

nors, has limited the remarks we have to offer, and to a certain extent cramped our enquiry.\*

The Register, such as it is, shows :

Books not entered as "returned" . . . . .	138
" not distinctly specified as "returned"† . . . . .	28
" marked "returned" without date . . . . .	106
" " "purchased" . . . . .	155
Total number of bound volumes according to the Official Report of 1866. . . . .	5800
" " " " " " " of 1867 . . . . .	6000
" " " " " " " of 1868 . . . . .	6030
" " " " " " " of 1869 . . . . .	6186
Total number of volumes, including Pamphlets and volumes in paper covers, counted in the Library on the 15th April, 1871.	5644
Number entered as lent out this year . . . . .	56
	5696
Estimated number of Pamphlets . . . . .	196
Total number of bound volumes in the Library and lent out during the year. . . . .	5500
Number of bound volumes not accounted for according to the Register, not including those not specified as not returned, and those purchased in 1869. (12) . . . . .	674

The number of bound volumes unaccounted for amounting to nearly seven hundred [674],‡ may be interpreted as reflecting on all Governors, officers and graduates who have had access to the library under Statute, Cap. VI, Sec. 2, as well as upon all students and persons who have had access to the Library by permission, whether duly authorized or otherwise.

The irregularities of which we complain extend more or less over a period of sixteen years, and notably over the last six years, as shown by the unexplained list in detail, deduced

\* It eventually proved that the Catalogue of the Library had been lent by the then Librarian who had forgotten the fact.

† The explanation given by the then Librarian showed that the books "not distinctly specified as 'returned,'" had been returned to the Library.

‡ The result of the inquiry into the difference between the number of volumes officially returned to the Office of Education and that counted in the Library at the date given above went to show that the official numbers might have been *guessed at*. However, on the subsequent appointment by the Board of Governors of a new Librarian, and on this official calling in all books belonging to the Library, *over three hundred* (300) volumes were returned, of which only a small proportion was registered as lent out.