recommendations of the Examining Committee. His suggestions relative to the system of book purchases will receive the early attention of the Board. When a new librarian is obtained, such systematic direction will naturally form an important part of the duties of that officer.

In the month of July it became known that the Library was to lose the services of Mr. Winsor, as Superintendent, a position which he had filled with eminent ability for ten years. Although every effort was made by the Trustees and the City Government to retain him in office, he preferred accepting the librarianship at Cambridge, which, in his judgment, was more permanent, and more agreeable in its relations. In severing his personal connection with the Board of Trustees, they took great pleasure in bearing testimony to the distinguished services which he had rendered the institution, and which were especially due to his inventive talent and administrative skill.

The resignation of Mr. Winsor, on the 1st of October, as Superintendent, in one respect, proved an immediate embarrassment to the institution. The appropriate salary voted by the City Council had been made dependent upon the tenure of office of that incumbent. In making a selection of a successor, there were but few competent bibliographers in the country, and fewer still who added to that accomplishment a large administrative

ability. The very few whose claims might be considered by the Trustees were already occupied in positions where their services were approximately rewarded by a higher compensation than had been appropriated as the salary for the most important librarianship on the continent. Of large consulting or reference libraries there were but three or four in the country of great general value. Of popular libraries there was none which served so large a constituency, or which spread such a collection of treasures so broadcast among the people. It required no argument to prove that the position of Superintendent or Librarian could not easily be filled. The names presented to the Board did not, in their judgment, include any one either competent for the work, or who was not already in the service of some other institution providing a sufficient compensation.

In the mean time, until a suitable successor could be found, the daily details of the machinery of the institution must receive attention. The Board were fortunate in having one among their number who was competent and willing to give the time required for the daily executive necessities. Dr. Samuel A. Green was placed as "Trustee in charge," at a large personal inconvenience to himself, and with a disinterestedness worthy of all praise. Such assistance also as could be given by the Board was freely rendered. While the Trustees by the ordinance were made responsible for the Library, they had never, individually, before, been brought into such immediate contact with all the problems of administration. The result of this experience has produced economical changes, which it is expected will in the future materially enhance the efficiency of the popular libraries.

The consideration of the question of the ventilation of the Bates, as well as of the Lower, Hall can no longer be deferred with safety. The Committee on Public Buildings, in the early spring, took in hand the admitted necessities of the first floor in the Boylston-street library. Since then, the attention of the Trustees has again been forcibly drawn to the decay of the bindings in the upper and middle ranges of alcoves in Bates Hall. To repair the volumes already injured will require the expenditure of a considerable sum of money. This condition of destruction is not new to this Library. The same causes which have proved so injurious to the calf, sheep, and russia binding in our own collection, have produced similar results at the Boston Athenæum and Harvard College libraries, as well as in the great libraries in Europe. An exhaustive examination by Professor Wolcott Gibbs, of Harvard University, has proved, that the leather became disintegrated by the atmospheric conditions inseparable from insufficient ventilation, and not from the noxious gases

supposed to be generated in injurious quantities from the combustion of flame. Having ascertained the cause, it is earnestly desired that the city authorities will at once interpose, and preserve the invaluable contents of the Library from farther destructive agencies proceeding from this cause. Pure air is as necessary to the preservation of books as it is to the healthy condition of human existence.

In presenting the usual summary of library work for the year, there will be found a gratifying increase in the extent and value of the collections. Two new Branches have been established; one at the South End, and one at Jamaica Plain. The amount of donations has been swelled by the gift of the library of the Mercantile Library Association. The quality of the works added to the popular libraries has been higher in grade.

The number of volumes shelved in Bates Hall are 203,928; in the Lower Hall, 35,862; in the basement, 16,166; in the branches, 89,778; making a total of 345,734 volumes, — an increase for the year of 33,724 volumes, or 12 per cent.

The libraries were open for the year for popular use and consultation 306 days. The loans increased from a total in the previous year of 1,140,572 to 1,183,991, — a gain of 43,419 volumes. This aggregate gain has not, however, been effected without a loss in certain of the popular departments. The establishment of the South-End Branch withdrew applicants for books, both from the Central Library and the Roxbury Branch. Jamaica Plain, which had received from the Roxbury Branch to September 1, 3,712 volumes, subsequent to that time had a library of its own in successful operation.

Another cause which has diminished the total number of books charged as circulated has been the abolition of the old seven-day rule, with power of renewal, and the substitution of a longer liberty of fourteen days, without power of renewal. It will be seen that every book renewed under the old rule, and detained a fortnight for home use, counted as two deliveries, while since the 1st of January such detention counts only as one.

What effect has been produced on the popularity of the Library by the efforts of the Trustees to add as few books to the shelves, as was practicable, of the lower grades of fiction, not immoral, is yet hardly perceptible. The attendants of the Lower Hall in Boylston street, with a less number of books charged than during the same months of the previous year, have never been so busy as during the past winter.

The following table indicates the number of volumes now in each library, with the circulation of each during the past

and the present year. Other statistics indicating the character of that circulation will be found subsequently. The division between the consulting and popular libraries indicates an essential educational difference:—

## CIRCULATION.

	No. of Vols.	1876-7.	1877-8.
	Apl. 30, 1878		
Lower Hall, Boylston street . . . . .	35,862	405,732	391,175
East Boston . . . . .	10,329	102,627	106,596
South Boston . . . . .	8,666	135,179	140,751
Roxbury . . . . .	8,382	130,419	113,787
Charlestown . . . . .	20,300	106,816	101,540
Brighton . . . . .	11,969	29,792	29,247
Dorchester . . . . .	8,535	71,979	64,974
South End. . . . .	8,793	. . . . .	42,402
Jamaica Plain . . . . .	5,857	. . . . .	30,250
Total . . . . .	118,693	982,544	1,020,460
Bates Hall . . . . .	203,928	141,618	146,996
Fellowes Athenæum . . . . .	7,181	16,410	16,535
Volumes in use (excluding duplicates, etc) . . . . .	329,892	1,140,572	1,183,991

It will at once be noticed that, with the exception of East Boston and South Boston and the new Branches, the popular service shows a decrease, while the consulting libraries have a slight increase of use. The most marked falling off has been in Roxbury, which shows a diminution of nearly 17,000 volumes, the larger part of which is to be explained by the opening of the Jamaica Plain Branch, to which had been furnished the previous year nearly 12,000 volumes.

The varying figures in the circulation of popular libraries have been held to depend in a large degree upon the quantity of fiction embraced in such collections, it being popularly and reasonably accepted as a fact that extent of circulation depends upon such proportion. But the element of quality as suited to the popular taste is quite as important. One of the Branches, with 49 per cent. of fiction and juveniles, furnished 85 per cent. of its circulation from that portion of its contents; while another, with the same percentage of works of this class, but of a higher grade, issued only 72 per cent. Another Branch, with 38 per cent. of the same class, but poorer, loaned 72 per cent. In direct contrast with these



figures, yet another Branch, with 31 per cent. of fiction, derived from it 76 per cent. of its issues. The average contents of all the popular libraries was 42 per cent., which covered 75 per cent. of their total circulation.\* In one Branch each novel or juvenile was issued, on the average, 24 times, while from another, each book of the same class was taken on the average but 7 times.

In considering the readers of fiction as to age and sex, no exact figures have yet been obtained. It is, however, sufficiently evident that the female sex predominates. Of adults, the men take from the Library less than half as many novels as women. In juveniles, owing to the sensational character of the majority of the books published, boys furnish more readers than girls; while the girls make up more than the difference, by reading novels.

The managers of a public library cannot afford to neglect the constant inspection of this class of its reading. While required by the demands of circulation to place upon their shelves stories of the most diverse character, not immoral in tendency, they have no power to distribute them as suited to the tastes and tendencies of the individual borrower. For the young the proper oversight is due from the parent; but from observation it is feared that a very large proportion of the parents, either from ignorance or disinclination, do not fulfil the duty. In this connection, the remarks of the Examining Committee upon the quality and use of books selected deserve especial attention.

The record of books lost still continues to show most satisfactory results. During the past year but one volume is missing from among 11,723 issued. This fact is most creditable to borrowers, and surpasses our previous experience. The Branches at Roxbury, Brighton, Dorchester, South End, and Jamaica Plain have lost no volume from an aggregate circulation of 275,654; and South Boston but one out of 140,677. The whole number from all the libraries not recovered was 101, of which 90 came from the Central Library, which, as usual, suffers most from the negligence of its patrons; but even with this drawback its figures are better than those of the previous year.

For the reading-rooms of the libraries, the few facts which are to be noted show the prescience of Mr. Bates in making the establishment of these accessories an essential part of his benevolent conditions. They were open to the public 357 days in the year, inclusive of Sundays, during which

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\* These percentages do not include the Charlestown Library, which has not yet taken its place in the general system of statistics; but the use of which, it is hoped, will be clearly defined in the course of another year.



371,693 readers were furnished with 471,984 periodicals, — an increase of 32,179 readers, and 47,320 periodicals. These amounts would have been largely increased had the sitting accommodations in the Central Library been sufficient for the visitors. So large a proportion of the immediate intellectual activity of the age finds its vent and expression in works of this class, that it has become a most important element in popular education.

The gifts to the Library during the year have been unusually large. By the public spirit of the Directors of the Mercantile Library Association their library, which had been in process of collection for 55 years, and containing 16,927 volumes, was presented to this institution. 8,000 of its volumes were transferred to their building in Newton street, as the basis of a new Branch founded for the ready convenience of an important constituency of the parent library residing south of Dover street. The uses of this collection since its beginning show a lively interest on the part of its patrons, and have had an effect upon the circulation both of the Lower Hall and of the Roxbury Branch, which are its nearest neighbors. This is the first Branch established which for a portion of its issues appears to have withdrawn regular visitants of the other libraries. It suggests a question for the consideration of the Trustees, as to whether further Branches shall be established, at an increased expense to the city, unless it is clearly demonstrated that such establishment shall not interfere with the usefulness of the libraries already in successful operation.

But these remarks must not be considered as showing any unthankfulness for large gifts of popular books, to which the Trustees must assign a sphere of usefulness. When books are largely duplicated by gift in the Lower Hall, beyond the necessities of daily demand, they must not on this account remain fixtures on the shelves. There are people who will use them, if convenient of access, and such has proved to be the creditable record of the South End Branch. Although the books were not used, and the novels and juveniles had mainly been printed more than five years, and were selected as of good quality, the circulation at once became notable, and indicative of good taste and of educational tendencies. It will be fortunate if any farther donations of libraries shall be so well placed as a selection from this.

Returning to the general gifts throughout the year, the Trustees would next gratefully acknowledge the second gift of J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq., of \$500, for the purpose of increasing the value of the mathematical collection, — the gift to the Library of the sons of the late Nathaniel Bowditch.

A catalogue of these additions for the past two years has been printed. The value and use of any such special collection obviously depend upon its completeness, and upon the ready knowledge of its contents offered in print to students.

There was also added to the Library, during the year, the bequest of Miss Eliza Mary Thayer, a special collection of 890 volumes, relating to history and biography, and embracing a large variety of costly illustrated works, containing great numbers of valuable historical portraits. The result of the assiduous and careful labor of the owner, it forms a monument to her excellent judgment and good taste.

Another considerable addition of books were the 1,118 volumes comprising the private library of Miss Charlotte Harris, bequeathed by her to the Branch Library at Charlestown, which she still farther enriched by leaving to it in trust the sum of \$10,000, the interest of which was to be expended for its benefit in the purchase of books published previous to the year 1850.

A most notable single donation, last July, was due to the interposition of the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, an old and constant friend of the Library. Through his personal efforts there was secured to it, by the aid of a few subscribers, the original short-hand report of Webster's reply to Hayne in the U. S. Senate, by Joseph Gales; the speech as written out by Mr. and Mrs. Gales from the short-hand report; the speech, as prepared by Mr. Webster as copy for the press; an appendix indorsed by Mr. Webster; and the perfected speech as originally printed—the whole bound in one volume. This document has a national interest from its extraordinary power, and for the important political consequences which ensued from its delivery.

Besides the 18,935 volumes thus enumerated, the Library was indebted to 674 givers, for 2,271 volumes and 12,453 pamphlets.

Nothing more plainly shows the use of the Library than its wear and tear. During the past five years 15,392 volumes have been condemned. Most of them have been replaced, and the cost of the purchase has formed a part of the expenditure for books in each year. They are fortunately the more popular and cheaper books which suffer the most. During this same period of time the Library, under the city ordinance, has paid into the city treasury \$13,644.13, from fines and the sale of catalogues,—a sum which, had it been placed at the disposition of the Board, would have made good all losses in books, and paid, too, by the public in whose service the destruction had taken place.

Other conditions of wear and tear find their remedy in the bindery, which arm of the service, under Mr. Hathaway, required during the year 12 assistants. Besides its employment upon a great variety of miscellaneous work, 15,284 volumes were bound and 949 repaired. Of the quality of the work done it is just to say that it is not surpassed by that furnished by the best binders in the country. The publications of the Library, bound in this department of its service, have been sent to the Paris Exhibition of 1878.

The Catalogue work of the Library, during the year, has been unusually large and important. The public Card Catalogue has been so far completed that it is now an index of the works comprised in Bates as well as the Lower Hall. The entries for the last nine months of the year numbered 31,346 volumes. Besides this, a Catalogue of the Jamaica Plain Branch has been issued. Work on the Ticknor Catalogue has been diligently prosecuted by Mr. Whitney, so that this long-expected volume is approaching a near completion. The printing of the Barton Catalogue, embracing the Shakespearian portion, is also in hand, under the immediate charge of Mr. Hubbard, and will be continued steadily until finished under the terms of the contract made by the city at the time of its purchase, subsequently modified by consent of the executors of Mrs. Barton's will. The quarterly Bulletins have been regularly issued.

In terminating the relation of Trustees under the present form of organization, they cannot but hope that similar conditions of prosperity will be vouchsafed to the new corporation. No large change in the general conduct of administration can be anticipated so long as means are provided adequate to support. The Library in the past has been unfailingly sustained by the public spirit of the City Government, and of their fellow-citizens. The large educational problem, for the solution of which it was created, may reasonably be claimed to have been solved. The free school and the free library now constitute a large element in making up the character of the freeman—worthy of freedom.

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## REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE,

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 Esq., J. COLLINS WARREN, M.D., with WESTON LEWIS,  
 Esq., of the Trustees, as Chairman.

In accordance with the requirements of a City Ordinance concerning the Public Library, passed in September of 1869, the committee above named beg leave to report upon its condition on the last of April, 1878, as follows:—

The first impression made upon the visitor by the Library is very favorable, and to the City of Boston extremely creditable. The building is imposing without and within; and although situated in one of the busiest quarters of the city, where horse-cars and vehicles of every description pass and repass continually, and thousands of pedestrians hurry along intent on work or pleasure, the rooms are filled with the spirit of repose, and by their very aspect seem to invite thoughtful contemplation, or silent fellowship with those gifted minds or soaring souls, the record of whose best hours or noblest efforts rise shelf above shelf from floor to ceiling.

It seems scarcely credible that only twenty-six years have elapsed since the movement was started whose already attained proportions are so colossal; scarcely credible that in 1852 the first book was deposited in this collection so vast and valuable, which has been followed by 347,244 companions, varying in size and value, of course, but nearly all worthy of the places they occupy and the consideration they have received. One would think that he was beholding what it had cost centuries of labor and millions of treasure to collect; and that this library had been established by some opulent, powerful, and cultivated nation long before the present generation appeared.

A library of this character, that is, a library selected for the people, adapted to the wants of the people, managed and supported by the people, is the most difficult of all libraries to secure, on account of the mixed character of its patrons. For students in law, medicine, theology, art or science, for example, a library must supply books of the



character needed for their study or consultation alone; but for the people, most of whom are readers and not students, books of this character would possess very little interest, and from them receive very little attention. To select a library for the people, therefore, which shall attract, instruct, and improve them at the same time; which shall excite, increase, and retain their interest, — requires a combination of qualities rare indeed to find.

