

General Statement.

In presenting the first annual statement of the Public Library as a Free Library, it is necessary to note that the term of office of the present Board covers the latter part of the Library Year 1898-99, and the whole of the Library Year 1899. This is owing to the change in the regulations of the Education Department, whereby the Library Year is made to end on Dec. 31st, instead of April 30th, as formerly.

This report will be found to cover the whole period of the re-organization of the Library, in addition to the necessary government statements for 1899, covering only May to Dec. 1899. The reports of the Special Committee on Library organization, of the Library and Reading Room Committee, of the Librarian, and of the Treasurer, give in detail the work accomplished during the year. The Board gratefully acknowledge the general public interest in the Library.

F. D. MOORE, Chairman.

E. A. HARDY, Secretary.

Lindsay, Jan. 8th, 1900.