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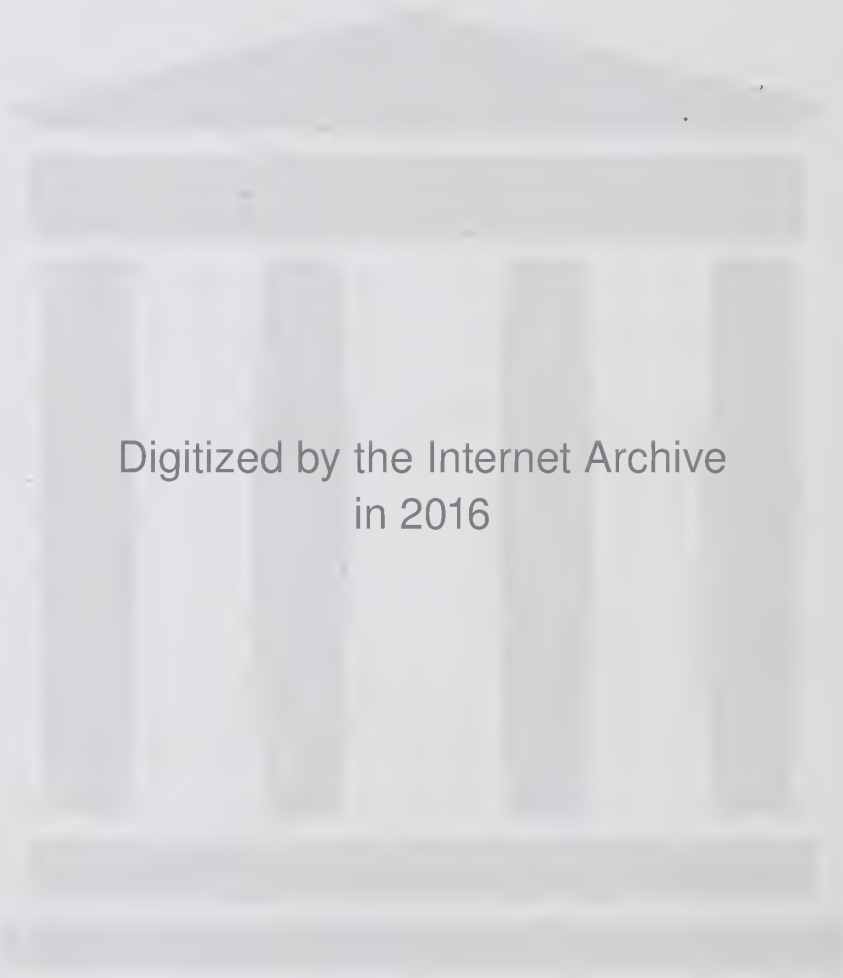
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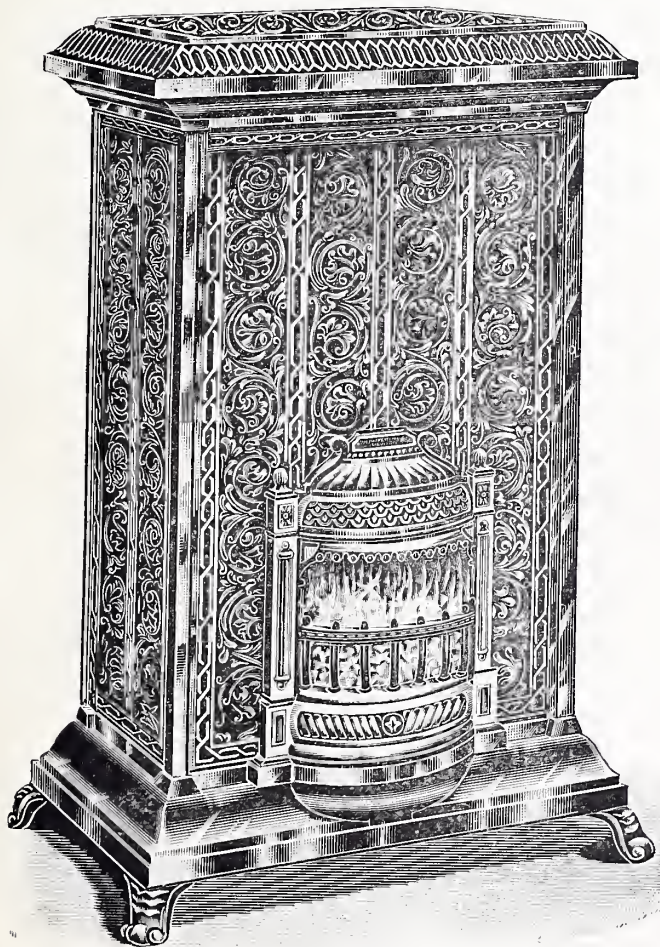
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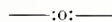
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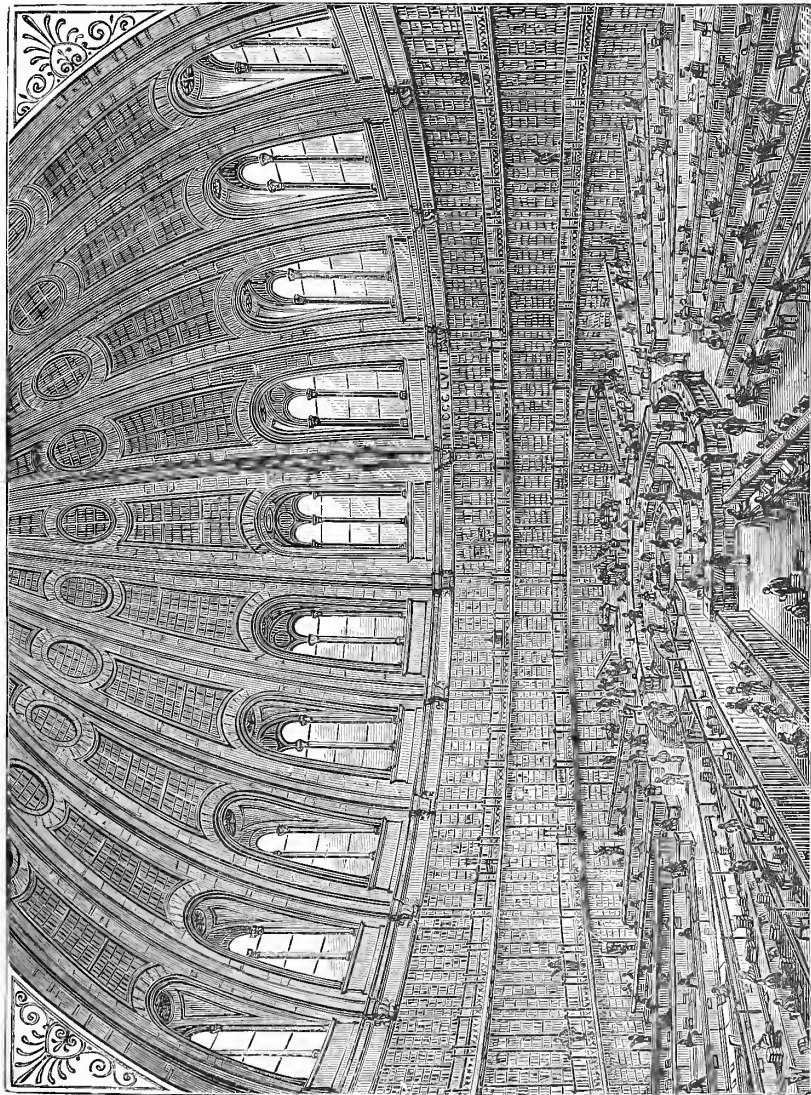
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“Views and Memoranda of Public Libraries.”

P R E F A C E .

THE collection of views and plans of libraries, portraits of librarians, &c., contained in this work, originated from the frequent desire of its author to obtain some idea of the appearance of certain libraries and their librarians, which after many references to likely books he was unable to gratify. Under the impression that his desire in this respect might be shared by others, he decided to make an attempt to gather together as large a number of views and portraits as possible, which, though not exhaustive, should at least provide the nucleus of a future and a larger collection.

The task of obtaining the necessary material has proved to be more difficult and costly than was at first anticipated, and as only 1,000 copies are printed, there is no margin for profit. However, there will be a sufficient reward for the labour and expenditure on the work if it is appreciated and found useful. Some little information may be required as to the reason for the different sizes of the views, plans, and portraits. In explanation, it may be said that applications were sent to all public libraries for printer's blocks, or photos and drawings from which they could be made, and when obtained, either from libraries or from books, they have been included in the work. The different sizes and styles of illustrations and blocks sent, have, of course, had much to do with the copies taken from them.

In this connection most cordial thanks are due to Mr. Thos. Greenwood, who supplied on loan a large number of printer's blocks; to Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, for permission to copy the illustrations in the *Building News* and other works, and to the librarians and other gentlemen who assisted in this direction. In the large amount of correspondence and various other matters concerned, valuable assistance has been received

from Mr. P. W. Burbidge, one of the West Ham library assistants, who has devoted a considerable amount of his leisure time to this work. Thanks are also due to the printers, Messrs. Wilson and Whitworth, Ltd., and Mr. A. R. Cross, their foreman, for their care in the printing; and Mr. O. S. Dawson, engraver, for the trouble and interest he has taken in the preparation of the blocks.

In the frontispiece are given the portraits of two remarkable men in the world of libraries, the one, Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, noted for his princely generosity in founding libraries, hospitals, and other beneficent institutions; the other, Mr. Thomas Greenwood, for the devotion of many of the best years of his life to the promotion of public libraries, and for his well-known works on these institutions and their organization, which he has published at great cost, and practically given away wherever the progress of public libraries might be advanced thereby. It is singular that both these gentlemen are connected with the world of the press—Mr. Edwards as the original proprietor of the *Echo*, and present chief proprietor of the *Building News*, *English Mechanic*, &c.; and Mr. Greenwood, as owner of the *Pottery Gazette*, *Hatters' Gazette*, *Oil & Colourman's Journal*, &c. He is also sole partner in the firm of Scott, Greenwood & Co., publishers of high-class technical works.

The name of J. Passmore Edwards is almost a household word, and there are few in any rank of society but know at least some little about his philanthropic work for the poor; mentally, morally, and physically—mentally and morally, in his gifts of libraries, art galleries, museums and schools; physically, in his gifts of hospitals and convalescent homes. Mr. Edwards was born in Cornwall, which county has naturally received much consideration from him, and holds him in high esteem. His journalistic enterprises have been singularly successful, and have thus enabled him to devote an immense sum to philanthropic undertakings. He was M.P. for Salisbury 1880-5, and some years ago he was offered a title by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, but respectfully declined the honour. It need scarcely be said that he is a man of wide intellectual endowments, and of the utmost liberality of opinion on all subjects.

The following list of institutions he has founded may be of interest:—

Institutions in Cornwall.

Cornwall Convalescent Home, Perranporth.
 School and Meeting House, St. Day.
 The Institute, Blackwater.
 Miners' and Mechanics' Institute, St. Agnes.
 Institute, Chacewater.
 *The Institute, Hayle.
 The Hospital, Falmouth.
 The Art Gallery, Newlyn.
 Cottage Hospital, Liskeard.
 *Free Library, Falmouth.

*Free Library, Camborne.
 *Free Library, Redruth.
 *Free Library, Truro.
 *Free Library, St. Ives.
 *Free Library, Liskeard.
 *Free Library and Institute, Bodmin.
 Children's Hospital, Redruth.
 Science and Art Schools, Helston.
 Cornwall Central Technical Schools, Truro.
 *Free Library and Science and Art Schools, Lamecston.

Other Institutions.

- *Public Library and Museum, Whitechapel, London.
- *Public Library, Kingsland Road, Shoreditch, London.
- Cottage Hospital, Willesden, London.
- Cottage Hospital, Wood Green, London.
- South London Art Gallery (Library and Lecture Hall).
- New Wing to Hospital, West Ham, Essex.
- New Public Garden, Woolwich (Memorial Drinking Fountain).
- The Caxton Convalescent Home, Limsfield.
- *Public Library, Uxbridge Road, Hammersmith, London.
- *Enlarged Public Library, Kingsland Road, Shoreditch, London.
- *Public Library, Hoxton, Shoreditch, London.
- Home for Little Boys, Swanley.
- Technical Reference Library, St. Bride's Institute, London.
- Cottage Hospital, Tilbury.
- Convalescent Home for Charing Cross Hospital, Limsfield.
- *Public Library, Nunhead, Camberwell, London.
- Convalescent Home, near Staplehurst, Kent.
- *Public Library, Dulwich, Camberwell, London.
- Colony for the Employment of Epileptics, Bucks.
- Home for Epileptic Men, Bucks.
- Home for Epileptic Women, Bucks.
- Another Home for Epileptic Men, Bucks.
- Home for Epileptic Boys, Bucks.
- Home for Epileptic Girls, Bucks.
- Homes for Epileptics (Administrative Buildings), Bucks.
- *Settlement, Tavistock Place, Bloomsbury, London.
- Cottage Hospital and Nurse's Home, Acton.
- *Public Library, Edmonton.
- Home for Cripples, Bournemouth.
- South London Technical Institution.
- Workmen's Club Union Convalescent Home, near Ramsgate.
- *Public Library, St. George's-in-the-East, London.
- Enlarged Hospital, Willesden, London.
- *Public Library, Acton.
- Drinking Fountains, Hammersmith and Victoria Park.
- *Public Library, Borough Road, Southwark, London.
- Convalescent Home for Friendly Societies, Herne Bay.
- Holiday Home for Children, Clacton-on-Sea.
- Convalescent Home for Railway Men, Herne Bay.
- *Public Library, East Ham.
- Museum, West Ham.
- Teachers' Orphanage, Sydenham.
- The Picture Gallery, Whitechapel, London.
- Boys' Club and Institute, Canning Town, West Ham.
- Hospital, East Ham.
- Passmore Edwards Hall, London University.
- Holiday Home for the Sunday School Union, Bournemouth.
- *Library for Limehouse.

Institutions Promised.

Public Libraries for East Camberwell, Bow, Plaistow, and Newton Abbot, Devonshire; and Sailors' Palace, Shadwell.

Mr. Thomas Greenwood had in early life the charge of a branch free library, and so gained a practical knowledge of these institutions and their readers, which has considerably aided him in the works he has written about them, and in his continual efforts for their development. It is undoubtedly a fact that but for his energetic efforts in 1885 and since, London would have been much farther behind the times as regards public libraries than it is now. There were certainly some thriving public libraries in the London suburbs before this period, the first of which (Richmond) practically owes its existence to Mr. E. King, then proprietor of the *Richmond and Twickenham Times*, and by its great success did much to prove the value and dispel the distrust of these institutions in neighbouring parishes. But the great progress in London itself is mainly due to Mr. Greenwood. In 1885 only two free public libraries existed in the Metropolis—the one at Westminster, opened 1856, and the other at Wandsworth, opened 1885. This latter, owing to its more prominent position, and the public spirit of its first chairman (Dr. Longstaff) did certainly attract some attention, and incited a few neighbouring districts to adopt the Acts; but it was not until Mr. Greenwood appeared upon the scene that any marked progress was made. The first important step in the movement

was his publication in 1886, of "Free Public Libraries: their Organization, Uses, and Management," and the author of "Views and Memoranda," then Librarian of Wandsworth, is proud of the fact that the preface of that edition contains a very kind acknowledgment of the humble services he was permitted to render in the production of that valuable work. Mr. Greenwood circulated his work all over the Metropolis and the provinces, and as a result received innumerable letters from public authorities asking for advice and information. This, as also his time and services at public meetings and elsewhere, he gave without stint, and at the present time (some fifteen years since he first took action) there are nearly seventy public libraries in full and successful work in the Metropolitan area, not counting several in the provinces, a result which may be largely attributed to his continual and devoted efforts. We must certainly, in connection with the later libraries, concede much to the wealth and generosity of Mr. Passmore Edwards, without which many poor parishes could not have erected a library, however much they may have been influenced by Mr. Greenwood in the adoption of the Acts. Mr. Greenwood has also done much to encourage library assistants, and has given generous sums for prizes in connection with classes, &c. The author of "Views and Memoranda," values as the happiest of his many recollections of a long and varied library career, the kindly encouragement and commendation which he has frequently received from these gentlemen; long may they live to see the splendid and gratifying results of their philanthropic devotion to the public library movement. While considering the services these two gentlemen have given in the cause of libraries, we must not forget that others have contributed no mean amount of money and energy in the same direction, and the names of Sir Henry Tate, Sir J. Brunner, Mr. A. Carnegie, Sir William Gilstrap, Mr. W. Brown (Chester), Sir William Brown (Liverpool), Mr. E. R. Harris (Preston), Herr Hugo Heimann (Berlin), Mr. G. Heginbottom (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr. William Palmer (Reading), and many others, will long be remembered with esteem and gratitude.

Neither must we forget the various associations which exist for the promotion of library progress. The first and largest of these is the Library Association with its affiliated branches in the metropolis and provinces. This body was founded in 1877, and has done good work, although probably more than half its members, being non-librarians, have no special interest in the management of public libraries.

The Society of Public Librarians, on the other hand, being limited exclusively to librarians of Free Libraries, the papers and discussions, and the general aims of this body, are eminently practical and are entirely devoted to promoting the interests of public libraries and their librarians, more particularly as regards improved methods of administration and advanced culture of the library staff. This society has been in existence for six years, and has been conducive to a higher appreciation of a librarian's duties, and to a wider and more liberal spirit, which has been proved by the extremely generous aid, financial and otherwise, accorded to comrades in adverse circumstances. The meetings are remarkable for the harmony and *esprit de corps* always in evidence among the members. We sincerely trust that this society will continue to flourish, for we feel certain that owing to the large number of public libraries now

existing, a society exclusively representing their interests, as also those of their librarians, is extremely necessary, and should be supported largely.

The Library Assistants' Association is another useful society which has done, and is doing, very good work among the younger members of the profession.

Although the aim of this work is primarily to give views, plans, etc., of the libraries of the United Kingdom, a few of the most famous libraries of other countries have been included; and in one case, that of the *Öffentliche Bibliothek*, Berlin, we have not only succeeded in obtaining views of the library, but also portraits of Herr Heimann, the generous founder of that institution, and of his admirable wife, who has been closely associated with him in his various efforts for the social advancement and elevation of the working classes of Germany. Not only has this gentleman devoted largely of his wealth in the foundation and endowment of the important institution referred to, but he also gives—what adds immensely to the material aid—his time and intellectual assistance to the numerous readers and students who use this institution. His long and wide connection with books as a publisher, renders such assistance of especial value.

A few portraits of ladies, who are not librarians, have been given owing to the particular interest they have taken in the progress of the Public Library Movement.

In connection with the libraries, views of which appear in this work, we have pleasure in expressing our thanks to Messrs. Gibson and Russell, the architects of the beautiful and splendidly designed building erected at West Ham, and to the clerk of the works (Mr. Kellond), for their kind information and general assistance during the progress of the work.

We regret that owing to ill health and other unavoidable causes the publication of "Views and Memoranda" has been so long delayed, and that some of the libraries mentioned in the work have issued later statistics which cannot be inserted in the pages concerning such libraries, which have been printed off. Little change, however, has taken place in the figures given, which are, in the mean, fairly representative. For accurate up-to-date figures and general information relating to public and other libraries no better work exists than Greenwood's "British Library Year Book." The statistical tables of the edition for 1900 will be found on page 313.

With all its shortcomings, it is hoped that this collection of views may still possess some little utility by adding its mite in promoting the public interest in these universities of the people.

West Ham.

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- Page 2, Line 10: For Cotgrave read Cotgreave.
- Page 11, Name of Architect: For Teevail read Trevail.
- Page 15: Mr. C. H. Hunt is now librarian of Bootle, in place of Mr. Ogle, who is now enrator of Bootle Art Gallery and Museum.
- Page 17: Mr. Rowland Hill is now librarian of Carlisle. Mr. A. Sparke has been appointed to Bury (Lanes).
- Page 28, bottom line: For 1s. 2d. read $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
- Page 29: After daily average issue read 755.
- Page 31, heading: For Tol House read Toll House.
- Page 53: Mr. Blaxland has retired, and Mr. Henry T. Mead is now librarian of Canterbury.
- Page 64: Mr. Henry Guppy is now sole librarian of the John Rylands Library.
- Page 79: Mr. C. Rochester is now librarian of Acton.
- Page 83: Mr. David Duff is now librarian of Ayr, in place of Mr. Phillips (deceased).
- Page 91: Mr. G. E. Roebuck is to be librarian-in-charge, St. George, E., vice Mr. F. Meaden Roberts, appointed librarian of Mile End.
- Page 113: Mrs. M. Jones is now librarian of Runcorn, in place of Mr. Jones (deceased).
- Page 138: Mr. Corns is now librarian of Lincoln. Mr. H. Bond has been appointed to Woolwich.
- Page 150: Mr. F. H. Wicks is now librarian of Abingdon.
- Page 152: Mr. George Tennant is now librarian of Norwich, in place of Mr. Easter (deceased)
- Page 179: Mr. H. Ogle is now librarian of Ipswich.
- Page 193: Librarianship of Thomas Street Branch, Dublin, was vacant at time of publication.
- Page 203: Miss Kate Botterill is now librarian of Colne, in place of Mr. Crowther.
- Page 208: The view given is that of a proposed Central Library for East Ham.
- Page 229: Mr. F. Meaden Roberts is now librarian of Mile End.
- Page 267: Mr. S. Cook is not now librarian of Abingdon.
- Page 269: Vice-Presidents of the L.A. should be *some past and present* vice-presidents of the L.A.
- Page 270: London Members of the L.A. Council should be *some past and present* London Members of the L.A. Council.

ADDITIONS.

- Page 121: HAWICK.—A new library, the gift of Mr. A. Carnegic, is shortly to be erected at a cost of £10,000.
- Page 162: BINGLEY.—Two branches are now open at Wilsden and Cullingworth.

