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Annual Report of the Chairman of the Board.

THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE WINDSOR PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Gentlemen:—You will have laid before you the Fifth Annual Report of the Secretary, and of the Librarian, upon the finances and general condition of the working of the Library. At the beginning of the year just ended, the Board were obliged to replace on the shelves books that had lost their usefulness, also about 200 books had to be rebound, which is a proof that our library is well patronized by the general public. The books that had to be renewed were principally lighter work^s of fiction. It is to be regretted our young readers do not avail themselves of a better class of literature. During the past year we have added to our library many valuable works, also the best works on fiction by authors of the day, and have duplicated same when the demand warranted such action.

I would urgently impress upon the in-coming board the absolute necessity of procuring another building for our Library, we are crowded for room, more shelving being required for new books. Our landlord positively refuses to put the necessary conveniences in the building.

Thanking you for the honor conferred in electing me your Chairman, and for your hearty co-operation throughout the year.

With many wishes for the prosperity of the library, I beg to submit this, my report.

A. F. DEWSON.