

complement of the school, for in the Library the teacher finds in the philosophical, scientific and literary books and periodicals, information that will tend to broaden his views and still further develop his mind, while the student has the use of the dictionaries, encyclopedias and other valuable aids in preparing essays or following up special lines of study.

In one of the classes the of Collegiate Institute, the subject recently for the weekly essay was "The Public Library." I select at random extracts from two of the essays written. The following extract from the first essay shows that the writer, young though she is, had an excellent idea of what she was writing about: "The building is of modern architecture. The interior is beautifully finished and is divided into four great sections. 1st. Circulating Department; 2nd. General Reading Room; 3rd. Reference Room; 4th. Ladies' Reading Room. The Library is a source of great attraction, and every member derives great benefit from it. The Library stands in a good financial position, is popular and progressive, and takes a leading place among the Library organisations of Canada." The extract from the second essay is a gem in its way: "The Library is a great benefit both to the city and the people. It gives good amusement to many who would otherwise be passing their time in wicked ways." Miss LeRow would think this almost worthy of being immortalised in her examples of "English as she is taught," nevertheless the young writer had a good idea of what she wanted to say, if she did not know the best way to express herself.

THE READERS

The number of Borrower's Cards issued to date is 7225. As the guarantees signed in 1890 were only for two years a new registration of borrower's will be made this year, and every holder of a card issued in 1890 will require to have his guarantee form renewed. During the year a few improvements were made, with the object of facilitating the receiving and delivery of books at the Library counter. An Inquiry desk has also recently been established where the Librarian or an Assistant will always be found ready to answer inquiries and assist readers as much as possible.

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