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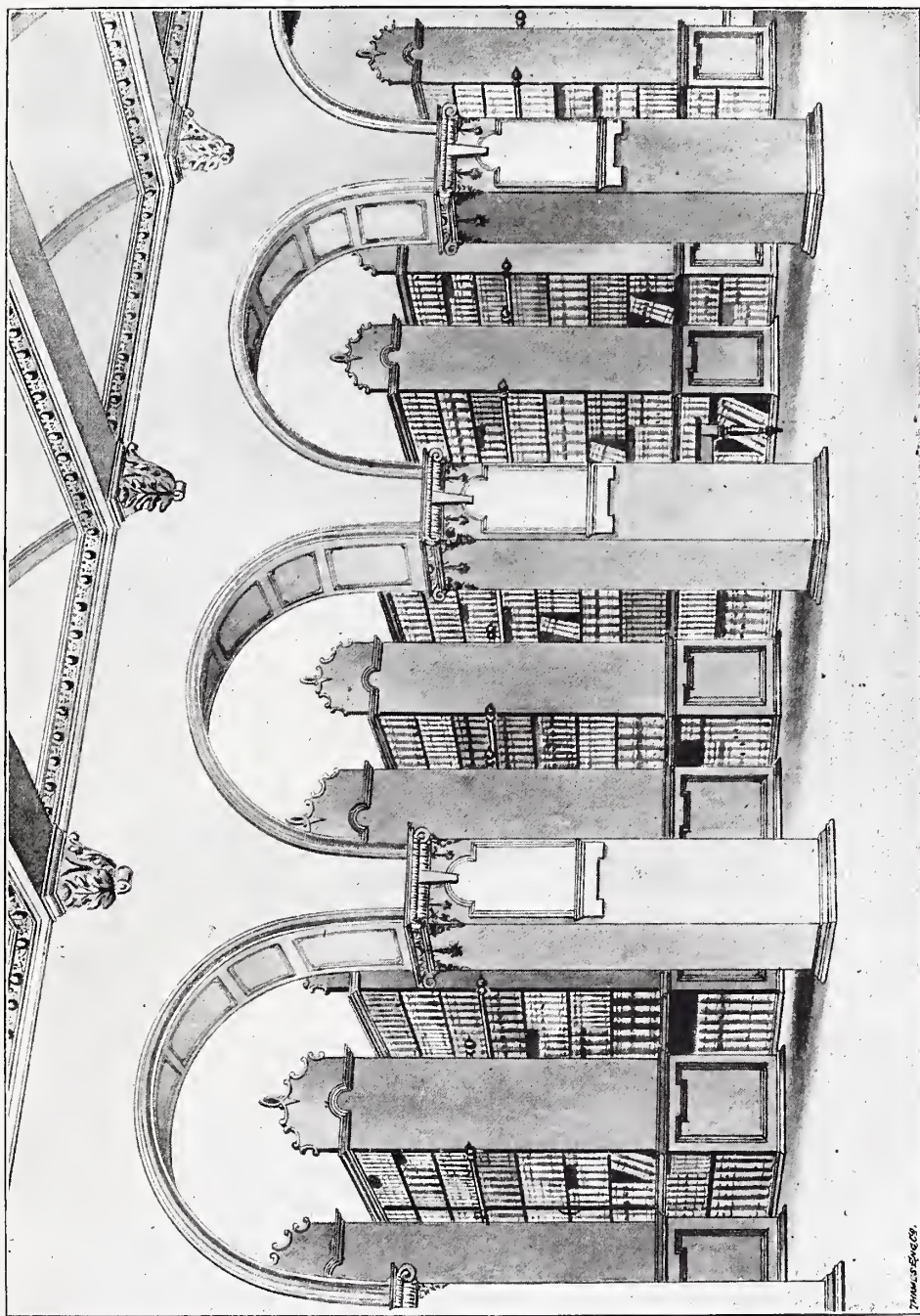
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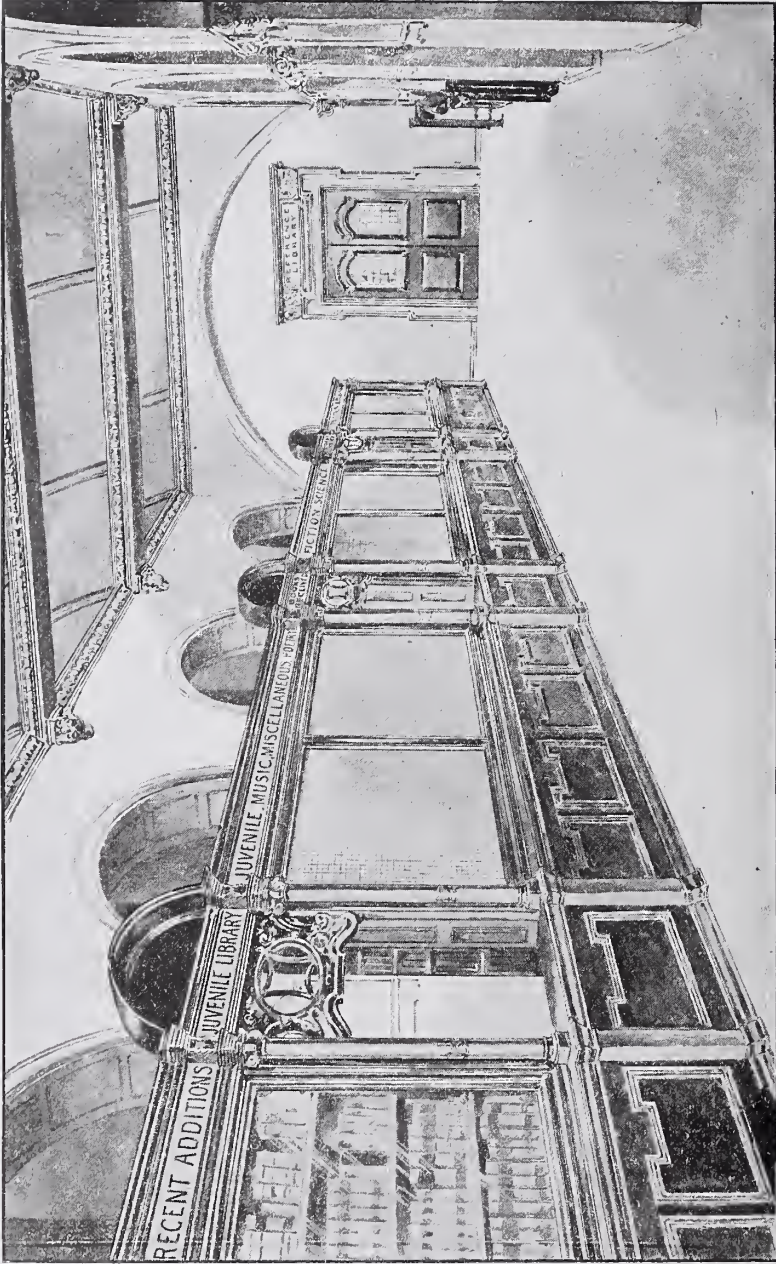
Stock of Books	49,880	Number of Branches .. Three (one equal in size to the Central)	
Daily Average Issue	1,523	Date when Founded	Acts adopted, 1890
Population	300,000.		

Other particulars of note:—(1) This Library is noteworthy as being the first to publish a special Catalogue Index on an extensive scale to the contents of books and periodicals. (2) Any borrower can, on certain conditions, obtain four tickets—(a) General; (b) Educational Works only; (c) Music; (d) Unbound Periodicals. (3) Extensive collections of books for juvenile readers are contained in the various Libraries. (4) A quarterly journal is published, containing lists of new books, &c. (5) Hand-lists giving the books on various subjects, are published and issued, free of charge, to the employes in the borough. (6) Gifts of 1,000 General Works to Canning Town, and 1,000 Juvenile Works, on the occasion of the opening of the Central Library, were made by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards. (7) Mr. Cotgrave was previously Librarian of Wednesbury, Richmond, Wandsworth and Guille-allès Libraries, all of which Institutions were organized by him.

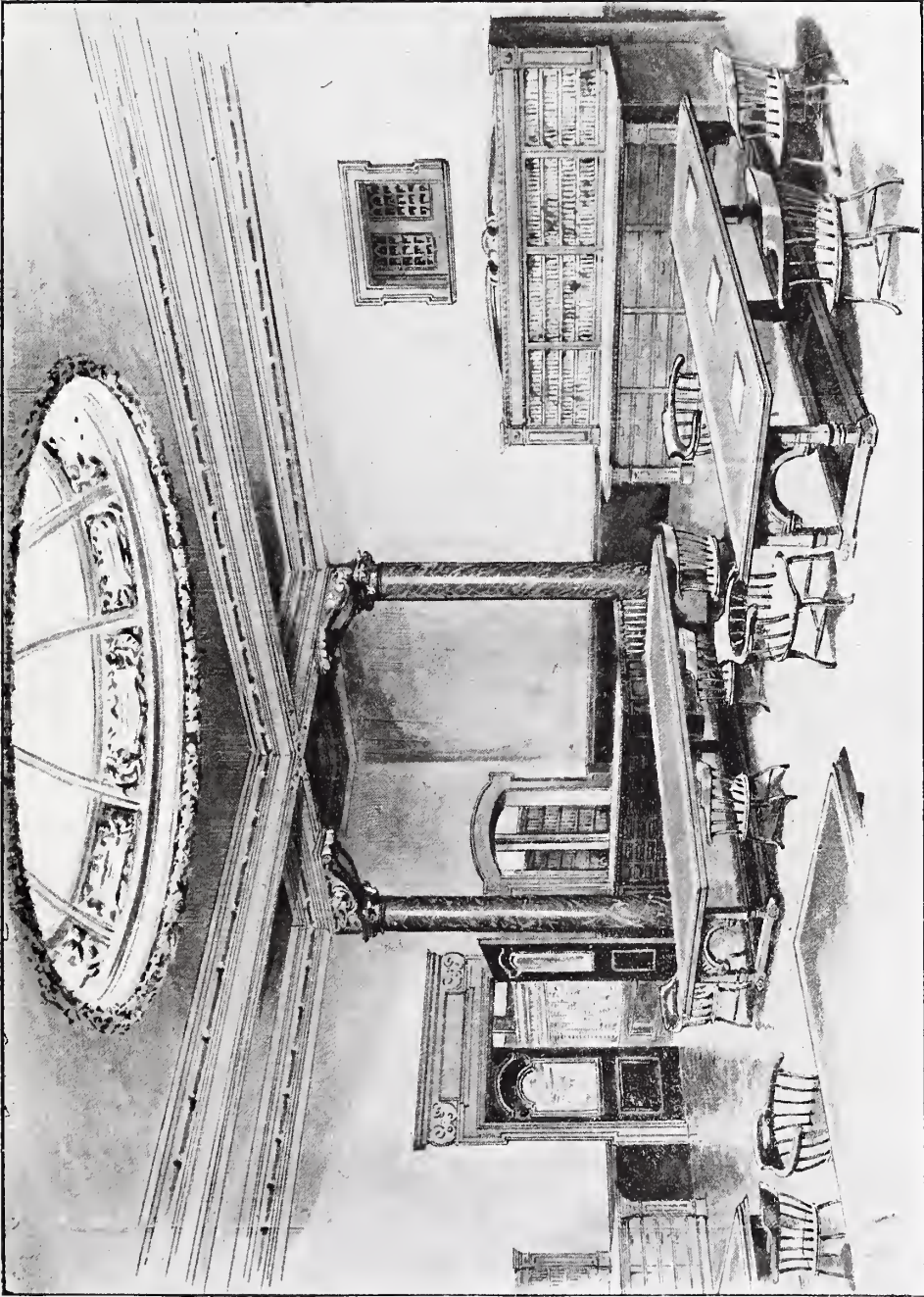


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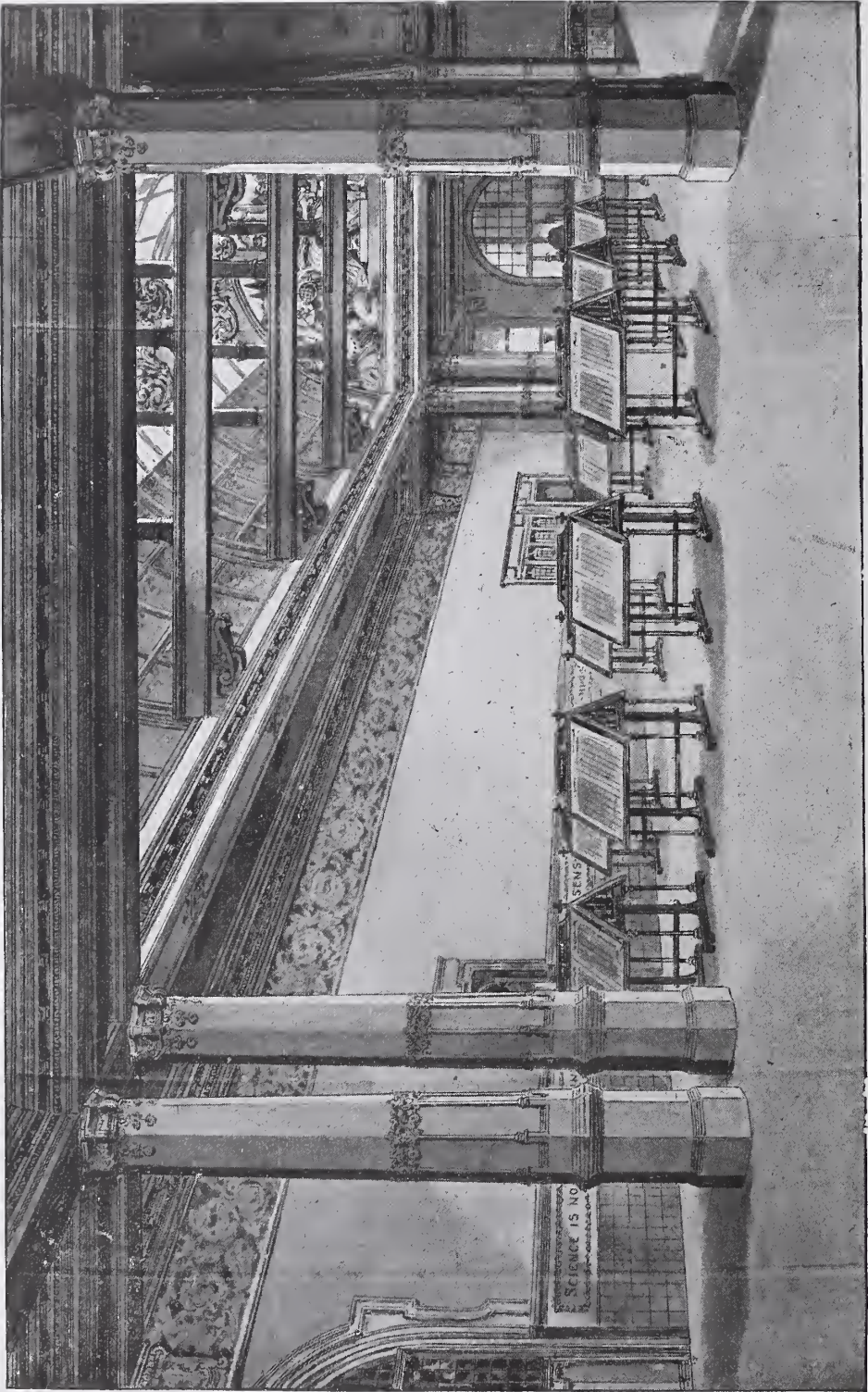
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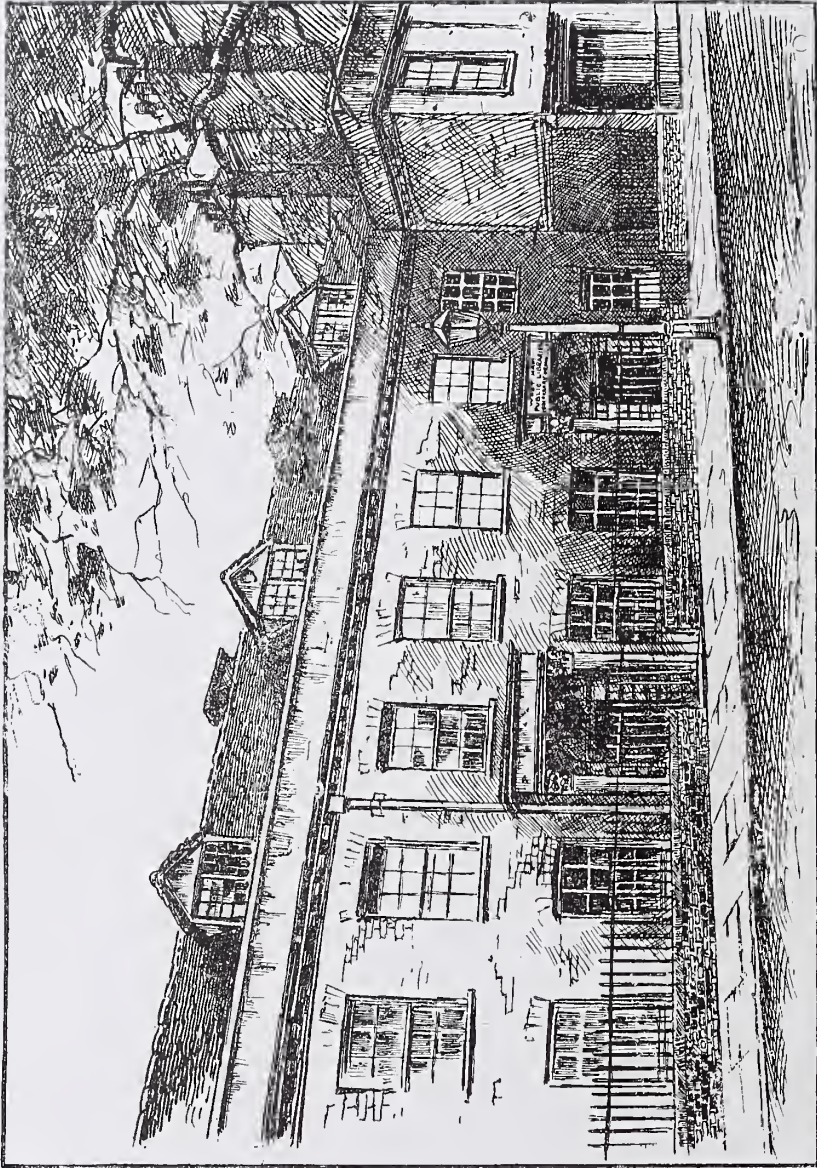
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WEST HAM CENTRAL LIBRARY (NEWSROOM).



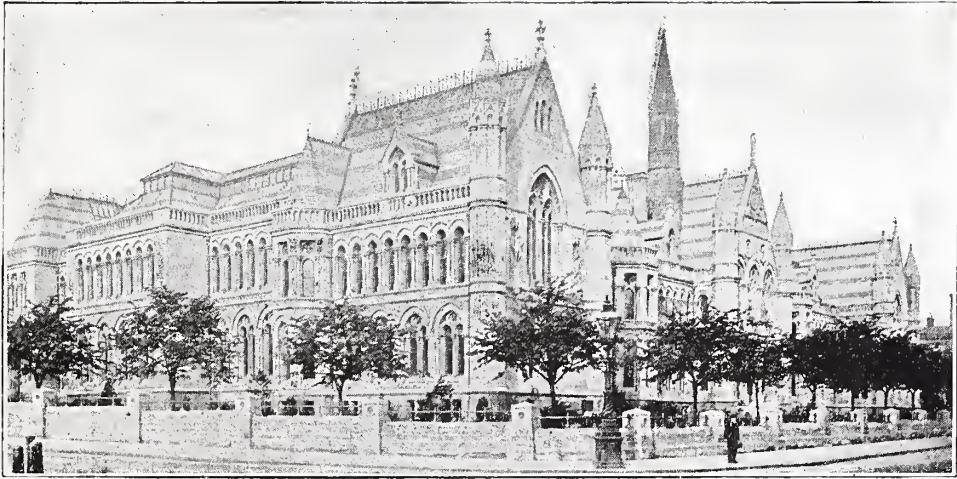
WEST HAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES (CANNING TOWN BRANCH).



ROKEBY HOUSE, STRATFORD (THE FIRST HOME OF THE WEST HAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES).

NOTTINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY AND COLLEGE.

Architects: MESSRS. LOCKWOOD & MAWSON.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - J. POTTER BRISCOE.

Stock of Books	92,155	Number of Branches	12
Daily Average Issue	1,404	Date when Founded	1867
Population	Over 230,000		

Other particulars of note :—(1) A special feature of the work at Nottingham has been the perfect arrangements made for juvenile readers, to whose interests Mr. Briscoe has devoted great attention and time. (2) He has written several interesting works on the history and local lore of Nottinghamshire and edited antiquarian and other magazines. (3) The formation of a Library of local literature, with Kirke White, Robin Hood, Byron, and Howitt sections. (4) A monthly journal is published.

LEYTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: JOHN KNIGHT, Esq.



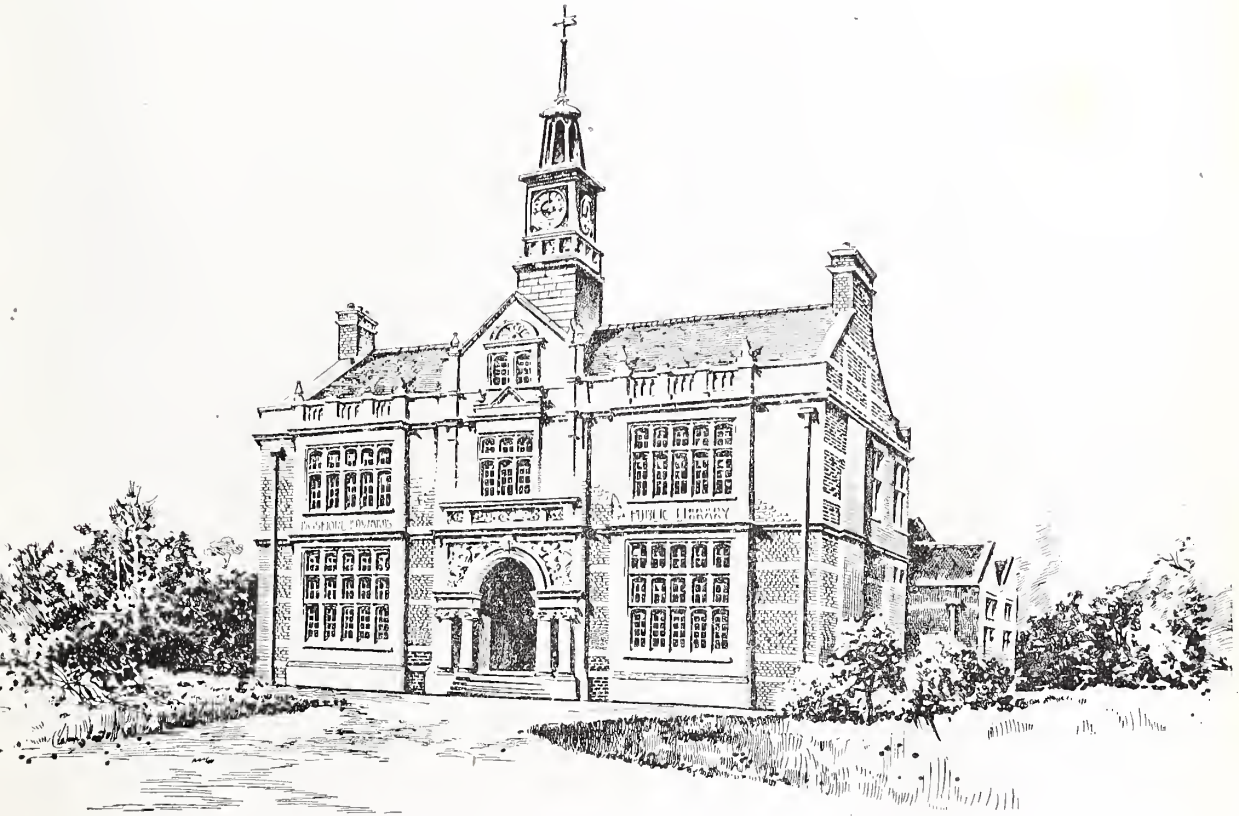
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - Z. MOON.

Stock of Books	15,000	Number of Branches	1
Daily Average Issue	662	Date when Founded—Act adopted 1891, Liby. opened 1893	
Population	100,000.		

Other particulars of note :—(1) Noteworthy features are the Children's Library and the system of Lectures given to school children by Mr. Moon and other gentlemen, and occasional Exhibitions of Books. (2) A quarterly journal is published.

PASSMORE EDWARDS' LIBRARY, PLASHET, EAST HAM.

Architect: SILVANUS TEEVAIL, ESQ., F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - WILLIAM BRIDLE.

Stock of Books	9,000	Number of Branches	1
Daily Average Issue	350	Date when Founded	1897
Population - - - - -	80,000.		

Other particulars of note:—(1) Gifts of Plashet Library by Mr. Passmore Edwards, at a cost of £1,000, and Mr. Councillor J. H. Bethell of 1,000 volumes. (2) Mr. Bridle was previously Librarian at Penge.

