

Realising the force of these remarks, it has been my constant aim, and I have endeavored to imbue my assistants with the same spirit, to aid and assist readers whenever possible.

The classifying of the books on the shelves by subjects has been found most useful and convenient, and a great assistance to both library staff and readers.

The point that most strongly commends this subject classification on the shelves is, that a reader desiring a book, say on electricity, by a particular author, and which is out at the time, can be taken to the shelves, shown all the books on electricity that are in at the moment, and may be able to make a selection that will answer equally well. So with any other subject, be it science, arts, history, etc.

Readers desiring books on any subject (except fiction) are freely invited to inspect the books on the shelves and make a selection personally.

The privilege of admission to the shelves has been largely extended and seems to be much appreciated by readers; nor has the privilege been abused, so far as we have yet discovered.

When in search of facts or special information that cannot readily be found, time and trouble may be often saved by applying to the Librarian, who will cheerfully render assistance when possible.

The subject-catalogue case has also been of great assistance to readers. This case shows the titles of all books, parts of books and magazine articles, in the Library on any subject. The author case, showing the books in the Library by each author, the author's names being arranged alphabetically, is likewise at the disposal of readers for consultation.

Of course, there is not, nor can there be, any short cut to learning, but there may be, and is, such a short cut to information that will make learning more easily accessible. It is our earnest endeavor always to assist readers to the short cut to any desired information.

THE CIRCULATION.

The circulation of books for the year was 198,210 volumes of which 132,720 were given for home use. These figures are one means of showing that the Library continues to be freely