

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Management :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present herewith my annual report of the state of the Library on December 31st, 1890.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The number of volumes reported one year ago was 8,826. The total accessions for the past year have been 5,751 volumes, comprising (1) 4,890, obtained by purchase, and (2) 860, gifts from various sources, making a present total of 14,577.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

Four events of special interest occurred during the year, and should be recorded, viz: (1) the opening of the Library on Saturday, February 15th, in the temporary library premises, Hughson street south; (2) the formal opening of our magnificent new Library building by the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, on Tuesday, Sept. 16th; (3) the opening of the Library in the new building on Friday, Sept. 19th; and (4) the opening of the General Reading Room on Tuesday, October 21st.

THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

The opening of the Library in the new building will stand on record as a red-letter day in the history of the "Ambitious City." The carefully selected collection of books for the general reader, as well as for the more studiously inclined, forms a valuable nucleus for what will eventually become a large library; while the citizens may be justifiably proud of the fact that the Library building is probably the finest of its class (which has been erected by the municipality, out of the public funds) possessed by any city in the world of the size of Hamilton. Hundreds of visitors have called and inspected the building, and it must certainly be pleasing to the Board to know that one and all speak of it in terms of unqualified admiration.