It must be remembered that professional students are compelled to read and study professional books, whether they find them interesting or not; just as a carpenter must use carpenter's tools, or a dentist the instruments furnished by the practice of dental surgery in the past; and it is not difficult to decide upon the nature of the books such students must peruse, and to secure them accordingly. But to be equally wise and decided concerning the books best adapted to secure mentally and morally the good of a great population, composed of people from every rank and grade in society; of all ages, both sexes, with every conceivable taste, style of thought, peculiarity of nature, and degree of culture, is far more difficult. It may be assumed at the outset to be utterly impossible to suit all. Some people are so eccentric, or so captious, or so self-opinionated, that they seem foreordained to sneer at everything and scowl at everybody. They are the constitutional cynics and growlers of society, whose grapes are always sour, whose times are invariably out of joint. We must let them pass. Their commendation of a library or anything else would make us suspicious and distrustful. Fortunately, however, they form so small a portion of urban or suburban communities that they need not be taken into account. We must consult the people at large to ascertain how useful the Library has become, if useful at all. The verdict of the people has been very favorable thus far to those who have had the selection and control of their books in the Public Library and all its branches since 1852; so favorable indeed as to produce embarrassment, not only to the Superintendent of the Library, his librarians and their assistants, but to the City Council also; who, nearly every year for the last twenty-five years have been appealed to for additional appropriations for changes in the Central building, or for the establishment of new branches to meet the great and growing demand for something conveniently at hand to read.

In the year 1868, for instance, the call for books from the Central Library, previously to the establishing of six of the existing eight branches, did not exceed 176,000 volumes; but in the year 1876-77 the call reached 1,140,572 volumes,

and since the Library was started the call has reached the astounding number of nearly 10,000,000 of volumes. This shows not only how much Boston people read, but also where they get most of the books they read, and how well satisfied they are with the character and quality of these books, and with the method of procuring and returning them again. On one day of the present year, *i. e.*, the 23d of February, 1878, nearly 10,000 books were issued to borrowers, and this number, large as it appears, bids fair to be exceeded repeatedly, especially during the fall and winter months, when the evenings are long, and the people have leisure in-doors to inform and regale themselves with the choicest products of human thought and progress. During the month of May in 1875, 64,366 books were called for and credited; increasing in May of 1876 to 81,436; and in May of 1878, to 95,469. Think of nearly 100,000 people every month resorting to the Public Library and its various branches, with books in their hands which they have read, and returning to their various homes with books which they have borrowed, and an exact idea of the magnitude of this great, growing, and important interest can be entertained. No wonder it requires a staff of 130 persons to wait upon so many people, attending to their wants with as much despatch as accuracy and the safety of the property entrusted to their keeping will allow; the wonder is, it does not require more. And no wonder, for the speedy and successful prosecution of all their work, with keeping the Library fully up to the demands of the times, that the sum of \$129,000 was required last year to pay bills incurred; the wonder is, it did not need more.

Granted, however, that the people as a whole, approve the Public Library, favor its management, pay cheerfully the taxes requisite for its support, and with numbers largely increasing from year to year resort to it, or some of its branches, for mental food and satisfaction, is the character of the books supplied by the management, donated by friends or recommended by readers, precisely such as could be wished? To this question, asked repeatedly, and asked by the friends of our youth all over the city, we must, on the whole, return an affirmative reply. No doubt there are books in the Central building, and in every one of the eight branches throughout the city which belong to a poor class, and which are not the best specimens even of that class; books which are not exactly pernicious in statement nor tendency, nor prejudicial to good morals; but books not directly and positively beneficial; concerning which the best you can say is, that they form a taste, they whet and sharpen an appetite for reading.

Banish them from the Library, as some advise, and you banish their readers also. Keep them in the Library and you keep their readers also; who, with constantly improving tastes, will finally select books of unquestionable excellence and profit. Moreover, has one class of tax-payers the right of judgment and selection concerning the books which another class, or all other classes, shall peruse and ponder? In a public library can any portion of the public justly deny to all other portions the only books they are enough interested in to go after and carry home with them? Manifestly not, in both cases.

The only thing to do, then, is precisely what is done, to leave this whole question to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees, making them the umpires, from whose decision there shall be no appeal.

There is much cause for gratification arising from the fact, that calls for works of fiction, especially those of a light and ephemeral character, are not so numerous as they have been, and that the people, with the exception of a few young persons, are beginning to demand books designed to instruct and improve rather than only to amuse them.

This affords evidence that the management of the Library is in good hands; and if we are willing to wait patiently until the experiment initiated by Mr. Jewett and the Trustees of his day, of alluring readers into the Library by supplying books adapted to their condition and attractive to their tastes, — the experiment also approved by Mr. Winsor, and continued by the Trustees associated with him, — shall have had fair and thorough trial, we shall feel assured that it has brought forth, and will bring forth, good results. A city is not unlike a family; and if we look over the books read by any well-regulated, high-toned family in Boston, although we see in the father's hands works containing the last results of science or the most recent speculations in philosophy, in the mother's hands some treatise on *Æsthetics* or *Sociology*, and in the hands of the older children, poems, histories, works of invention, travel and discovery, or adventure, we shall see Mother Goose in the hands of the little children, and fables, and fairy stories, with all sorts of grotesque and fantastic imaginations to stimulate the nascent power of thought and compel judgment and the understanding to take their places on the stage of action. "When I was a child," says the greatest thinker among the writers of the New Testament, "I spake as a child, I thought as a child, I understood as a child; but when I became a man I put away childish things." We must not expect, therefore, of the childish borrower the relish and strength shown by those

better developed and farther on in the fields of literature ; but, at the same time, must supply something to such a borrower, which shall help him along as fast as possible, and finally as far as the farthest.

It is plainly apparent to those most familiar with the growth and working of the Boston Public Library in the past, that, useful and popular as it has been made by those having charge of its interests, its usefulness and popularity could be very much increased by enlarged accommodations, or an entire change of location. In considering which of these measures it would be the more advisable to recommend, the committee appointed to prepare this paper, for various reasons, some obvious, others easily demonstrable, have decided to favor the latter. The present building must contain, at the present rate of increase, by another quarter of a century, nearly a million of volumes, which it is altogether inadequate to furnish with shelf-room, and to purchase Hotel Pelham for this purpose, as has been suggested, would compel the expenditure of a larger sum of money than a new library building would cost.

In its present location, surrounded by lofty and combustible structures, the present building could never be made securely fire-proof, neither can quiet or thorough ventilation be obtained. It is respectfully recommended by this committee, therefore, that the Board of Trustees solicit the City Council to petition the Massachusetts Legislature, at its next session, to give and set apart an entire square of the Back Bay lands, now belonging to the State, to the City of Boston, whereon a new building for the Public Library can be erected, which shall not only be convenient, commodious, quiet, and well ventilated, but isolated and absolutely fire-proof.

There are certain features providentially developed in the history of the Boston Public Library which seem to forecast for it a career of high and honorable usefulness second to none in this country. One is the location within its walls of the entire collections of distinguished scholars, like the Bowditch collection, the Parker collection, the Ticknor collection, and others, embodying the results of years of careful thought, of patient research, of mature and ripened judgment, and of generous investment ; results which money alone could never secure, and which, providentially placed within reach of all our citizens, suggest the desirableness of making even more special provision than now exists for the reception and preservation of such model private libraries as may be unusually rich and valuable in particular departments, the owners of which may feel solicitous to have them kept entire after their



decease, and may be willing to set apart ample funds for their care and increase, provided they are assured that such libraries will be welcomed and preserved unscattered for the good of others, and will be assigned a special place for public consultation. The library of a man so great and good as Dr. Bowditch, for example, becomes in time to those in sympathy with his line of thought, or professionally engaged in his sphere of worldly activity, a kind of intellectual shrine, where devotees from other places and from distant climes may come to do him reverence, or to honor the land which gave him birth, and study the institutions which made his greatness possible.

Another feature of this sort is the exceptionally full, well-preserved, and well-guarded collection of folios in the Patent Room. America is the home of inventors, the fruitful soil from which have gone forth during the last hundred years more useful inventions, important discoveries, and sterling improvements, than any other single country on the earth can boast during the same period of time. It is not remarkable, therefore, that 310 persons, during only one month of the present year, the month of January, 1878, should have sought the Patent Room for study and reference. If the wisdom shown hitherto in the management of this room be continued, and the liberality of the City Council allow the completion of its collections from foreign countries where the patent system prevails, there will be reason to expect thousands of visitors and students annually at the Boston Public Library from every State in the Union, and from other lands, to consult the treasures which wait their appropriation in this room alone.

Another feature of this sort is the large number of public documents which have been accumulated in the central building, making a library of reference for statesmen, jurists, students of natural history and political economy, second to none accessible in the land. Although it is to be regretted that excessive heat and dryness, insufficient ventilation, or the presence of some corrosive vapor, have singly, or all combined, greatly injured and, in some cases, rendered useless the binding of many of the volumes in this department, it is to be hoped that the Trustees will be empowered to take such precautions, and make such expenditures, as shall arrest further ravages in this direction, and prevent, if possible, their recurrence in the future.

Another feature of the Library worthy of commendatory mention is the gradual accumulation of literary curiosities, historical mementos, relics, portraits of famous persons, statues, busts, medals, and the like works of art which, aside

from its large and costly collection of books, make the building an attractive centre of resort to students of antiquity and lovers of the rare and beautiful from all sections. Although it has been suggested that everything of this character should be sent to the Museum of Art, close by, it may be replied, that there such articles would not be so free to public inspection as in the City Library, would not be sure of such a careful and thorough showing, on account of the lack of funds wherewith to pay trained attendants, and would not have a corporation so opulent and generous as the City Council of Boston to provide every facility for their exhibition and safety.

In conclusion, the committee desire to express their thanks to members of the city government for the generous appropriation they have made to the Public Library and its Branches, and to urge that measures be taken to secure temporarily more ample accommodations for the constantly increasing number of books in the Library, for better ventilation in the central building, and for a place where the books now being injured by dampness, and various causes, may be secured against farther injury.

They desire also to express their gratitude to Dr. Samuel A. Green, the superintendent in charge, to members of the Board of Trustees, and to the Library officials in general, for the uniform courtesy with which their investigations have been facilitated.

For the Committee,

WARREN H. CUDWORTH.

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## REPORT OF THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT.

*To the Trustees: —*

The principal events of the past Library year have been the close of Mr. Winsor's term of service as Superintendent and the incorporation of the Trustees by an act of the Legislature.

For the statistical details of the year's service I respectfully refer to the usual tables which form the Appendix.

The observations that I shall here lay before the Board are such as seem suitable in view of the close of my own connection with the Library, and they have been in some measure shaped by the approach of that close.

The history of the Library up to the present time falls naturally into two chief periods. The first of these ends with the death of Mr. Jewett, the first superintendent, and may perhaps be called the literary or bibliographical period, as it was during this period that the general plan was laid down upon which the Library has been collected, classified, and catalogued; the second of these two terms covers Mr. Winsor's superintendency, and may be described as the organizing or administering period. This distinction implies no defect during either one of these periods in the leading qualification of the other, for each suited the needs of its time and arose naturally out of them.

The work of gathering and assorting a Library must precede that of regulating its use. The organizing power of Mr. Winsor was brought into requisition when that trait was most required. His management of the Library, aided by the unprecedented liberality of the City of Boston and by the coöperation of the Board of Trustees, has made it, in more than one respect, an acknowledged model for imitation, while in mere numerical extent it has become the largest on this continent. It was through Mr. Winsor's instrumentality that the system of reference-note catalogues was introduced, which has marked a new era in Library administration. By means of this system the Library not only offers its books, but tells everybody which of them to read. The School District Library movement of about a generation ago was an attempt of the same kind, to popularize good reading, but it was a decided failure, for the reason, not understood at the time, though now it seems obvious enough, that mere books on a shelf will not make themselves read. Abreast of this full

supply of instruction in the choice of reading, a plan has been carried forward to aid in the convenient use of our books by increasing the number of deliveries. This mechanism can go on, subdividing the channels and multiplying the depositories of reading matter as fast and as far as may be required. The ease with which the deliveries for the firemen and the public institutions of the city have been kept up, shows that the question is one only of care and detail, and of little cost.

The two periods mentioned as covering the history of the Library thus far amount to about twenty-four years. If we date from the time when the project of a Public Library first began to be seriously contemplated, and when actual efforts toward it were made, we may reckon that the institution has about a generation of human life to look back upon. But whether we date from the year 1841, or from Mayor Quincy's conditional offer of \$5,000, and the appointment of a joint committee of the City Council on a Library in 1847, or from the enabling act of 1848, or from the first opening in Mason street, in 1854, — in any case it is a splendid achievement for the City of Boston to have established within that time a Library of 350,000 books, creditably representing the chief departments of literature, and, to a fair degree, meeting the intellectual requirements of this community.

The progress of these years has now for the first time brought into plain view a fresh set of considerations, which must be considered in any competent action for the future of the Library. These might possibly in some measure have been foreseen at the outset; but some of them could not have been, and they are such as to require, in order to be fully appreciated, exactly the practical experiment which has now been made. Of all of these, the most striking, from a librarian's point of view, is the consumption of books in Bates Hall. The light literature of the Lower Hall and branches is expected to be in due time literally used up. It is ground to pieces; its material fabric is actually worn out, with considerable rapidity, under the diligent application of the public thumb and finger. This actual consumption of the fabric of the books is a matter of course, under the swift and vigorous treatment applied to them in the Lower Hall circulation, and to a certain extent it is no doubt legitimate even for standard literature and reference-books. Under these circumstances it might well be considered whether or not to modify the usual rule of not duplicating Bates Hall volumes, so far as to permit two copies each of certain classes of books to be procured, one to be a two-starred book, on purpose to be always found within the building, while the other should be for the purpose of circulation. Such a duplication would serve two



ends at once : it would secure for one copy a practically unlimited existence, since the use of books within the Library exposes them to the minimum of wear and tear ; and it would, in a great many cases, prevent the obvious inconvenience of a collision of interests between two users. As far as it could be applied it would avoid the primary difficulty of a Library like this, which seeks to meet the two incompatible purposes of reference and circulation. With two copies we could have any given book always in the Library and always out of it. It is hardly necessary to point out how helpful such a provision would be in a community where books of standard merit are so frequently in popular demand.

The second suggestion which I shall offer arises in like manner from the experience of the Library. Perhaps it might fairly enough have been judged on December 20, 1858, when the Lower Hall was first open to use, that the stately Library building was the permanent home of the collection ; but twenty years' experience has taught otherwise. Something very different from the present building must now be anticipated as a permanent Library edifice. When this building was erected, not only were the actual requirements of the community unknown, but there was no such thing as library architecture, in the present meaning of the term. It is, therefore, no cause for blame that a structure, which might have accommodated one million and a half of books, is visibly approaching its storage limit with three hundred thousand ; that the interior details turn out such as to require as much time and labor as possible, instead of as little, in finding and delivering a book ; that the sanitary conditions and domestic arrangements are defective to a degree not merely annoying, but discreditable ; and that the accommodations for readers and students are by far too limited. Radical as these defects are, their existence hitherto is not just cause for blame ; but to perpetuate this state of things any longer than is necessary would be such cause. What these considerations indicate is, that the defects of the present building should be remedied as far as practicable, but that the Library should not be irretrievably anchored in its present inadequate and unsuitable accommodations. On the contrary, its administration should be shaped with a view to its transfer, at the earliest possible period, to an edifice which shall be safe from fire risks, both within and without, planned and built upon complete principles of library economy and architecture, and to be the permanent home of the Library in all future times.

There seems, lastly, to be room in the administration of the Library for a definitely organized method, within certain guarded limits, of systematizing the purchase of certain

books. There should be an arrangement supplementary to the wise and successful policy hitherto followed of occasionally filling up some one department under the advice of specialists. The proposed additional method would consist of what might be called an official watch on the part of the Library on the whole field of literature, both past and current, with constant parallel reference to the condition of the Library itself. It would seek to recognize promptly any important new question, and provide not merely that something should be procured in relation to it, but that nothing important for its competent study should be omitted. And so far as may be, a similar care should be constantly maintained to supply deficiencies in the older parts of the collection.

