

## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Management :*

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present herewith my annual report of the working and state of the Library for the year ending December 31st, 1891.

### GENERAL STATEMENT.

The number of volumes reported one year ago was 14,577. The total accessions for the past year have been 1938 volumes, comprising (1) 1,813 obtained by purchase, and (2) 125, gifts from various sources, making a present total of 16,515.

### THE YEAR'S GROWTH.

Many of the 1,813 volumes acquired by purchase, while expensive, are specially valuable for reference purposes, and therefore peculiarly suited for the shelves of a Public Library, where they may be consulted by thousands who would otherwise be deprived of access to these great standards in the various departments of science, art and literature. Of this class, received the past year, may be mentioned,—The Speaker's Bible Commentary ; Rawlinson's Seven Great Monarchies ; McIan and Logan's Costumes of the Clans ; Symons' Renaissance in Italy ; Bartholomew's Library Reference Atlas of the World ; Holtzapffel's Turning and Mechanical Manipulation ; Max Muller's Sacred Books of the East ; Sowerby's English Botany ; Ferguson's Tree and Serpent Worship ; Pennell's Pen Drawing and Pen Draughtsmen ; The Iconographic Encyclopedia ; The Century War Books, and others.

### DONATIONS.

By list appended hereto, it will be seen that many gifts have been made to the Library during the past year. Perhaps other public spirited citizens will remember the Library even more liberally during the coming year. It might be well to repeat that donations, whether in large or small lots, will be thankfully