

	1884.	1894.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics	780	1,271
Political, Social and Medical Sciences...	650	1,511
Theology.....	668	1,552
Arts.....	665	2,037
General Literature and Collected Works	2,023	3,856
Geography and Travel.....	1,399	2,795
History	1,275	2,887
Biography	1,639	3,457
Poetry and the Drama.....	464	1,174
Periodicals	1,259	3,641
Fiction	8,897	17,455
Juveniles.....	1,295	5,004
German Literature	597
French "	682
Italian "	99
Spanish "	9
	21,105	48,027

The Reference Library now numbers 41,221 volumes. The collection of Pamphlets which it contains is one of great value, and recent additions have made it very complete. The Chief Librarian hopes to make arrangements during the present year for a complete catalogue of them. The space at the disposal of readers in the Reference Library is now so fully occupied, especially in the afternoon, that it is difficult at times to obtain a seat. The unrestricted use of the Encyclopædias, Dictionaries, Almanacs, etc., have tended to add much to its popularity.

The Reading Room for the Unemployed, opened last season, has been re-opened this year. It is constantly filled, and is thoroughly appreciated by workingmen as it affords them shelter and warmth, and entertainment in the shape of an abundance of reading matter.

The Register of those to whom tickets have been granted has not been thoroughly revised since the opening of the Library, and, by resolution of the Board, arrangements were made in November, for a re-issue of all tickets applied for before February 1st of this year, all not applied for being cancelled after that date. This will remove from the Register the names of a number of persons deceased, or removed from the city, and relieve from responsibility a large number of guarantors.