

The total number of Books in the Library, according to the last Annual Report, was	4121
Added by purchase during the year	292
Bound up from Reading-Room	56
Donations.....	1
Total	4470

Worn out, or rendered unfit for circulation, during the year.....	153
Missing, or worn out during former years, but of which no account had been previously taken, for want of annual examination; and works lost by members, for which payment has been received by the Institute... 282	
	435
Now in Library	4035

The Library Committee report that in addition to the 153 volumes that are now worn out, they have selected and laid by 260 volumes for re-binding, and request the attention of the new Library Committee thereto as soon as practicable.

Your Board would submit, respecting the large number of books lost, that, according to the report of the Library Committee, *many of them were taken out by members who have left the city within the last two or three years, and who failed to return the books they had in their possession at the time of their removal.* Every endeavour should be made to secure the return of books on the expiration of the time allowed for reading them. The coöperation of members and subscribers is particularly requested in this matter.

The only donation made to the Library during the year was by Mr. Norris Black, of one volume, entitled "Evidences of Christianity."

Your Board would respectfully suggest to their successors in office, that a conversazione should be held at the opening of the Music Hall, the profits of which should be exclusively devoted to the purchase of books for the Library.

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