

pointment of Mr. Reed to fill the vacancy will meet with your approval.

### LIBRARY.

Your Board did not think it advisable to carry out the recommendation of the Special Committee, relative to a change in the Library Book, owing to the lateness of the season, but leave it to their successors to adopt this change with the commencement of a new year.

Your Board have been able to make but few additions to the Library in consequence of the many more pressing demands upon the funds of the Association, but they trust that as these have been in a great measure removed, their successors, with more ample means at their disposal, will give greater attention to this important department, and apply a sum at least equivalent to the grant lately received from Government, (which your present Board were reluctantly compelled to use for the liquidation of the Gerrard claim,) to the purchase of some late publications, of which the Library stands much in need.

The Library Book shows that the circulation is confined to about 600 volumes, and these are principally of the lighter description of reading.

Number of books taken out from 1st December, 1855,

to 8th November, 1856.....1,912

Number of readers..... 254

The warm thanks of the Association are due to the gentlemen who have kindly presented it with the following books, and your Board would respectfully solicit similar donations from other members who may possess volumes of no great use to themselves but of much value to the Association.

#### LIST OF BOOKS, &c., PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION FROM 1st DEC., 1855, TO DATE:

Life and Correspondence of Amos Lawrence,—presented by D. A. McDougall.