For one instance in point: we have received perhaps as many books as were necessary upon the Russo-Turkish war, and so we have upon recent African travel and discovery. Upon the important German coöperative or mutual benefit system, known by the name of its chief advocate, Schultze-Delitzsch, we have something, but not a full collection. On the other hand, an inquiry within a few days about a subject of not less pressing significance, the labors of the European extreme socialist leaders, Karl Marx and Lassalle, showed that their names are not in our catalogue and that our materials for an account of them are scanty. It is not meant that the present method of adjusting our current supplies of literature is a bad method. It is a good one, but the additional feature here suggested would carry it some ways toward practical completeness. This watchfulness after omitted subjects and omitted books is something quite different from the ordinary routine scrutiny of catalogues and trade lists. It calls for a constant survey over the past and present growth of the institution with reference to its systematical development. The position and office of this Library are such as to require the services of a trained scholar in thus supervising its accessions.

In closing this brief report, the last, as it is the first, which it will be my duty to lay before the Board, I beg to express my thanks for the personal and official kindness which I have invariably received from all with whom my official duties have brought me in contact.

SAMUEL A. GREEN,  
*One of the Trustees in charge.*

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TO THE

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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1878.

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APPENDIX I.

EXTENT OF THE LIBRARY BY YEARS.

YEARS.	CENTRAL LIBRARY.				EAST BOSTON BRANCH.	SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.	ROXBURY BRANCH.			CHARLESTOWN BRANCH.	BRIGHTON BRANCH.	DORCHESTER BRANCH.	SOUTH END BRANCH.	JAMAICA PLAIN BRANCH.	Pamphlets added from the beginning.
	Bates Hall.	Lower Hall.	News-paper Room.	Duplicate Room.			City Part.	Fellows Athenaeum.	Total.						
1	1852-53	9,688													961
2	1853-54	16,221													3,950
3	1854-55	22,617													6,507
4	1855-56	28,080													12,586
5	1856-57	34,896													16,053
6	1857-58	70,851													17,938
7	1858-59	78,043	60,420	15,819											19,255
8	1859-60	85,031	66,228	17,000	1,804										20,707
9	1860-61	87,386	75,217	19,161	3,008										27,381
10	1861-62	105,034	79,359	20,881	4,794										28,874
11	1862-63	110,563	82,801	22,525	5,237										31,043
12	1863-64	116,934	88,226	23,592	5,116										31,837
13	1864-65	125,016	93,172	24,860	4,984										32,553
14	1865-66	130,678	100,371	25,360	5,141										36,566
15	1866-67	136,080	105,735	*25,199	5,146										44,443
16	1867-68	144,092	111,681	26,606	5,805										47,254
17	1868-69	152,796	117,067	28,723	6,106										74,170
18	1869-70†	160,573	124,419	23,969	6,245										89,746
19	1870-71	173,250	135,786	30,574	*6,364										100,383
20	1871-72	192,958	142,685	31,827	*7,314										112,153
21	1872-73	209,456	149,477	32,605	*8,183										134,028
22	1873-74	260,550	168,748	32,580	9,490										150,921
23	1874-75	276,918	175,122	33,395	9,438										181,053
24	1875-76	312,873	184,038	35,152	11,321										196,968
25	1876-77	312,010	*192,326	*35,478	*11,985										212,414
26	1877-78	345,734	203,928	35,862	3,222										212,414

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.

† Nine months.

\* Actual count.

## 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.		Fellows Athenæum. †	Givers, excluding anonymous.
		Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	*Pamph.		
1 . . .	1852-53	9,688	961	4,000	961	5,688	.....	.....	75
2 . . .	1853-54	6,533	2,989	2,152	2,989	4,381	.....	.....	105
3 . . .	1854-55	6,396	2,557	2,663	2,468	3,733	89	.....	153
4 . . .	1855-56	5,463	5,879	1,865	5,830	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	30,214	1,885	5,741	.....	.....	381
7 . . .	1858-59	7,192	1,317	3,405	1,317	3,787	.....	.....	247
8 . . .	1859-60	6,989	1,452	3,744	1,452	3,245	.....	.....	297
9 . . .	1860-61	16,948	6,674	12,299	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	1,958	4,700	212	.....	194
12 . . .	1863-64	6,226	2,939	1,081	2,772	5,145	167	.....	219
13 . . .	1864-65	6,082	1,510	804	1,026	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	6,581	2,939	.....	649
18 . . .	1869-70	7,775	13,593	1,643	10,228	6,129	3,365	.....	660
19 . . .	1870-71	18,099	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	3,939	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	15,999	17,080	394	572	1,091
24 . . .	1875-76	20,955	30,732	5,749	5,891	15,206	24,841	759	694
25 . . .	1876-77	16,974	13,305	3,562	11,071	16,544	2,234	738	1,125
26 . . .	1877-78	33,724	15,554	21,206	12,453	17,579	3,101	196	677

\* Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession Catalogue.

† 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 2,682 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.

(24) The purchases of this year include thirty volumes to replace books in the Bates Hall long lost. The great accession of pamphlets came from the purchase of duplicates from Harvard College Library.

(26) The unusual increase is owing to the addition of the books of the Mercantile Library Association which form the nucleus of the South End Branch.

APPENDIX III.  
EXTENT OF THE BATES HALL COLLECTION IN VOLUMES.

	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1877	1878	
The General Library . . . . .	87,658	93,553	101,428	107,724	115,232	121,709	126,207	133,585	140,379	145,147	154,051	164,108
Patent Library . . . . .							12,120	2,323	2,457	2,506	2,731	2,823
Bowditch Library* . . . . .	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,592	2,632
Parker Library* . . . . .	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,935	12,292	12,291	12,296
Prince Library . . . . .	1,952	1,952	1,952	1,952	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970	2,028	2,029
Tieknor Library . . . . .					3,774	33,907	3,907	3,907	3,940	4,285	4,929	5,171
Barton Library . . . . .								12,057	11,902	**12,108	12,804	13,850
Entered on the Accession Catalogue, but not yet located . . . . .	1,678	1,827	140	294	361	651	829	187		591		655
Condemned . . . . .	105,737	111,281	117,069	124,419	135,786	142,686	149,482	166,453	175,125	181,531	192,326	203,964
	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	0	3	2		36
Total . . . . .	105,737	111,281	117,967	124,419	135,786	142,685	149,477	166,453	175,122	181,529	192,326	203,928

\* See Appendix IX.

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

‡ Including before 1873 in the General Library. Now in charge of a special curator.

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

\*\* The number given in 1874 was as near as could be reckoned before the entry on the Accession Catalogue was made. The number given in 1875 is what had actually been entered, and the full number is given this year.

†† Actual count.

## APPENDIX IV.

## EXTENT OF THE LOWER HALL COLLECTION.

	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878
Reported the pre- ceding year . . . .	25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605	32,596	33,395	35,152	35,478	
Added during the year . . . . .	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799	1,465	3,385	3,570	3,830	2,728	
Total . . . . .	27,202	29,075	30,140	32,689	33,188	33,626	34,070	35,981	36,965	38,982	38,206	
Books transferred to Bates Hall . . . .	329	93	19	23	7	1	6	37	394	19	22	
Books transferred to Branches and Dupl. Room . . . . .				859	533	342	166	10		27	755	
Condemned dur- ing the year . . . . .	257	259	212	1,233	819	678	1,308	2,539	1,419	1,655	1,567	
Losses of ten years . . . . .										1,803		
Total left . . . . .	*25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605	32,596	33,395	35,152	*35,478	35,862

\* Actual count.

NOTE.—The "Losses of ten years" are explained in Appendix X.

## 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	1876	1877	1878
Number at begin- ning of year . . . .	4,955	5,146	5,805	6,106	. . .	6,954	7,314	8,183	9,490	9,938	11,321	11,985
Added during the year . . . . .	714	1,004	847	443	383	996	1,375	1,641	1,234	1,902	1,015	1,677
	5,669	6,150	6,652	6,549	. . .	7,950	8,689	9,824	10,724	11,840	12,336	13,662
Disposed of . . . . .	523	345	546	304	234	636	506	334	786	519	†551	718
Total . . . . .	5,146	5,805	6,106	6,245	*6,954	*7,314	*8,183	9,490	9,938	*11,321	11,985	12,944

\* This number is by an actual count of the serviceable volumes now arranged in our Duplicate Room; and it includes 158 volumes of newspapers.

† Of these 524 were parted with on exchange account, and 194 were transferred to different departments of the Library.

NOTE.—There are also of pamphlets some 40,000 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	1876	1877	1878	
<i>Bates Hall.</i>	Gain in located books (App. VIII.) . . . .	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,384	6,622	6,198	6,564	9,227	9,337	11,286
	Of these not located at last Report . . . .	1,678	1,327	140	294	4,135	651	829	187	. . .	591	303
	Added and located . . . .	4,619	6,148	6,156	7,214	6,249	5,971	5,369	6,377	9,227	8,746	10,983
	Added and not located . . . .	1,327	140	294	4,135	651	829	*12,244	. . .	591	303	655
	Total gain . . . . Condemned and transferred . . . .	5,946 . . .	6,288 2	6,450 . . .	11,349 . . .	6,900 1	6,800 5	17,613 . . .	6,377 3	9,818 2	9,049 21	11,638 36
Net gain . . . .	5,946	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	6,795	17,613	6,374	9,816	9,028	11,602	
<i>Lower Hall.</i>	Gain in books . . . .	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799	1,465	3,385	3,570	3,830	2,728
	Less transfers and condem'd books . . . .	596	352	231	2,115	1,361	1,021	1,480	2,586	1,813	1,701	†2,344
	Net gain . . . .	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778	(loss) 15	799	1,757	2,129	384
<i>Newspaper Room.</i>	Gain in books . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	254	101	402	335	157	126
	Less loss . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
	Net gain . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	254	101	402	335	157	126
<i>Duplicate Room.</i>	Gain by addition . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1,375	1,641	1,234	1,902	1,015	1,677
	Less loss by exchanges, etc. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	506	334	786	519	351	718
	Net gain . . . .	659	301	139	149	360	869	1,307	448	1,383	664	959
<i>E. Boston Branch.</i>	Gain in books . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5,936	881	621	664	915	917	856	676
	Condemned and lost . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	50	97	143	334	273	250	270
	Net gain . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5,936	831	524	521	581	644	606	406
<i>S. Boston Branch.</i>	Gain in books . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	885	850	1,359	1,261	1,303	823
	Condemned and lost . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	76	217	644	495	413	247
	Net gain . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	4,365	809	633	715	766	890	576

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

† This item is exceptionally large, as many duplicates not in use, and broken sets have been transferred to Duplicate Room, to make room on the shelves for fresh accessions.

APPENDIX VI. — *Continued.*

	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878		
<i>Rox. Branch.</i>	{ Gain in city part Condemned and lost . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	3,754	1,069	1,296	1,299	1,396	3,542	
		. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	4	26	46	163	304	701	
	{ Net gain . . . . . Fellowes Ath- naeum. (Net gain) . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	3,750	1,043	1,250	1,136	1,092	2,841
	{ Total gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	4,615	2,373	1,822	1,895	1,830	3,037
<i>Charlestown Branch.</i>	{ Gain in books . Condemned and lost . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	15,932	1,305	1,004	1,123	995	
		. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	144	403	300	433	398	
	{ Net gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	15,788	902	704	690	597	
<i>Brighton Branch.</i>	{ Gain in books . Condemned and lost . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	11,049	480	590	490	264	
		. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	12	75	130	74	46	
	{ Net gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	11,037	405	460	406	218	
<i>Dorchester Branch.</i>	{ Gain in books . Condemned and lost . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	3,905	3,179	1,057	641	
		. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	32	16	25	
	{ Net gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	54	3,905	3,147	1,041	616	
<i>J. Plain Branch.</i>	{ Gain in books . Condemned and lost . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	24	19	39	139	6,401	
		. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	2	
	{ Net gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	6,399	
<i>South End Branch.</i>	{ Gain in books . Condemned and lost . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	8,850	
		. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	52	
	{ Net gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	8,804	
<i>Total Increase.</i>	{ Bates Hall gain .	5,946	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	6,795	19,271	6,374	9,816	9,028	11,602	
	{ Lower Hall gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,233	778	(loss) 15	799	1,757	2,129	384	
	{ Newspaper Room gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	254	101	402	335	157	126	
	{ Duplicate Room gain . . . . .	659	301	139	149	360	860	1,307	448	1,383	664	959	
	{ E. B. Branch gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5,936	831	524	521	581	644	606	406	
	{ S. B. Branch gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	4,365	809	633	715	766	890	576	
	{ Rox. Branch gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	3,750	1,043	1,250	1,136	1,092	2,841	
	{ Fellowes Ath- naeum gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	865	1,330	572	759	738	196	
	{ Chm. Branch gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	15,788	902	704	690	597	
	{ Bri. Branch gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	11,037	405	460	406	218	
	{ Dor. Branch gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	54	3,905	3,147	1,041	616	
	{ S. E. Branch gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	8,804	
	{ J. P. Branch gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	6,399	
	{ Total gain . . . . .	8,012	8,708	7,775	18,019	13,708	14,644	51,109	16,372	20,935	17,277	33,724	

## APPENDIX VII.

INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.

	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878
English Books with } British imprint . . .	635	708	625	811	899	1,086	1,389	1,294	1,533	2,830	2,237	1,763
English Books with } American imprint	1,154	1,445	1,455	1,411	2,206	3,642	4,301	3,807	7,365	10,501	6,761	5,546
English Books with } Contin'tal imprint	104	100	80	50	48	115	291	125	375	316	180	191
Foreign books . . . .	539	673	789	487	561	891	1,064	858	767	1,858	1,742	1,269
Duplicates of either } class, when not in- } cluded in the other } items . . . . .	97	..	447	248	480	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total . . . . .	2,529	2,926	3,396	3,007	4,194	5,744	7,045	6,084	10,040	15,505	10,920	8,769

## APPENDIX VIII.

VOLUMES LOCATED IN BATES HALL, BY MONTHS.

MONTHS.	1868-69	1869-70	1870-71	1871-72	1872-73	1873-74	1874-75	1875-76	1876-77	1877-78
May . . . . .	758	..	727	455	584	357	383	830	671	654
June . . . . .	509	..	480	464	584	527	477	845	613	963
July . . . . .	1,037	..	462	291	631	839	713	829	733	984
August . . . . .	383	347	520	518	554	405	560	566	591	2,078
September . . . . .	713	833	378	511	457	436	622	1,036	611	899
October . . . . .	866	697	546	295	520	414	590	602	751	842
November . . . . .	443	763	695	*4,528	489	377	722	925	697	940
December . . . . .	639	632	905	651	646	507	758	567	772	745
January . . . . .	626	834	427	611	658	665	427	579	1,014	881
February . . . . .	563	633	706	724	456	594	349	645	677	707
March . . . . .	521	382	1,001	788	551	472	419	752	649	654
April . . . . .	417	1,175	661	†598	492	605	544	1,050	1,558	939
Total . . . . .	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,384	6,622	6,198	6,564	9,226	9,337	11,286
Pamphlet volumes } arranged by the Curator	..	..	..	385	554	206	159	317	29	28

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

† Includes 31 volumes of the Ticknor MSS.

NOTE. — These monthly figures are the results of the 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.

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.—[G.]

(Representing books located only.)