ROTHERHITHE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects : MESSRS. STOCK, PAGE, & STOCK.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - LEONARD HOBBS.

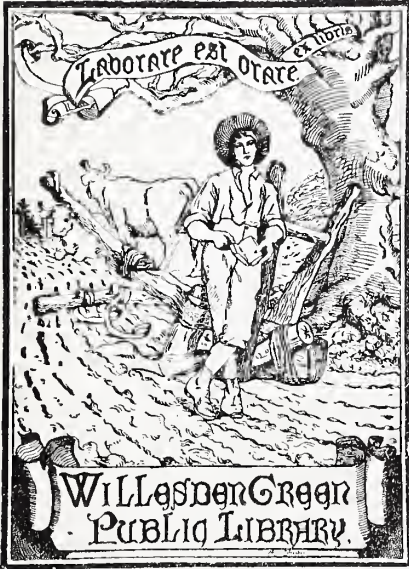
Stock of Books	7,800	Date when Founded—Acts adopted 1887, Foundation	
Daily Average Issue	200	Stone laid 1889, Library opened 1890.	
Number of Branches, 1 (Delivery Station and R. Room).		Population	40,537

Other particulars of note :—The Branch is the second opened in London on the American system, and has worked well for the past three years at very little expense

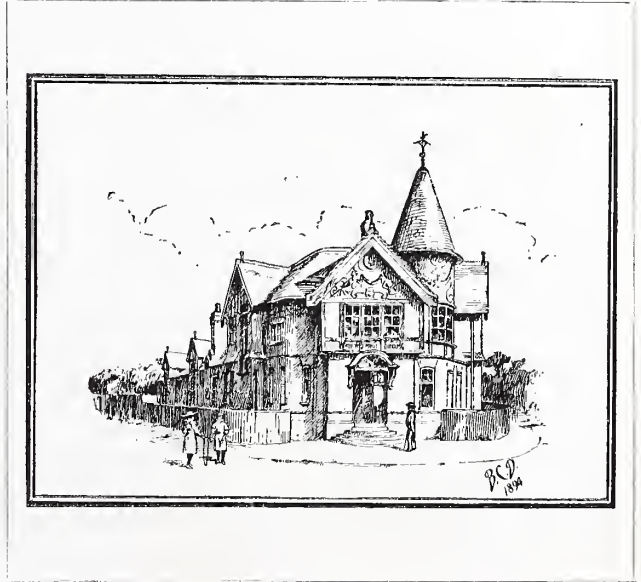
WILLESDEN GREEN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects : MESSRS. NEWMAN & NEWMAN.

LIBRARY BOOK PLATE.



EXTERIOR OF LIBRARY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN FRANK E. CHENNELL.

Stock of Books 8,800	Date when Founded—Acts adopted 1891, Opened July 1894
Daily Average Issue 270	Population 101,000

Other particulars of note:—(1) Establishment of a foreign section, containing 500 volumes. (2) Collection of local photographs. (3) Issue of Quarterly Record. (4) The latest feature in connection with the work of the Library is the inauguration of a Book Club. The Club is worked upon similar lines to those in vogue at other Libraries, and the scheme promises success. Ultimately the Library is certain to benefit to no small extent, a proportion of the books of the Club being drafted annually into the Public Library, in return for the facilities afforded the Club by the Library Committee. (5) An experiment has recently been made to effect a fixed location of the magazines contained in the reading rooms. This has been done by means of a cham, encased in rubber, affixed to a batten in the centre of the table and to the reading case containing the periodical.

N.B.—See also Kilburn and Harlesden.

HARLESDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY, WILLESDEN.

Architect : JOHN CASH, Esq.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - H. S. NEWLAND.

Stock of Books (Lending Dept.)	7,534	Stock of Books (Reference Dept.)	1,372
Daily Average Issue	354	Date when Founded	1894
Population	29,743		

Other particulars of note :—This is another of the Libraries established in the extensive district of Willesden. It is situate in the old Harrow Road, here called Craven Park Road ; is within five minutes walk of Willesden Junction, and supplies the Harlesden, Stonebridge Park, and part of Church End, Willesden Green, and Kensal Green Wards.

N.B.—See also Kilburn and Willesden Green.

BOOTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : JOHN JOHNSON, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.



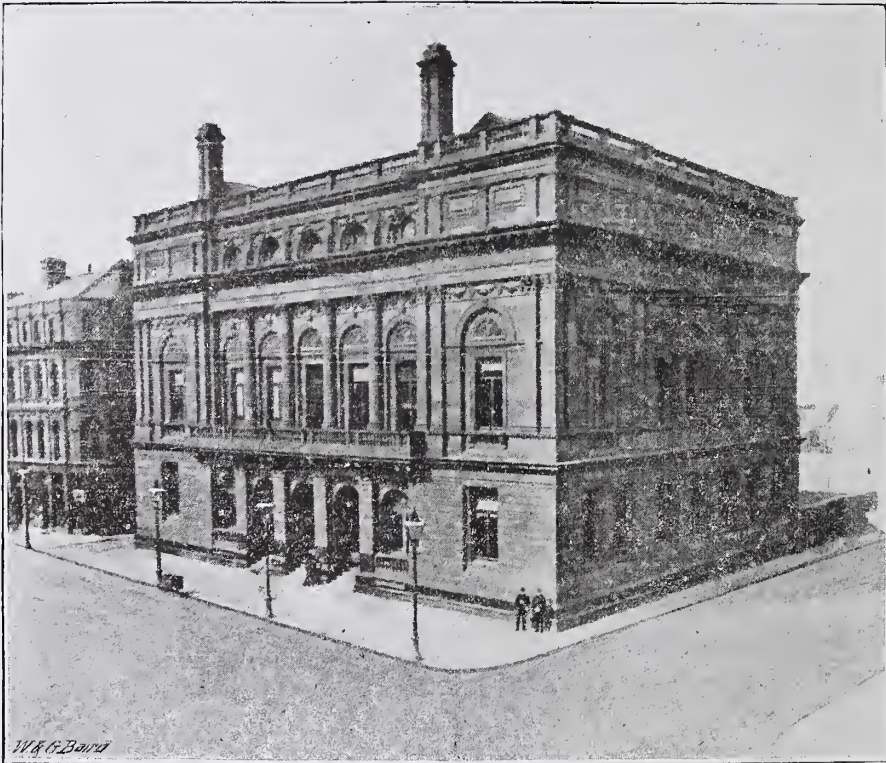
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - JOHN J. OGLE.

Stock of Books	19,000	|	Number of Branches, none, but one contemplated soon. (Two Branch Deliveries in Schools.)
Daily Average Issue	368		Date when founded .. .. .	1887
Population - - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	About 55,000

Other particulars of note:—(1) A prosperous Technical School and Museum. (2) A system of popular Free Lectures in connection with the Library. (3) A very valuable Report on the connection between Schools and Public Libraries was prepared by Mr. Ogle, and published by H.M. Education Department. (4) Publishes a Quarterly Journal.

BELFAST PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : W. H. LYNN, ESQ.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - GEORGE HALL ELLIOTT.

Stock of Books (Lending Library)	18,495	Daily Average Issue (Lending Library)	619
„ „ (Reference Library)	18,530	„ „ (Reference Library)	219
Date when founded	1888	Population	300,000

CARLISLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: C. J. FERGUSON, Esq., F.S.A.

ENTRANCE HALL.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - ARCHIBALD SPARKE.

Stock of Books	22,000	Date when Founded—Nov., 1893, opened, Foundation stone laid, 1892.
Daily Average Issue	286	Population (1891) 39,176

Other particulars of note:—(1) A very useful work has been performed at this Library by Mr. Sparke by the cataloguing, under Titles and Authors, and places referred to, of the articles in the transactions of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Archaeological Society. (2) The Committee have found it advisable to glaze the hitherto open cases in the Reference Library. (3) Mr. Sparke was formerly Librarian at Kidderminster and has written "Uses of Public Libraries" and other works.

ST. SAVIOUR'S PUBLIC LIBRARY, SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

Architect : JOHN JOHNSON, Esq., A.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - HENRY D. ROBERTS.

Stock of Books	10,792 (25/3/99)	Number of Branches	None
Daily Average Issue	125 (year ending 25/3/99)	Date when Founded :—Acts adopted Nov., 1891, Library opened Nov., 1894.	
Population	12,000		

Other particulars of note :—(1) Good collection of local books and prints. (2) Has received a legacy of 700 volumes and large number of local views. Possesses many original local views. (3) Lectures given during winter months. (4) Successful boys' room. Lectures also given in boys' room.

LAMBETH TATE CENTRAL LIBRARY, BRIXTON OVAL, LONDON.

Architect : SYDNEY R. J. SMITH, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.



From Greenwood's Library Year Book.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN				-	-	-	-	-	FRANK J. BURGoyNE.
Stock of Books	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77,261
Daily Average Issue	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,420
									Number of Branches :—Five, including the Minet Library, jointly worked with Camberwell.
									Date when founded :—Acts adopted 1886.
									Population 275,202

Other particulars of note :—(1) Most of the Public Libraries at Lambeth have been gifts either by Mr. Tate or other donors. (2) Mr. Burgoyne has written several works of great utility to librarians, library architects, and others.

KIDDERMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: WM. J. GETHIN, ESQ.



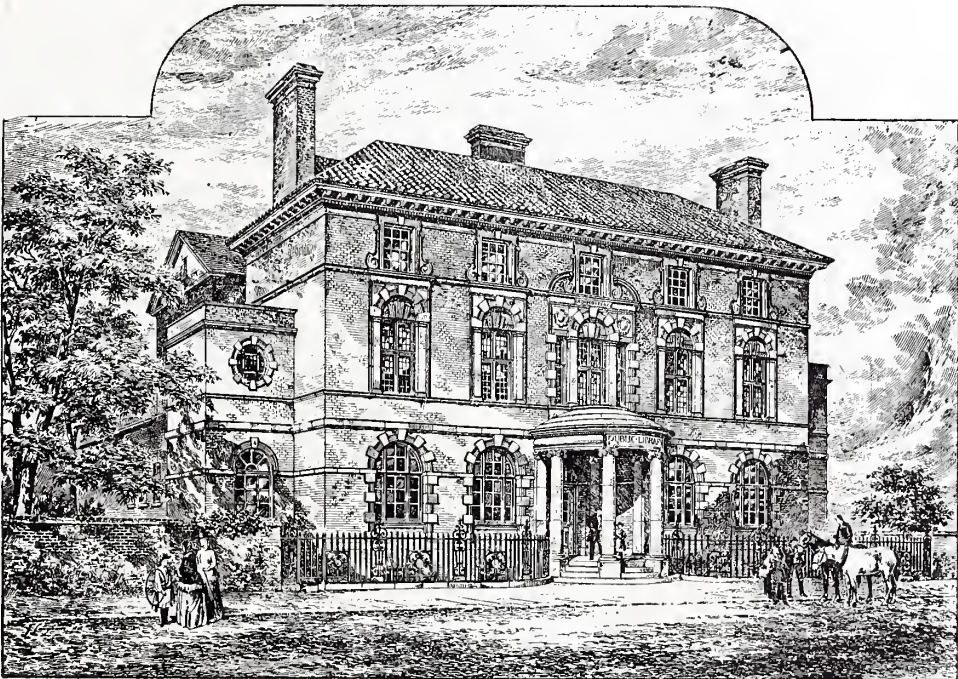
From Greenwood's Library Year Book.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN WILLIAM F. BAILLIE.

Stock of Books	5,842	Date when Founded	1881
Daily Average Issue	180	Number of Branches	None
Population	35,000		

CHELSEA CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architect : J. M. BRYDON, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.



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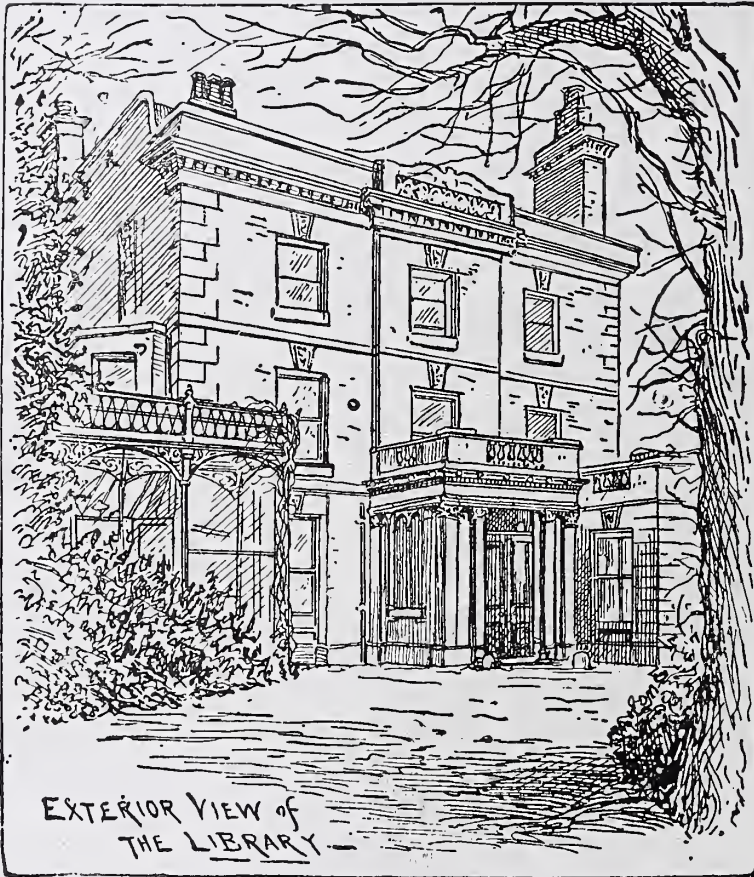
NAME OF LIBRARIAN J. HENRY QUINN.

Stock of Books	37,500	Number of Branches	1
Daily Average Issue	925	Date when Founded	1887
Population	96,646		

Other particulars of Note:—(1) Books are only called in each five years. (2) Reference Library used largely by Students of the various Colleges. (3) Boys' Reading Rooms and no age limit for juvenile borrowers. (4) Gallery of Local Prints and Drawings.

WANDSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects: MESSRS. SMITH & GALE.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN CECIL T. DAVIS.

Stock of Books	Over 16,000	Number of Branches	1
Daily Average Issue—372 (Year ending 31st Dec., 1898).		Date when founded:—Acts adopted, July 1883.	

Population 58,101 in 1896.

Other particulars of note:—(1) Mr. A. Cotgreave was first librarian. (2) This library is under a Board of Commissioners.

BETHNAL GREEN FREE LIBRARY, LONDON, E.



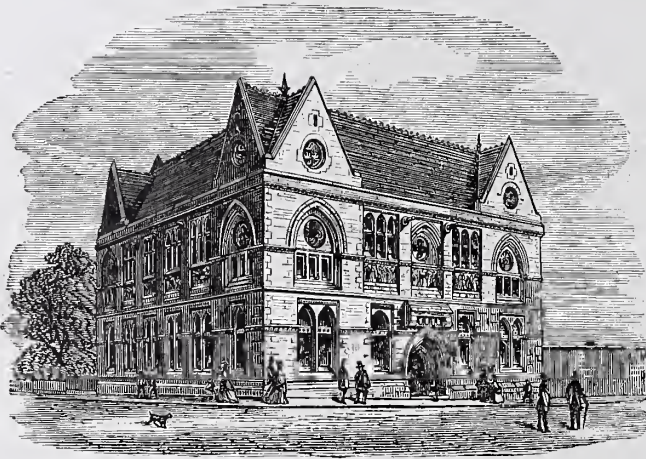
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - G. F. HILCKEN.

Stock of Books	35,000	|	Date when Founded	1876
Population	130,000			

Other particulars of note:—(1) Supported by voluntary contributions. (2) The number of persons attending the Library, Lectures, Classes, &c., since its foundation approaches One Million. (3) Upwards of 27,000 persons attended the course of Six Gilchrist Lectures, thus quite “beating the record” in the history of the movement.

BLACKBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects: MESSRS. WOODZELL & COLLCUTT.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - R. ASHTON.

Stock of Books, 51,000, Reference and Lending combined
 Daily Average Issue .. Reference, 85; Lending, 300

Number of Branches .. None (Two Delivery Stations)
 Date when Founded: Act adopted, 1853; but Committee
 not appointed until March, 1860. First Rate laid
 March, 1862.

Population (1898) 130,000

Other particulars of note:—School Libraries commenced October, 1899.

WEST HARTLEPOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: J. W. BROWN, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - ALBERT WATKINS.

Stock of Books	.. .. .	12,000 volumes	|	Date when Founded	.. .. .	1895
Daily Average Issue..	.. .. .	326.56	|	Population (estimated)	.. .. .	55,000

Other particulars of note:—(1) Students' Tickets are issued to allow extra books in all classes except Fiction.
 (2) Valuable gifts of money, from several Members of the Town Council and other gentlemen, for the purchase of books.

BERMONDSEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architect : JOHN JOHNSON, Esq., A.R.I.B.A.



A.R.I.B.A. Arch^d Queen Victoria S.F.E.C

Messrs F & H Higgs, Builders, Loughborough Junction S.E.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - JOHN FROWDE.

Stock of Books	13,500	Date when Founded	1891
Daily Average Issue	450	Population	86,000

Other particulars of note :—Mr. Frowde is President of the Society of Public Librarians.

CHELTEMHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: W. H. KNIGHT, Esq. (of the firm of Messrs. KNIGHT & CHELTERRS).



Stock of Books ... 28,000. | Daily Average Issue ... 485. | Number of Branches ... One Branch Reading Room. | Date when Founded ... 1884. | Population ... 50,000.

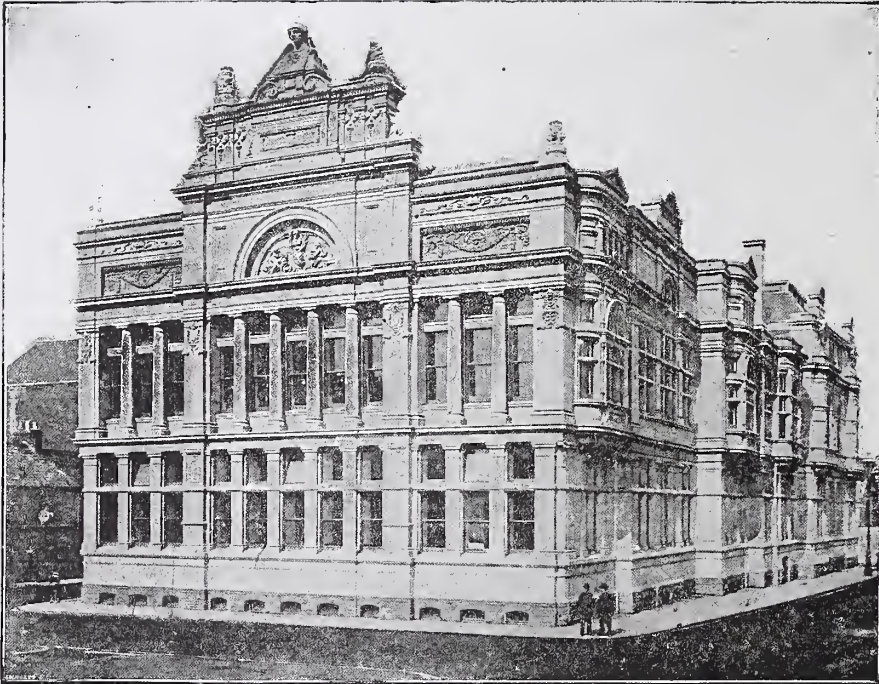
W. M. JONES.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN

1884. | Population

CARDIFF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: EDWIN SEWARD, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - MR JOHN BALLINGER.

Stock of Books	69,475	Number of Branches (Reading Rooms and Reference Libraries)	6
Daily Average Issue (Central)	794	Date when founded	1861
Population - - - - -	1891 Census, 128,915; 1898, estimated 177,771.		

Other particulars of note:—(1) Large collection of Welsh books and MSS. (2) A most valuable catalogue of Welsh books has been compiled by Mr. Ballinger. (3) Very successful organisation of Library work in connection with the Board School authorities, who grant several hundred pounds per annum for carrying on the school libraries, which are under the direction of the librarian. (4) Six Branch Lending Libraries in process of formation, for which an extra rate of 1s. 2d. in the £ is levied under a Local Act.

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, SHEPHERDS BUSH, LONDON.

Architect: MAURICE B. ADAMS, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - SAMUEL MARTIN.

Stock of Books	25,000	Number of Branches	2
Daily Average Issue		Date when Founded	1889
Population	105,000		

Other particulars of note:—(1) The Central Library is situated in Ravenscourt Park, amidst most charming surroundings, and contains a good collection of local prints. (2) There is a small collection of Kelmescott Press Books, which were given by Mr. and Mrs. William Morris. Five of the volumes contain an autograph inscription by the former.

STOKE NEWINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architects: MESSRS. BRIDGMAN & GOSS.



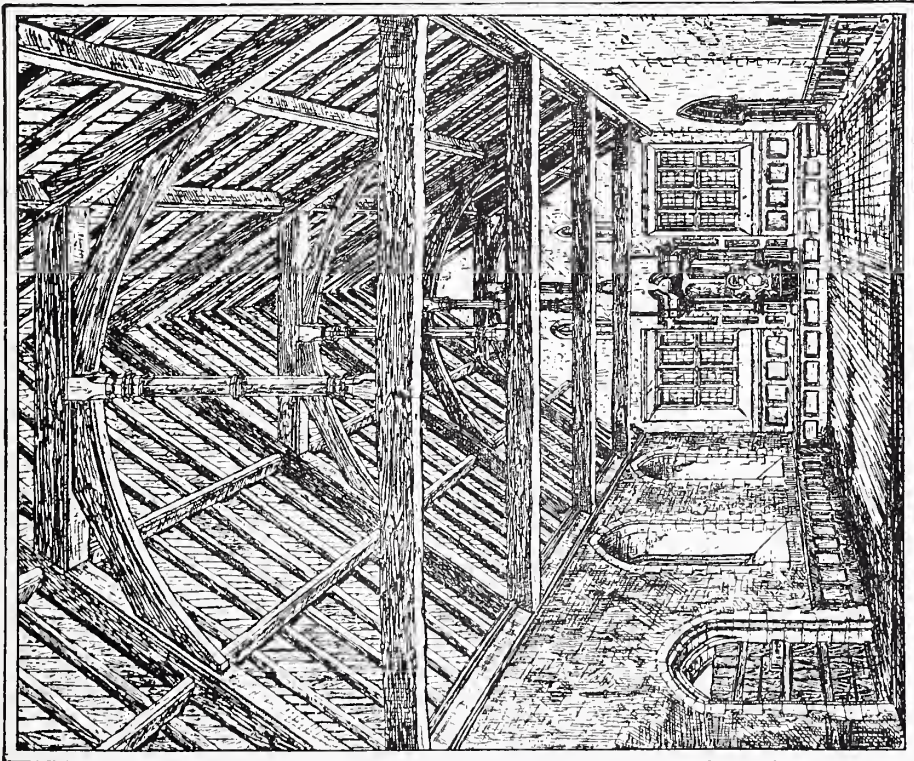
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - GEORGE PREECE.

Stock of Books	..	..	..	..	13,207	Date when Founded	..	..	..	..	1890
Daily Average Issue	..	..	..	..	383	Population	..	..	..	..	33,485

GREAT YARMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY (OLD TOL HOUSE).

