

London, with the result that subscriptions poured in for the erection of such a Palace. Besant, in that book causes his hero to moralise thus:—"How truly wonderful it is," said Harry, "to think how monotonous are the gifts and bequests of rich men. Schools, Churches, Almshouses, Hospitals—that is all, that is their monotonous round." A change has, however, been noticeable lately and while Schools, Churches and Hospitals are not forgotten, the great Creator and Newberry bequests of millions of dollars for the founding of great Public Libraries in the City of Chicago, and the numerous other bequests of from \$100 to \$100,000 which are now a matter of almost weekly record in Great Britain or the United States, are all indications of the growing belief in the efficacy of Free Libraries as great educational and moral factors in the community.

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#### THE CARD CATALOGUE.

The Card Catalogue, now preparing, will contain the name of every book in the Library, both in Circulating and Reference Departments. Each book will be entered under author, title and subject, and an endeavor will be made to fully index every book, so as to show the full resources of the Library on any given subject; as well as all the books in the Library by or relating to any given author or writer.

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#### A PRINTED CATALOGUE.

The copy for a printed catalogue is now being prepared, but it will of necessity be some months before the catalogue will be printed ready for the public. In the meantime the titles of the books will be placed on the walls of the Library Room on type-written sheets, for the use and convenience of readers, and the Library Assistants will also assist readers with all information possible.

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#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

As Secretary of the Board, I submit herewith a statement of the expenditure for the year, as taken from my books, as follows—