

REPORT

OF

PLAISTOW PUBLIC LIBRARY.



The Plaistow Public Library was opened to our citizens on January 2, 1897, with Miss Ethel A. Pollard as librarian.

Two hundred sixty-seven books have been placed upon the shelves. Of this number one hundred six were the gift of the State, ten were received from W. H. Hills, Esq., and four from Captain and Mrs. George H. Knight.

In November the trustees arranged for a union exhibition of the schools, which added \$15.90 to the treasury, and in February the scholars of the Pollard Grammar School gave a second exhibition for the benefit of the library, which netted \$11.30. These sums were devoted exclusively to the purchase of juvenile books.

Seventy-three cards were given out on the opening day, and the number has now increased to one hundred sixty.

The eagerness of the public to avail themselves of the privileges of the library indicates that we have taken a step in the right direction. It is believed by many that no such influence for good has ever been set in motion in our town. The books have been selected with care, and though fiction predominates, yet an examination will reveal the fact that much of the fiction is historical or otherwise instructive, and that only authors of repute appear upon our catalogue.

It is hoped such appropriations will be made from year to year as will enable the trustees to greatly increase the usefulness of the library.

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