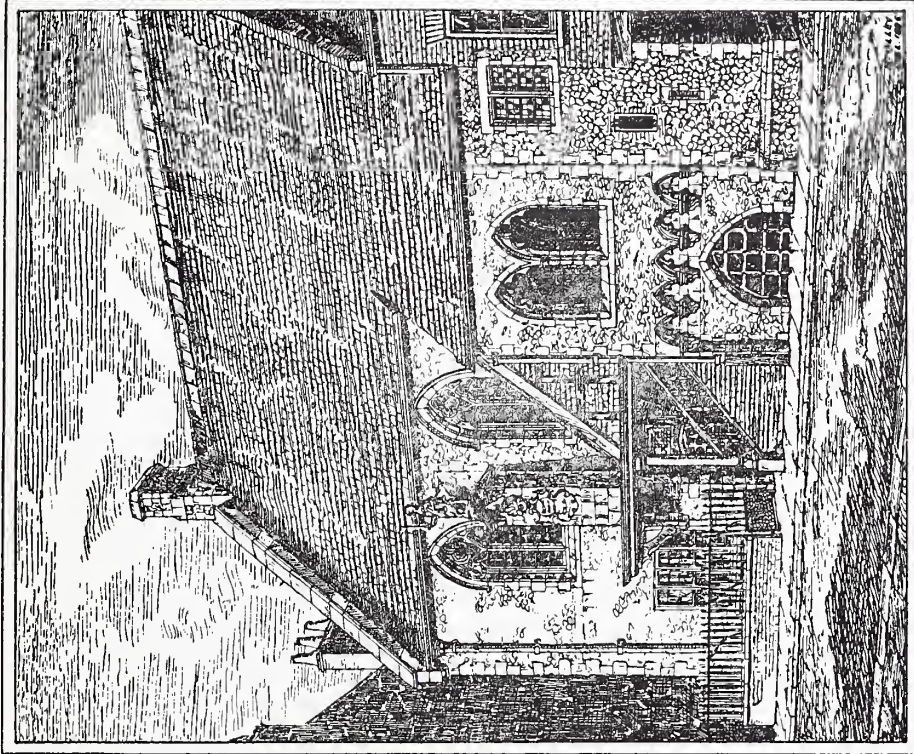
Architects of old building, erected 1250, not known. ^a Designers of Newsroom, built in 1888, MESSRS. BUTTLE AND OLLEY.

INTERIOR.



Spottiswoode & Co. Lith. London.

EXTERIOR.



Spottiswoode & Co. Lith. London.

	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	WILLIAM CARTER.
Stock of Books ..	15,780	Other particulars of note :—(1) The Committee have
Daily Average Issue ..	456	recently taken over the old Public Subscription
Number of Branches ..	1 (at Gorleston)	Library containing about 16,000 volumes.
	Date when Founded :—Acts adopted 1885, Library	
	opened 1886.	
	Population ..	51,000

PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY AND TOWN HALL

Architects: Late WILLIAM HILL, Esq (of Leeds) and C. W. BEVIS, Esq.



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NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - TWEED D. A. JEWERS.

Stock of Books ..	Central 51,000, Branches 11,470	Daily Average Issue (North End Branch) ..	219
Daily Average Issue ..	528	Number of Branches ..	2
" " " (Victoria Road Branch) ..	294	Date when founded:—Acts adopted in 1876, Library opened in 1883.	
Population ..	.. .. .	186,618.	

Other particulars of note:—The Central Library and Reading Room.—This incalculable benefit to the borough of Portsmouth was reopened on Wednesday, November 5th, 1890, and became an all-round subject for congratulation. This department in the great building is disconnected with the civic apartments, and is approached by two entrances from Park Road, in the south-east corner of the edifice. The walls are lined with white tiles. All the woodwork is of polished walnut. The book stacks are enclosed by a panelled counter with seven indicators arranged thereon.

PARISH OF WILLESDEN.—KILBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect :—E. GABRIEL (of the firm of Messrs. Edmeston and Gabriel).



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - JAMES A. SEYMOUR.

Stock of Books	8,331	Date when Founded	1893
Daily Average Issue for 1899	318	Population of the District	35,000 to 40,000

Other particulars of note :—Kilburn was the first Public Library opened in North West London, and the first to be opened of a scheme of four Public Libraries in the Parish of Willesden, each controlled by a separate Library Committee. Has a good collection of Local Views, Maps, etc., and of Middlesex Topographical Books.

See also Harlesden and Willesden Green,

BRUNNER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, NORTHWICH.

Architect: M. K. ELLERTON.



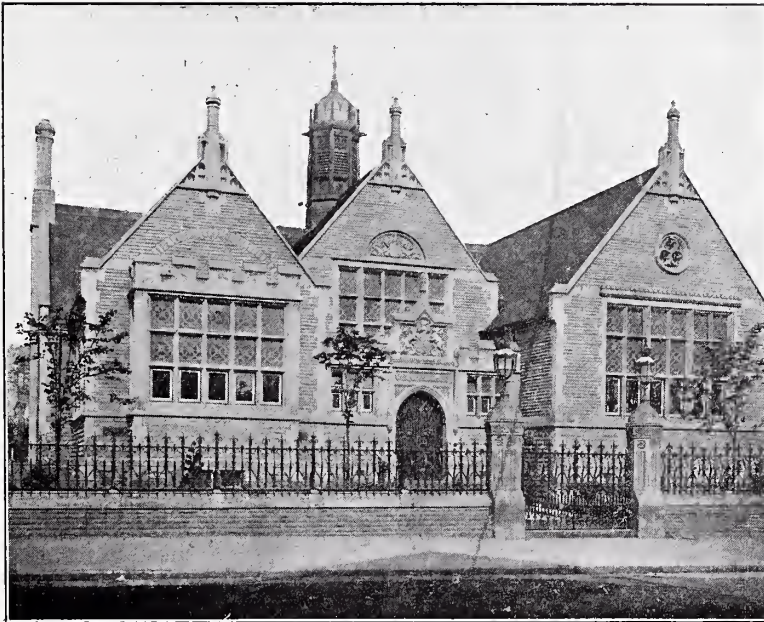
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - TOM J. YARWOOD.

Stock of Books	8,500	Number of Branches	1 Book Delivery Station
Daily Average Issue	140	Date when founded	1885
Population	about 20,000.		

Other particulars of note:—The Library has also an Art Gallery and a Museum, containing the finest collection of Salt Specimens and Salt Literature in the world. Special attention is also given to the collection of Books, Pamphlets, Pictures, etc., relating to the County of Cheshire, and as the centre town of Cheshire, efforts are being made to make its Cestrian collection unique. Free Lectures on Literary and Scientific subjects are given during the winter months. The Library was presented to the people of Northwich by Sir John Brunner, Bart., M.P.

GILSTRAP FREE LIBRARY, NEWARK-ON-TRENT.

Architect : WILLIAM HENMAN, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - ROBT. C. GARNER.

Stock of Books	7,380	Date when founded ..	Acts adopted 1882, opened 1883
Daily Average Issue	195	Population (in 1891)	14,457

Other particulars of note:—Annual income derived from penny rate and endowment £480, of which £100 is expended in new books. Open on week days from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. only. The Library was presented to the people of Newark by Sir William Gilstrap, Bart., who also endowed it with an annual sum of £170.

PASSMORE EDWARDS' FREE LIBRARY, TRURO.

Architect: SILVANUS TREVAIL, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - W. J. MARTIN.

Stock of Books	6,000	Date when Founded	1886
Daily Average Issue	100	Population	13,000

Other particulars of note:—The Reading Rooms are well patronized, and the Lending and Reference Departments equally so. The Library is more popular than ever, and is growing in interest. The Library was presented to the people of Truro by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards.

DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : R. FREEMAN.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - WILLIAM CROWTHER.

Stock of Books (Sept. '99)	..	..	..	32,193	|	Number of Branches	..	..	One Reading Room
Daily Average Issue	..	..	..	592	|	Date when Founded..	..	..	1870
Population				..	..	..	105,000.		

Other particulars of note :—Natural History Museum and Art Gallery connected. Separate Children's Library.

NELSON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : G. A. Fox.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - D. RUSHTON.

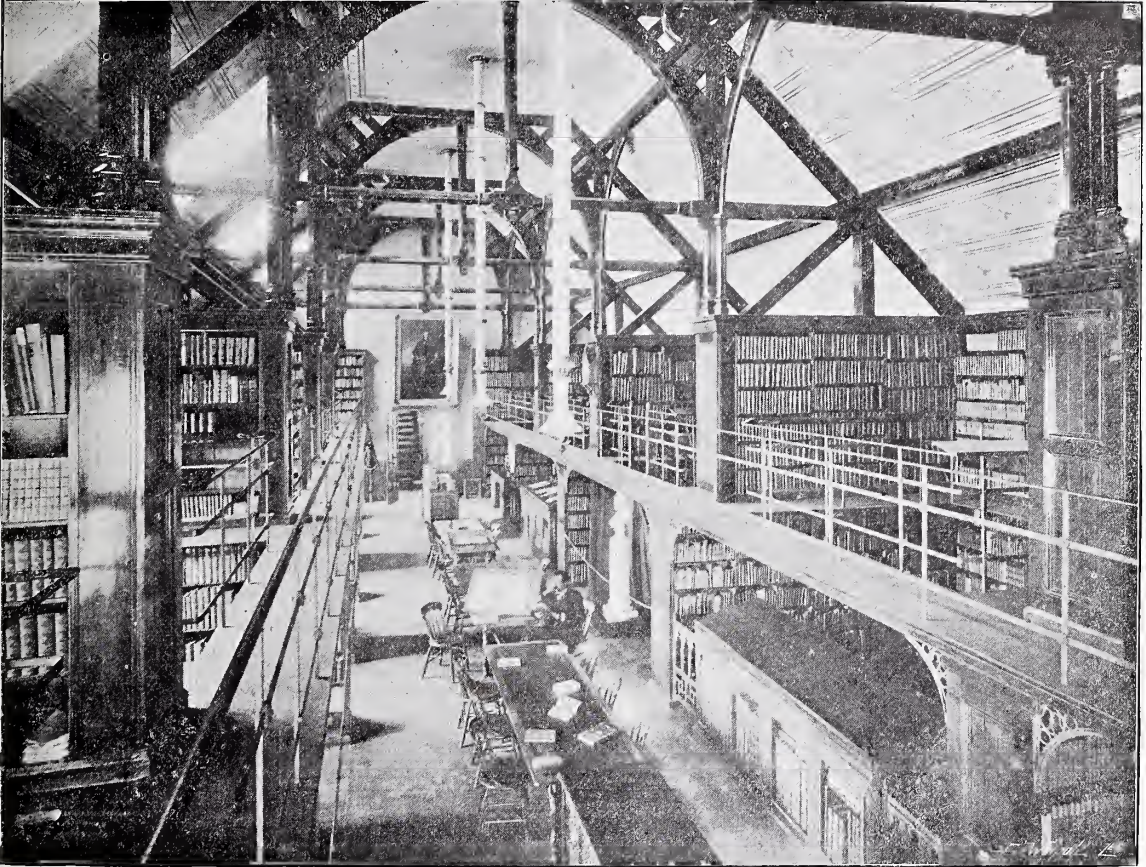
Stock of Books (Lending Library)	7,500	|	Date when Founded	188
„ „ (Reference Library)	920		Population	35,00
Daily Average Issue, 144. Annually ..	39,640			

Other particulars of note :—Income £500.

WIGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: A. WATERHOUSE, R.A.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.



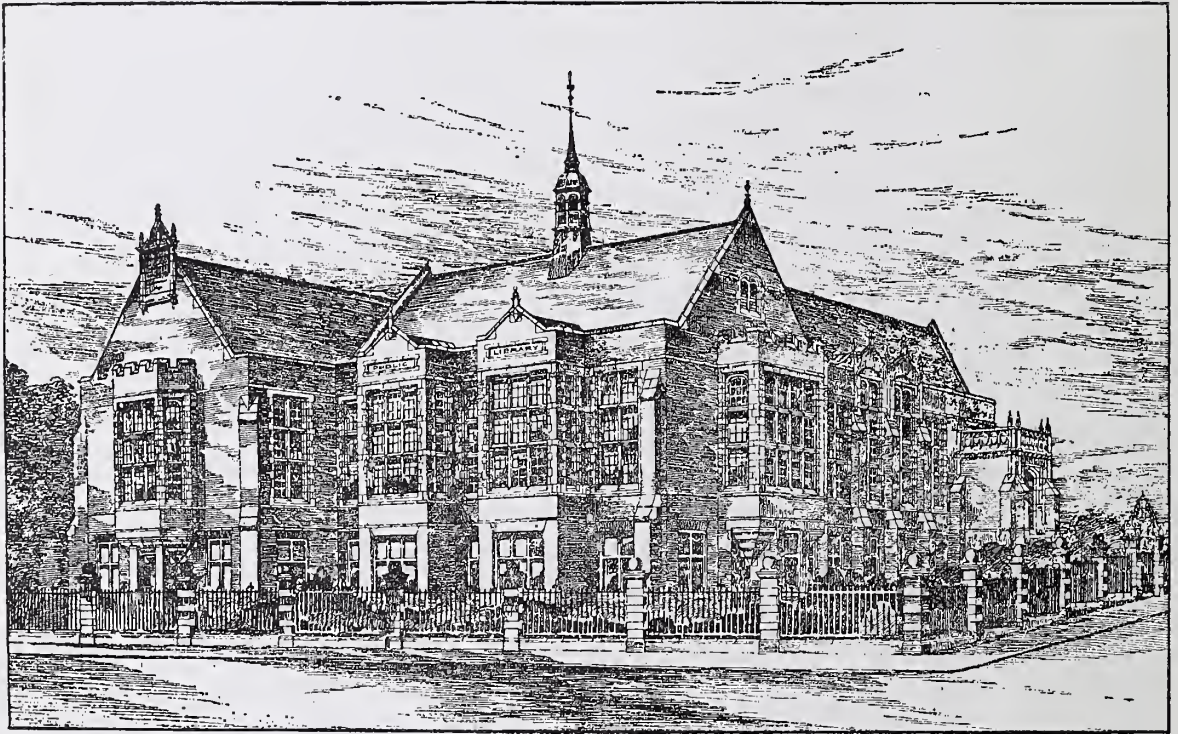
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - HENRY T. FOLKARD, F.S.A.

Stock of Books	52,000	Number of Branches	2
Daily Average Issue	350	Date when Founded	1878
Population (estimated)	62,357.		

Other particulars of note:—Important section of Works on Bibliography, Mining, and Music in Reference Department. Occasional Lectures,

HAMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architect: ARNOLD S. TAYLER, A.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - W. E. DOUBLEDAY.

Stock of Books	34,000	Number of Branches: Two; and one additional Reading Room.
Daily Average Issue	1,200	
Population of Town	76,000.	Date when Founded.. .. . 1895

Other particulars of note:—A proposal to erect a Museum, Art Gallery, and Lecture Hall on the spare land just beyond the main entrance, is under consideration,

SHOREDITCH PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, HOXTON.

Architect: HENRY T. HARE, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - WM. C. PLANT

Stock of Books { Haggerston .. 13,800	} .. 29,000	|	Number of Branches: None, practically 2 Central Libraries
{ Hoxton .. 15,200			Date when Founded 1893
Daily Average Issue	483	|	[Population of Borough (last census) 124,009

Other particulars of note:—This Library was opened by Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P. The cost was about £21,000. Mr. Passmore Edwards gave £3,200 towards the Hoxton Library, and £6,250 towards the Haggerston Library, and 1,000 books.

SHOREDITCH PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, HAGGERSTON.

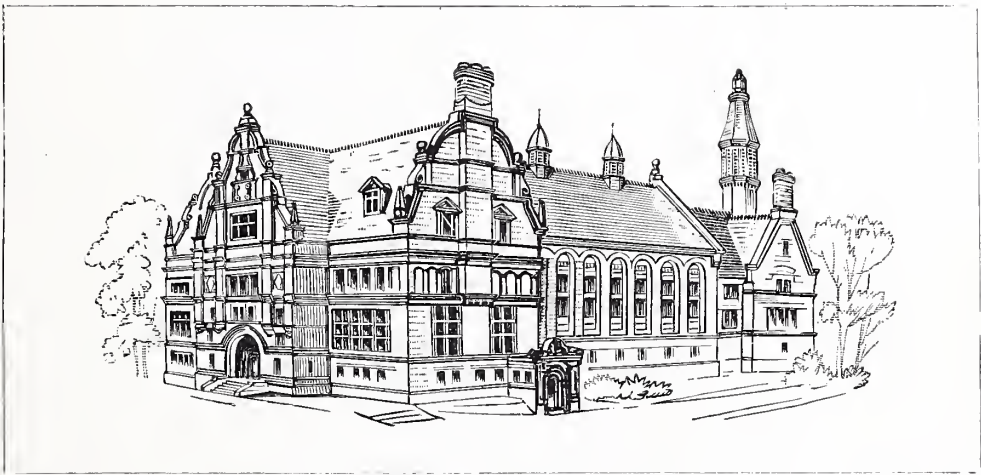
Architects: RICHARD J. LOVELL, adapted these premises for a Library. MAURICE B. ADAMS carried out the extension.



This Library was first opened by the Duke of Devonshire in 1893. The extension was opened by Sir Arthur Arnold, Chairman of the L.C.C., in 1896.

ALLOA PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : A. WATERHOUSE, R.A.



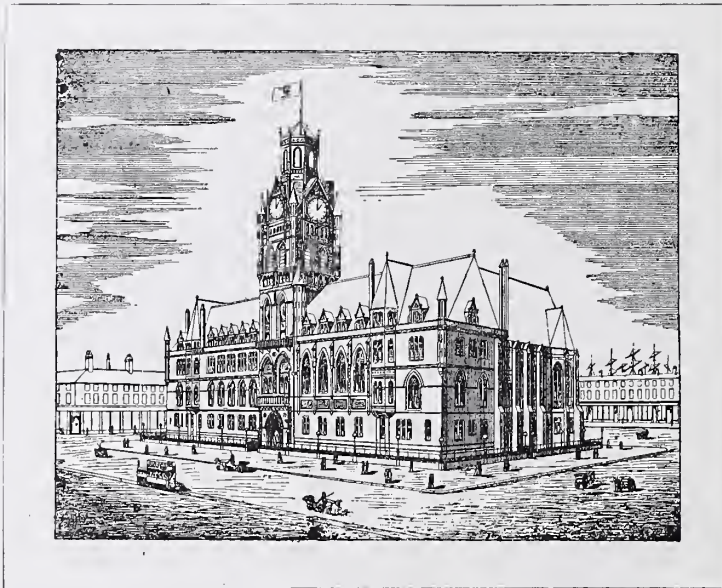
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - JOHN SIMPSON.

Stock of Books	10,274	Date when Founded	February, 1889
Daily Average Issue	145	Population of the Parish	15,862

Other particulars of note :--A Guinea Subscription Library was started last year, and has been very successful. Nothing but new books are bought with the subscriptions, and after a year in circulation amongst the subscribers they are handed over to the Public Library. There are over 70 subscribers.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND TOWN HALL.

Architect : W. H. LYNN.



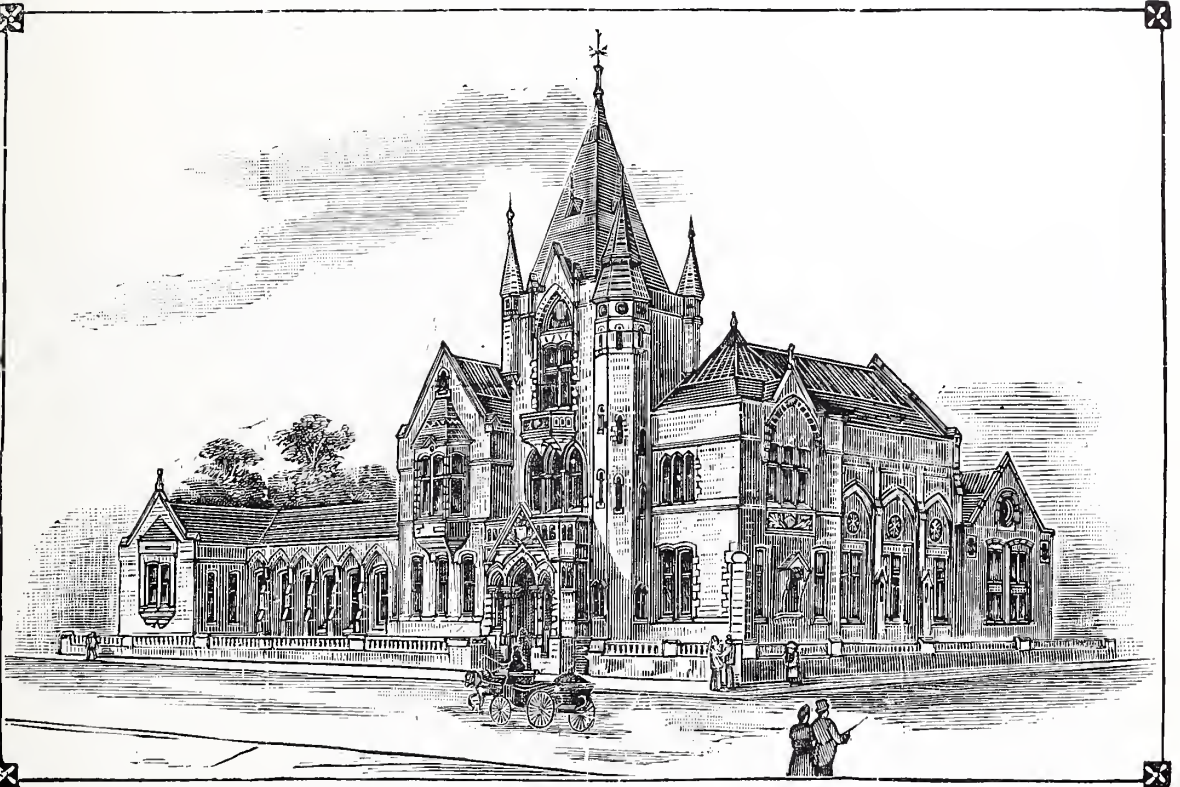
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - ERNEST BECK.

Stock of Books	21,301	Number of Branches	2
Daily Average Issue	344	Date when Founded	1881
Population	56,000		

Other particulars of note:—The Library contains a collection of Local Literature, and a Reading Room for Ladies.

HEGINBOTTOM PUBLIC LIBRARY AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE,
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Architects: MESSRS. JOHN EATON & SON.



PUBLIC LIBRARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

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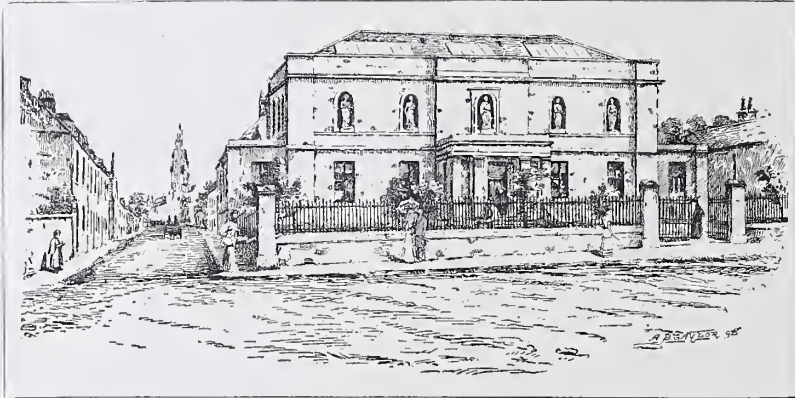
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - D. H. WADE.

