

First Annual Report of the Librarian and Secretary.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, Hamilton, Feb. 1, 1890.

To His Honor Judge Muir, Chairman, and members of the Public Library Board.

GENTLEMEN,—As required by the 17th section of the By-laws of your Board, I have the honor to submit herewith a report of the state of the Library on December 31st, 1889.

The Library not having, at that date been opened to the public, there are no statistics of circulation to present; but I may remark in passing, that the numbers of “seekers after knowledge”—of inquirers for information on various topics,—have already been so numerous, as to fully warrant the oft-expressed assertion that the Library will be, when in full operation, a great educational factor in the community and of inestimable value to citizens.

The present number of volumes in the Library is 8826, and 350 pamphlets.

The books in the circulating department have been collected into classes, and each class grouped under a letter of the alphabet, as follows:—

Class A	Natural Sciences and Mathematics	393 vols.
“ B	Biography.....	630 “
“ C	Theology.....	324 “
“ D	Mental, Moral and Social Sciences	307 “
“ E	Useful and Fine Arts....	339 “
“ F	Travels, Geography & Description	687 “
“ G	History.....	632 “
“ H	Language and Literature.....	738 “
“ I	Poetry and Dramatic Literature.	381 “
“ K	Periodicals, (bound).....	870 “
“ L	Prose Fiction.....	1245 “
“ M	Juveniles.....	263 “
Total.....		5809 vols.