CLASS NO.	CLASSES	GENERAL LIBRARIES.														May 1, 1878.	SPECIAL LIBRARIES.					Total including Special Libraries.
		Located 1847.	Located 1848.	Located 1849.	Located 1850-51.	Located 1871-72.	Located 1872-73.	Located 1873-74.	Located 1874-75.	Located 1875-76.	Located 1876-77.	Located 1877-78.	Condemned and transferred, Deducted.	1858.	1861.		1866.	1871.	1873.			
		Bowditch Library.	Parke's Library.	Prince's Library.	Tucknor Library.	Barton Library.*	Patent Library.															
I.	Cyclopædias, etc.	24	86	19	22	22	32	10	9	13	16	25	...	1,311	244	276	6	...	21	...	1,358	
II.	Bibliography and Literary History	170	231	326	271	278	235	206	166	178	179	220	1	5,222	32	506	3	256	715	...	6,825	
III.	General History, Biography, Travel, and Geography	170	140	184	157	223	284	199	210	240	285	444	...	5,930	16	650	54	33	154	...	6,837	
IV.	American History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	515	1,168	1,438	918	1,305	911	983	962	1,386	1,265	1,708	2	23,261	96	712	651	241	906	213	26,200	
V.	English History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	463	762	789	767	1,018	635	605	712	611	953	1,306	19	18,638	75	573	69	21	3,621	2,589	25,386	
VI.	French History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	188	335	413	207	263	443	530	433	271	843	597	5	10,758	59	413	7	56	2,569	216	14,078	
VII.	Italian History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	87	229	189	190	238	249	60	193	147	620	96	...	6,903	9	291	2	30	367	...	7,602	
VIII.	Germanic History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	228	159	266	222	250	250	260	210	184	264	330	...	6,156	7	1,290	8	25	201	1	7,778	
IX.	Greek, Latin, and Philology	190	100	112	97	107	82	123	98	114	116	207	2	4,609	6	1,124	196	130	629	...	6,695	
X.	Spanish and Portuguese History and Literature	...	...	...	...	...	27	47	57	25	81	94	...	813	20	82	...	3,438	208	...	4,611	
XI.	Other History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Literature	214	216	189	160	262	176	222	143	148	289	476	...	4,865	2	369	1	1	221	4†	5,463	
XII.	Periodicals and Transactions	314	341	507	445	569	397	394	208	222	769	465	1	15,041	928	708	5	171	473	...	17,328	
XIII.	Theology, Ecclesiastical History, etc.	968	595	836	617	985	496	620	672	684	797	1,000	1	15,602	144	3,242	874	367	244	...	20,473	
XIV.	Metaphysics and Social Science	185	343	429	444	378	263	324	290	307	368	418	...	6,392	5	1,247	49	120	141	...	7,954	
XV.	Jurisprudence	145	161	111	112	114	106	115	109	115	190	128	...	3,510	3	807	13	55	29	...	3,917	
XVI.	Political Economy	79	66	118	75	130	58	101	97	148	88	174	...	1,919	65	98	...	21	17	...	2,120	
XVII.	Medical Science	370	556	706	615	365	689	747	499	570	400	323	...	10,013	3	66	22	4	26	...	10,183	
XVIII.	Natural History and Science	155	170	172	212	191	331	359	183	223	182	302	...	6,359	14	124	...	31	91	...	6,619	
XIX.	Mathematics and Physical Sciences	312	318	394	449	485	434	323	301	263	355	462	2	7,496	1,194	90	20	61	45	...	8,969	
XX.	Useful Arts	96	116	119	102	76	181	256	265	174	273	361	2	4,089	4	9	...	24	15	...	4,141	
XXI.	Fine Arts	197	205	193	338	215	201	162	215	379	287	1	5,035	...	29	1	4	68	...	5,184		
XXII.	Bound Volumes of Miscellaneous Pamphlets	...	...	16	6	5	3	9	5	9	...	1	...	455	6	...	...	...	73	...	534	
XXIII.	Bound Volumes of Manuscripts	...	...	...	...	...	49	1	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	18	32	39	...	...	69	
XXIV.	Shakespeare	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,892	...	...	2,892	
...	Totals	5,100	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	6,477	6,022	5,995	6,383	8,626	9,424	36	104,375	2,932	12,296	2,029	5,171	13,950	2,823	203,576	

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.—These 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, Philology, 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.

Class XXIV includes only the Shakespeare collection of the Barton Library, and not that of the General Library.

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 devoted to them in the several classes.

NOTE.—The increase of the several special libraries is included in the figures for these libraries.

\* Includes all Books in Room G,—12,108 of them belonging to the Barton Library, as originally shelved there.  
† Patent Records of the Colony of Victoria.



APPENDIX X.

LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS. [G.]

CLASSES.	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878.							Total May 1, 1878.	
	Total Aug. 1.	Total Aug. 1.	Total Aug. 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	New Books added.	Duplicates added.	Condemned Books replaced.	Total added, 1877-'78.	Transferred to B. H.	Transferred to Branches.	Transferred to Dupl. Room.†		Condemned.
Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, etc. . . . .	1,488	1,569	1,651	1,703	1,733	1,805	1,802	1,792	1,822	1,853	1,844	17	2	9	28	0	1	32	5	1,834
Jurisprudence and Political Science . . . . .	270	276	280	283	269	275	285	294	301	322	328	4	0	0	4	0	0	4	2	326
Medicine, Mathematics, Physics or Natural Science . . . . .	1,705	1,778	1,857	1,898	1,908	1,948	2,043	2,098	2,116	2,191	2,202	34	5	19	58	2	0	12	26	2,220
Useful and Fine Arts, Military and Naval Science . . . . .	599	629	647	654	639	629	656	665	691	716	716	18	6	7	30	1	0	6	6	732
American History and Politics . . . . .	1,023	1,059	1,082	1,089	1,086	1,070	1,077	1,070	1,072	1,112	1,129	5	5	7	17	0	0	19	14	1,113
Foreign History and Politics . . . . .	1,333	1,374	1,387	1,401	1,363	1,359	1,354	1,362	1,380	1,392	1,477	28	0	12	46	1	0	65	18	1,439
Poetry, Drama, Oratory, Rhetoric . . . . .	2,268	2,344	2,534	2,576	2,467	2,529	2,544	2,540	2,572	2,667	2,868	82	3	42	127	0	0	11	54	2,930
English Prose Fiction, including Juvenile Fiction, and other juvenile books.	7,165	8,062	9,130	9,818	10,469	11,281	11,864	11,858	12,426	13,899	13,501	744	300	773	1,817	3	22	285	1,266	13,742
Biography . . . . .	2,342	2,223	2,300	2,336	2,298	2,281	2,246	2,234	2,278	2,347	2,489	54	3	17	74	0	1	89	25	2,448
Travels . . . . .	1,897	1,871	1,989	2,041	1,990	1,965	1,986	2,040	2,061	2,186	2,186	27	6	15	48	6	7	57	32	1,932
Libraries, Collections, Periodicals, etc.* . . . . .	2,621	2,798	3,125	3,305	3,478	3,771	3,827	3,728	3,698	3,928	3,805	261	100	54	415	9	11	133	92	4,035
German . . . . .	1,137	1,206	1,232	1,246	1,247	1,250	1,262	1,261	1,263	1,261	1,313	23	4	11	38	0	0	0	17	1,334
Italian Books . . . . .	221	221	221	224	226	226	227	228	229	263	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	154
French Books . . . . .	1,343	1,104	1,191	1,209	1,209	1,213	1,232	1,244	1,241	692	1,002	13	0	7	20	0	0	0	7	1,015
Spanish Books . . . . .	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Books of Reference . . . . .	87	92	97	126	171	214	225	232	260	267	402	4	0	2	6	0	0	0	2	406
Totals . . . . .	25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,877	32,605	32,596	33,395	35,152	35,478	1,314	439	975	2,728	22	42	713	1,567	35,862

\* This class, embracing sets like Bobb'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.

† The books enumerated in this item are mostly imperfect sets.

NOTE.—The column of "Condemned books replaced" includes books condemned 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 to one, etc. The small gain in this Hall is accounted for by the fact that many old books out in request and broken sets have been taken off the shelves, to make room for newer books.





## APPENDIX XI.

GIFTS, MAY 1, 1877, to APRIL 30, 1878.

Givers (excluding anonymous)	677
Volumes	21,206
Pamphlets	12,453

The following large gifts and bequests are included in this List: from the Mercantile Library Association of Boston, 16,927 volumes; from the bequest of Eliza Mary Thayer, 890 volumes; from the bequest of Charlotte Harris, 1,118 volumes. The Library has also received from J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq., \$500, for the purchase of books in pure mathematics, to be added to the Bowditch Library.

*Note.* The income of the Library Funds is expended for books, which are credited yearly to the respective founders. See Appendix XXVII.

GIVERS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Abbot, Francis E.	1	
Abbot Public Library, <i>Marblehead</i>	1	
Academy of Science, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i>	1	
Adams, John S.	1	
Advocates' Library, <i>Edinburgh, Scotland</i>	1	
American Academy of Arts and Sciences	1	
American Antiquarian Society, <i>Worcester</i>		2
American Association for the Advancement of Science, <i>Salem</i>	1	
American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i>		1
American Bible Society		2
American College and Education Society		2
American Institute of Mining Engineers, <i>Easton, Pa.</i>	1	
American Pharmaceutical Association, <i>Philadelphia</i>	1	
American Philosophical Society, <i>Philadelphia</i>	1	
American Socialist, Publisher, <i>Oneida, N. Y.</i>	1	
American Society of Civil Engineers, <i>New York City</i>	5	1
American Tract Society		3
American Unitarian Association	10	
American Veterinary Hospital, <i>New York City</i>		2
Amherst College		5
Andrews, C. Stanley		7
Andrews, Robert R., <i>Cambridge</i>	1	
Anonymous, 5 broadsides, 2 maps	40	401
Appleton, William S.	2	
Apprentices' Library Company, <i>Philadelphia</i>		2
Arkansas and Texas Bureau of Emigration, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> 1 map		
Arnold, Howard P.	3	2
Ashurst, John, <i>M.D., Philadelphia</i>	1	
Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company		3
Babbs, Mrs. Sarah S.	7	
Baldwin Charles C., <i>Cleveland, O.</i>	2	
Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers	2	1
Balfour, David M.	5	

GIVERS.	Vols.	Ppfs.
Bancroft, Hon. George, <i>Newport, R.I.</i>	1	12
Bar Association		1
Barlow, Samuel L. M., <i>New York City</i> , 1 newspaper.		
Barrows, Henry D., <i>Los Angeles, Cal.</i>		3
Battle, Hon. Kemp P., <i>Raleigh, N.C.</i>		1
Beaman, Rev. Charles C.	1	
Bearce, Horace M.		1
Bell, Prof. Alexander G., <i>London</i>		1
Bell, Hon. Charles H., <i>Exeter, N.H.</i>		2
Bell, William, Jr., <i>Columbus, O.</i>		1
Benét, Brig.-Gen. Stephen V., <i>Washington, D.C.</i>	1	
Berea College, <i>Berea, Ky.</i>		2
Berlin, <i>Germany</i> , Statistisches Bureau	1	
Berry, Ira, <i>Portland, Me.</i>		2
Betts, Rev. Beverley R., <i>New York City</i>		1
Beverly Yacht Club	1	
Bigelow, Hon. Erastus B.	8	
Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton</i>		1
Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries' Committee		2
Blackburn, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library		4
Blackburn University, <i>Carlisle, Ill.</i>		1
Blake, Clarence J., <i>M.D.</i>		1
Blake, John H.		1
Bolles, Rev. E. C., <i>Salem</i> , 6 broadsides	19	44
Bolton, <i>England</i> , Free Library and Museum		1
Bond, Miss Anna E.	1	
Bond, George W.	1	
Boston, City of, 10 broadsides	72	211
—— City Hospital	2	
—— Gas Light Company	4	
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Otterbein University, <i>Westerville, Ohio</i> . . . . .		1
Pacific Medical College, <i>Santa Rosa, Cal.</i> . . . . .		1
Page, James A. . . . .		267
Paine, Nathaniel, <i>Worcester</i> . . . . .		1
Palmer, <i>Miss Alice W.</i> . . . . .	1	182
Paris, City of . . . . .	15	
——— Préfet de la Seine . . . . .	11	2
Paton, Allan P., <i>Greenock, Scotland</i> . . . . .	1	

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Patten, William L., <i>Denver, Col.</i>		1
Patterson, <i>Capt. Carlile P., Washington, D.C.</i>		1
Patterson, Joseph W., <i>New York City</i>		34
Payne, J. T., <i>M.D.</i>		1
Peabody Institute, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i>		2
Peabody Institute, <i>Peabody</i>		2
Peabody Museum, <i>Cambridge</i>	1	
Pearson, <i>Rev. R. W., Pittsburgh, Pa.</i>		1
Peloubet, <i>Rev. Francis N., Natick</i>	2	
Penitent Females' Refuge		1
Pennsylvania Board of Public Charities	1	
Peoria, <i>Ill.</i> , Board of Trade		2
Perkins, Samuel L.	1	
Perry, Ira, <i>M.D.</i>		1
Perry, <i>Rt. Rev. William S., D.D., Davenport, Iowa</i>		9
Philadelphia Library Company		1
Phillips, Henry, <i>Jr., Philadelphia</i>	1	
Phillips Exeter Academy, <i>Exeter, N.H.</i>		3
Pierce, <i>Hon. Edward L.</i>	4	59
Pierce, <i>Hon. Henry L.</i>	6	
Pike, Israel S., <i>Calais, Me.</i>	1	
Pike, James S.	1	
Plymouth, <i>England</i> , Free Library		1
Poole, William F., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i>		3
Portland, <i>Me.</i> , Public Library	1	
Potocki, Albert, <i>Paris, France</i>	1	
Potthast, <i>Dr. August, Berlin, Germany</i>	11	
Prescott, <i>Hon. B. V., Concord, N. H.</i>	2	1
Preston, Edward, <i>London</i>	1	
Prince, <i>Hon. Frederic O.</i>	7	
Providence, <i>R.I.</i> , Athenæum		1
Quincy, <i>Hon. Josiah</i> , 1 photograph.		
Redwood Library, <i>Newport, R.I.</i>		1
Reed, J. Harris		6
Reed, John H., 4 broadsides, 1 map, 4 newspapers	153	774
Remsen, Ira, <i>M.D.</i>	1	
Retreat for the Insane, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i>		3
Rice, <i>Hon. Alexander H.</i>	1	
Rice, Roswell, <i>Cambridge, N. Y.</i> , a lot of broadsides.		
Rich, Charles T., <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i>		2
Richards, Samuel W.	77	69
Richards, William		2
Richardson, William L., <i>M.D.</i>		1
Roberts, Ellis H., <i>Utica, N. Y.</i>	1	
Rochester Free Public Library	1	
Rogers, Edward H., 7 broadsides		36
Rogers, John	7	24
Rollins, Edward F.	1	
Royal Observatory, <i>Greenwich, England</i>	2	
Russell, Charles T., <i>Jr.</i>		1
Russell, F. P., <i>Lynnfield</i>		1
Rutter, Josiah, <i>Waltham</i>	1	
St. Ignatius College, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i>		1
St. Louis, <i>Mo.</i> , Mercantile Library		1
Salisbury, Stephen, <i>Jr., Worcester</i>	2	
Sanger, George P., <i>Jr., Cambridge</i>		2
Santa Clara College, <i>Santa Clara, Cal.</i>		2
Sargent, Charles S., <i>Cambridge</i>		1
Sargent, Epes		666
Sauveur, <i>Prof. Lambert</i>	1	

