

The attendance at the Library continues to increase, 77,077 persons having availed themselves of its use during the past year, being an increase of 6,265 over the previous year; these figures attest the value, to the citizens, of a free Public Library.

The Governors have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of 355 volumes of well selected books, the gift of friends of the Institution; a list of these will be found on Schedule VII.

387 volumes have been purchased during the year, and some large orders for books have been placed in London and Paris. The Library Committee has given great attention to the selection of books, and the public is deeply indebted to its members for their zeal and untiring efforts to promote the interest of a most useful Institution, and carry out the wishes of the founder.

R. B. ANGUS,

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