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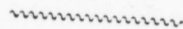
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MRS. PERKINS.

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## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

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In presenting their third annual report, the Board of Management are pleased to be able to record a steadily increasing interest, during the year just ended, in every department of the Institution.

The returns of circulation show a diminution during the year in the department of fiction, to the extent of 12,324 volumes, and an increase in the circulation of higher class literature to the extent of 4,488 volumes. This shows a net decrease of 7,846 on a circulation of 270,095 volumes.

In the Reference Department of the Library, a very gratifying indication of its steadily increasing popularity is noticeable. We find that the number of books, periodicals, etc., taken out during the year was 13,859 as against 11,201 for the previous year. This must be regarded as most encouraging evidence that any efforts on the part of the Board to improve and popularize this most important department will be duly appreciated by the public and warrants them in supplementing the existing Card Catalogue by a printed Finding List.

During the past year 2,601 Reader's Tickets have been granted, making a total number of 14,445 in use on the 31st December, a fact which shows that the entire Library is enjoying a steadily increasing confidence from the reading public.

The number of postal cards which it has been found necessary to issue for over-due books has considerably increased during the past year, being eleven hundred more than for the year 1885. It would be well if some means could be devised to diminish this growing inconvenience, if not positive evil.

The number of volumes added to the Library, from all sources, during the year amount to 3,146, in addition to 1,200 volumes which have been purchased but not delivered. Among these are to be found some most valuable as well as interesting contributions to the different departments. We have now a library of upwards of 44,000 volumes of books,

which, for judiciousness of selection and general completeness, will compare most favourably with any public library of like proportions.

The Central Library was closed from the 1st to the 4th of June last, to enable the officials to take stock and put the entire building into a proper state of cleanliness and repair. After stock-taking 13 volumes were found to be missing and the stock-taking in the Western Branch revealed a loss of 5 volumes.

The number of newspapers and periodicals supplied in the Reading Rooms has been increased from 404 to 444.

In view of the constantly increasing numbers of those visiting our Central Reading Room, the Board has been deeply impressed with the very urgent necessity which exists for making suitable provision for ampler accommodation. It has, therefore, been found necessary to take such steps as will, in the near future, provide a most attractive and capacious Reading Room, and also provide more suitable accommodation for those desiring to avail themselves of the benefits of the Reference Department. When this improvement is completed, we are confident that the usefulness of the Library in all its departments will be very greatly augmented.

In order to improve the facilities offered to borrowers, a Finding-list was issued in May last, which contains all the books in the Central Library to the date of issue. Of these lists 697 copies have already been sold at 20 cents per copy. A supplementary list of the same character was published in the month of December, and it is proposed that they shall be issued from time to time as each considerable accession is made to the library.

During the year a Catalogue of the Western Branch Library has been printed and 524 copies have been sold at 10 cents per copy.

The room set apart for the reception of the Patents placed at the disposal of the Public Library by the Ontario Government was completed in March last. Since that time 57 persons have availed themselves of the opportunity offered for consulting these most valuable works, using 397 volumes. It is to be hoped that the action of our government in placing these Patents in our Public Library, where they may be conveniently consulted by persons desiring access to them, will be increasingly appreciated. We now feel the want of a set of the United States Patents; and have the very gratifying announcement to make that they

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are soon to be in our possession through the influence and generosity of Erastus Wiman, Esq., of New York.

We have had the good fortune during the year to secure a manuscript diary of an officer in the French war in North America of 1757-60 which will be found to be a most valuable addition to this department of our Library.

In September, the Board of the Masonic Trust kindly transferred to the Public Library, the balance of their books, amounting to 127 volumes.

We have to lament the removal by death, during the year, of the respected Librarian-in-charge of the Northern Branch, Mr. Samuel Thompson. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Mrs. Perkins, formerly engaged in the work of cataloguing.

Another vacancy occurred through the resignation of Miss Funston, to whose position Miss Erskine has been appointed.

Statements of receipts and expenditure for the past year are herewith appended, which have been duly audited by the legally authorized officers; also a statement of assets and liabilities.

