

the main consideration should be, not the first cost of the binding, but its cheapness when compared with its durability.

Having done the binding for the Philadelphia Library for a quarter of a Century, we refer to the Librarian, and his assistants, as well as to those who have been in the habit of using the books bound by us, as to the three principal points in binding for a public library. We respectfully submit

1st, How many books bound by us in that period of time, have been rebound, except it was for the soiled and greasy condition of the exterior

2nd How many books have been returned with sheets improperly placed, or loose.

3rd How many Engravings, Maps or Charts have been cut into, or injured in the process of binding.

We would respectfully call attention to the fact, that during the time that the Company had numbers of their books bound in England in full calf, that we rescued, and secured in the cover, a very large proportion of those