

in the Mercantile Library, and more for the use of students than everyday readers?

A. I think they are: though the Mercantile during the last few years has purchased more of the standard books than the Philadelphia.

Q. The Mercantile Library is designed for a popular Library, is it not, or a Circulating Library?

A. Yes, sir, though it is gradually becoming more used by students than formerly, though it will always be mainly a Circulating Library.

Q. What proportion of its books taken out are included in the class of novels and works of light literature of an ephemeral character?

A. About seventy per cent. We keep statistics that will exhibit the exact facts. I think from them that is the proportion.

Tenth Meeting, November 12, 1872.

*Present*—MESSRS. RAWLE, JUNKIN, and EXAMINER.

*Mr. Perot cross-examined.*

Q. Are not very much the largest proportion of the books used and taken out of the Mercantile Library novels and light current literature?

A. They are.

Q. In the Mercantile Library you have accommodations for your Stockholders, who may wish to meet and chat with their friends, have you not?

A. Yes, sir, we have what we call a conversation room for the males, and a ladies' parlor for the females, in both of which places they can converse.

Q. Have you not also chess-rooms and a lecture-room, and a large newspaper reading room?

A. We have a chess-room, a lecture-room, and a news-