

of £222 in the purchase of new works. The balance of this special subscription, amounting probably to £75, when the remainder shall have been collected, will be available for the same object next year. From financial causes, the Library, previously to last year, had not received that attention to its requirements which was necessary to its efficiency; but it is to be hoped that, in future, each year will witness an adequate expenditure in this department.

The Library now comprises 3,109 volumes, 1,158 of which have been added since the last annual meeting. The number of members now regularly supplied with books, is very nearly 500. From the fact, that the number of volumes issued, amounted to 9286, during the year just closed, may be inferred the extent to which the advantages of the Library are made use of by subscribers.

In order to accommodate members living at a distance, or who, from other causes, would prefer changing books in the daytime, the Library is now regularly open every afternoon from two to five o'clock.

The above facts are, in the opinion of your Committee, peculiarly gratifying, convinced as they are that the Library is the most important department of the Institute, as it regards the benefits imparted; and that, the more attention there is paid to its condition and improvement, the more numerous will be the accessions to the membership of the society.

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