We cannot conclude this report without recording our entire satisfaction with the fidelity with which all the officers of the Board have discharged their duties. Without desiring to make any invidious distinctions, however, we cannot forbear particular reference to the Chief Librarian and Secretary of the Board. In the discharge of their duties, both these gentlemen are very frequently placed in positions of extreme difficulty, such as would tax the patience and forbearance of anyone. It is only due to them to say that, throughout the entire year, their relations with each other, and with the entire staff subordinate to them, have been of the most cordial character, and that the present most satisfactory condition of this Public Library is due in an eminent degree to their faithful and judicious management.

GEORGE WRIGHT, M.A., M.B.,

JANUARY 31st, 1887.

*Chairman.*

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1886.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.	Per cent.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics, . . . .	240	273	275	275	185	142	146	155	195	280	274	254	2,694	1.6
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.	234	253	244	176	153	138	184	159	214	295	257	257	2,564	1.5
Theology . . . . .	162	184	206	162	119	97	125	128	149	194	190	197	1,913	1.2
Arts . . . . .	325	362	385	351	247	244	314	302	335	419	397	423	4,104	2.4
General Literature & Collected Works.	725	745	790	690	470	366	430	434	484	721	596	667	7,118	4.2
Geography and Travel . . . . .	616	659	730	613	401	343	426	337	403	548	468	613	6,157	3.6
History . . . . .	417	406	467	387	264	234	276	281	310	423	388	519	4,372	2.6
Biography . . . . .	410	374	469	396	272	171	203	234	258	312	260	310	3,669	2.2
Poetry and Drama . . . . .	185	203	193	155	125	67	73	93	73	134	110	136	1,547	.9
Periodicals . . . . .	772	828	968	818	630	481	528	519	520	693	566	741	8,064	4.8
Fiction . . . . .	8,830	8,783	9,898	9,085	7,026	6,333	7,120	7,238	7,210	8,444	8,047	8,058	96,072	56.8
Juveniles . . . . .	1,406	1,637	1,858	1,551	1,047	1,056	1,148	1,193	1,186	1,456	1,308	1,419	16,265	9.6
French Literature . . . . .	39	48	50	65	38	28	30	29	30	36	42	46	481	.3
German Literature . . . . .	67	86	136	109	80	33	35	32	50	53	37	51	769	.5
Reference Books . . . . .	1,128	1,078	1,433	1,199	1,041	876	880	874	978	1,317	1,110	1,435	13,349	7.8
Total . . . . .	15,556	15,919	18,102	16,032	12,098	10,609	11,918	12,008	12,395	15,325	14,050	15,126	169,138	100.

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM THE WESTERN BRANCH LIBRARY.

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1886.



19,556	15,919	18,102	16,032	12,098	10,609	11,918	12,008	12,395	15,325	14,050	15,126	169,138	150.
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# CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM THE WESTERN BRANCH LIBRARY.

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1886.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.	Percent.
Natural Sciences and	33	35	51	48	57	32	36	37	44	59	50	60	542	.9
Mathematics.....	31	35	41	46	40	24	27	32	44	41	42	44	447	.7
Political, Social and	40	33	42	40	48	37	20	40	32	37	42	48	459	.7
Medical Sciences..	47	50	85	75	62	47	40	56	69	71	75	59	736	1.3
Theology.....	79	83	109	117	92	73	85	101	103	106	127	124	1,199	1.9
Arts.....	83	84	121	173	94	80	78	105	105	105	127	127	1,283	2.0
General Literature&	74	94	122	151	106	81	69	85	93	122	135	106	1,238	1.8
Collected Works..	72	76	117	141	92	79	74	72	74	107	108	100	1,112	1.6
Geography and Tra-	55	28	43	47	49	35	16	21	36	38	34	37	439	.7
vel.....	263	249	258	246	210	208	179	158	144	181	139	189	2,424	3.8
History.....	4,421	4,091	5,486	4,386	4,559	3,392	2,809	3,708	3,680	4,315	4,069	4,311	50,427	78.9
Biography.....	357	310	418	239	322	272	208	225	232	246	277	211	3,317	5.2
Poetry and Drama..	43	25	34	40	35	22	20	12	27	32	34	39	363	.5
Periodicals .....														
Fiction.....														
Juveniles.....														
Reference Books....														
Total.....	5,598	5,793	6,927	5,749	5,766	4,382	3,661	4,652	4,684	5,460	5,859	6,155	63,986	100.



CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM THE NORTHERN BRANCH LIBRARY.  
FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1886.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.	Per cent.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	17	28	25	14	23	16	13	14	9	15	23	12	209	.6
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.	12	11	19	18	14	7	9	13	6	14	10	16	149	.4
Theology.....	12	15	18	13	6	10	4	3	10	8	8	14	121	.3
Arts.....	6	7	6	6	10	8	9	5	3	5	3	5	63	.2
General Literature & Collected Works.	52	40	36	44	33	30	34	34	22	34	36	37	442	1.2
Geography and Travel.....	69	66	83	61	30	35	20	27	40	32	39	38	540	.1
History.....	95	77	124	61	46	30	28	34	41	45	70	49	700	1.9
Biography.....	66	53	70	68	70	54	38	30	48	48	37	50	632	1.7
Poetry and Drama..	35	15	30	19	23	18	14	12	9	22	31	26	254	.8
Periodicals.....	138	127	145	136	127	112	94	100	100	113	142	159	1,493	4.0
Fiction.....	2,639	2,703	3,002	2,748	2,468	2,137	1,745	1,969	2,076	2,382	2,230	2,103	28,202	76.3
Juveniles.....	395	451	446	355	302	272	272	249	248	323	344	362	4,019	10.8
Reference Books...	9	9	18	4	10	8	6	17	17	17	18	14	147	.4
Total.....	3,545	3,602	4,022	3,547	3,162	2,737	2,286	2,507	2,629	3,058	2,991	2,885	36,971	100.0

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## TOTAL CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS

*Issued from the Central, Western, and Northern Libraries, from January 1st to December 31st, 1886.*

	Northern.	Western.	Central.	Total.	Per Cent.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics .....	209	542	2,694	3,445	1.3
Political, Social and Medical Sciences .....	149	447	2,564	3,160	1.2
Theology .....	121	459	1,913	2,493	.9
Arts .....	63	736	4,104	4,903	1.8
General Literature and Collected Works. ....	442	1,199	7,118	8,759	3.3
Geography and Travel. ....	540	1,283	6,157	7,980	2.9
History. ....	700	1,238	4,372	6,310	2.4
Biography .....	632	1,112	3,669	5,413	2.0
Poetry and the Drama ....	254	439	1,547	2,240	.8
Periodicals. ....	1,493	2,424	8,064	11,981	4.5
Fiction. ....	28,202	50,427	96,072	174,701	64.4
Juveniles .....	4,019	3,317	16,265	23,601	8.8
French Literature. ....	.....	.....	481	481	} .5
German Literature. ....	.....	.....	769	769	
Reference Books. ....	147	363	13,349	13,859	5.2
Total ..	36,971	63,986	169,138	270,095	100.00

Total number of days during which the Library  
has been open during the year ..... 301

Number of Post Cards sent for books overdue.  
Central Library..... 9,158  
Western Branch ..... 1,629  
Northern Branch ..... 1,332  
Total..... 12,119

Number of visits paid by special messenger to  
collect books not returned..... 368

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES  
*In the Reference and Circulating Libraries.*

	Northern.	Western.	Central.	Total.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics...	82	67	633	782
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.	60	25	633	718
Theology .....	57	59	638	754
Arts .....	52	64	623	739
General Literature and Collected Works	232	311	1,693	2,236
Geography and Travel .....	170	178	1,254	1,602
History .....	279	199	950	1,428
Biography .....	311	273	1,328	1,912
Poetry and the Drama.....	96	80	465	641
Periodicals .....	284	289	1,330	1,903
Fiction.....	2,370	2,474	5,628	10,472
Juveniles.....	322	220	1,007	1,549
German Literature.....			271	271
French Literature.....			276	276
Italian Literature.....			2	2
	4,315	4,239	16,731	25,285
Reference Library.	53	44	12,547	12,644

Total—Circulating Libraries.....	25,285
Reference Library.....	12,644
Hallam Collection .....	1,886
Specification of Patents .....	3,129
Pamphlets .....	1,361
Masonic Books.....	127
	44,432
Lost and Sold and Imperfect.....	171
Total.....	44,261

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## BORROWERS' REGISTER DECEMBER 31st, 1886.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY.