Stock of Books	17,343	Date when Founded.. .. .	1882
Daily Average Issue	305	Population (1891)	40,463

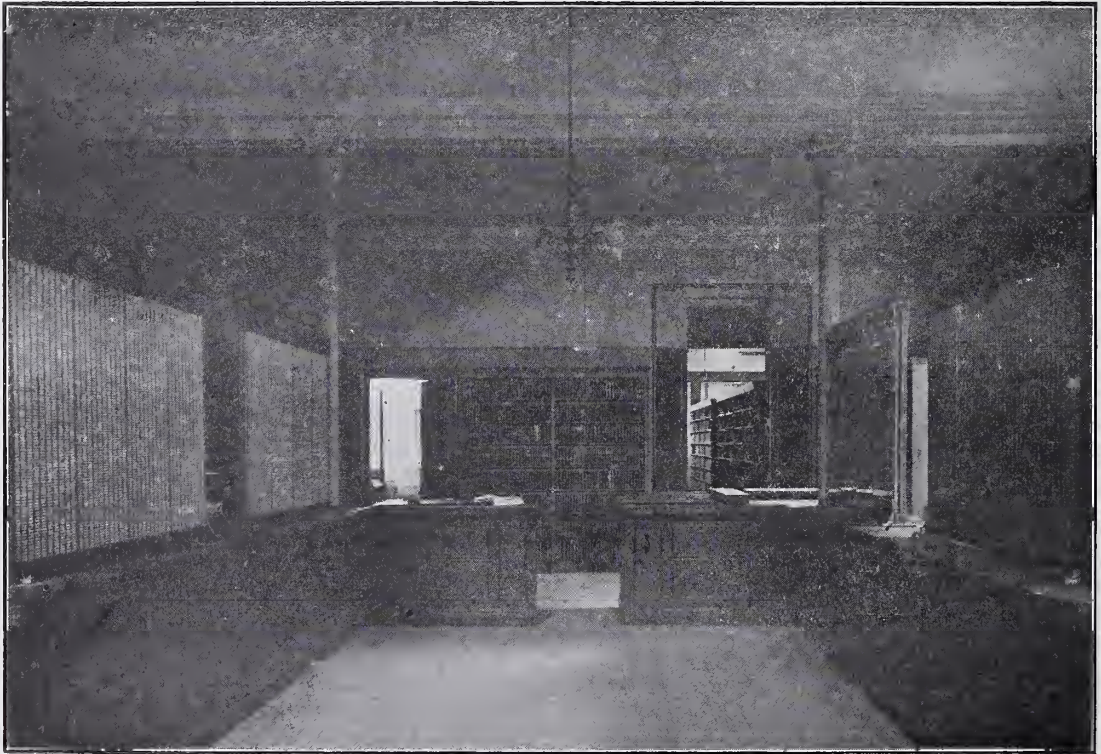
Other particulars of note:— £10,000 was given by Mr. George Heginbottom, for erection of building, which was formally opened in July, 1893.

ARBROATH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : HUGH GAVIN.



INTERIOR OF LENDING LIBRARY.



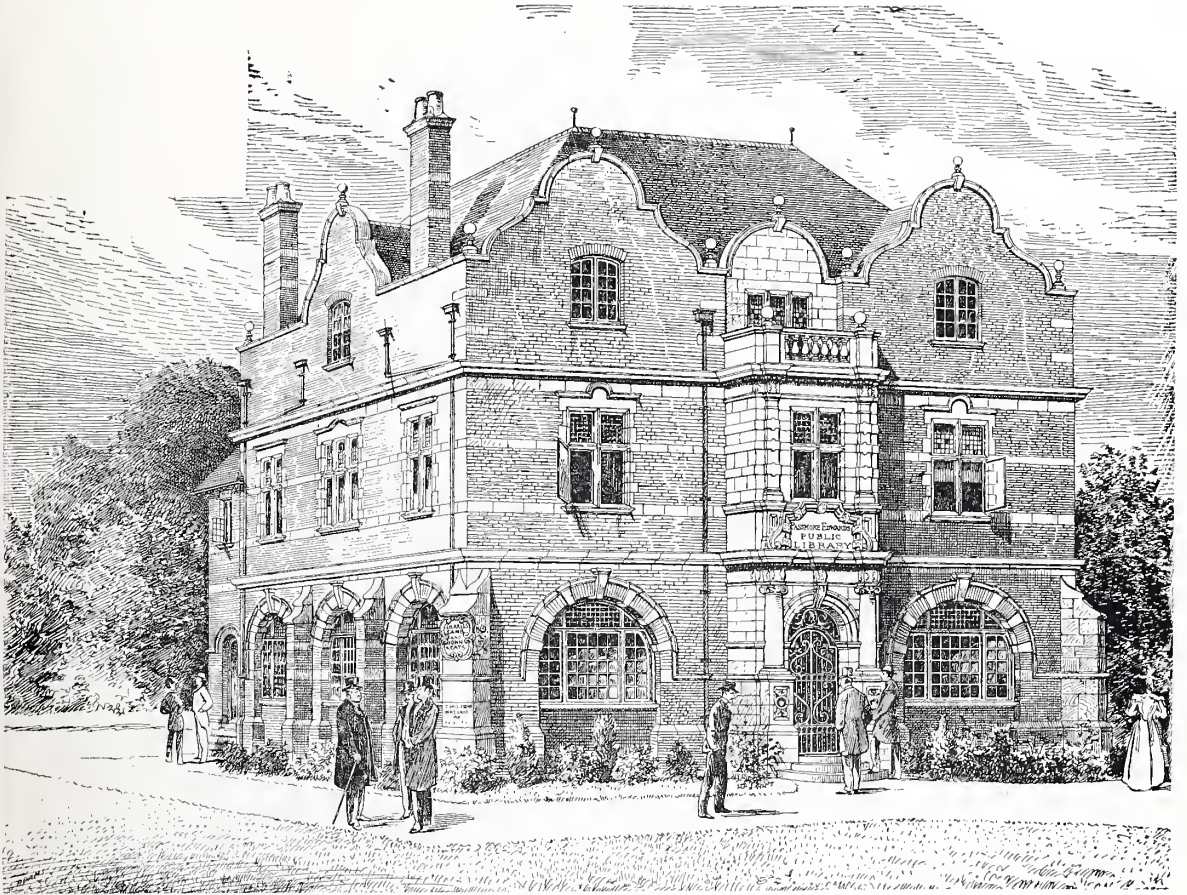
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - JAMES CRAIGIE.

Stock of Books	About 15,000	|	Date when Founded: Act adopted May, 1897. Library
Daily Average Issue	304		opened 4th June, 1898.
Population	Estimated in June, 1898, 23,758		

Other particulars of note:—Building and Furniture presented by Mr. David Corsar, of Arbroath. The Picture Gallery consists of two rooms, each 35 feet by 30 feet, lighted from the roof, and the walls are lined with crimson linen canvas, which was specially woven in the town.

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, EDMONTON.

Architect MAURICE B. ADAMS, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - PERCY W. FAIRBOROUGH, F.Z.S., F.E.S., etc.

Stock of Books	5,500	Date when founded	1893
Daily Average Issue	180	Population of Town	Over 40,000

Other particulars of note :--The Library was presented to the people of Edmonton by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, and was opened in 1897 by Dr. Richard Garnett, C.B. The entire cost of the building, with the site, was about £5,000.

EALING PUBLIC LIBRARY AND OTHER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

Architect: CHAS. JONES.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - THOS. BONNER.

Stock of Books	13,742	Number of Branches.—Branch Reading Room in contemplation.
Daily Average Issue	660	
		Date when founded Acts Adopted 1883

Population—1891, 23,978; estimated 1899, 36,000.

Other particulars of note:—The temporary Library was opened in 1883, and the above building in 1893.

BRADFORD CENTRAL, PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND ART GALLERY.

Architects: MESSRS. W. & R. MAWSON.



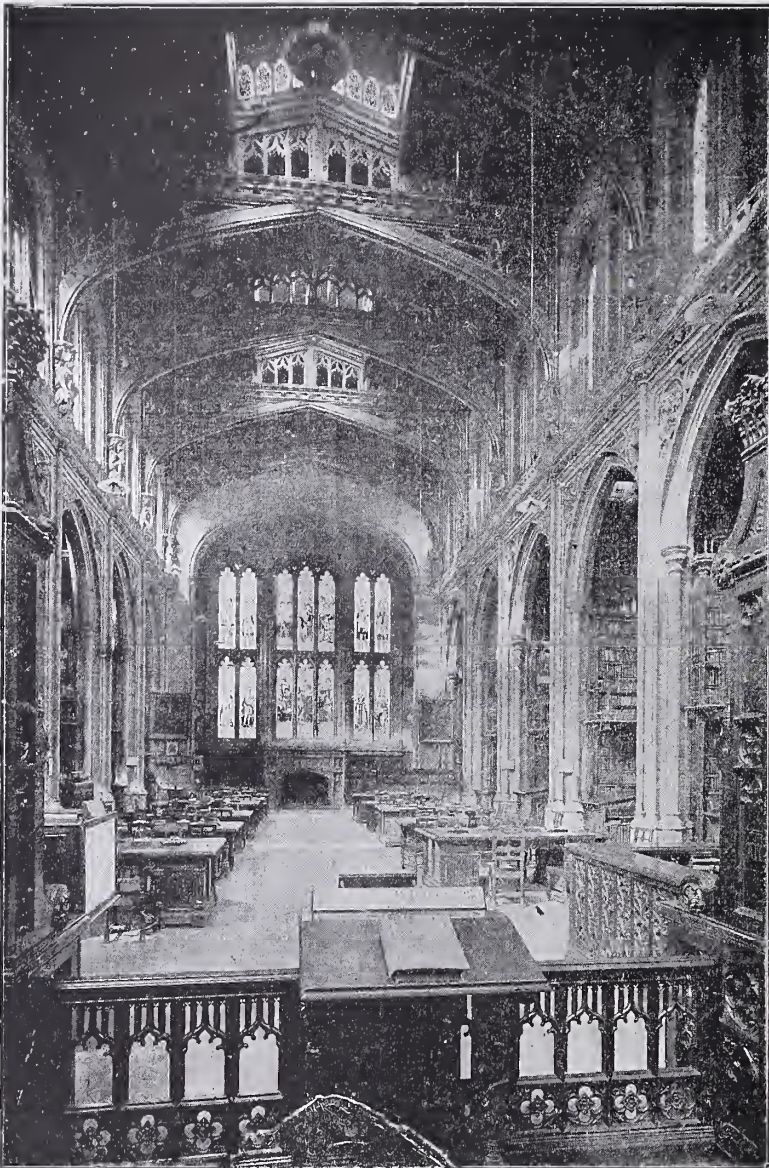
NAME OF LIBRARIAN				- - - -	BUTLER WOOD.			
Stock of Books	..	..	..	108,129	Number of Branches	..	..	10
Daily Average Issue	..	..	..	2031	Date when Founded	..	..	1871
Population				..	..	..	..	286,461

Other particulars of note:—Grants have been made from the Exchequer Fund, for the purchase of Scientific Technical Books, of which the Libraries contain a stock of about 4,000. Mr. Jacob Moser, J.P., presented the Hanson Memorial Library of 10,000 volumes. The Librarian also acts as Secretary to the Committee.

GUILDHALL LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architect: SIR HORACE JONES.

GENERAL VIEW OF INTERIOR.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - CHARLES WELCH, F.S.A.

Stock of Books .. .. .	.. about 110,000	|	Date when Founded—1425, by Sir Richard Whittington's
Daily Average Attendances .. .. .	.. 1208 in 1899	|	Executors; Refounded, 1824.

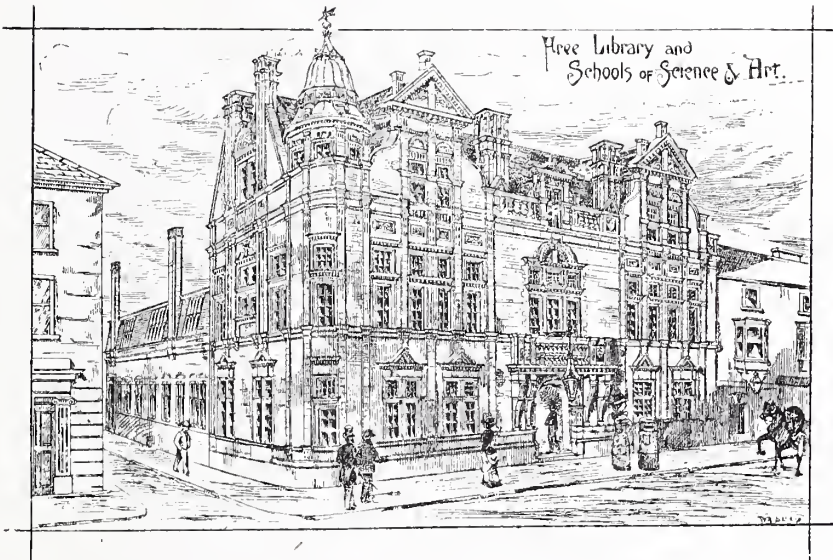
Other particulars of note :—Admission free and without ticket to Library, Newspaper Room and Museum (strictly local and historical).

Latest additions of note :—Willshire bequest of prints and books, illustrating process of engraving; Alfred Cock collection of works by and concerning Sir Thomas More; Hamilton bequest of Cruikshankiana and dramatic literature; collection of Livery Companies' badges and medals.

See also "The Guildhall Library and its Work," by C. Welch, 1893.

NEWPORT (MON.) CENTRAL, PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Architects : MESSRS. A. O. WATKINS & SON.



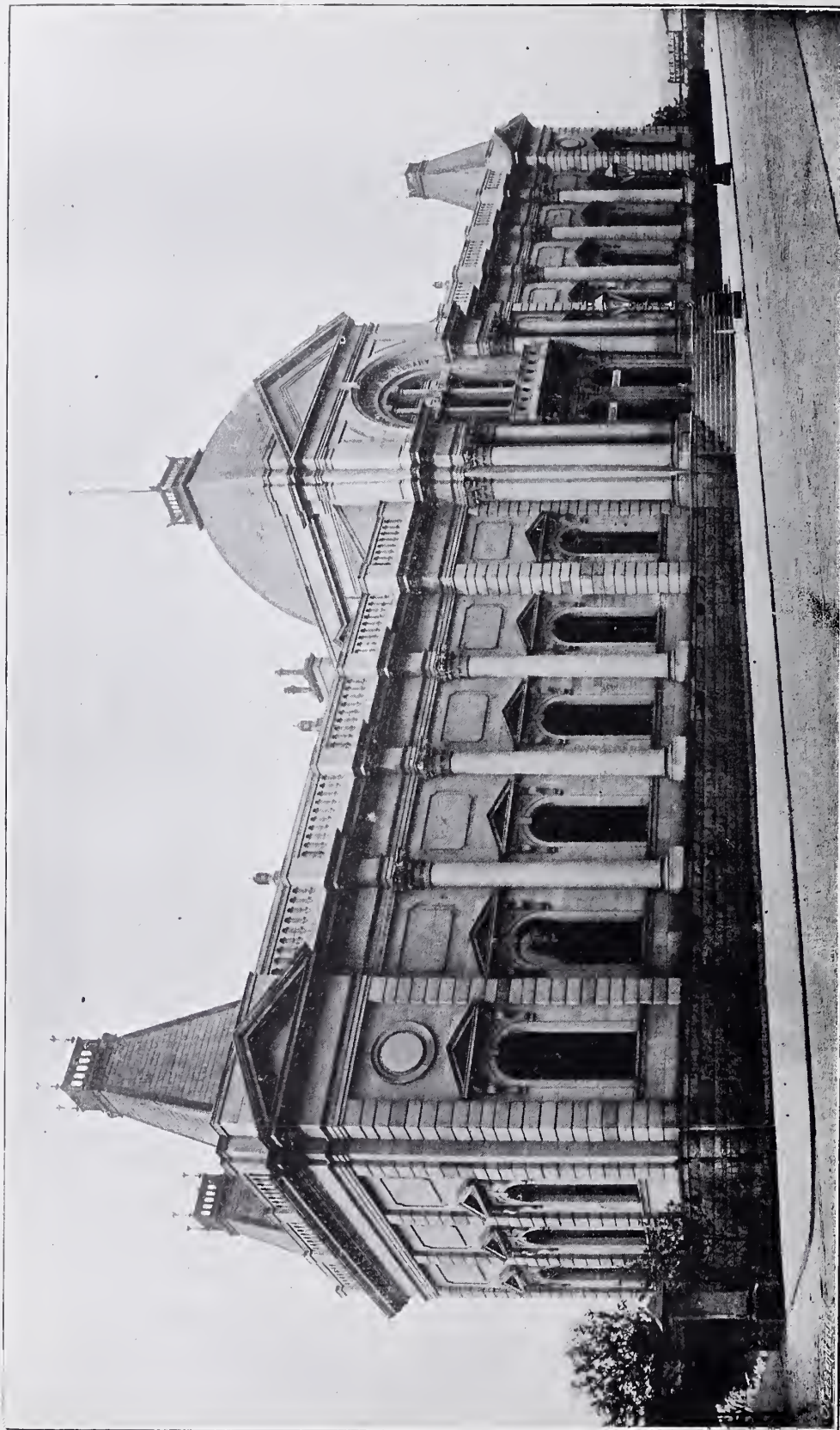
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - JAMES MATTHEWS.

Stock of Books (Reference and Lending depts.)	24,497	Number of Branches, One, and Two Branch Reading Rooms	
Daily Average Issue	354	Date when Founded	1870
Population			75,000.

Other particulars of note :—The opening of a third Branch Reading Room is contemplated for Shaftesbury Street district. The whole of the buildings are lit up with electric light. The Library contains a special “ Foreign Section ” in the German, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, and Dutch languages, presented by Alderman T. Jones, of Newport ; and also a complete set of the Patent Specifications from the commencement in 1617.

SUNDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND ART GALLERY.

Architects : MESSRS. J. & T. TILMAN.



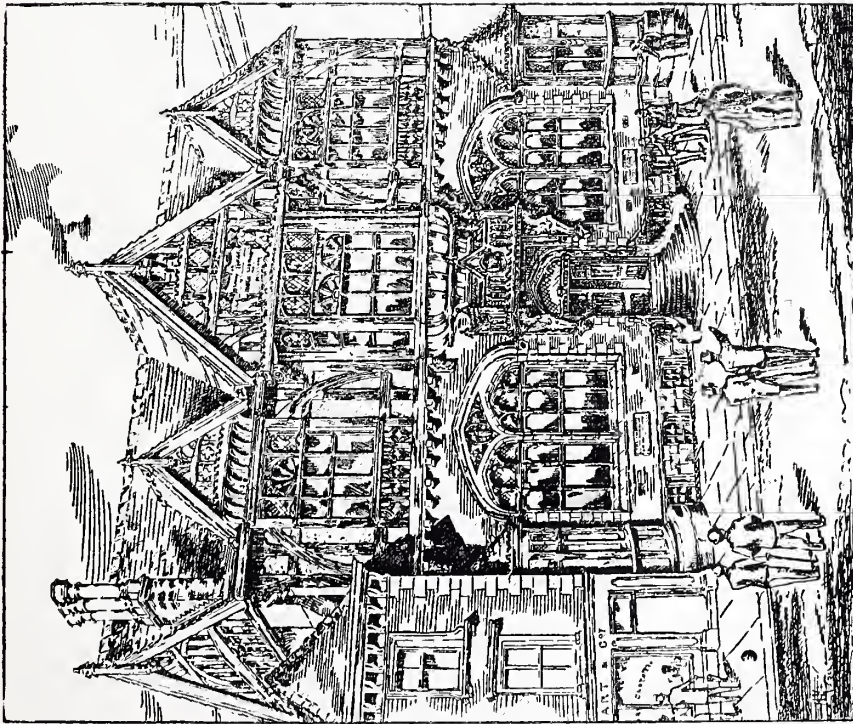
NAME OF LIBRARIAN	-	-	-	B. R. HILL.
Stock of Books	23,438	Date when Founded .. .. .	.. .. .	1866
Daily Average Issue (Lending and Reference) .. .	449	Population .. .. .	.. .. .	(1891) 143,849

Other particulars of note :—The Museum and Art Gallery are also supported by the Library Rate. The Library contains local collections.

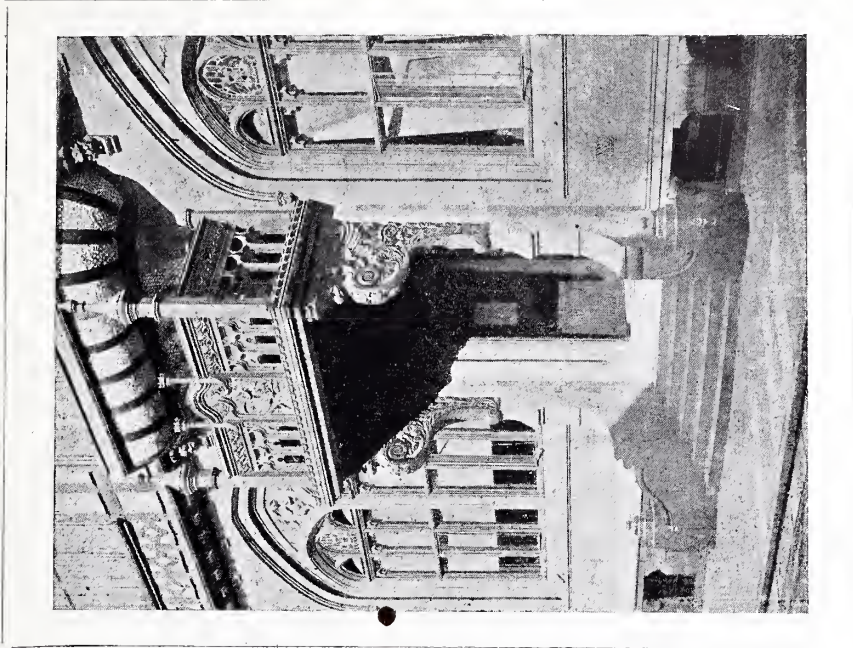
CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND MUSEUM.
(BEANEY INSTITUTE.)

Architect: A. H. CAMPBELL (City Surveyor).

EXTERIOR.



DOORWAY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN

Stock of Books Lending 3,000; Reference 1,500
Daily Average Issue:—Closed since December, 1898; Re-commenced issuing Books January 1st, 1900.

ALFRED DENNE BLAXLAND.

Date when Founded 1858
Population (last Census) 23,000

Other particulars of note:—The Book-plate was designed and presented by Dr. J. Beane, a native of Canterbury, left £10,000 for the purpose of erecting this Institute. Mr. Alderman George Collard, J. P., Mayor of Canterbury, has given 200 guineas to the Reference Library. This money is to be expended in the purchase of books relating to Kent and Canterbury. The Library has been entirely furnished at the expense of Mr. Joshua Cox, a citizen of Canterbury, who presented 1,000 guineas for the purpose.

CAMBERWELL, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.
CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Architect : R. P. WHELLOCK, A.R.I.B.A.



