

under one alphabet. The work was thereupon undertaken, and it was decided to print 2,000 copies, at a cost not exceeding \$1000, and it is matter of congratulation that this second volume has been in the hands of the public since the month of November, and that the cost thereof has been kept within the sum of \$750.

In the Northern Branch a new catalogue was prepared and published in September. It contains the titles of 5,640 books, arranged on an elementary dictionary plan, which appears to be the most suitable for small libraries. A similar catalogue is urgently required for the Western Branch, the material for which has been prepared and now awaits the instructions of the Board.

In this Branch the register of ticket holders is in process of revision, and a considerable number of names have already been cancelled, on account of death or removal from the City.

The cancellation of all tickets for the Central Library not renewed on the First of February last, has reduced their number from 29,707 to 9,989, which represents those actually in frequent use, but as many tickets were held by persons who only occasionally used them, these are being rapidly renewed.

In the method of artificial light for the circulating library, the substitution of arc lamps for gas has proved of great advantage, and it will devolve upon our successors to consider the advisability of extending the system to improve the light over the receiving desk, catalogue and new books stands, which, even yet, is unsatisfactory in dull weather.

For the purpose of cleaning and painting the reading rooms and furniture, the Central Library was closed from Monday, the 3rd of June to Wednesday, the 5th of June, inclusive.

The cleaning and painting was proceeded with most expeditiously, and resulted very satisfactorily, at the small cost to the Board of \$96.

The reading room for the unemployed, opened in the season of 1894, has been continued this year. It is constantly filled, and is