

and its contents immediately placed on the shelves in their proper order. Owing to the care taken to keep each box in its place, the labor was greatly diminished, as the books did not have to be handled more than absolutely necessary.

The cost of moving the Libray, including laborers, help and material bought was about \$548.

The doors of the new building, completely arranged and in working order, were opened June 20, 1904, it having taken 24 days to clean and move about 52,000 volumes, besides five or six thousand pamphlets, which comprised that part of the Library which was in the City Hall.

### **Dedication of the New Building.**

The dedication of the new building took place on October 5, the day being a municipal holiday. In the forenoon the Antoine Campau Park, also a gift to the City from Mr. Ryerson, was dedicated. The programme in the afternoon at 2:30, the exercises of which took place in the Park Congregational Church, directly across the street from the Library building, was as follows:

Presiding officer, Mayor Edwin F. Sweet; Invocation by Rev. R. W. McLaughlin; Presentation, by Mr. Martin A. Ryerson; Acceptance for the Board of Library Commisisoners (in which is vested the administration of the Library), by John Patton, President of the Board; Acceptance for the Board of Education (in which is vested the title of the property), by Cyrus E. Perkins, President of the Board; Address (an exposition of the function of a public library), by President James B. Angell, of the University of Michigan; Benediction, by Rev. Henry Beets.

The whole building was open to the public for inspection only, all through the day, and was visited by thousands of people. In the evening, from 8 to 10, a reception, to which the citizens generally were invited, was given to Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson at the Library. It was estimated that 5,000 people visited the building in the evening. The floral decorations for this occasion were supplied by the City Department of Parks. The music by an orchestra was an additional feature of the evening.

### **Building Described.**

It seems appropriate to give a somewhat detailed account of the building itself, several views and plans having been pub-