

Annual Report of the Chairman of the Board.

WINDSOR, JANUARY 24TH, 1898.

THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE WINDSOR PUBLIC LIBRARY :

Gentlemen,—It is with pleasure that I refer in this my report to the progress of the Library during the year just ended. By reference to the catalogues it will be noticed that, while we have kept the shelves well supplied with the latest and best fiction, more attention has been given to works of a higher standard. In this respect I might mention the purchase of a complete set of Bohn's Classical Library and of a large addition to the standard French works.

On account of the importance of the Queen's Jubilee many works pertaining thereto have been placed upon the shelves, not so much for the present demand for them, but that they may be kept for reference for future readers.

One feature of the Library has not yet received the attention that its importance warrants, that is the collection and preservation of documents pertaining to the early history of the county. The importance of collecting and preserving the rare documents concerning the county's early history, that they may be utilized by future historians, is second only to that of furnishing good literature to the readers of to-day.

I would also call the attention of the incoming Board to the crowded state of the shelves and consequently the necessity of providing in the near future more suitable accommodation for the Library. Not only a more commodious but a thoroughly fire-proof building should be obtained if possible.

Thanking you for the honor conferred in electing me chairman and for your hearty co-operation in everything pertaining to the welfare of the Library throughout the year, I beg to submit this my report.

W. S. CODY,
Chairman.