

A. The current literature of the day. I should think nine-tenths of the books taken out are current literature, that is, new books.

*Cross-examined.*

Q. Have you a reading-room in the Philadelphia Library?

A. We have no room called a reading-room. The Library is used to some extent as a reading-room.

Q. Are the daily papers and weekly papers, and the current reviews of the day, taken by the Library Company and kept for use by persons who visit the Library, or the subscribers and their friends?

A. They are only used in the shape of bound volumes, with some few exceptions. Four daily papers and many weekly and monthly periodicals are taken by the Library, but they are not, as a general thing, used by the members or others until they are bound. They are not kept on the table.

Q. Have you any chess-rooms and lecture-rooms?

A. No, sir.

Q. What facilities are there for a student who desires to consult a large number of books in the prosecution of any study?

A. There are, I consider, ample facilities in the shape of small and large tables for that purpose. I have never known the time when these tables were so crowded that any person was unable to make all the research he wanted.

Q. Are not a large number of books in galleries, the access to which is narrow and inconvenient?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Can access be had to any of these upstairs by ladies?

A. No; but access is not usually given even to the books on the floor; the books are given out by the Librarian. Our Library differs from most others in this, that the books are not arranged on the shelves according to subjects; so that there is no object in any one going to a particular part of the Library for consultation of books on a particular subject.