	Males.	Females.	Juveniles.	Total.
Number of tickets in use Dec. 31st, 1885..	5,849	2,798	101	8,748
“ “ issued during the year...	1,818	921	30	2,769
	<u>7,667</u>	<u>3,719</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>11,517</u>
Tickets cancelled and lost during the year..	583	188	11	
Transferred to Western Branch .....	21	26		
“ “ Northern “ .....	20	14		
	<u>624</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>863</u>
Tickets now in use.....	7,043	3,491	120	10,654

## WESTERN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Number of tickets in use Dec. 31st, 1885..	960	714	179	1,853
“ “ issued during the year..	267	208	81	556
	<u>1,227</u>	<u>922</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>2,409</u>
Tickets cancelled and lost during the year..	33	18	4	
Transferred to Central Library.....	29	9		
“ “ Northern Branch.....	3	1		
	<u>65</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>97</u>
Tickets now in use.....	1,162	894	256	2,312

## NORTHERN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Number of tickets in use Dec. 31st, 1885..	449	412	382	1,243
“ “ issued during the year..	152	171	35	358
	<u>601</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>1,601</u>
Tickets cancelled and lost during the year..	56	27		
Transferred to Central Library.....	14	8	10	
“ “ Western Branch.....	4	3		
	<u>74</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>122</u>
Tickets now in use .....	527	545	405	1,479

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# APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT.

*Summary of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1886.*

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance 31st Dec. 1885.....	795 30
" Library Rate $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mill on the dollar.....	18,038 00
" Legislative Grant.....	250 00
" Rents.....	2,329 20
" Books sold.....	71 04
" Books lost and paid for.....	76 85
" Damage to books.....	23 60
" Borrowers' tickets.....	176 75
" Fines.....	718 00
" Catalogues.....	309 35
" Waste paper, etc.....	22 50
" Interest on Bank account.....	11 00

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## EXPENDITURE.

By Interest on Debentures and Mortgages.....	3,321 58	
" Sinking Fund.....	375 00	
		3,696 58
" Books purchased.....	1,733 46	
" Duty on books purchased.....	150 74	
" Freight on books purchased.....	60 16	
		1,944 36
" Newspapers and Magazines.....		1,254 20
" Insurance.....		72 50
" Binding.....		1,118 74
" Salaries.....		8,139 42
" Light, Fuel and water.....		1,667 68
" Water (acc. 1885).....		174 61
" Stationery.....		110 66
" Printing and Advertising.....		212 15
" Catalogues.....		531 50
" Postage.....		152 60
" Law charges.....		69 16
" Repairs.....		650 90
" English patents.....		243 72
" Miscellaneous.....		282 60
		<u>\$20,321 38</u>
" *Balance on hand.....		2,500 21
		<u>\$22,821 59</u>

Audited January 29th, 1887.

(Signed) WM. R. HUGHES.  
WM. ANDERSON.

\*Most of this balance will be absorbed by the payment of accounts for books purchased but not delivered.



## DEBENTURE ACCOUNT.

*Summary of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1886.*

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance, 31st December, 1885.....	1,191 43
" Second Debentures .....	20,000 00
	<u>\$21,191 43</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By Mortgages—Hon. John Hamilton.....	14,000 00
" " Province of Ontario.....	5,816 73
" Balance on hand.....	1,374 70
	<u>\$21,191 43</u>

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,

December 31st, 1886.

## ASSETS.

The Site at the Corner of Church and Adelaide streets, with the Library Buildings thereon, valued at.....		\$40,000 00
Furniture and fittings, Central Library.....	\$ 3,397 27	
“ “ Western Branch.....	194 87	
“ “ Northern Branch.....	295 58	
Books December 31st, 1885.....	38,787 25	3,887 72
Purchased during the year.....	1,944 36	
Binding—proportion of.....	726 88	
Periodicals bound up.....	411 00	
Pamphlets.....	408 30	
Donations.....	418 50	
Binding of Specifications of English Patents, 1886.....	209 91	
Deduct Books lost (and paid for).....	\$ 76 85	\$42,906 20
“ “ sold.....	71 04	
“ “ depreciation.....	905 39	
	1,053 28	
Catalogues on hand.....		41,582 92
Rents due and accrued.....		300 00
Balance of Debiture account.....		122 60
Balance of Appropriation account.....	1,374 70	
	2,500 21	
		3,874 91
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## LIABILITIES,

Nil.

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## LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

THOSE MARKED \* ARE PRESENTED FREE.

### CENTRAL READING ROOM.

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+ American Naturalist.		- Century (3 copies).	
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