

The number of visitors at the Ridgway Branch is, of course, as yet small, though increasing every month.

From December 1st to April 1st the statistics are as follows:—

Readers	414
Books used.....	1,704
Books taken out.....	229
No record of visitors generally was kept in December or January, but for February and March, say fifty days, the aggregate was (including readers)	1,388
Average a day.....	27.7

In conclusion, the directors beg to submit to the consideration of the meeting the propriety of providing by a by-law for the annual appointment by the company of a committee of members to examine the accounts of their different branches. The increased responsibilities which the directors have now thrown on them, and the necessity of a proper scrutiny of the management of institutions of a somewhat different character, and with certainly distinct rights, by the same body of persons, render this only proper.

By order of the Directors.

WILLIAM HENRY RAWLE,
Secretary.

May, 1879.

