

SIXTH ANNUAL

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Management :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present herewith my annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1894.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The number of volumes at last report was 19,823. The total accessions for the year have been 1816 volumes, comprising

- (a) 1213 volumes obtained by purchase,
 - (b) 274 volumes of magazines obtained from reading rooms,
 - (c) 329 volumes as gifts from various sources,
- making a present total of 21,639 volumes.

The 1213 volumes cost \$1259.43, an average cost of \$1.04 per volume.

CONTINUED POPULARITY.

It will no doubt be gratifying to the members of the Board of Management to know that the Library seems to become more popular with the citizens as time passes. That this is a fact is shown in many ways,—by the increased number of books handled by the Library staff ; by the greatly increased number of inquiries for information on a great variety of topics ; by the number of new applicants for borrowers' cards ; and by the number of visitors to the reading rooms, both the ladies' and the general reading room, being often crowded to an inconvenient degree.

THE YEAR'S READING.

While fiction continues, naturally, to hold first place in books drawn for home use, other classes are in great demand, more