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Savage, Edward H. . . . .		4
Schultz, Adolph S. . . . .	1	
Scrosoppi, Edouard, <i>Florence, Italy</i> . . . . .	1	
Scudder, Samuel H., <i>Cambridge</i> . . . . .	1	2
Selwyn, <i>Hon.</i> Alfred R. C., <i>Montreal</i> . . . . .	1	
Shaw, Lemmel, <i>Barnstable</i> . . . . .	1	
Sheffield, <i>England</i> , Public Library . . . . .		1
Shepardson, <i>Rev.</i> D., <i>Hancock</i> . . . . .		1
Sheppard, S. A. D. . . . .		1
Sherman, <i>Hon.</i> Amos, <i>Woonsocket</i> . . . . .		1
Shreve, William P. . . . .	2	
Sibley, John L., <i>Cambridge</i> . . . . .		94
Simpson, J., Alexander, <i>Philadelphia</i> . . . . .	9	
Sinnickson, Robert, <i>Trenton, N.J.</i> , a lot of broadsides.		
Skinner, Benjamin, <i>Acton</i> . . . . .		1
Smiley, Charles W., <i>Madison, N.J.</i> . . . .		1
Smith, Albert, <i>Peterborough, N.H.</i> . . . .	1	
Smith, Amzi, <i>Washington, D.C.</i> , 1788 broadsides . . . . .		221
Smith, Charles C. . . . .	1	
Smith, Chauncey . . . . .	3	
Smith, Franklin W. . . . .		2
Smith, Gustavus W., <i>New York City</i> . . . . .		1
Smithsonian Institution, <i>Washington, D.C.</i> . . . .	2	5
Snow, Edwin M., <i>M.D.</i> , <i>Providence, R. I.</i> . . . .	1	1
Société Franklin, <i>Paris</i> . . . . .	1	
Society of Arts, <i>London</i> . . . . .	1	
Somerset Club . . . . .	130	1,468
Somes, John J., <i>Gloucester</i> . . . . .	1	
Sotheran, Henry, <i>London</i> . . . . .	1	
South Carolina Medical College, <i>Charleston</i> — State Library, <i>Columbia</i> . . . . .	1	1
Spaulding, <i>Rev.</i> Henry G. . . . .		1
Spooner, Lysander . . . . .		4
Springfield City Library . . . . .		1
State Lunatic Asylum, <i>Utica, N. Y.</i> . . . .		1
Sterns, E. C., <i>New York City</i> . . . . .	1	
Stevens, B. F., <i>London</i> . . . . .	1	
Stewart, Samuel B., <i>Lynn</i> . . . . .		1
Stickney, J. H., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , 1 broadside.		
Stockport, <i>England</i> , Public Free Library . . . . .		1
Stockwell, Stephen N. . . . .	1	
Stockwell, Thomas B., <i>Providence, R.I.</i> . . . .	1	
Stone, <i>Gen.</i> , Charles P., <i>Cairo, Egypt</i> . . . . .	5	4
Stone, Charles W., <i>Templeton</i> . . . . .		1
Stone, <i>Rev.</i> Edwin M., <i>Providence, R.I.</i> . . . .		1
Stow, B. J., <i>M.D.</i> , <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> . . . .	2	
Strauss, J., <i>Paris, France</i> . . . . .	1	
Sunmer, Charles A., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> . . . .		2
Swinney, E. Hazzard, <i>New York City</i> . . . . .		1
Sydney, <i>New South Wales</i> , Free Public Library . . . . .		1
Tanaka, Fujimaro, <i>Tokio, Japan</i> . . . . .	30	
Taunton Public Library . . . . .	2	
Tennessee School for the Blind, <i>Nashville</i> . . . . .		2
Tenney, <i>Rev.</i> Edward P., <i>Colorado Springs, Col.</i> . . . .	1	6
Thaxter, Levi D., <i>Newton</i> , 2 broadsides, 7 newspapers . . . . .	8	156
Thayer, <i>Miss</i> , Eliza Mary, Bequest of . . . . .	890	134
Thayer, George A., <i>Braintree</i> . . . . .	1	1
Thayer, <i>Rev.</i> William M. . . . .		8
Thompson, <i>Hon.</i> A. B., <i>Concord, N.H.</i> . . . .	1	



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Thomson, Peter G., <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> . . . . .		2
Thornton, J. Wingate, 1 newspaper . . . . .	1	2
Ticknor, <i>Mrs.</i> George . . . . .	2	
Tileston, Harvey . . . . .		1
Tileston, <i>Miss</i> Mary W. . . . .	2	
Tinkham, J. G., <i>Somerset</i> . . . . .		1
Titus, Charles H. . . . .		2
Toledo, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library . . . . .		1
Towne, E. H., <i>Worcester</i> . . . . .	1	
Townsend, John P., <i>New York City</i> . . . . .		1
Trinity College, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> . . . . .		1
Trumbull, J. Hammond, <i>LL.D., Hartford, Conn.</i> . . . . .		1
Tuck, Henry, <i>M.D.</i> . . . .	20	281
Tufts College, <i>Medford</i> . . . . .		8
Turner, Joseph W. . . . .	4	
Tuttle, <i>Rev.</i> Joseph F., <i>D.D., Crawfordsville, Ind.,</i> 1 newspaper . . . . .	1	36
Tyler, Arthur W., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> . . . .		5
Tyndale, Theodore H. . . . .	1	
Union Christian College, <i>Dayton, Ohio</i> . . . . .		1
United States, Adjutant-General's Office . . . . .	1	
— Board of Indian Commissioners . . . . .	6	
— Bureau of Education . . . . .	1	3
— Bureau of Engineers, 1 map . . . . .	7	
— Bureau of Statistics . . . . .	3	2
— Department of Agriculture . . . . .	1	
— Department of State . . . . .	1	
— Department of the Interior . . . . .	116	9
— Department of the Treasury . . . . .	5	
— Hydrographic Office . . . . .	1	
— Light-House Board . . . . .	19	6
— Naval Observatory . . . . .	4	16
— Office of the Coast Survey . . . . .	8	2
— Patent Office . . . . .	27	
— Post Office Department . . . . .	11	15
University of London . . . . .	1	
University of Michigan, <i>Ann Arbor</i> . . . . .		6
University of Minnesota, <i>Minneapolis</i> . . . . .		1
University of Missouri, <i>Columbia</i> . . . . .	1	
University of Nashville, <i>Nashville, Tenn.</i> . . . . .		1
University of <i>Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.</i> . . . . .		2
University of Pennsylvania, <i>Philadelphia</i> . . . . .	1	
University of the City of New York . . . . .		1
University of Vermont, <i>Burlington</i> . . . . .		1
University of Wisconsin, <i>Madison</i> . . . . .		1
Vermont Historical Society, <i>Montpelier</i> . . . . .	1	
— State Library . . . . .	9	2
Verona, <i>Italy</i> , Biblioteca Comunale . . . . .	1	
Victoria Public Library, <i>Melbourne</i> . . . . .		1
— Registrar General . . . . .	4	
Wadsworth, <i>Prof.</i> Edward M., <i>Cambridge</i> . . . . .		1
Waite, Henry E., <i>Newton</i> . . . . .		1
Walke, <i>Rear-Admiral</i> H., <i>Washington, D.C.</i> . . . . .	1	
Walter, Joseph R., <i>Wilmington, Del.</i> , 2 newspapers . . . . .		1
Waltham Public Library . . . . .		1
Ward, <i>Miss</i> Ellen M. . . . .	2	7
Ward, Elijah, <i>New York City</i> . . . . .	1	
Ware, <i>Col.</i> Henry, <i>Cambridge</i> , 2 broadsides . . . . .		32
Ware, <i>Rev.</i> Loammi G., <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> . . . . .		1

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Warren, J. Collins, <i>M.D.</i> , 2 maps, 3 newspapers . . . . .	72	101
Warren, William W. . . . .	12	
Washburn, <i>Col. John D., Worcester</i> . . . . .		1
Washingtonian Home . . . . .		1
Waters, E. C., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> . . . . .		1
Watertown Free Public Library . . . . .		1
Watson, Sereno, <i>Cambridge</i> . . . . .	1	
Wells, <i>Mrs. Kate G.</i> . . . . .		5
Welch, A. S., <i>LL.D., Ames, Iowa</i> . . . . .	1	
West Bromwich, <i>England</i> , Free Library . . . . .		5
Westerly, <i>R. I.</i> , High School . . . . .		1
Western Maryland College, <i>Westminster, Md.</i> . . . .		1
Westminster College, <i>New Wilmington, Pa.</i> . . . .		1
Wheildon, William W., <i>Concord</i> . . . . .	12	12
White, James C., <i>M.D.</i> . . . . .		1
Whiting, John E., <i>West Dedham</i> . . . . .	1	
Whitney, David K. . . . .	5	
Whitney, James L., 2 broadsides, 1 newspaper . . . .		56
Whitney, <i>Mrs. Josiah D., Cambridge</i> . . . . .	1	
Whitney, <i>Prof. William D., New Haven, Conn.</i> . . . .	1	2
Wild & Stevens, <i>Messrs.</i> . . . .	1	
Wilder, Burt G., <i>M.D.</i> . . . . .		1
Wilder, <i>Hon. Marshall P.</i> . . . . .		5
Williams, Frederick . . . . .	2	
Williams, <i>Miss Helen L.</i> . . . . .	1	
Williams, J. Fletcher, <i>St. Paul, Minn.</i> . . . . .	1	
Williams, James, <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> . . . . .	1	
Williams, Thomas . . . . .	1	
Williams, W. B., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> . . . . .	1	
Williams College, <i>Williamstown</i> . . . . .		2
Williamsburgh Library Association . . . . .		1
Wilson, J. Ormond, <i>Washington, D.C.</i> . . . . .	1	1
Winchell, N. W., <i>Minneapolis, Minn.</i> . . . . .	1	
Winchester, <i>Prof. Caleb T., Middletown, Conn.</i> . . . .		1
Winsor, Justin . . . . .	10	
Winthrop, <i>Hon. Robert C., Brookline</i> . . . . .	6	92
Wisconsin Historical Society, <i>Madison</i> . . . . .	28	30
Woman's Baptist Missionary Society . . . . .		2
Woman's Hospital, <i>Philadelphia</i> . . . . .		16
Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, <i>Philadelphia</i> .		2
Wood, William C., <i>Wenham</i> . . . . .	1	
Worcester Free Public Library . . . . .		2
Worthington & Flanders, <i>Messrs.</i> . . . . .	2	
Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> . . . . .		6
Young, James, and R. Angus Smith, <i>Manchester, Eng.</i>	1	
Young Men's Association, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> . . . . .		2
Young Men's Association, <i>New York City</i> . . . . .		2
Young Men's Christian Union . . . . .		2
Young Men's Institute, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> . . . . .		3
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, <i>Cincinnati,</i> <i>Ohio</i> . . . . .	1	14
Young Women's Christian Association . . . . .		1





# APPENDIX XIII.

## REGISTRATION.

NOTE. — The first registration, 1854-58, had 17,066 names; the second, 1859-67, had 52,829 names.

THIRD REGISTRATION.

Class No.	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	Totals.
	12,057	6,490	6,577	7,096	6,688	6,670	8,016	7,885	8,443	7,706	6,796	84,424
				2,320	993	826	1,244	1,001	866	906	861	9,017
					232	3,094	1,866	1,560	1,255	1,198	1,258	10,263
							3,475	1,470	1,446	2,271	1,216	9,878
I.		Previous Registration assumed.					693	1,070	1,219	1,171	973	5,126
		Previous Registration assumed.					108	263	239	291	233	1,134
								1,349	1,077	544	3,136	6,106
											1,588	1,888
											605	605
	12,057	6,490	6,577	9,416	7,913	10,590	15,202	14,598	14,545	14,087	16,666	128,141
	2,810	3,462	1,904	3,040	2,876	3,419	3,642	3,906	3,940	4,340	3,874	37,213
				1,012	474	266	463	476	427	484	388	3,990
						645	515	340	489	297	110	2,396
							237	353	356	251	38	1,205
							11	8	2	2		23
								53	36	16	31	136
											1,400	1,400
	2,810	3,462	1,904	4,052	3,550	4,330	4,868	5,136	5,250	5,350	5,841	46,363

Applications sent to Police (for verification when needed).

II.



APPENDIX XIII.—Continued.  
REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE.—The first registration, 1854-58, had 17,066 names; the second, 1859-67, had 52,829 names.	THIRD REGISTRATION.											Total.	
		1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878		
III.	Cards refused (mostly for non-residency or under age).	{ Central Library . . . . .	233	202	179	241	267	288	287	283	244	209	203	2,636
		{ East Boston Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	80	28	10	12	15	18	22	9	194
		{ South Boston Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	64	36	18	10	4	6	138
		{ Roxbury Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	89	51	25	8	..	173
		{ Charlestown Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	9	1	10	5	28
		{ Brighton Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
		{ Dorchester Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7	1	4	19
		{ South End Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58
		{ Jamaica Plain Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		{ Total . . . . .	233	202	172	321	295	362	430	383	305	254	285	3,249
IV.	Cards not called for during the year.	{ Central Library . . . . .	852	589	404	393	439	409	291	230	224	252	319	4,402
		{ East Boston Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	117	151	93	90	84	34	26	24	619
		{ South Boston Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	179	65	60	50	32	10	396
		{ Roxbury Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	102	63	76	39	297
		{ Charlestown Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	38	50	44	184
		{ Brighton Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
		{ Dorchester Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	17	17	11	95
		{ South End Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62
		{ Jamaica Plain Branch . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
		{ Total . . . . .	852	589	404	510	590	681	894	578	426	453	521	6,008

	1,215	264	196	245	335	244	288	213	3,000
<i>Central Library</i> . . . . .	1,215	264	196	245	335	244	288	213	3,000
<i>East Boston Branch</i> . . . . .	..	82	45	46	44	44	26	24	311
<i>South Boston Branch</i> . . . . .	..	..	82	106	68	59	42	31	388
<i>Roxbury Branch</i> . . . . .	..	..	..	17	102	63	68	50	309
<i>Charlestown Branch</i> . . . . .	..	..	..	..	52	38	56	44	190
<i>Brighton Branch</i> . . . . .	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	17
<i>Dorchester Branch</i> . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	26	13	9	48
<i>South End Branch</i> . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
<i>Jamaica Plain Branch</i> . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Total</i> . . . . .	1,215	346	323	414	618	474	493	381	4,204

V.

Applications cancelled, (Six months on file, and one month longer after notice.)

During the past five 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 about three quarters of the cards may be considered *active*.

APPENDIX XIII. — Concluded.

MEMORANDA.

MEMORANDA.	1872		1873		1874		1875		1876		1877		1878									
	Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.		Central.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Chn.	Bri.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.
Largest weekly No. of applicants	202		435		630		672		509		490		210	34	59	41	45	10	21	75	34	529
Month of this last . . . . .	Oct.												Oct.	Mar.	Jan.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Apr.	Oct.	Dec.	
Smallest weekly No. of applicants	56		77		123		106		99		111		72	3	4	10	4		1	19	6	119
Month of this last . . . . .	May												June	Aug.	June	July	Aug.	Several.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	
Weekly average . . . . .	128		204		323		332		280		363		130	17	24	23	19	4	7	50	17	291
Largest daily number . . . . .	39		113		169		169		145		134		64	11	19	11	14	5	7	23	12	166
Date of same . . . . .	Feb. 28.												Nov. 10.	Dec. 29.	Jan. 26.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 25.	Sept. 29.	Apr. 1.	Oct. 13.	Dec. 8.	
Smallest daily number . . . . .	2		3		6		3		2		5			1		0						1
Date of same . . . . .	Sept. 18.												June 30.	Several.	May	Apr. 9.	Several.	Several.	Many.	Several.	Several.	
Cards reported lost . . . . .	2,433		3,596		3,997		4,733		6,534		8,075		4,246	1,068	897	954	467	33	368	942	66	9,041
Of these replaced . . . . .	1,636		2,422		3,144		3,427		4,578		5,819		3,184	755	612	680	253	33	250	800	66	6,633
Cards detained for fines . . . . .	273		924		959		1,791		1,946		3,901		1,232	473	632	447	143	3	212	62	5	3,209
Cancellation warnings . . . . .	327		404		479		729		637		515		319	32	32	71	58		15	1		528
Of these cards called for . . . . .	63		45		172		397		183		108		106	14	1	12	14		6			153

## APPENDIX XIV.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED, USE OF BRITISH PATENTS AND  
TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.

YEARS.	BOOKS RECOMMENDED. [P.]						USE OF PATENTS.		USE OF TOSTI ENGRAVINGS. [C.]				
	Total recom- mended.		Total.	Already in Library.		Received since.	Persons.	Hours' Use.	Citizens.		Strangers.		Total.
	Eng.	For.		Eng.	For.				Eng.	For.	Males.	Females.	
			Males.			Females.							
1865 . . . . .	58						182	243					
1866 . . . . .	306						187	248					
1867 . . . . .	546		95		260		107	248					
1868 . . . . .	1,120		183		423		207	327					
1869 . . . . .	1,178		226		535		361	589					
1870 (nine months) . . . . .	1,231		257		448		346	389					
1871 . . . . .	1,665		418		549		347	301					
1872 . . . . .	*1,576		334		756		642	815					812
1873 . . . . .	1,625		339		753		973	1,801	119	221	142	160	642
1874 . . . . .	1,990	200	467	48	1,028	127	1,400	2,591	137	251	152	218	758
1875 . . . . .	1,968	326	2,294	61	945	96	1,765	2,707	64	93	74	162	393
1876 . . . . .	2,423	370	2,793	47	1,635	126	2,104	3,204	74	142	55	156	427
1877 . . . . .	2,055	384	2,387	87	1,252	109	1,660	4,222	47	99	65	140	351
1878 . . . . .	1,579	244	1,823	47	731	117	1,069	4,769	37	65	34	82	218

† Of this number 818 were non-residents. The largest number of persons consulting the patents in one day was 26, on the 19th of April.

