

Ridgway Branch.

Number of days open 270.

Attendance for year ending April 30th, 1882:—

Readers,	3,610
Visitors,	1,596
Total,	<u>5,206</u>
Daily average, 18 +	

Book circulation:—

Used in building,	4,249
Given out,	1,050
Total,	<u>5,299</u>
Daily average, 19 +	

Volumes added to Ridgway Branch,	1,150
“ “ Loganian Library,	104
“ “ Philadelphia Library, as above,	1,638
Total for the year,	<u>2,892</u>

The Directors take much pleasure in calling the attention of the Members to the acquisition, by the Library, through the liberality of his family, of the valuable collection of manuscripts and papers left by the late John Jay Smith, Esq., the father and immediate predecessor of the present Librarian. These papers have been placed in the hands of Mr. W. H. B. Thomas for arrangement. This gentleman, who possesses special qualifications for work of this character, after thoroughly examining them made a report, in which he expresses the opinion that the collection is unique and invaluable for historical reference and study. “They cover,” he says, “the entire period of Pennsylvania history. There are over four thousand documents—letters, papers, &c., from 1700 to 1800—containing many papers of great public interest relating to the city of Philadelphia, the divisions of lots among the early inhabit-