

to date in their selection, to exclude all books whether under the heading of fiction or otherwise, of an immoral, impure or trashy nature. The Library, as has been stated before, makes but small pretence to provide for the wants of the specialist and the professional reader, but the Board endeavors to provide reading for all sorts and conditions of the people, and for that purpose gladly invites suggestions for books, thus seeking the co-operation of readers in making the shelves as comprehensive and useful as possible. There is only one matter to which I venture to call the attention of the new Board, and which will no doubt engage their attention during the coming year, and that is to the necessity of a new and improved catalogue, such a one as will enable an inquirer without loss of time, and without taking a wrong turn, to wander at ease through the complicated labyrinths of whatever subject may occupy his or her attention. During the year we have extended invitations to and have received visits from two distinguished literary characters, both, in their particular lines of thought, world renowned, and we have had the pleasure of meeting Rev. John Watson, more generally known as Ian MacLaren, and Mr. Harry Furniss, who upon their visit to this building like many others before them had nothing but praise for the Library and its up-to-date equipment.

In conclusion, gentlemen, it affords me much gratification, and I deem it a privilege to be able to add mine, to the testimony of my predecessors, to the indefatigable and zealous manner in which Mr. Lancefield has discharged his duties, and it would be ungenerous on an occasion of this sort to overlook the lady assistants, who by their courtesy to the public at all times have done much towards the successful working of the Library during the past year.

I thank you again for the honor which you conferred upon me in electing me as the Chairman of the Board of a Library in which, as you are all aware, I have taken a very deep interest from the very inception of the movement which led to the submission of a by-law once rejected by the people but finally passed by a large majority in 1889, and