NOTE.— Previous to 1865 the number of books recommended from 18 to 221 annually, and the number for such years can be found in previous reports.

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

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.

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 Curator shows them every day from 9 to 12.

## APPENDIX XV.

## BATES HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATION.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.																
	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	
English History, Topography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature . . . . .	17.5	16	13	18	20	17	17	17	17	12	19	16	15	15	13	13	
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	12	10	14	
French History, Topography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature . . . . .	5	7.5	6	6	7	4	5	5	5	4	6	6	5	5	5	4	
Germanic History, Topography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature . . . . .	2.5	2	2.5	2	4	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	5	
Italian History, Topography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature . . . . .	4	2.5	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	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	4	3	5	
General and Epochal History, Geography, Biography, etc.	4.5	4.25	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	
Greek, Latin, and Philology . . . . .	3	3.5	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	3	4	4	
Bibliography . . . . .	2.5	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
Transactions . . . . .	3	1.5	2.3	5	7	5	4	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	5	2	
Periodicals . . . . .	7	6	6	11	7	8	9	10	8	10	8	8	7	7	6	5	
Fine Arts . . . . .	9	12	16.5	8	5	8	8	8	9	11	10	11	11	10	9	12	
Natural History and Science . . . . .	4	4	4.6	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	3	3	3	1	
Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Ethics, Education, etc.	11	11	8.5	4	4	8	9	8	11	14	10	11	11	10	10	8	
Medicine . . . . .	7	5	4.6	8	6	6	8	8	9	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	
Law, Government, and Political Economy . . . . .	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	
Useful Arts, Mathematics, Physics, etc. . . . .	5.5	5.5	7.5	7	8	7	6	5	6	8	5	6	7	9	10	10	
Miscellaneous Pamphlets, bound . . . . .	2	.75	.75	2	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	5	3	

NOTE. — In computing this percentage, the use of books in the Bowditch, Parker, Barton, and Prince Libraries — which are kept apart from the general classifications of the Library — is reckoned as near 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		1871		1872		1873		1874		1875		1876		1877		1878			
			(Nine months.)																							
			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.	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	11,436	6.97	7,607	4.9	12,662	5.7	15,996	6	12,757	6+	14,422	7	16,218	-7	20,065	7	23,318	7	21,584	6		
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	3,378	} -4	5,467	} 4	5,644	} 3	5,300	} 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		2,834		3,983		4,879		5,820		5,305			
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+	11,618	4	12,677	4	11,915	4		
5	IV, XIV . . . . .	Prose Fiction for adults and youths . . . . .	105,227	74.2	125,273	76.36	120,355	78.4	167,604	77.2	173,438	76	154,835	74	158,453	71	163,657	69+	200,070	70	253,964	71	251,856	72		
6	VII, XVII . . . . .																									
7	V, XV . . . . .	Biography . . . . .	3,641	2.6	4,570	2.78	4,025	2.7	5,108	2.2	4,166	2	2,641	1	5,027	3	7,415	3+	9,710	3	11,229	3	10,076	3		
8	VI, XVI . . . . .	Travels, Voyages, etc. . . . .	3,289	2.3	5,363	3.26	5,154	3.4	6,062	2.8	4,998	3	3,631	1	6,290	3	8,649	4+	10,227	3	10,419	3	10,034	3		
9	VIII, XVIII . . . . .	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+	17,827	6	20,464	6	18,668	6		
10	X, XX, except ranges 8, 9, 10 . . . . .	French, German, and Italian books . . . . .	3,978	2.8	4,482	2.73	3,637	2.4	4,451	2	2,601	1+	5,341	2	6,388	3	7,394	3	9,123	3	11,845	3	12,037	8		
		Totals . . . . .	141,353	...	164,038	...	153,423	...	216,696	...	228,864	...	207,382	...	221,478	...	226,004	...	297,986	...	355,320	...	346,865	...		

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.	1871 (3 mos.)		1872		1873		1874		1875		1876		1877		1878	
			Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.
I.	10, 11, 12, 19, 21.	Biography . . . . .	669	3	1,104	1	729	1	1,216	1+	1,145	1+	1,381	2	1,330	1	1,713	1
II.	4, 33 . . . . .	Collections, Libraries, etc.	552	2	1,002	1	632	1	801	1	819	-1	984	1	727	1	788	1
III.	24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34	Fiction in Prose . . . . .	8,593	36	31,937	43	39,373	45	37,350	46	42,460	49+	44,513	49+	53,678	53	53,511	51
IV.	27 . . . . .	Foreign Books . . . . .	27	-1	57	..	62	..	43	..	25	..	25	..	71	..	133	1
V.	13, 14, 18, 35 . . . . .	History . . . . .	1,096	5	1,819	2	1,197	2	1,679	2+	1,830	2+	2,142	2+	2,261	2	2,801	2
VI.	1, 2, . . . . .	Juvenile Books . . . . .	6,639	28	25,855	35	25,411	37	26,786	33	27,077	31½	28,085	31+	29,985	30	32,915	31
VII.	15, 20 . . . . .	Miscellaneous . . . . .	747	3	1,256	2	798	1+	1,317	1+	1,292	1½	1,507	2	1,543	2	1,505	1
VIII.	5, 6, 7, 17, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43	Periodicals ( <i>bound</i> ) . . . . .	1,119	5	4,009	6	3,914	6	4,786	-6	4,495	5+	4,854	6+	5,286	5	4,640	4
IX.	16, 22 . . . . .	Poetry and Drama . . . . .	2,071	9	2,447	4	1,131	-2	2,206	2+	2,047	2+	2,089	3+	2,572	2	2,293	2
X.	3, 36, 38 . . . . .	Sciences, Arts, Professions	883	3	2,057	3	1,527	2	1,997	2	1,954	2+	2,070	2+	2,161	2	2,409	2
XI.	8, 9, 23 . . . . .	Travels, Voyages . . . . .	1,179	5	2,296	3	1,863	3	2,241	-3	1,957	2+	2,021	2+	1,823	2	1,988	1
XII.	25 . . . . .	Patent Office Reports . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		Totals . . . . .	23,375	..	73,839	..	67,637	..	80,423	..	85,101	..	90,181	..	101,438	..	104,696	..

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.**  
*(Shown from slips of books returned.)*

CLASS No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1873		1874		1875		1876		1877		1878	
			Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.
I.	15, 16, 27, 38 . . . . .	American History and Biography . . . . .	2,604	-3	2,974	-3	3,188	-3	3,885	3+	4,050	-3	4,123	3
II.	5, 6, 7, 8 . . . . .	Foreign History and Biography . . . . .	1,857	2	2,242	2+	2,569	2+	2,423	2+	3,172	2+	3,534	3
III.	33, 34, 36 . . . . .	Travels, Voyages . . . . .	3,654	3+	3,302	3+	3,937	4	3,991	3+	4,460	3+	4,024	3
IV.	18, 28, 29 . . . . .	Professions . . . . .	349	-1	436	-1	433	-1	530	-1	566	-1	548	. . . . .
V.	. . . . .	Poetry and Drama . . . . .	1,909	2	2,092	2+	1,989	1+	2,061	-2	2,129	-2	2,600	-2
VI.	31, 32, 39 . . . . .	Arts and Sciences . . . . .	3,373	3+	3,454	3+	3,574	3+	3,188	-3	3,720	-3	3,709	3+
VII.	3, 4, 17, 20, 27, 30, 35 . . . . .	Miscellanies, Collections, etc.	3,162	3+	3,480	3+	3,509	3+	3,257	-3	4,156	3+	4,201	-3
VIII.	1, 2, 9, 19 . . . . .	Periodicals ( <i>bound</i> ) . . . . .	4,140	4+	5,264	5+	4,338	4	5,167	4+	5,497	4+	5,697	4+
IX.	11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 . . . . .	Fiction and Juveniles . . . . .	76,222	78	85,047	78+	88,532	-79	90,785	-79	107,398	79+	112,005	79+
X.	10 . . . . .	Patents . . . . .	26	-1	8	. . . . .	32	. . . . .	21	. . . . .	8	. . . . .	10	. . . . .
XI.	40 . . . . .	Foreign Languages . . . . .	91	. . . . .	65	. . . . .	122	. . . . .	81	. . . . .	194	. . . . .	226	. . . . .
		Totals . . . . .	96,797	. . . . .	108,364	. . . . .	112,275	. . . . .	115,419	. . . . .	135,350	. . . . .	140,677	. . . . .

## 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.		1876.		1877.		1878.	
			Books returned.	Percent- age.	Books returned.	Percent- age.	Books returned.	Percent- age.	Books returned.	Percent- age.	Books returned.	Percent- age.
I.	1, 3, 5, 7, 23	Prose Fiction .	28,575	-49	40,666	52	47,307	53	68,965	54	61,642	54
II.	2, 4 . . .	Travels . . . .	2,623	-5	2,555	3+	2,519	3	2,745	2	2,333	2
III.	6, 8 . . .	History . . . .	1,121	-2	1,133	1+	1,598	2	2,377	2	2,371	2
IV.	9, 11 . .	Juveniles . . .	19,261	32+	26,650	34	28,918	32	40,871	32	35,917	31
V.	10, 12 . .	Biography . .	1,351	2+	1,583	2	1,575	2	2,143	2	1,908	1
VI.	13, 14 . .	Periodicals . .	1,019	-2	1,338	-2	1,785	2	3,110	2+	2,810	2+
VII.	15, 17 . .	Arts, Sciences, Professions .	2,757	-4	2,815	4	2,992	3	3,858	3	3,369	3
VIII.	16 . . . .	Poetry and Drama . . . .	1,219	-2	1,235	2+	1,326	1	1,712	1+	1,451	1
IX.	13, 19 . .	Collected Works and Lit. Miscel- lanies . . . .	724	-2	1,069	2+	887	1	1,815	-2	1,699	2
X.	20 . . . .	Books in For- eign Lan- guages . . . .	55		114	1+	119	1	190		287	
		Total . . . .	58,605	...	78,858	...	89,026	..	127,786	..	113,787	..
F. A. Class No.												
I.	50, 54, 59	History, Biog- raphy, Travels	1,982	35	3,754	-43	3,548	38	5,335	33	4,941	30
II.	55, 57 . .	Modern For- eign Lan- guages . . . .	729	13	1,073	12+	921	9	1,773	11	1,654	10
III.	51, 53, 65, 67	Periodicals . . .	160	2	331	4	488	5	2,313	14	2,738	17
IV.	52, 56 . .	Miscellaneous Literature . .	661	12	921	10+	976	10	1,474	9	1,344	8
V.	58, 70 . .	Theology, So- ciology, Ethics	412	7	550	6+	517	5	1,151	7	1,212	7
VI.	60 . . . .	Medicine . . . .	46	1	81	1	126	1	249	1	343	2
VII.	61 . . . .	Greek and Latin Languages and Literature	262	5	374	4+	376	4	687	4	713	4
VIII.	62 . . . .	Fine Arts, En- gineering . . .	684	12	750	8½	932	10	1,243	7	1,220	7
IX.	63, 69 . .	Law, Politics, Government .	36	1	149	-2	250	3	446	3	414	3
X.	64, 66, 68	Mathematics, Natural and Applied Sci- ence . . . .	719	12	846	-10	1,414	15	1,739	11	1,896	12
		Totals . . . .	5,691	...	8,829	...	9,543	..	16,410	..	16,535	..



## APPENDIX XX.

## BRIGHTON BRANCH READING.

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1874-5.		1875-6.		1876-7.		1877-8.	
			Books Returned.	Percentage.	Books Returned.	Percentage.	Books Returned.	Percentage.	Books Returned.	Percentage.
I.	1, 2, 3, 4.	Fiction . . . . .	17,662	84	19,532	80	22,833	77	22,114	76
II.	5, 6, 7, 8.	Biography, Travel, and History . . .	1,424	7	1,677	7	2,451	8	2,306	7
III.	9 to 20 .	Others . . . . .	1,957	9	3,226	13	4,611	15	4,780	17
		Totals . . . . .	21,043	..	24,435	..	29,900	..	29,200	..

## APPENDIX XXI.

## DORCHESTER BRANCH READING.

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1874-5.		1875-6.		1876-7.		1877-8.	
			Books Returned.	Percentage.	Books Returned.	Percentage.	Books Returned.	Percentage.	Books Returned.	Percentage.
I.	1, 11, 21.	Poetry, Drama . .	221	-1	927	1	1,021	-2	1,152	3
II.	2, 12 . .	Travels . . . . .	535	-4	2,233	4	2,133	3	2,090	3
III.	3, 13, 23 }	Fiction . . . . .	{ 3,983 }	47	21,880 }	55	26,107 }	57	19,779 }	55
IV.	4, 14, 24 }									
V.	5, 15, 25 .	Juveniles . . . . .	5,348	-37	17,368	27	18,071	26	16,778	26
VI.	6, 16, 21 .	History . . . . .	285	2	1,555	2	1,650	2+	1,510	2
VII.	7, 17, 27 .	Biography . . . . .	414	-3	1,567	2	1,655	2+	1,600	3
VIII.	8, 18 . .	Periodicals . . . .	162	1+	1,311	2	2,193	3	2,047	3
IX.	9, 19 . .	Arts, Sciences, etc.	465	3+	2,274	4	2,157	3	2,168	3
X.	10, 20, 28,	Miscellanies . . . .	311	2+	1,671	3	1,459	2	1,431	2
		Totals . . . . .	14,601	..	64,487	..	70,505	..	64,077	..

## 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.

## SOUTH END BRANCH READING.

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1878.	
			Books returned.	Percentage.
I.	3, 4 . . . . .	Biography . . . . .	1,210	-3
II.	1, 2, 13, 14, 17, 18 .	Prose, Fiction and Juveniles . . . . .	33,723	81+
III.	5 . . . . .	American History . . . . .	1,076	-3
IV.	6 . . . . .	Foreign History . . . . .	903	2+
V.	7, 8 . . . . .	Travel . . . . .	1,177	-3
VI.	12 . . . . .	Miscellaneous . . . . .	711	-2
VII.	9, 10 . . . . .	Arts, Sciences, and Theology . . . . .	722	-2
VIII.	15, 16 . . . . .	Poetry and Drama . . . . .	732	-2
IX.	11 . . . . .	Bound Periodicals . . . . .	999	2+
		Total . . . . .	41,253	. . .

## APPENDIX XXIII.

## JAMAICA PLAIN BRANCH READING.

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	Books returned.	Percentage.
I.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 . . . .	Fiction and Juveniles . . . . .	19,470	72
II.	7, 8 . . . . .	Collections . . . . .	3,760	14
III.	9, 10 . . . . .	History . . . . .	1,121	4
IV.	11, 12 . . . . .	Biography . . . . .	736	3
V.	13, 14 . . . . .	Travel . . . . .	785	3
VI.	15, 16 . . . . .	Miscellaneous . . . . .	373	1
VII.	17, 18 . . . . .	Poetry and Drama . . . . .	322	1
VIII.	19, 20 . . . . .	Science and Professions . . . . .	193	1
IX.	21 . . . . .	Periodicals . . . . .	344	1
X.	22 . . . . .	Foreign Languages . . . . .	12	0
XI.	23 . . . . .	Fine Arts . . . . .	100	0
XII.	24 . . . . .	Useful Arts . . . . .	116	0
		Total . . . . .	27,332	. . .



APPENDIX XXV.

LOSSES, DELINQUENTS, ETC.

