

bound,—in all, 135 volumes have passed through the binder's hands. The number of books issued during the previous year was 4000; the issues for the year just closed were 4643. The Committee would take this opportunity to remind Members that valuable additions might be made to the Library in the shape of donations of works, perhaps of little value to the present owners, but which would be of much value and utility if placed in a public Library.

Your Committee have also to report that, during last session of Provincial Parliament, they forwarded to the three branches of the Legislature a Petition on behalf of the Institute, setting forth the objects of the Institute and number of its Members, the progress of the new Hall, and the opportunities which will be afforded by its completion to increase the sphere of usefulness of the Institute; also, that it would be most desirable to possess an extensive Library of Literature and Science, to be a Library of reference, free to all, and a Model-Room in which models might be collected and studied, free of expense; that the funds at the disposal of the Institute would not allow them to accomplish these useful purposes, which in their effect could not be considered of a merely local nature; and praying an appropriation from the public revenue for these purposes exclusively. This Petition was kindly taken charge of by the Hon. John Young, M.P.P., one of the City Members; was laid before the House of Assembly, and printed on motion of Mr. Young. No action, however, was taken in the matter, up to the time of the adjournment of the House. It is