

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

At the close of another year, the Board of Direction of the Mercantile Library Association has the pleasing duty of presenting the Members with a Report of its proceedings during the past year.

It must be gratifying to every Member of the Association, to perceive the steady progress which the Association continues to make.

That the prosperity of the Association is altogether attributable to the zeal and assiduity with which your Board has prosecuted its various duties, its Members can hardly flatter themselves. It is rather owing to the harmony and good feeling which has existed among the Members of the Association, and their general desire to promote its interests.

The removal of the Rooms of the Association to the present central situation, has in no small degree tended to increase the number of subscribers,—a step which your Board feels persuaded has met with the hearty concurrence and approbation of all.

An economical mode of rendering the temperature of the Rooms more agreeable than by stoves, combined with much greater convenience to the Superintendent, has been introduced. This arrangement will, no doubt, during the winter months, add materially to the comfort of subscribers, as well as tend to make the Rooms a more desirable place of public resort.