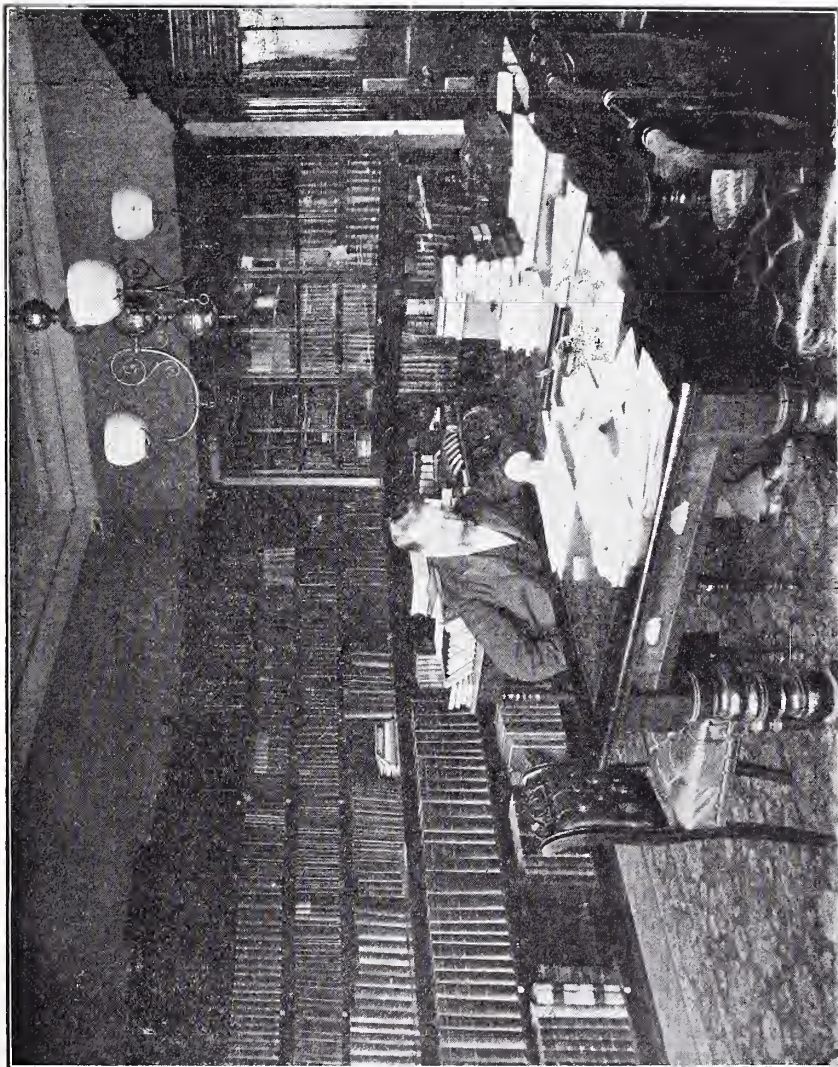
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NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - EDWARD FOSKETT, F.R.S.L.

Stock of Books	64,778	Number of Branches	5
Daily Average Issue, 2,627. Books issued 1898-9, 649,098		Date when Founded	First Library opened 1890
Population	275,000		

Other particulars of note :— Special collections of London books, local topography, Shakespeariana, biographical literature; and an unique collection of pictures, curios, and books relating to the late Sir Richard Burton. There are periodical exhibitions and talks on special books; also lectures by the Librarian to his readers.

CAMBERWELL PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.



CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S ROOM, CENTRAL LIBRARY.

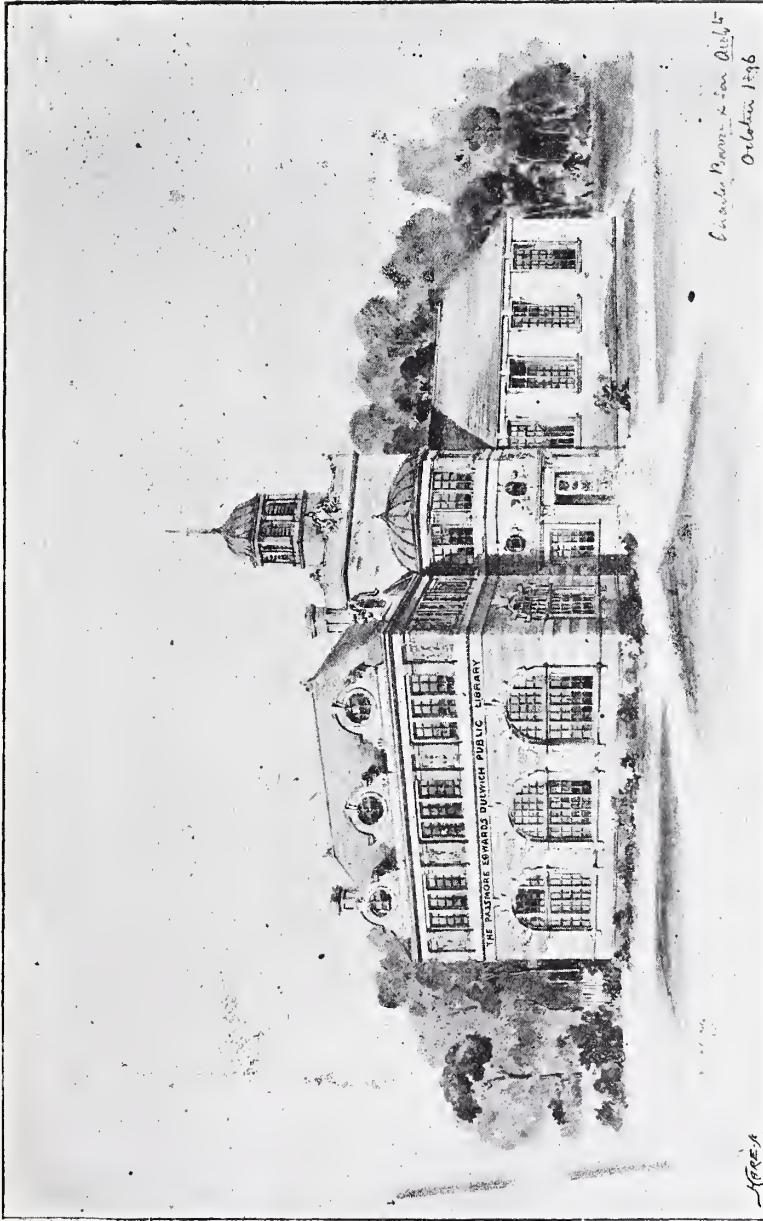
CAMBERWELL, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.



FRONT OF MAIN CORRIDOR, CENTRAL LIBRARY.

CAMBERWELL PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.
 PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, DULWICH.

Architects: MESSRS. CHARLES BARRY & SON.

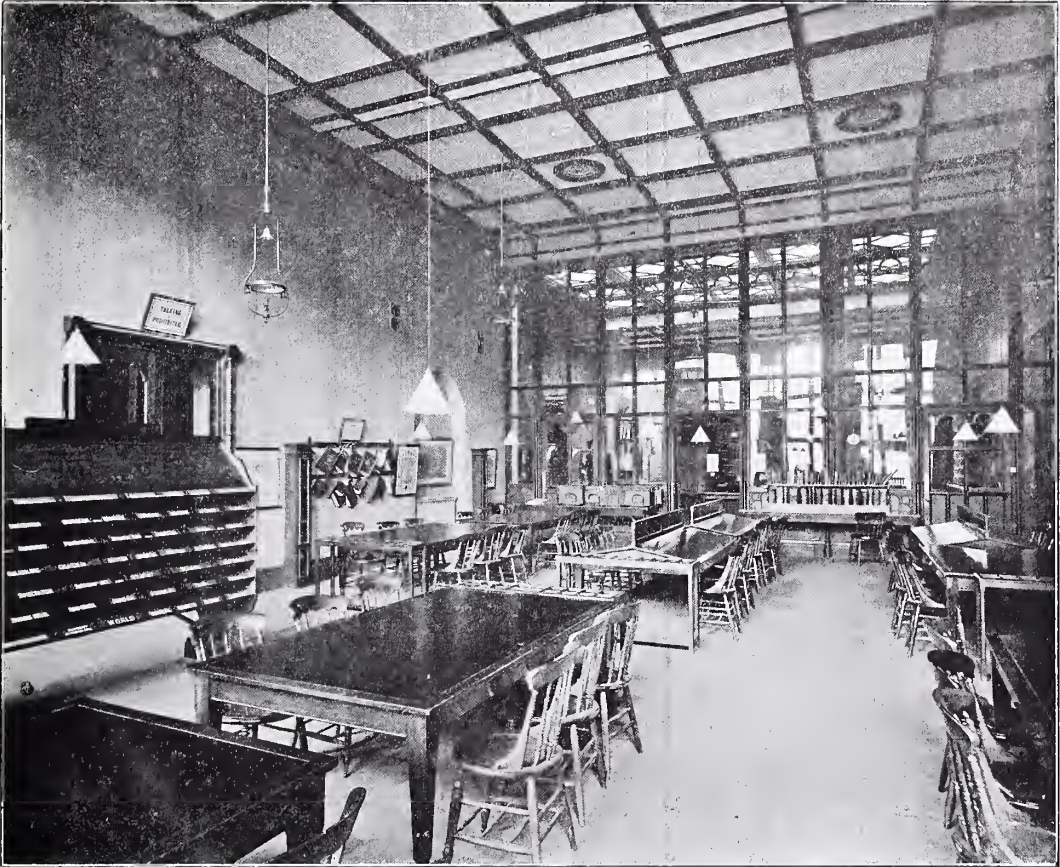


The Foundation Stone of this building was laid by Sir Henry Irving.

The popularity of the Libraries established in the extensive borough of Camberwell has been unmistakably manifested since the opening of the first temporary Library in 1800. With the exception of the Central Library, the buildings have been mainly erected at the cost of generous donors. Mr. George Livesey gave the first, and Mr. William Minet the second building. Mr. Passmore Edwards has generously given two Libraries and a Technical Institute, representing donations to the amount of £15,500. Mr. Edward Foskett, F.R.S.L., Chief Librarian, has organized all the Libraries. Last year they were visited by over 2,500,000 persons.

READING PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GENERAL READING ROOM.



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The Library Authority and the School Board have just agreed to a scheme for providing small Circulating Libraries at the various Board Schools. These are to be worked as part of the Juvenile Department of the Public Library.

Persons neither ratepayers or residents of Reading may borrow books by an annual subscription of 2s. 6d.

The Reference Library contains a large collection of local books, pamphlets, manuscripts, prints and other matter relating to the district.

The Museum contains the noted Romano-British relics discovered at Silchester, and the Art Gallery contains a good collection of water and oil paintings.

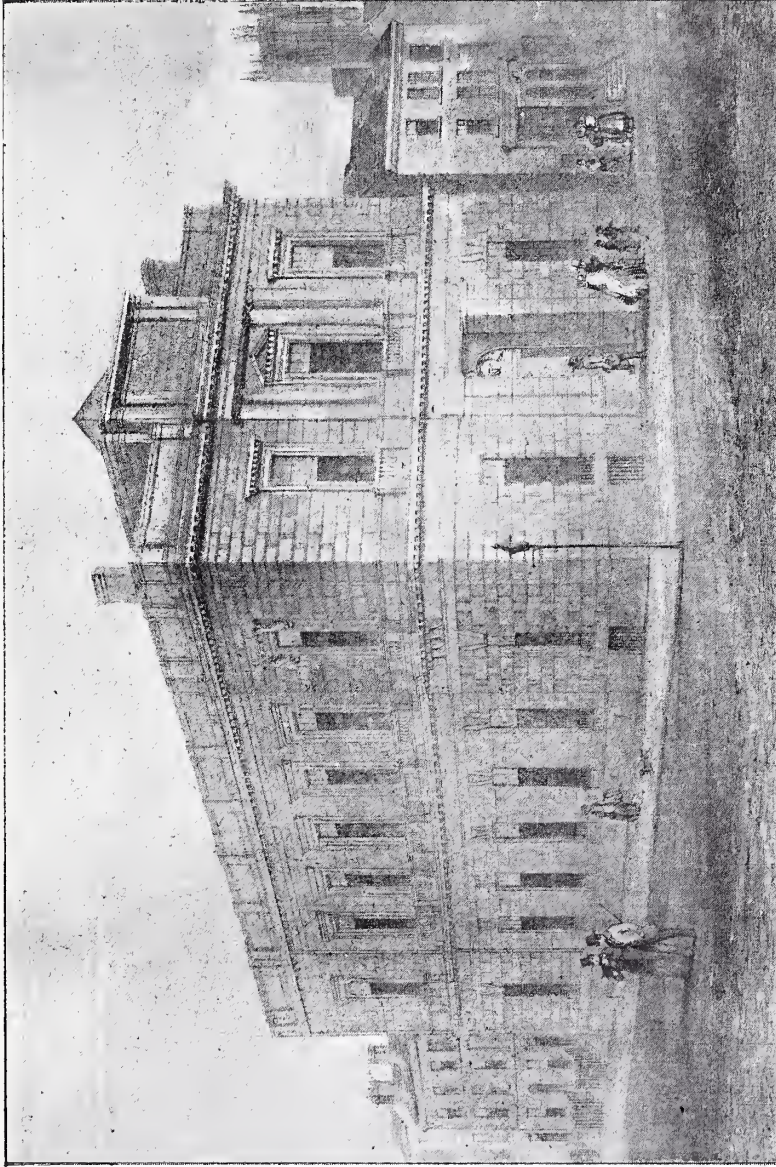
READING PUBLIC LIBRARY.



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LENDING LIBRARY WITH ISSUE COUNTERS.

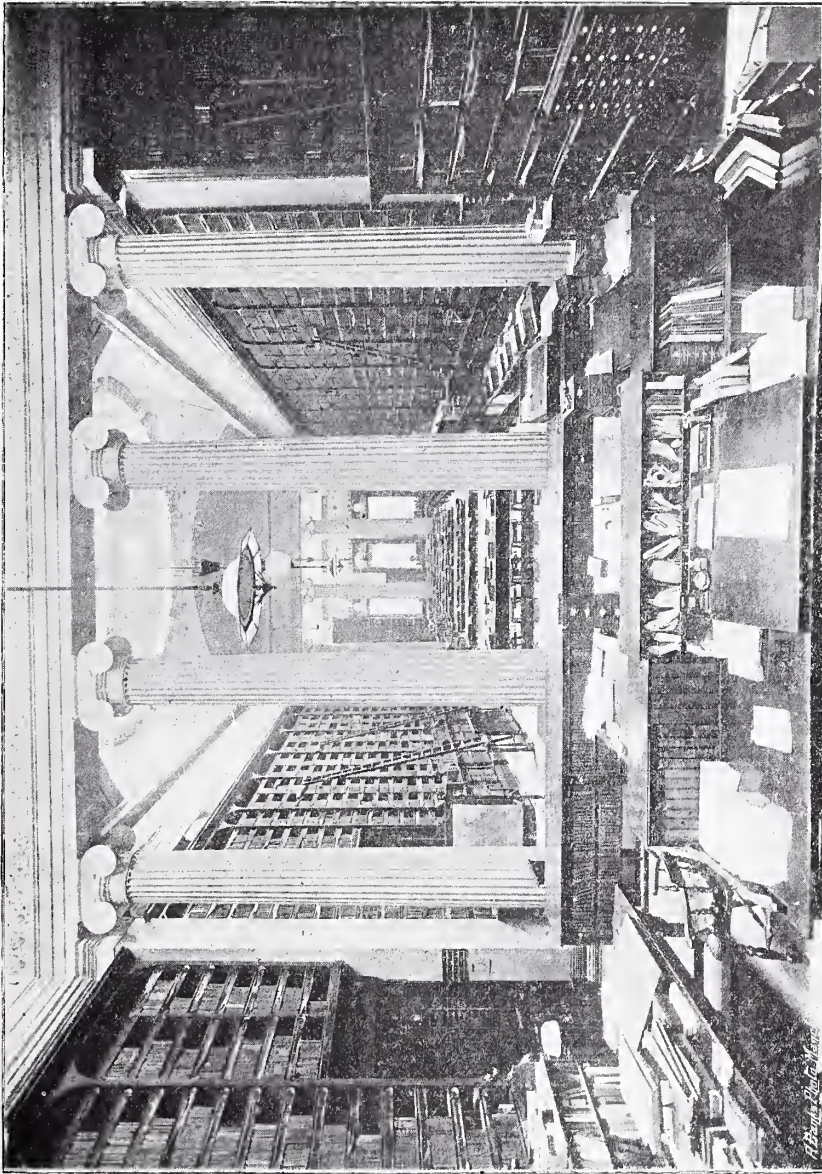
MANCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
OLD CAMPFIELD BUILDING.



This building was one of the first Municipal Libraries in England. Mr. Edward Edwards, of the British Museum, was the first librarian. So much was the library appreciated that the Campfield building was found too small, and by 1866 there were four branches established. The above building was taken down in 1878, the Reference department being then removed to the old Town Hall, and the Lending department placed in a new building in Deansgate.

1878

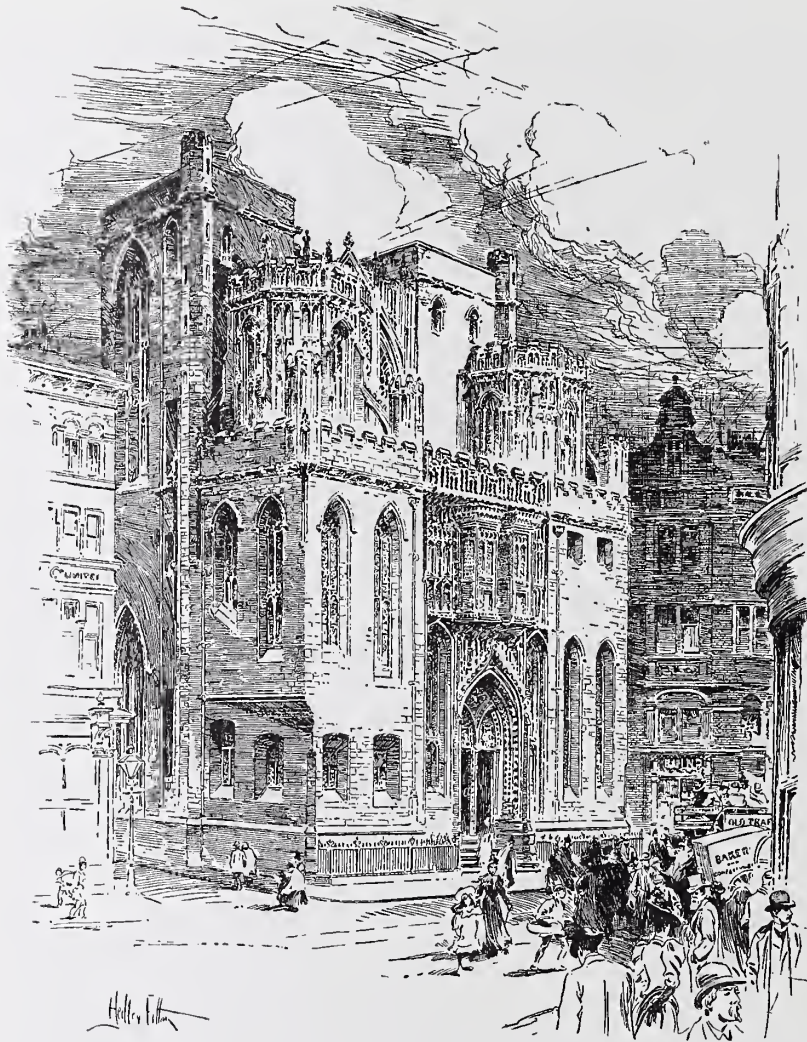
MANCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
INTERIOR OF REFERENCE LIBRARY.



This Library contains special collections of books on cotton trade, English dialects, gipsies, Lancashire, Thomas Fuller, shorthand, folk lore, &c., and is noted for the large number of its branch libraries, and as being one of the most popular in the United Kingdom.

THE JOHN RYLANDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, MANCHESTER.

Architect: BASIL CHAMPNEYS.



NAMES OF JOINT LIBRARIANS - - - - E. GORDON DUFF, M.A., and HENRY GUPPY.

Stock of Books About 70,000 | Date when Founded 6th October, 1899

Other particulars of note:—This magnificent building, said to be the finest specimen of perpendicular gothic architecture in the country, was presented to the City of Manchester by Mrs. Rylands. The Library contains the famous Althorp collection formerly in the possession of the Earls of Spencer, which was acquired for a sum exceeding £250,000. Its distinctive features are the collections of early printed books, numbering upwards of 2,000 works printed before 1501; of the productions of the Aldine Press, numbering upwards of 800 works; of early editions of the classics; and of Bibles in all languages, in each of which departments it is unrivalled.

BROMLEY (KENT) PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND SCHOOL, OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Architect: A. W. HENNINGS.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - JOHN HARRISON.

Stock of Books	..	..	..	..	..	8,000	|	Date when Founded	..	..	..	..	1894
Daily Average Issue	..	..	..	..	..	215	|	Population	..	..	..	(estimated)	30,000

Other particulars of note:—It is hoped that a Museum will be established before long. Grants have been made from the Exchequer Fund for the purchase of technical books. The Library was opened by the Rt. Hon. Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., on the 8th December, 1894.

POOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND SCHOOL, OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Architect : JOHN DOUKIN.



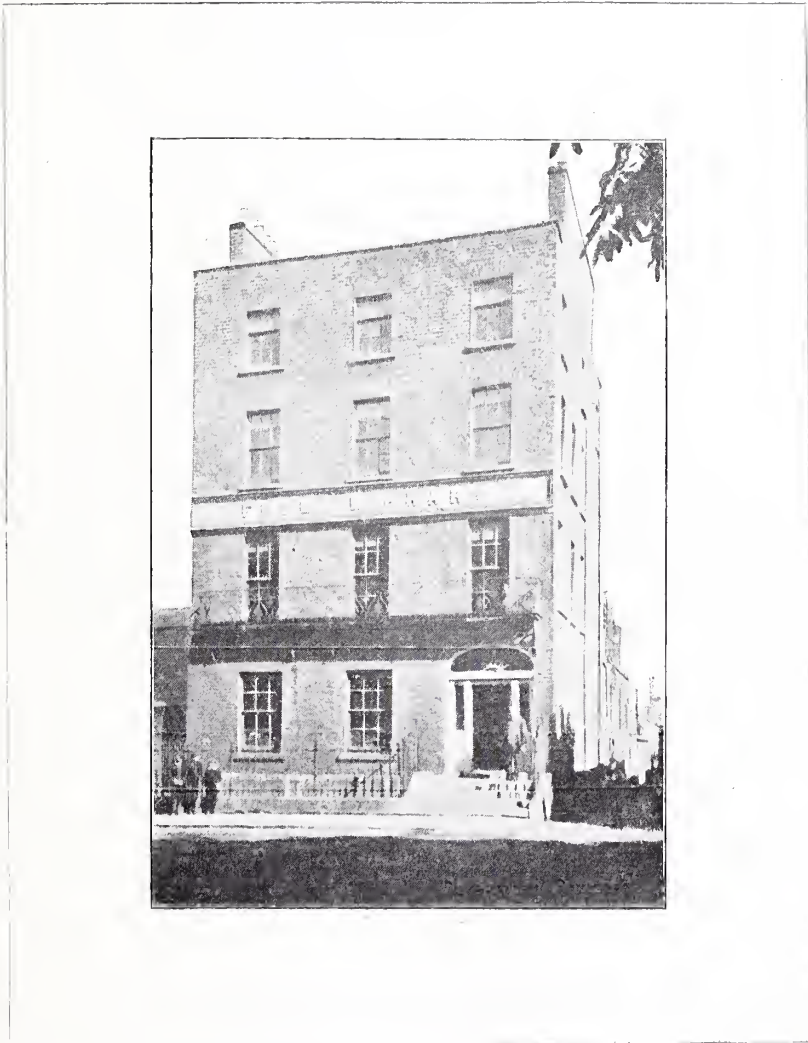
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - E. J. WILKINS.