Class No.	Classes.	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877
		Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.
1	Books finable ( <i>mail notices</i> ) . . .	15,652	11,911	13,124	11,920	18,700	21,868	27,191	31,953	35,309	40,513	60,528
2	Books returned after notice . . .	14,203	11,479	12,613	11,419	17,856	20,572	25,746	30,149	34,095	38,422	58,693
3	Books sent for by messenger . . .	1,449	432	511	501	844	993	1,445	1,759	2,214	2,691	1,844
4	Books recovered by messenger . . .	. . .	403	491	475	805	956	1,377	1,680	2,129	1,991	1,705
5	Books not recovered . . . . .	231	35	20	26	39	37	68	79	85	100	129
6	Books condemned . . . . .	420	257	261	212	1,234	869	855	2,299	4,031	2,808	2,884
7	Books covered . . . . .	. . .	35,241	23,826	34,639	54,184	81,805	106,557	152,102	219,631	249,946	333,348
8	Persons finable not paying mes- senger . . . . .	. . .	86	75	87	196	308	465	701	649	681	882
9	Residences changed without notice . . .	. . .	58	92	57	116	. . .	345	129	693	479	584
10	Books sent to binderies . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	2,669	3,219	6,460	6,354	10,950	13,163	12,684

APPENDIX XXV.—Continued.

LOSSES, DELINQUENTS, ETC.

CLASS No.	CLASSES.	1878.											TOTAL.
		B. II.	L. II.	E. B.	S. B.	ROX.	CHN.	BRIT.	DOR.	S. E.	J. P.		
1	Books finable ( <i>mail notices</i> ) . . . . .	6,823	14,246	4,893	6,250	7,009	4,467	1,947	3,926	1,497	874	51,932	
2	Books returned after notice . . . . .	6,078	13,781	4,837	6,137	6,953	4,440	1,939	3,912	1,320	874	50,921	
3	Books sent for by messenger . . . . .	145	565	56	63	56	27	8	14	23	2	959	
4	Books recovered by messenger . . . . .	135	485	49	62	50	24	8	14	23	2	858	
5	Books not recovered . . . . .	10	80	7	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	101	
6	Books condemned . . . . .	13	1,567	279	247	701	401	44	25	52	2	3,322	
7	Books covered . . . . .	. . . . .	103,872	36,230	53,765	64,224	19,850	10,687	30,392	8,620	6,226	333,875	
8	Persons finable not paying messenger . . . . .	46	410	31	54	46	20	2	4	13	2	628	
9	Residences changed without notice . . . . .	. . . . .	177	56	21	7	17	1	7	0	0	286	
10	Books sent to binderies . . . . .	5,474	4,634	286	616	2,868	736	387	490	656	91	10,238	

1874-75.—Of 758,493 volumes delivered to borrowers, only one in 8,921 failed to be recovered.  
 1875-76.—Of 947,621 " " " " 9,476 " "  
 1876-77.—Of 1,140,572 " " " " 8,842 " "  
 1877-78.—Of 1,183,991 " " " " 11,723 " "

API PENDIX XXVI.  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT. [N.]

GENERAL LIBRARY ACCOUNT.	1870-71		1871-72		1872-73			1873-74	
	City appropriations.	Expended.	City appropriations.	Expended.	City appropriations.	Expended.	Fellowes Athenaeum.	City appropriations.	Expended.
Binding . . . . .	\$4,400 00	\$5,231 38	\$5,200 00	\$5,509 12	\$4,000 00	\$2,511 10	.....	\$5,800 00	\$5,833 63
Books . . . . .	7,500 00	12,109 68	9,000 00	14,538 80	9,000 00	12,677 89	.....	35,977 23	44,131 58
Periodicals* . . . . .	1,070 63	1,070 63	3,130 08	3,130 08	1,896 84	1,896 84	\$2,181 30	.....	2,879 57
Catalogues (printing) . . . . .	4,800 00	3,433 62	5,700 00	3,731 85	5,500 00	3,063 16	.....	5,910 00	7,513 20
Expense . . . . .	1,500 00	1,678 60	2,000 00	2,487 04	2,000 00	2,628 59	.....	4,302 00	3,141 01
Fuel . . . . .	1,300 00	1,083 89	1,650 00	1,598 20	1,650 00	1,548 75	.....	2,580 00	2,720 50
Furniture (cabinets, shelving, fixtures, etc.) . . . . .	1,300 00	1,082 03	1,650 00	2,012 83	1,500 00	1,092 00	.....	2,870 00	1,452 55
Gas . . . . .	1,700 00	2,041 78	2,200 00	2,303 85	2,600 00	2,425 45	.....	5,022 00	3,460 06
Printing (miscellaneous) . . . . .	1,700 00	2,241 28	2,200 00	2,299 14	4,000 00	4,217 50	.....	6,457 00	6,289 72
Stationery . . . . .	1,500 00	1,303 05	1,400 00	1,537 44	4,000 00	4,217 50	.....	6,457 00	6,289 72
Salaries . . . . .	30,000 00	29,074 90	35,000 00	34,507 71	30,450 00	38,252 45	.....	60,000 00	48,752 76
Transportation, Postage, etc. . . . .	700 00	947 22	1,000 00	1,210 85	1,200 00	1,213 57	.....	2,440 00	2,440 24
<b>Totals</b> . . . . .	<b>\$65,000 00</b>	<b>\$70,443 79</b>	<b>\$67,400 00</b>	<b>\$74,924 84</b>	<b>\$91,000 00</b>	<b>\$98,456 41</b>	<b>\$2,151 10</b>	<b>\$127,503 83</b>	<b>\$133,776 63</b>

\* 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.  
 ‡ \$25,107.28 of this amount brought from last year, and added to the appropriation for books, to enable the Trustees to buy the Barton Library. The total appropriation includes an increase of \$11.  
 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 a 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 M  
 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.

Fellowes Athenaeum.	1874-75			1875-76		
	City appropriations.	Expended.	Fellowes Athenaeum.	City appropriations.	Expended.	Fellowes Athenaeum.
.....	\$6,500 00	\$9,080 84	.....	\$4,500 00	\$5,137 14	.....
.....	15,000 00	16,962 45	\$2,100 61	15,000 00	26,308 13	\$1,547 18
.....	6,000 00	5,305 16	.....	5,000 00	3,945 44	.....
.....	5,000 00	3,361 27	.....	5,000 00	3,181 01	.....
.....	5,000 00	4,150 39	.....	4,000 00	2,490 76	.....
.....	4,000 00	3,449 88	.....	4,500 00	2,971 87	.....
.....	12,500 00	10,256 55	.....	3,000 00	2,444 55	.....
.....	4,500 00	4,828 55	.....	5,000 00	5,550 50	.....
.....	5,000 00	4,687 37	.....	5,000 00	6,130 57	.....
.....	62,000 00	60,301 63	.....	60,500 00	67,561 02	.....
.....	2,500 00	2,288 18	.....	2,500 00	2,323 00	.....
<b>Totals</b> . . . . .	<b>\$127,503 83</b>	<b>\$133,776 63</b>	<b>\$2,100 61</b>	<b>\$118,000 00</b>	<b>\$128,204 00</b>	<b>\$1,547 18</b>

util. organized  
 Roxbury Branch completed o Charlestown and Brighton libraries r as branches.  
 Dorchester Branch.  
 650, y vote of the City Council in December, 1875, in anticipation of the annexation of Charlestown and Brighton.  
 re b right with the balances with our foreign agents at the close of the previous year. Our financial and library  
 ay 1 may be counted in one year's growth, and paid for in the subsequent year's account. The cost of maintaining

Years.	1870-77		1877-78			Paid into City Treasury from fines and sales of Catalogues.
	Expended.	Fellowes Athenaeum.	City appropriations.	Expended.	Fellowes Athenaeum.	
1859	\$3,758 85	.....	\$5,000 00	\$2,734 57	.....	\$477 89
1860	21,714 50	.....	15,000 00	20,981 20	.....	450 00
1861	2,849 83	\$1,833 86	15,000 00	4,117 29	\$1,414 37	246 34
1862	5,722 57	.....	5,000 00	4,997 82	.....	350 00
1863	3,004 27	.....	3,000 00	3,049 23	.....	528 49
1864	2,278 61	.....	4,600 00	2,115 56	.....	1864
1865	2,628 31	.....	2,600 00	2,654 16	.....	318 01
1866	4,855 69	.....	5,000 00	5,207 81	.....	303 93
1867	5,954 20	.....	6,000 00	5,207 29	.....	604 18
1868	62,852 10	.....	70,628 60	60,038 07	.....	197 72
1869	2,491 12	.....	3,000 00	2,719 51	.....	850 85
1870	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	996 63
1871	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,150 00
1872	.....	.....	.....	4,017 80	.....	1,472 44
1873	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,681 79
1874	.....	.....	10,000 00	3,288 73	.....	2,000 00
1875	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,550 24
1876	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,565 35
1877	.....	.....	.....	1,373 68	.....	3,022 12
1878	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,360 31
<b>Totals</b> . . . . .	<b>\$124,300 00</b>	<b>\$1,833 86</b>	<b>\$130,126 00</b>	<b>\$129,351 38</b>	<b>\$1,414 37</b>	<b>23,118 42</b>

years now nominally correspond, but it will happen that bills accruing subsequently to the middle of March  
 Branches after the first year makes part of the general items of the several appropriations.





LIBRARY FUNDS. — INVESTED IN CITY OF BOSTON SIXES.

	GIVER.	Amount.	When delivered.	No. of Bond.	When due.	Income.	Provisions.
1	Joshua Bates . . . . .	\$50,000 00	March, 1853	1,727	April, 1894	\$3,000	To buy "books of permanent value."
2	Jonathan Phillips . . . . .	{ 20,000 00 10,000 00	April, 1861 April, 1853	352 1,725	Jan'y, 1906 April, 1894	1,800	{ "To the maintenance of a free Public Library." "Purchase of books."
3	Abbott Lawrence . . . . .	10,000 00	May, 1860	281	July, 1905	600	Books having a permanent value.
4	Charlotte Harris . . . . .	10,000 00	August, 1877	2,579	Oct., 1897	600	Books for Charlestown Branch, published before 1850.
5	Henry L. Pierce . . . . .	5,000 00	December, 1873	1,567	Jan'y, 1894	300	"Books of permanent value for the Bates Hall."
6	Mary P. Townsend . . . . .	4,000 00	July, 1861	8,296	April, 1879	240	Books five years old in some one edition.
7	George Ticknor . . . . .	4,000 00	April, 1871	10,480	April, 1891	240	Books in Spanish and Portuguese, five years old in some one edition.
8	John P. Bigelow . . . . .	1,000 00	August, 1850	1,726	April, 1894	60	Purchase of books.
9	Franklin Club . . . . .	1,000 00	June, 1863	5,531	Jan'y, 1884	60	Books of permanent value, preferably "books on Government and Political Economy."
		\$115,000 00				\$6,900	

MEMORANDA.

- (1) Joshua Bates, born near Boston, 1788; died 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's lifetime. The other \$20,000 was bequeathed by his will, dated 28th Sept., 1849. He died 29th July, 1860, aged 82.
  - (3) Mr. Lawrence died in August, 1853, and this sum was a bequest.
  - (4) This fund was a bequest of Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Branch. With it her private library was also given.
  - (5) This was a donation from Mayor Pierce, previous to his retirement from office. The principal or interest may be expended as deemed best.
  - (6) 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.
  - (7) 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 of books to said library.
  - (8) This fund was a sum intended for a testimonial to Mr. Bigelow on retiring from the mayoralty, and transferred by him to this purpose.
  - (9) This fund was given by the Trustees of the Franklin Club, under authority given them at the dissolution of that Literary Association.
- NOTE. — \$335.13 given to the Library by the Dorchester and Milton Circulating Library Association cannot be funded, and consequently will be spent for the benefit of the Dorchester Branch.

## APPENDIX XXVIII.

## LIBRARY SERVICE.

(April 30, 1878.)

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, Duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Executive Department.</i>	.....	.....	Librarian and Clerk of the Corporation .....	..	..	..
	JAMES L. WHITNEY . . . . .	1869.	Principal Assistant Librarian . . . . .	..	..	..
	James M. Hubbard . . . . .	1874.	Assistant Librarian . . . . .	..	..	..
	Frederic B. Perkins . . . . .	1874.	Register and Assistant Librarian . . . . .	1	..	..
	William H. Foster . . . . .	1860.	Cataloguer for Branch Libraries and Proof Reader . . . . .	..	..	..
	Edward Tiffany . . . . .	1877.	Inspector of circulation in Lower Hall and Branch Libraries . . . . .	..	..	..
	Charles A. Wilson . . . . .	1871.	Clerk for Branch Libraries . . . . .	..	..	..
	Annie P. Call . . . . .	1872.	Librarian's Secretary . . . . .	1	..	..
	Adelaide A. Nichols . . . . .	1868.	Auditor and Cashier . . . . .	1	..	..
	Harry A. Rawlins . . . . .	1878.	Librarian's Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
Total . . . . .	.....	.....	4	..	4	
<i>Catalogue Department.</i>	JAMES L. WHITNEY . . . . .	1869.	Principal of the Department . . . . .	1	..	..
	James M. Hubbard . . . . .	1874.	First Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	William H. Foster . . . . .	1860.	(See <i>Executive Department.</i> ) . . . . .	1	..	..
	José F. Carret . . . . .	1875.	Curator of patents and engravings, and Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Anna C. D. Keen . . . . .	1872.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Susan A. Joslyn . . . . .	1873.	Assistant in Patent Room, etc. . . . .	1	..	..
	Elizabeth T. Reed . . . . .	1873.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary F. Osgood . . . . .	1877.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Roxanna M. Eastman . . . . .	1859.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Frank C. Blaisdell . . . . .	1876.	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Richard Ray . . . . .	1876.	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	<i>Card Catalogues.</i>					
	HARRIET E. GREEN . . . . .	1873.	Curator . . . . .	1	..	..
	Josephine Hewlins . . . . .	1875.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Emily C. Osgood . . . . .	1875.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
Ellen F. McCarthy . . . . .	1872.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..	
Total . . . . .	.....	.....	14	1	15	

