

The Reading Rooms continue to be frequented by citizens of all classes, old and young, rich and poor. In fact the present tables and stands are frequently uncomfortably crowded with readers. The necessity for another table to fill up the vacant space in the room has already received the attention of the proper committee. The frequently crowded state of the Reading Rooms and the Receiving and Delivery Departments of the Library is a gratifying evidence of the real usefulness of the Library to the citizens. It might be well to repeat that many of the papers and most of the magazines are filed for reference purposes. With the growth of the Library, the references to these by those following special courses of study or reading are becoming more and more frequent.

With the sanction of the Board, my policy in the future, as in the past, will be to make this institution really useful to the citizens generally. In conclusion I have to bear testimony to the faithfulness with which my Assistants perform their duties, and to express the hope that the friendly relations between the Library staff and the Board may long continue.

The usual statistical tables are attached.