

These accounts show that more than \$10,000 have been expended within the year in books, binding, &c., and the usual semi-annual lists of new books, which is the largest sum heretofore spent for this purpose. This increased expenditure was warranted by the increased productiveness of the endowments, and was in accordance with the suggestion of the Board to the members in the last annual report. The result is, of course, a diminution of the balance carried to the credit of the new year.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE, BOOK CIRCULATION, &c., 1882.

Locust Street Building.

Number of days open 305.

Whole number of persons using or visiting the Library :—

Members, males,	31,833
“ females,	33,837
	65,670
Visitors, males,	30,267
“ females,	8,344
	38,611
Messengers,	6,905
— Total,	111,186

Largest monthly attendance, March, 1883, 14,227

Smallest “ “ August, 1882, 3,615

Average monthly attendance 9265+

Largest daily attendance, May 30th, 1882, 812

Smallest “ “ August 22d, 1882, 103

Average daily attendance 336+

Attendance for year ending April 30th, 1883, 111,186

“ “ “ “ “ 1882, 104,167

Difference in favor of this year, 7,019

Whole number of books taken out, 39,889

Daily average, 130+

Whole number of works added to the Library :—

By purchase, 1,325

By gift, 107

Total, 1,431

In all 1638 volumes.