Stock of Books	8,042	Date when Founded	1886
Daily Average Issue	188	Population	about 20,000

Other particulars of note :—The present Library building, which includes also a well-fitted School of Science and Art, was erected in 1887 as a Jubilee Memorial, and presented to the Borough by Mr. John J. Norton, J.P., who in 1891, completed the block by the erection of a Museum and Gymnasium.

LIMERICK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects: MESSRS. PAYNE BROTHERS.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - JOHN HOGAN.

Stock of Books	5,000	Date when Founded	1893
Daily Average Issue	90	Population	37,000

Other particulars of note:—The Library, illustrated above, was built as a private residence, between seventy and eighty years ago. It is inadequate for the purposes of the town, and the Committee see the necessity of procuring, if possible, a more suitable place in the near future.

YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: W. G. PENTY, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - ARTHUR H. FURNISH.

Stock of Books	20,000	Date when Founded	Acts adopted 1891
Daily Average Issue	500	Population	70,000

Other particulars of note:—Technical Instruction Acts adopted. The Foundation Stone of the Institute was laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales in 1883, and the building was acquired by the Corporation for a Public Library in 1891, being formally opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York in 1893.

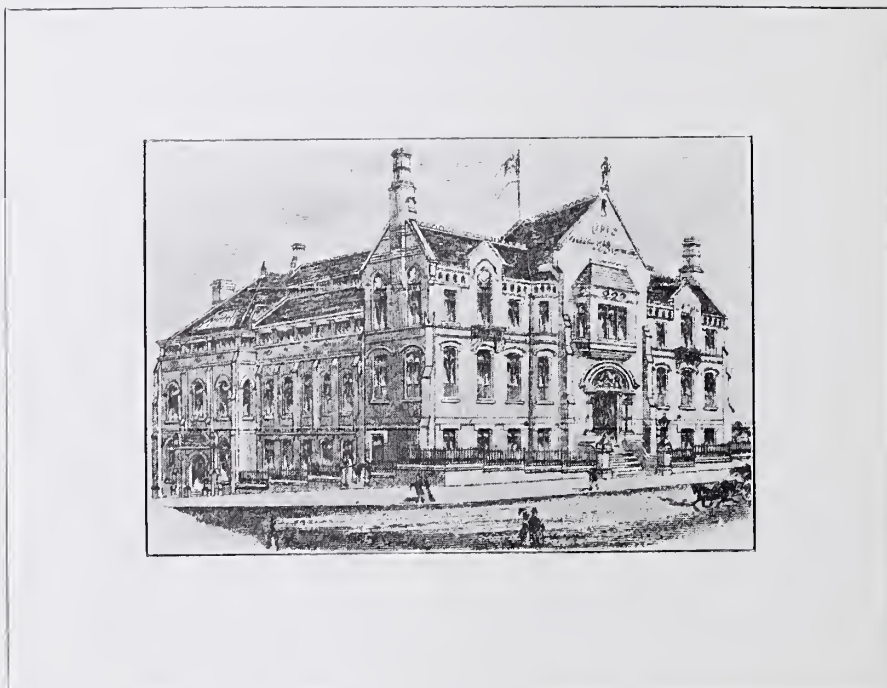
Architect: SAMUEL JOHNSON.
REFERENCE LIBRARY ROOM.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN	JOHN ELLIOT.
Stock of Books	Lending 29,426; Reference 7,721
Daily Average Issue	300
Other particulars of note	There is a small Museum. Reading Rooms: 80 newspapers, 275 magazines and periodicals; Ladies' Tables: 3 newspapers, 32 magazines, &c. Libraries: 33,933 borrowers during past thirty years. 1213 Students in 65 classes in Science, Technical and Commercial subjects. Lectures or Concerts given weekly, from September to April, to 500 persons. A new library, designed by H. T. Hare, F.R.I.B.A., is now in course of erection.
Date when Founded	Sept. 30th, 1869
Population	94,000

OLDHAM CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND ART GALLERY.

Architect: THOMAS MITCHELL, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - ROBERT BATEMAN.

Stock of Books	58,000	Number of Branches ..	1 and 8 Delivery Stations
Daily Average Issue	570	Date when Founded ..	Central, 1885; Branch, 1884
Population	150,000		

Other particulars of note:—Art Exhibitions, Free Lectures, Permanent Art Galleries, and a Museum are provided. The Library contains a Ladies' Room, and collections of local books and Shakespeariana.

WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND ART GALLERY.
(VICTORIA INSTITUTE).

Architects: MESSRS. SIMPSON AND ALLEN.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - THOS. DUCKWORTH.

Stock of Books	32,000	Date when Founded	Acts adopted 1879
Daily Average Issue	480	Population	45,000

Other particulars of note:—The Foundation Stone was laid by H.R.H. the Duke of York, K.G., in 1896. The Library contains special collections of Worcestershire books and works of Natural History. The Museum contains a splendid collection illustrating the Antiquities and Natural History of the County, and is visited on an average by 120,000 yearly. Since the Opening of the Art Galleries in 1896, five special collections of high-class pictures have been provided by the Committee.

KENDAL PUBLIC LIBRARY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - JOHN W. SINGLETON.

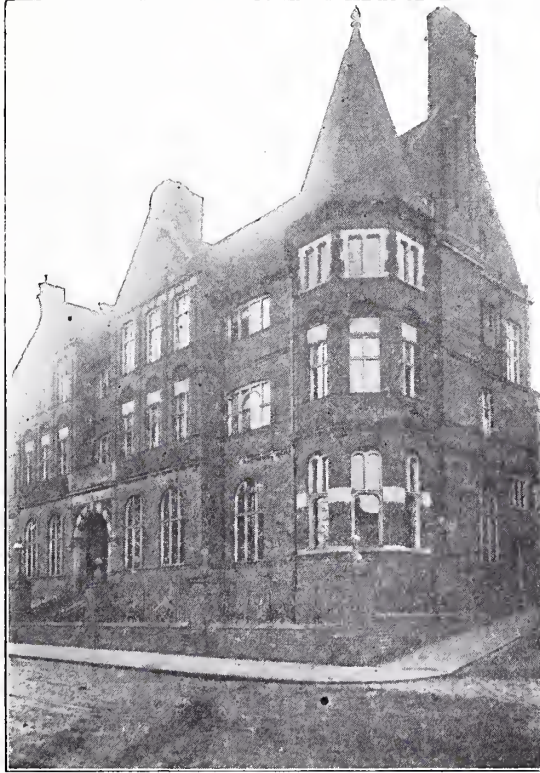
Stock of Books	10,246	|	Date when Founded	1892
Daily Average Issue	209	|	Population	(estimated) 14,916

Other particulars of note :—The Library contains a local collection.

BATTERSEA PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Architect: E. W. MOUNTFORD, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - LAWRENCE INKSTER.

Stock of Books	42,775	Number of Branches	2
Daily Average Issue	944	Date when Founded	1887

Population (1896) 165,115.

Other particulars of note:—The Libraries contain special collections of local and other London books.

WHITECHAPEL PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND MUSEUM, LONDON.

Architect: MESSRS. POTTS & HENNINGS.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN- - - - A. CAWTHORNE.

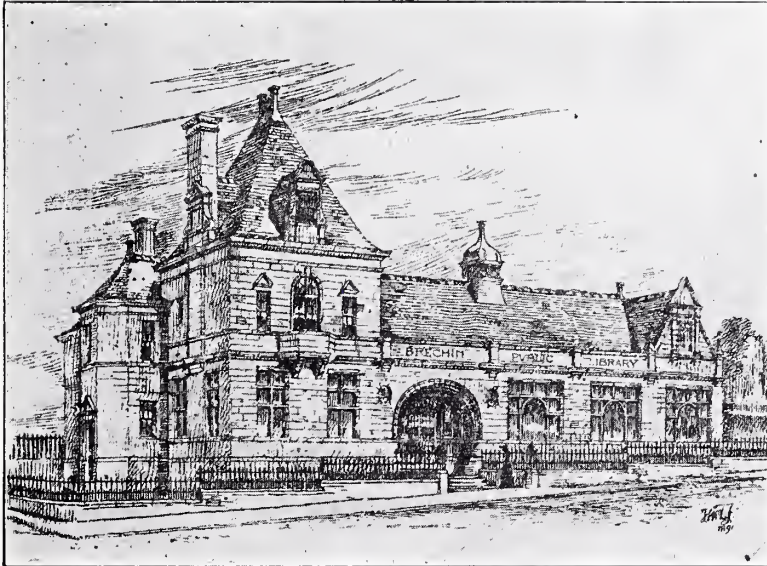
Stock of Books	17,000	Number of Branches ..	Two Delivery Branches
Daily Average Issue ..	Lending, 300; Reference, 100	Date when Founded ..	.. .. . 1892
Population	78,000		

Other particulars of note :—In January, 1899, a “Monthly Chronicle” was established, giving brief notes on new books added to the library. Tickets are issued to students entitling them to have a second book for purposes of special study. Special Juvenile Library and Reading Room, on large scale, provided. Courses of free lectures by eminent scientists, are given during winter months. Mr. Passmore Edwards defrayed the whole cost of building the Library, and has also given further assistance to the Art Gallery. The Library and Museum were opened by Lord Rosebery in 1892.

BRECHIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Architect: J. FAIRLEY.



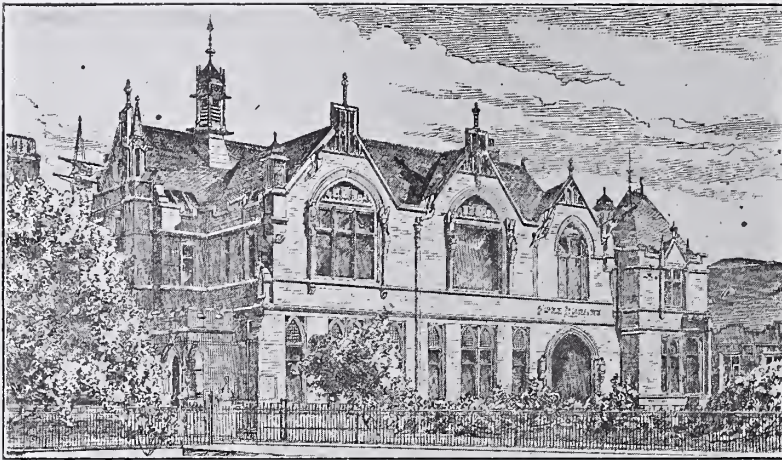
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - J. W. MANNING.

Stock of Books	7,350	Number of Branches	1
Daily Average Issue	About 110	Date when Founded	1891
Population	9040.		

Other particulars of note:—Erected by Anonymous Donor of £5,000. Opened on July 6th, 1893, by Mrs. Vallentine, wife of Provost Vallentine, Brechin. Grants are made from the Exchequer Fund for the purchase of technical books.

DONCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Architect: H. A. CHEERS.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - Miss M. C. SCOTT.

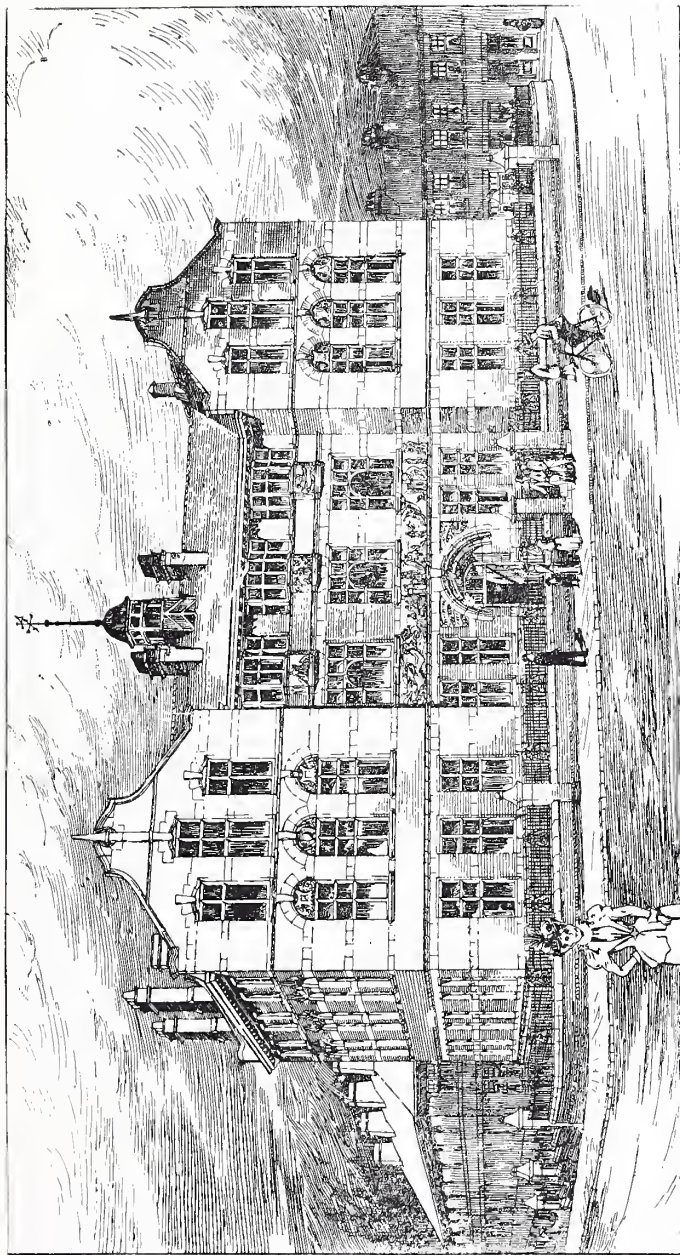
Stock of Books—Lending Department, 15,497; Reference Department, 3,016.	Number of Branches	1 Reading Room
Daily Average Issue 234.	Date when Founded	1869
Population		25,933.

Other particulars of note:—The Library contains a Ladies' Room. The Branch Reading Room is situated in Hyde Park.

LONGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

(SUTHERLAND INSTITUTE.)

Architects: Messrs. Wood & Hutchings, of Tunstall.



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NAME OF LIBRARIAN	HERBERT WALKER.	
Stock of Books	9,000	Date when Founded 1892
Daily Average Issue	150	Population 35,000

Other particulars of note:—The Technical Instruction Acts have been adopted. The new buildings, illustrated above, were erected in 1899, and opened by His Grace the Duke of Sutherland on October 27th, 1899.

CORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND CRAWFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Architect: A. HILL, F.R.I.B.A., &c.



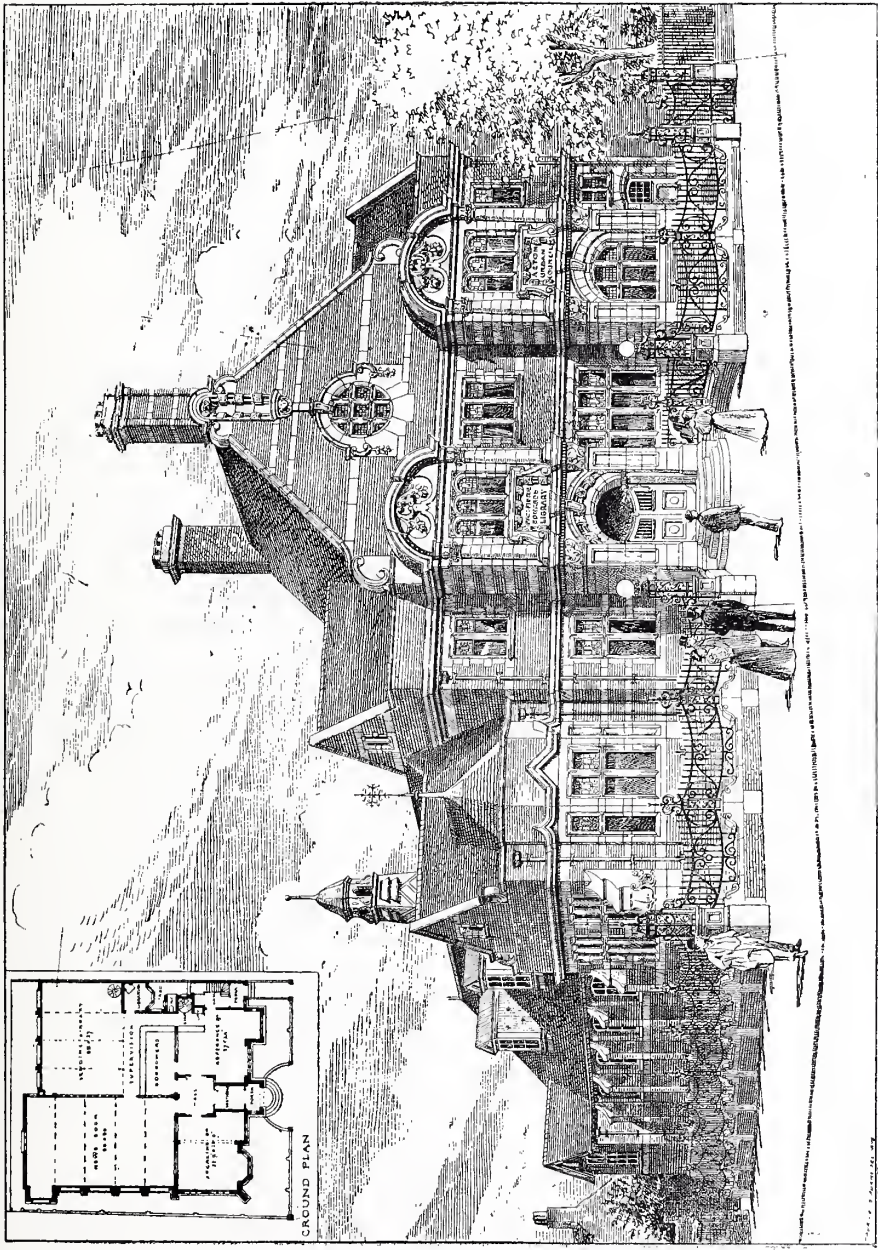
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - JAMES WILKINSON.

Stock of Books	8,650	Date when Founded	1892
Daily Average Issue	286	Population (1891)	75,345

Other particulars of note:—Extra tickets are issued to students. The Public Libraries Act was adopted in 1855, but was not put into operation until 1892, the Reference and Lending Libraries being opened on 1st July, 1893.

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, ACTON.

Architect : MAURICE B. ADAMS, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN	HERBERT A. SHUTTLEWORTH.
Stock of Books	10,000
Daily Average Issue	450
Date when Founded	1898
Population	37,000
Acts adopted 1898	37,000

Other particulars of note :—The Foundation Stone of this Library was laid by Lord George Hamilton, Nov. 2nd, 1898, and opened by His Excellency the Honourable Joseph Hodges Choate, Ambassador of the United States, on Jan. 3rd, 1900. The Library was presented by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, who gave £4,000 towards the cost.

LEEDS CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

Architect : GEORGE CORSON, F.R.I.B.A.



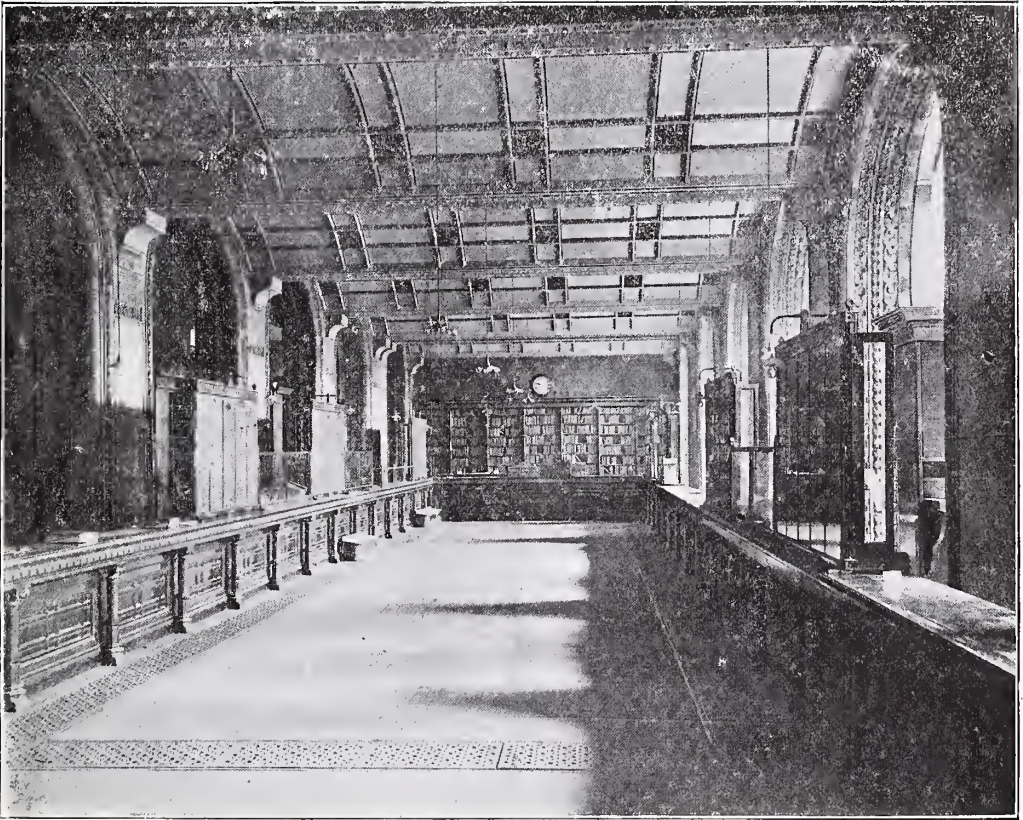
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - THOMAS W. HAND.

Stock of Books	194,177	Number of Branches ..	21, and 37 School Libraries.
Daily Average Issue	4,678	Date when Founded	1870

Population (estimated) 424,000.

Other particulars of note:—The number of persons holding tickets entitling them to borrow books from the Libraries is 28,000. A passenger lift is provided to give easier access to the Reference Library, and has proved a great boon to the public. The Central Library has a Ladies' Reference Reading Room. The Libraries Committee used to provide books for the Libraries in Elementary Board Schools, but had to discontinue them owing to lack of funds. The School Board, however, intend to provide such libraries in future. The Reference Library contains a good collection of books relating to Yorkshire.

LEEDS PUBLIC LIBRARIES.



CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

ST. HELENS CENTRAL, PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL.
(THE GAMBLE INSTITUTE.)

Architects : MESSRS. BRIGGS AND WOLSTENHOLME.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - ALFRED LANCASTER.

Stock of Books	..	..	..	..	..	30,450
Daily Average Issue	..	..	..	..	..	586.3
Number of Branches	..	..	..	..	..	3

Date when Founded : Established in 1871, under the " St. Helens Improvement Act " of 1869, and incorporated with the Library of a Mechanics' Institution, founded in 1854.

Population (1899) 83,000.

Other particulars of note :—Sir David Gamble, Bart., C.B., presented the above building to the town, at a cost, inclusive of site, of nearly £30,000. The Central Library contains a very fine Reading Room, measuring 114 ft. by 32 ft., large Lending and Reference Departments, and Ladies' and Boys' Reading Rooms. The Reference Department contains a special collection of historical and other works relating to Lancashire. Lectures and Book Exhibitions are given during the winter months.

CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AYR.

Architect: MESSRS. CAMPBELL, DOUGLAS, AND MORRISON.