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, Duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Entry Department.</i>	HARRIET N. PIKE . . . .	1867.	Chief Clerk . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Adeline S. Baylies . . . .	1877.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Mary A. McGrath . . . .	1868.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Louisa Hewins . . . . .	1877.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Richard Palne . . . . .	1878.	Runner . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Total . . . . .	. . . .	. . . . .	5	. . . .	5
<i>Shelf Department.</i>	APPLETON P. C. GRIFFIN	1865.	Custodian . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Arthur L. Kuhlth. . . . .	1876.	Runner . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Samuel McConnell . . . .	1877.	Runner . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Total . . . . .	. . . .	. . . . .	3	. . . .	3
<i>Bates Hall.</i>	ARTHUR M. KNAPP . . . .	1875.	Librarian of Bates Hall . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Charles A. Wilson . . . .	1871.	Deputy and Clerk of the Branches	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Alice M. Porée . . . . .	1866.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Lydia F. Knowles . . . .	1867.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Thomas Whyte . . . . .	1874.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Henry F. Barrett . . . .	1878.	Runner . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Thomas Driver . . . . .	1878.	Runner . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Albert Carter . . . . .	1878.	Runner . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Robert J. Donovan . . . .	1876.	Runner . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	William M. S. Young . . .	1878.	Runner . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
Total . . . . .	. . . .	. . . . .	10	. . . .	10	
<i>Lower Hall.</i>	EDWARD TIFFANY . . . .	1878.	Inspector of circulation for Lower Hall and Branch Libraries	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Elbridge Bradshaw . . . .	1869.	Librarian of Lower Hall . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	William F. Robinson . . .	1872.	Clerk for Registration and Fines	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Mary A. Jenkins . . . . .	1877.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Caroline E. Porée . . . .	1859.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Sarah A. Mack . . . . .	1863.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Eliza J. Mack . . . . .	1863.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Elizabeth Ross . . . . .	1869.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Annie M. Kennedy . . . .	1869.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Ellen E. Bresnahan . . . .	1869.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Ella Sturmy . . . . .	1872.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Margaret A. Sheridan . . .	1875.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, Duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Lower Hall.</i>	Margaret Doyle . . . . .	1875.	Assltant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary N. Burke . . . . .	1875.	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary Connor . . . . .	1873.	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Margaret Donovan . . . . .	1874.	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Annie G. Shea . . . . .	1874.	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	<i>Evening Service.</i>					
	William Hanna . . . . .	1876.	{ Registration Clerk and Sun- { day service . . . . . }	..	1	..
	Robert B. Ross . . . . .	1873.	Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Ella Dillon . . . . .	1876.	Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Catherine McGrath . . . . .	1873.	Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Amelia McGrath . . . . .	1869.	Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Hannah Clifford . . . . .	1876.	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Florence Richards . . . . .	1876.	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
Margaret Clifford . . . . .	1876.	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..	
Total . . . . .	..	..	17	8	25	
	WILLIAM E. FORD . . . . .	1858.	Janitor . . . . .	1	..	..
	Thomas Collins . . . . .	1867.	Porter . . . . .	1	..	..
	Jeremiah Sullivan . . . . .	1874.	Porter . . . . .	1	..	..
	<i>Extra daily assistants . . .</i>					
	Total . . . . .	..	..	3	..	3
<i>Bindery.</i>	FRANK P. HATHAWAY . . . . .	1871.	Foreman . . . . .	1	..	..
	Andrew M. Blake . . . . .	1870.	Binder . . . . .	1	..	..
	Romeo Cervi . . . . .	1874.	Binder . . . . .	1	..	..
	Joseph R. Beckett . . . . .	1875.	Binder . . . . .	1	..	..
	Michael J. Healy . . . . .	1875.	Binder . . . . .	1	..	..
	James Pendergast . . . . .	1875.	Binder . . . . .	1	..	..
	Edward M. Roe . . . . .	1876.	Binder . . . . .	1	..	..
	Martha M. Wheeler . . . . .	1869.	Stitcher . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary E. Austen . . . . .	1874.	Stitcher . . . . .	1	..	..
	Mary Morlarty . . . . .	1875.	Stitcher . . . . .	1	..	..
	Sarah E. Bowen . . . . .	1876.	Stitcher . . . . .	1	..	..
	Katherine Kelly . . . . .	1876.	Stitcher . . . . .	1	..	..
	Frank Thomas . . . . .	1874.	Apprentlee . . . . .	1	..	..
Total . . . . .	..	..	13	..	13	

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, Duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and' extra service.	Total employed.
<i>East Boston Branch.</i>	SARAH C. GODBOLD . . . . .	1871.	Librarian . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Mary R. Pray . . . . .	1870.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Alice M. Wing . . . . .	1872.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Mary E. Cathcart . . . . .	1870.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Ellen L. Lennon . . . . .	1872.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Adella H. Ghen . . . . .	1876.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Laura B. Morse . . . . .	1875.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Abbie M. Keen . . . . .	1874.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Jessie C. Fraser . . . . .	1876.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	George H. Hosea . . . . .	1873.	Janitor . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	5	5
<i>South Boston Branch.</i>	ALICE J. BRAGDON . . . . .	1872.	Librarian . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Nora McCarty . . . . .	1872.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Ellen A. Eaton . . . . .	1872.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Emeogene C. Davis . . . . .	1873.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Idalene Sampson . . . . .	1877.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Cora G. Hale . . . . .	1877.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Minnie E. Sampson . . . . .	1877.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Mary Watson . . . . .	1873.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Elizabeth McCarthy . . . . .	1873.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Marguerite Watson . . . . .	1877.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Joseph Baker . . . . .	1872.	Janitor . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	6	5	11
<i>Roxbury Branch.</i>	SARAH BUNKER . . . . .	1876.	Librarian . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Mary Bradley . . . . .	1876.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Dora Puffer . . . . .	1878.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Helen M. Bell . . . . .	1878.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Margaret E. Blood . . . . .	1872.	Runner . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .
	Florence Vose . . . . .	1876.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Louisa Karcher . . . . .	1877.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Alice Morrison . . . . .	1877.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Alithea M. Hutchins . . . . .	1877.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Elizabeth C. Berry . . . . .	1877.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
Charles R. Curtis . . . . .	1873.	Janitor . . . . .	1	. . . .	. . . .	
Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	6	5	11



LIBRARY SERVICE.— *Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, Duties, &c.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Charlestown Branch.</i>	DR. CORNELIUS S. CARTÉE	1870.	Librarian . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	Susan Edwards . . . . .	1869.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	Annie E. Eberle . . . . .	1874.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	Lilian Davis . . . . .	1874.	Runner . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	Harriet N. Davis . . . . .	1874.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Mary P. Swain . . . . .	1878.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Anna S. Woodberry . . . . .	1878.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Frederick W. Parker . . . . .	1877.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Frederick W. Baxter . . . . .	1878.	Extra Runner . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Thomas E. Smith . . . . .	1874.	Janitor . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	5	5
<i>Brighton Branch.</i>	MARY E. BROCK . . . . .	1875.	Librarian . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	Bridget T. Grailey . . . . .	1874.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	Alma J. Wilson . . . . .	1875.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	James M. Brock . . . . .	1878.	Janitor . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	3	1
<i>Dorchester Branch.</i>	MARY G. COFFIN . . . . .	1874.	Librarian . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	Esther R. Whiton . . . . .	1874.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	Mary Jane Sheridan . . . . .	1875.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Mary Elms . . . . .	1876.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Mary A. Hill . . . . .	1875.	Agent at Lower Mills Delivery . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
	Edward Davenport . . . . .	1875.	Janitor . . . . .	. . . .	1	. . . .
Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	3	3	6
<i>South End Branch.</i>	MILTON AUSTIN . . . . .	1877.	Librarian . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	Maude M. Morse . . . . .	1878.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	Esther M. Hinckley . . . . .	1878.	Assistant . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	William M. Dudley . . . . .	1877.	Runner . . . . .	1	. . . .	
	Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	4	. . . .

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Concluded.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, Duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Jamaica Plain Branch.</i>	ELIZA R. DAVIS . . . . .	1877.	Librarian . . . . .	1	..	..
	Anna J. Barton . . . . .	1876.	Assistant . . . . .	1	..	..
	Herbert A. Johnson . . . . .	1877.	Runner . . . . .	1	..	..
	Ellen F. Riley . . . . .	1878.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Orlando Johnson . . . . .	1878.	Extra Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	..	3	2

## SUMMARY.

	Regulars.	Extras.	
Register, Secretary, Auditor, and Runner,	4		} <i>Central Library.</i> 69 regulars. 9 extras. — 78 in all.
Catalogue Department . . . . .	14	1	
Purchase Department . . . . .	5		
Shelf Department . . . . .	3		
Bates Hall Circulation Department . . . . .	10		
Lower Hall Circulation Department, Day, Evening, and Sunday Service . . . . .	17	8	
Janitor's Department . . . . .	3		
Bindery . . . . .	13		
East Boston Branch . . . . .	5	5	} <i>Branches.</i> 35 regulars. 26 extras. — 61 in all.
South Boston Branch . . . . .	6	5	
Roxbury Branch . . . . .	6	5	
Charlestown Branch . . . . .	5	5	
Brighton Branch . . . . .	3	1	
Dorchester Branch . . . . .	3	3	
South End Branch . . . . .	4		
Jama ca Plain Branch . . . . .	3	2	
Totals . . . . .	104	35	
	35		
Grand Total . . . . .	139		

## AGENTS.

Messrs. Lee and Shepard, *Boston.*Messrs. Little, Brown, and Co., and Sampson Low, Marston, Low, and Searle, *Boston and London.*Mr. Edward G. Allen (for English patents), *London.*Mr. F. W. Christern, and M. Charles Reinwald, *New York and Paris.*Dr. Felix Flügel, *Leipzig.*Chev. Eugenio Albèri, *Florence.*Señor Don Juan F. Riaño, *Madrid.*





APPENDIX XXIX.  
EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

	BATES HALL.					LOWER HALL.					EAST BOSTON BRANCH.					SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.					
	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	
Not on shelves . . . . .	2,621	3,612	3,653	3,222	3,205	7,395	7,001	7,510	8,063	8,592	2,031	2,012	2,022	1,820	1,831	2,309	2,396	2,068	2,047	1,852	
<i>Of these found to be</i>																					
Lent . . . . .	939	1,970	2,161	1,991	2,003	6,304	5,254	6,121	6,868	7,134	1,745	1,729	1,811	1,618	1,609	1,993	2,101	1,876	1,932	1,739	
At the binderies . . . . .	652	907	920	622	707	206	622	718	681	918	120	137	73	44	37	129	155	141	72	88	
Otherwise accounted for . . . . .	801	596	542	573	462	853	948	536	445	448	164	146	133	153	176	185	123	50	43	25	
Not accounted for . . . . .	29	49	30	36	33	32	177	135	69	92	2	...	5	5	7	2	12	1	...	...	
	ROXBURY BRANCH.					CHARLESTOWN BRANCH.				BRIGHTON BRANCH.				DORCHESTER BRANCH.			TOTALS.				
	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1875	1876	1877	1878	1875	1876	1877	1878	1876	1877	1878	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878
Not on shelves . . . . .	2,908	2,441	2,850	3,300	2,991	1,636	2,209	2,092	2,034	...	728	707	829	1,835	1,362	1,341	16,654	19,098	22,875	22,613	22,675
<i>Of these found to be</i>																					
Lent . . . . .	2,200	2,283	2,577	3,017	2,816	1,479	2,016	1,916	1,777	...	591	519	629	1,662	1,259	1,261	13,181	14,816	18,815	19,130	18,968
At the binderies . . . . .	89	144	168	253	70	66	63	72	92	...	62	91	116	151	52	67	1,396	2,121	2,296	1,887	2,095
Otherwise accounted for . . . . .	7	8	98	26	103	91	130	104	165	...	54	90	83	21	39	13	2,010	1,917	1,560	1,468	1,477
Not accounted for . . . . .	2	6	7	4	2	...	...	...	...	3	21	7	1	1	2	...	67	244	204	128	135

\*Including Fellowes Athenaeum.

## APPENDIX XXIX.

*To the Superintendent:—*

In the foregoing tables are respectfully presented the results of the annual examination of the Central Library and Branches, for the year ending April 30, 1878. In the

## BATES HALL

the examination has resulted in finding 31 books missing. Many of these are only temporarily missing, and probably will be found by another examination of the shelves. Of 34 books missing at the last report, 10 have been found; 2 missing in 1875 have also reappeared. In the

## LOWER HALL

a larger number of missing books is to be reported than that of last year. There seems to be no special reason to assign for the increase. 2 books missing in 1864, 1 in 1867, '72 and '74, 3 in 1875, and 4 in 1876 have reappeared. From the

## BRANCHES

very satisfactory returns are made. The largest number unaccounted for, from any one Branch, being 7, and 3 report all accounted for. The following are missing from

## READING-ROOM DESK.

Putnam's Best Reading; Gage's English-French Dictionary; Bartlett's Familiar Quotations; Gorton's Biographical Dictionary; Chambers' Encyclopædia, Index.

## BATES-HALL DESK.

Putnam's Best Reading (2 copies); Bartlett's Familiar Quotations; Dictionary of Latin Poetical Quotations; Rich's Companion to Latin Dictionary; Fairholt's Dictionary of Terms in Art.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. C. GRIFFIN,  
*Custodian of the Shelves.*



## APPENDIX XXX.

## WORK IN THE LIBRARY BINDERY.

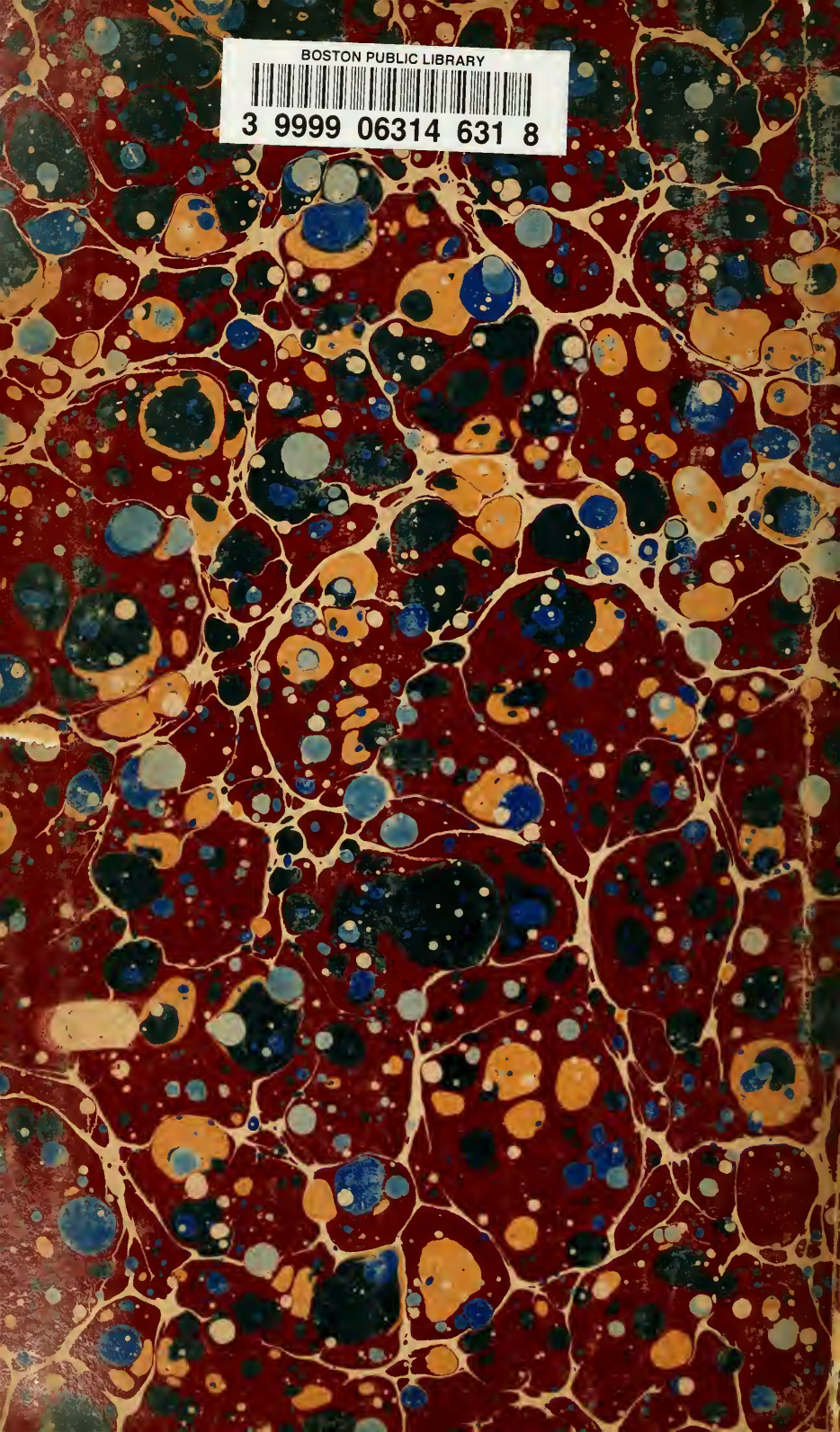
CHARACTER OF WORK.	1871-2.	1872-3.	1873-4.	1874-5.	1875-6.	1876-7.	1877-8.
Bates Hall books bound and finished . . . . .	2,219	2,008	2,635	2,613	3,223	4,759	4,155
Books of the Lower Hall and Branches . . . . .	1,015	744	753	1,508	7,766	8,743	11,129
Books repaired . . . . .	306	430	492	444	959	873	949
Catalogues wired and covered for public use in Lower Hall and Branches	490	437	287	143			
Maps dissected and mounted	47	28	9				
Map-volumes and shelf-lists mounted . . . . .	212	165	109	493	820	2,712	958
Pamphlet cases . . . . .	546	64	24				
Portfolios . . . . .	5	8	8				
Removable covers for catalogues and for paper-covered books . . . . .	266	263	450	1,520	1,287	1,271	1,469
Maps mounted, bound, and bordered . . . . .	54	41	8				
Hours of miscellaneous work . . . . .	1,842	2,297	1,437	2,486	2,183	2,586	2,778



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