

From the above it will be seen that there is a falling off in the receipts from the previous year of \$1,864 44. This was caused by the expiration of the lease to St. Paul's Church and to the Chess Club ; also, a great falling off in rents of Large and Small Hall. The expenditures of the Building were about the same as last year.

The number of members reported at last annual meeting was 1,157. Since that time we have added 331 new members, and lost 185—leaving a net gain of 146.

We have now 1,303 members, as follows :

Life Members.....	195
Proprietors .....	291
Clerks.....	522
Beneficiaries.....	295
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Total.....	1,303

### BOOKS.

We find that there are 339 volumes lost and missing, of which number 102 have been lost during the past year. The value of the 102 books we estimate at or about a hundred dollars. A detailed list of them appears upon the records. By reference to the catalogue, it will be found that the whole number of books in the Library is 13,510, viz : of books bought, 9,313, and of books donated, 4,197. From this are to be deducted the books lost and missing, as shown above. There have been added to the Library during the past year by donation and purchase 420 volumes.

During the year 16,012 volumes have been issued to 1,137 readers ; showing an increase of 116 readers, and 793 volumes, as compared with the previous year.

Although the loss of books reported above is much to be deprecated, and this annual loss a necessary consequence from the fact of the free access allowed to the shelves of the Library, we are not prepared to recommend the adoption of the alternative of locking the cases, and for these reasons :

*First*—The dissatisfaction it would cause among the members of the Association.