

Ladies' Library and the Public Library in 1878. The ladies upon retiring took with them the 1,200 books originally belonging to their association, which eventually came into the possession of the Ladies' Literary Club, and now, with additions, constitute the library of that organization. The ladies during their connection with the Public Library were untiring in their efforts to promote its welfare. In many of the library committees' reports to the Board of Education, acknowledgments of the services of the ladies are made in terms of the highest praise.

The New Management.

After the separation the government of the library rested for many years in the hands of the Board of Education. Mrs. Putnam continued to serve as Librarian until January, 1884, when she was succeeded by Mrs. Frances C. Wood, who worthily performed the increasingly arduous duties of that office until February, 1886, when she was relieved by H. J. Carr.

In October, 1888, Mr. Carr accomplished an arduous task in the rearranging of the library, made necessary by its removal to the new City Hall library rooms. Much remained to be done in the way of cataloging before the library could be completely reduced to system. Appreciating this fact the Board of Education, at its regular meeting in January, 1889, employed Miss Grace Denio, of New York, an expert cataloguer for this special work. The rapid growth of the library during this period may be comprehended by a study of the following statistics gleaned from the Librarian's report to the Board of Education for the year ending September, 1888:

"The whole number of volumes in the library at the beginning of September, 1887, was 17,243; in September, 1888 it contained 21,500 volumes an increase during the year greater than the total of volumes in the library at the time of the consolidation in 1871. The number of volumes at present is twice as great as the total in 1880—the institution thus growing more rapidly than the city, which according to the United States censuses of 1870 and 1880, requires about ten years to double its population. Of the present library 16,649 volumes are in the circulating department; 535 are general works kept in the reference library, together with 1,305 magazines and periodicals in the same department, and 811 are