

possession of the Society. The whole series of publications of the Geological Survey of Canada are here, even the uncommon 1853 report. The valuable eight-volume set of New York geology, on which the Canadian geological nomenclature is largely based, and the geological reports of Ohio and other states are readily accessible. Bailey's Cyclopædia (4 volumes) of Horticulture, and thirteen volumes of Ontario's Agriculture represent recent scientific work, while a number of volumes of philosophical transactions (1732-44), marked with the famous name of Peter Fidler, give us a taste of science a century and one-quarter ago.

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THE PROSPECT FOR REFERENCE.

At present the library is available for reference, under the arrangement with the City, to the whole body of citizens. It is consulted for many things. The totally insufficient accommodation has resulted from the constant encroachment of the city offices. There is no possibility in its present quarters of the library being fully :

It is hoped that the new Carnegie library will give relief and afford room and scope. It is also to be hoped that the City will arrange with the Historical Society for taking over this valuable library. Rare books of reference are scarce even now in London and Paris, and have trebled in value in the last fifteen years. To begin anew to collect the treasures now in possession would be a tedious and expensive task. The accumulations of the twenty-five years are as follows :

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| Historical Society | 6,000 volumes |
| Sets of Exchanges | 2,000 volumes |
| City library—bound books..... | 7,000 volumes |
| Pamphlets, magazines, etc. | 4,000 volumes |
| Total | <u>19,000 volumes</u> |

This will be a basis by no means insignificant with which to begin the Carnegie library.