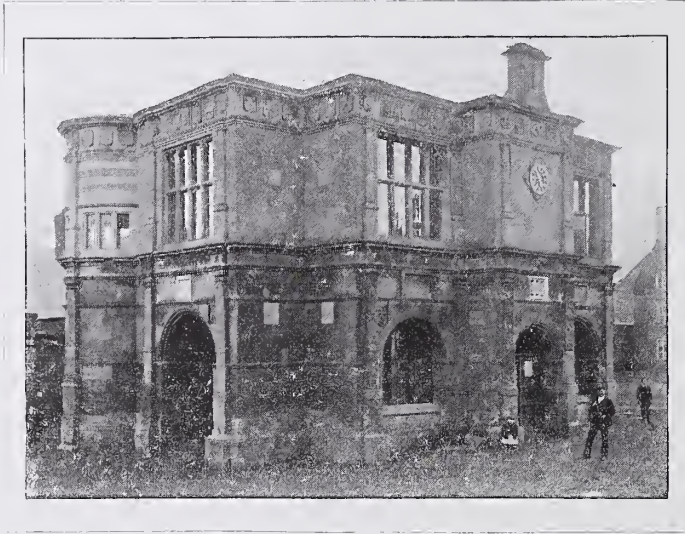


NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - GEORGE B. PHILLIPS.

Stock of Books	..	..	..	..	..	18,058	|	Date when Founded	..	..	..	Opened	1893
Daily Average Issue	324		Population (at last Census)	24,800	

ROTHWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : JOHN THORPE.



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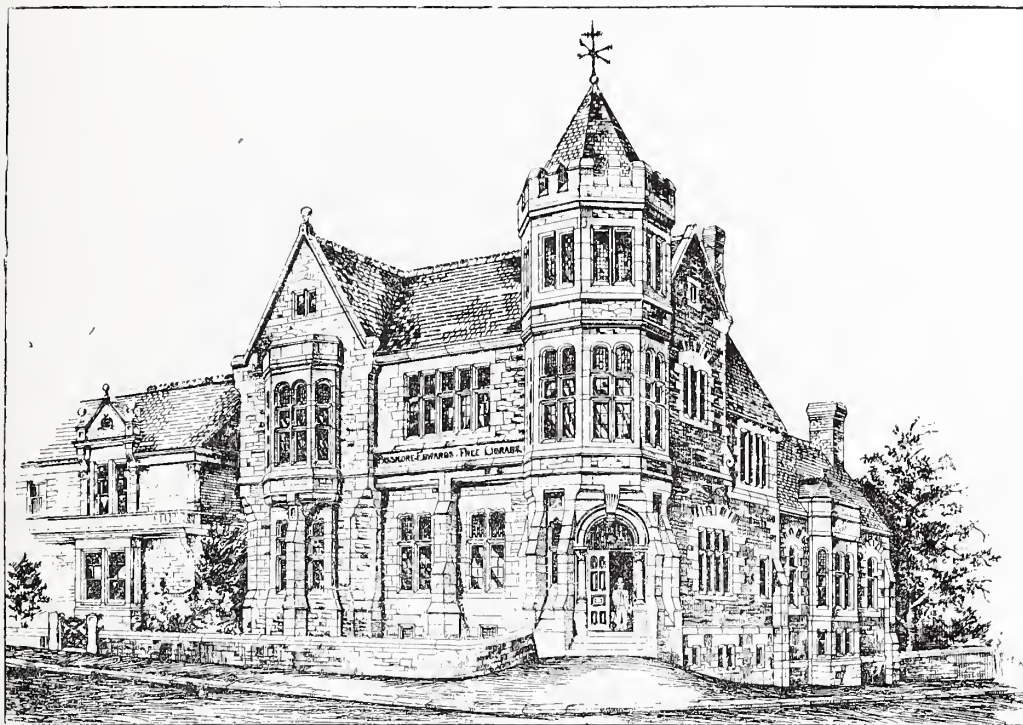
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - MISS E. TEBBUTT.

Stock of Books	2080	Date when Founded	1896
Daily Average Issue	37	Population	4,500

Other particulars of note :—The above is a photograph of the old and historic Market House, designed by John Thorpe, and built by Sir Thomas Tresham, between the years 1575 and 1580. For some reason it was never finished. For three centuries it stood roofless (a play-place for children). In 1895, the Public Libraries Act having been adopted, it was decided to restore and finish the Market House, according to plans drawn up by Messrs. Gotch and Saunders. The lower part is used as Council Chamber and Surveyor's Office, the upper part as Public Library and Reading Room. Opened in March, 1896, it has proved most successful and of great benefit to the town, some 47,000 books having been issued to 500 borrowers.

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, REDRUTH.

Architect: JAMES HICKS.



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NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - WILLIAM G. HALE.

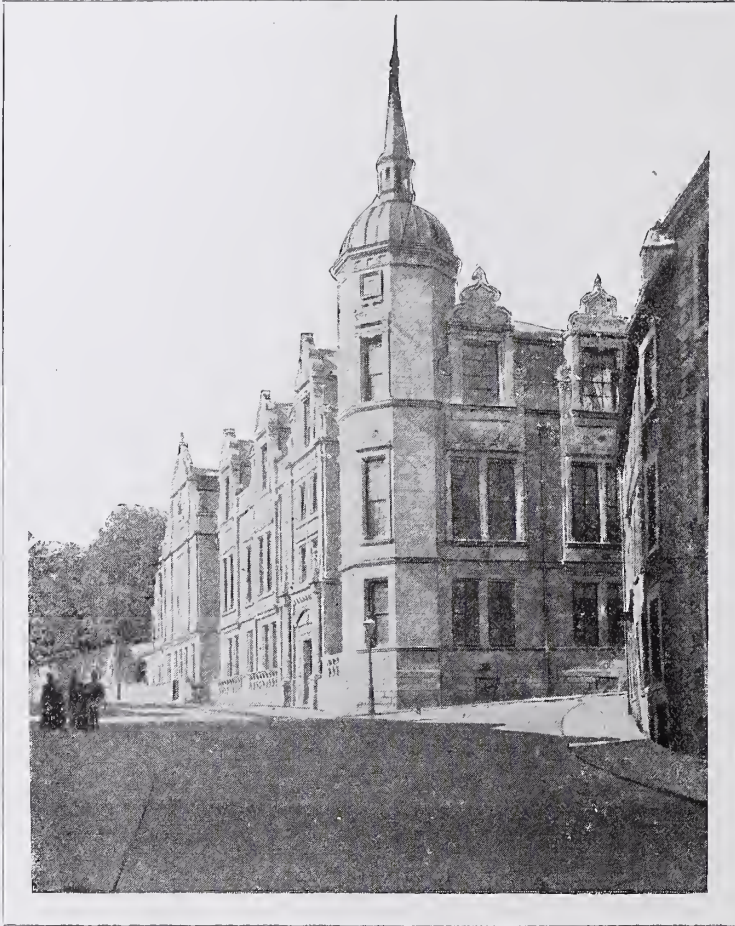
Stock of Books	4,500	Date when Founded	1895
Daily Average Issue	100	Population	10,000

Other particulars of note:—Collections of books, plans, maps, &c., relating to Mining and to the district are being formed, and also a large collection of Parliamentary Publications, now numbering over 1,000 volumes, which will make a useful branch of the Reference Library. Students' duplicate tickets are issued.

LANCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
AND ART.

(STOREY INSTITUTE.)

Architects: MESSRS. PALEY & AUSTIN.

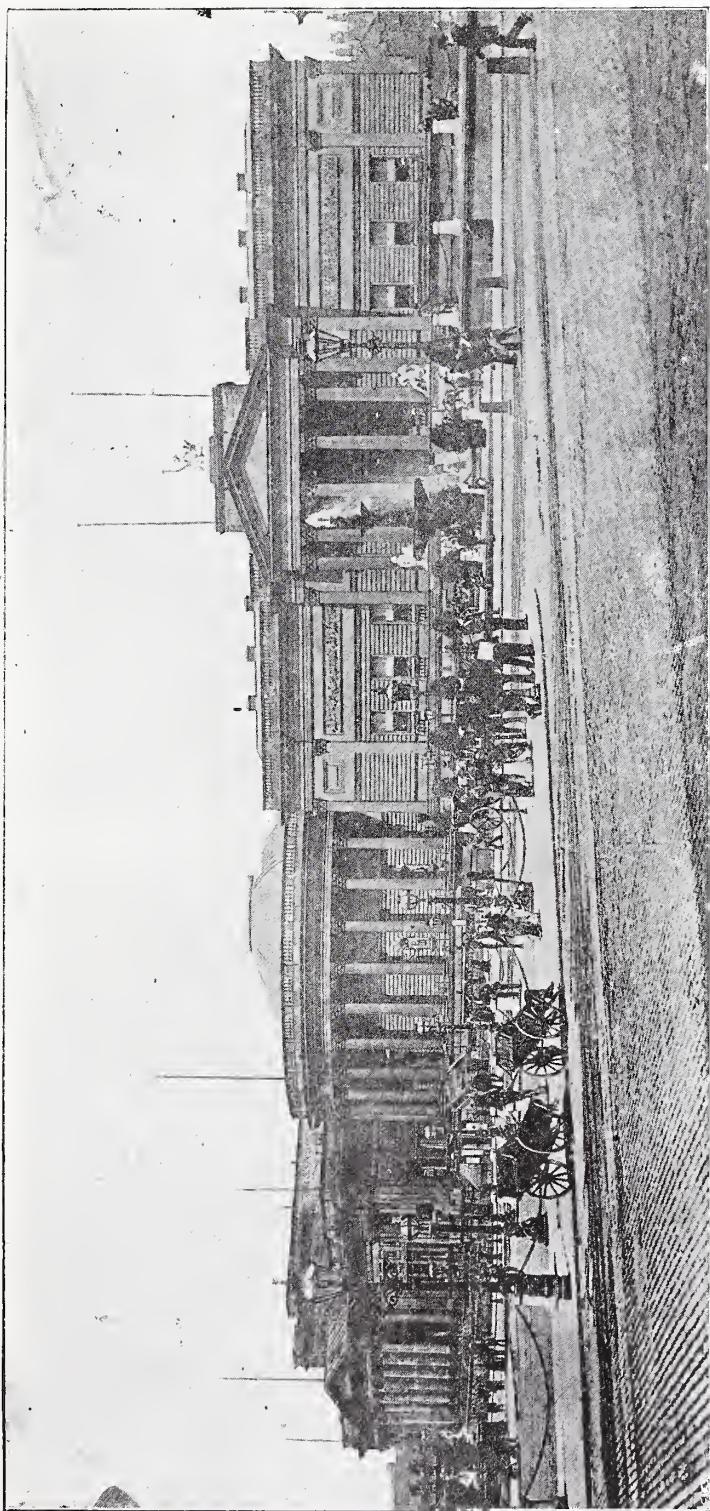


NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - JAS. M. DOWBIGGIN.

Stock of Books	13,426	|	Date when Founded:—Acts adopted, Dec. 1892; Library opened, July, 1893.
Daily Average Issue	323		
Population (1891)	31,038.		

Other particulars of note:—The boundaries of the Town are about to be extended, which will bring up the population (with the estimated increase since last census) to over 40,000.

LIVERPOOL CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND WALKER
ART GALLERY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN		- - - PETER COWELL.	
Stock of Books	{ Reference Library 117,472	} .. 207,383	Number of Branches.—Six Lending Libraries and Three Evening Reading Rooms.
	{ Six Lending Libraries 89,911		
Daily Average Issue	.. .. .	.. 4,857	Date when founded:—Reference Library opened 18th October, 1852.
Population	.. .. .	..	Census, 1891, 517,951; 1898, 668,645.

Other particulars of note:—A collection of books for the blind is kept at the Central Library.

ST. GEORGE, HANOVER SQUARE, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Architect : A. J. BOLTON.



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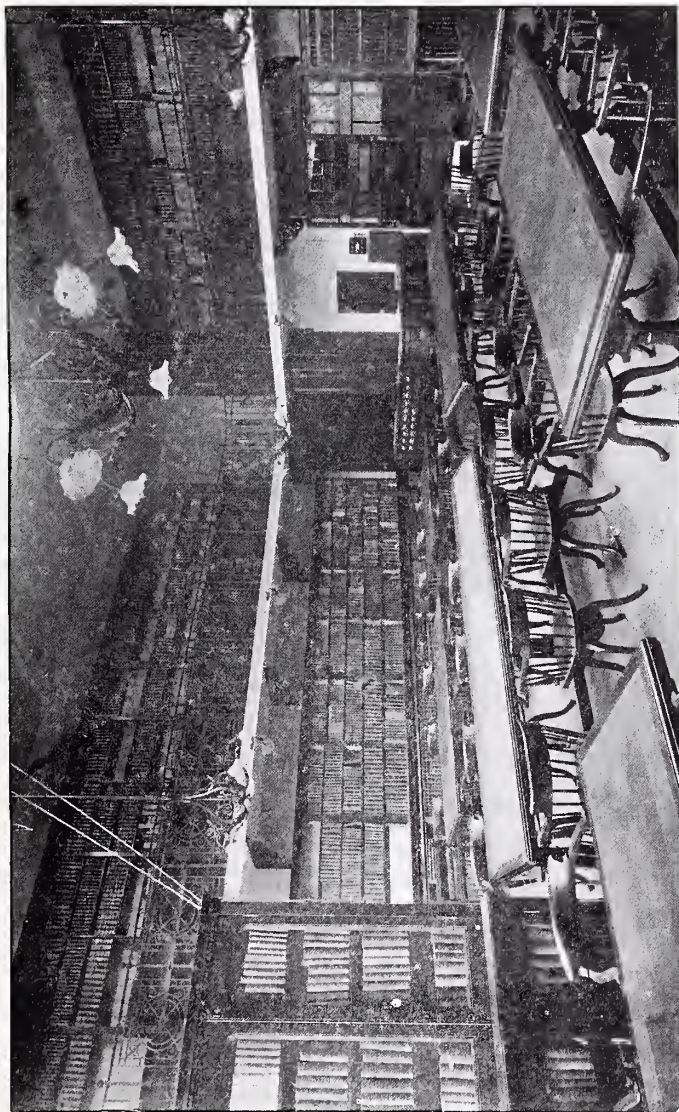
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NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - FRANK PAGY.

Stock of Books	33,000	Number of Branches	1
Daily Average Issue	706	Date when Founded ..	Acts Adopted, June, 1890.
Population	80,000.		

ST. GEORGE, HANOVER SQUARE, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

CENTRAL REFERENCE LIBRARY.



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Other particulars of note :—The Libraries contain Reference and Lending Departments, General Reading Rooms, and separate Magazine and Ladies' Reading Rooms, as well as Children's Lending Libraries. Extra borrowing privileges are allowed on Students' Tickets. The Central Library was opened in July, 1894, and the second Library at South Audley Street in July, 1895.

PUTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architect : F. J. SMITH, F.R.I.B.A.



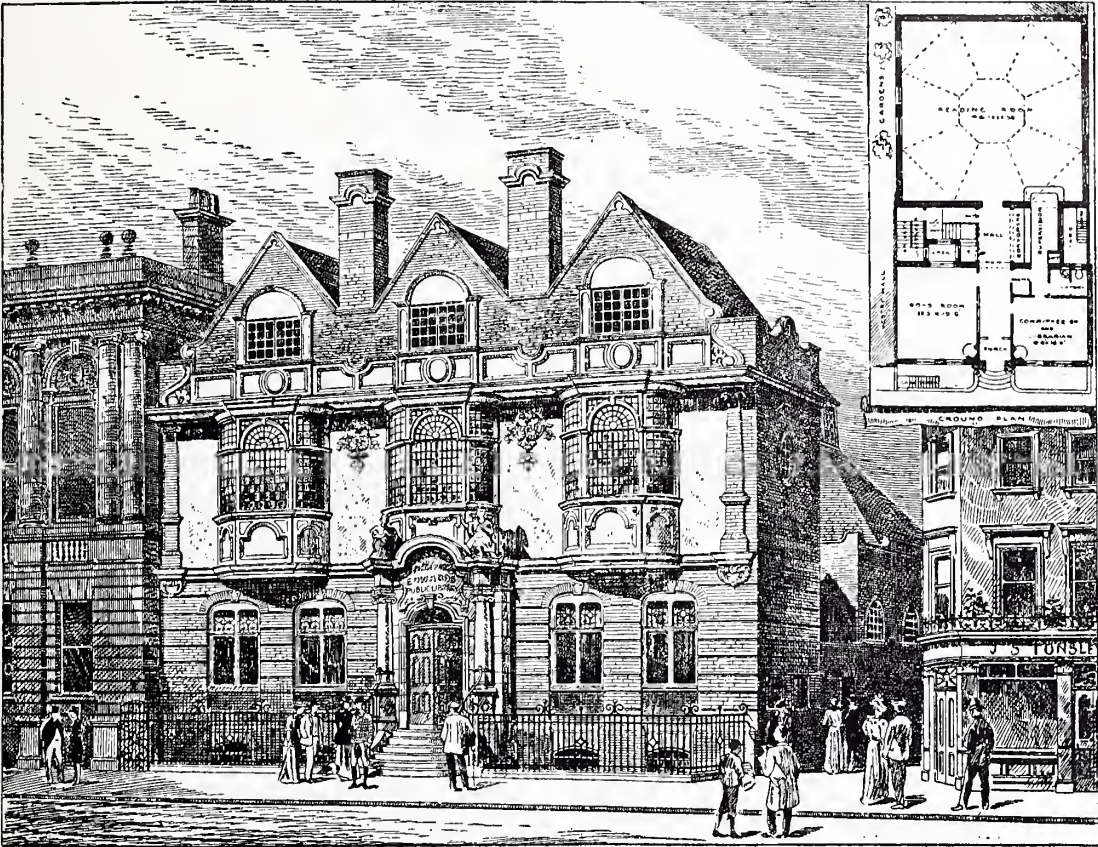
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - C. F. TWENEY.

Stock of Books	8,250	Date when Founded	1887
Daily Average Issue (Lending)	300	Population	23,000

Other particulars of note :—The Library was presented to the people of Putney by Sir George Newnes, Bart., and was opened on May 6th, 1899, by the Lord Chief Justice of England (Lord Russell of Killowen). Views and a collection of works relating to local history are kept. The books in the Reference Library are accessible to the public, and no record is taken of the number consulted. The front portion of the building is simply a residence. The whole of the public rooms are contained in one rectangular structure, the entrance to which is by a corridor 70 feet long, beautifully arched and groined, the walls being spaced for pictures.

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST, LONDON.

Architect: MAURICE B. ADAMS, F.R.I.B.A.



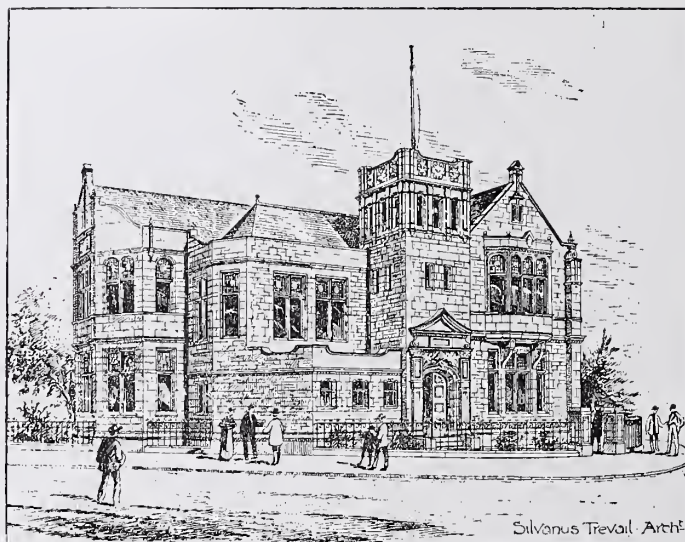
NAME OF LIBRARIAN F. MEADEN ROBERTS.

Stock of Books:—Lending, 4,000; Reference, 700; Boys' Room, 335.	Date when Founded:— Acts adopted March, 1896; Library opened October, 1898.
Daily Average Issue:—Lending, 68; Reference, 29; Boys' Room, 53.	Population (1896).. .. . 47,506

Other particulars of note:—£5,000 for building, and 1,000 volumes were received from Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, and other donations amounting to £1,500. Lectures are delivered by the Librarian to boys. The Lending Library books are placed on shelves in Reading Room, guarded by locked iron grilles. Any book, including fiction, is available for reading in Reading Room. The Reference Library is not yet opened. The Library was opened on October 29th, 1898, by the Lord Chief Justice of England (Lord Russell of Killowen.)

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, CAMBORNE.

Architect: SILVANUS TREVAIL, F.R.I.B.A.



From Greenwood's Library Year Book, 1897.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - J. LAITY.

Stock of Books	5,600	Date when Founded	1894
Daily Average Issue	200	Population	15,000

Other particulars of note :—The Library building was presented by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, and opened on May 3rd, 1895, by his son, Mr. H. Passmore Edwards.

ASTON MANOR PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND COUNCIL HOUSE.

Architect: W. HENMAN, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN ROBERT K. DENT.

Stock of Books .. Reference 7,750; Lending 10,000
 Daily Average Issue .. Reference, 40; Lending, 258
 Number of Branches .. One Branch Reading Room.

Date when Founded:—Act adopted May, 1877; Open
 (Temporary Library), February, 1878; Permanent
 Building Opened January, 1882.
 Population 79,698

Other particulars of note:—Fortnightly Free Lectures, from October to March, were instituted in 1883. The Library contains special collections of Aston, Birmingham, and Warwickshire books.

MILLOM PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect:—LILYWHITE.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S ROOM.



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LENDING LIBRARY.

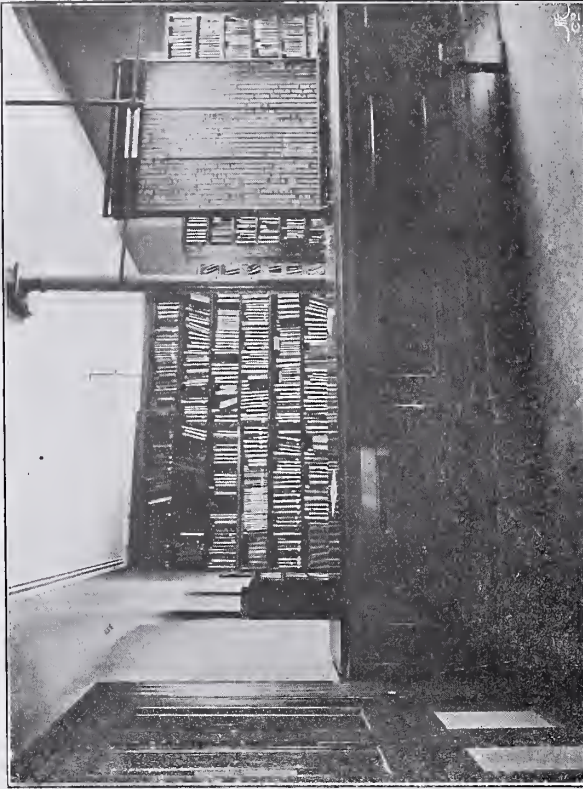


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NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - ALFRED J. HUTCHINSON.

Stock of Books	7,500	Number of Branches	1
Daily Average Issue	180	Date when Founded .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1887
Population .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	11,000.

Other particulars of note:—Duplicate Tickets are issued to Students, allowing them to have a second non-fiction book. A Quarterly Journal, devoted to the Library and Literature, is published. Children attending Board Schools are admitted as borrowers to the Juvenile Library, on presenting a note from the head-teacher. A collection of works relating to local history and topography is being formed.

LEIGH PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Architects: J. C. PRESTWICH and J. H. STEPHEN.



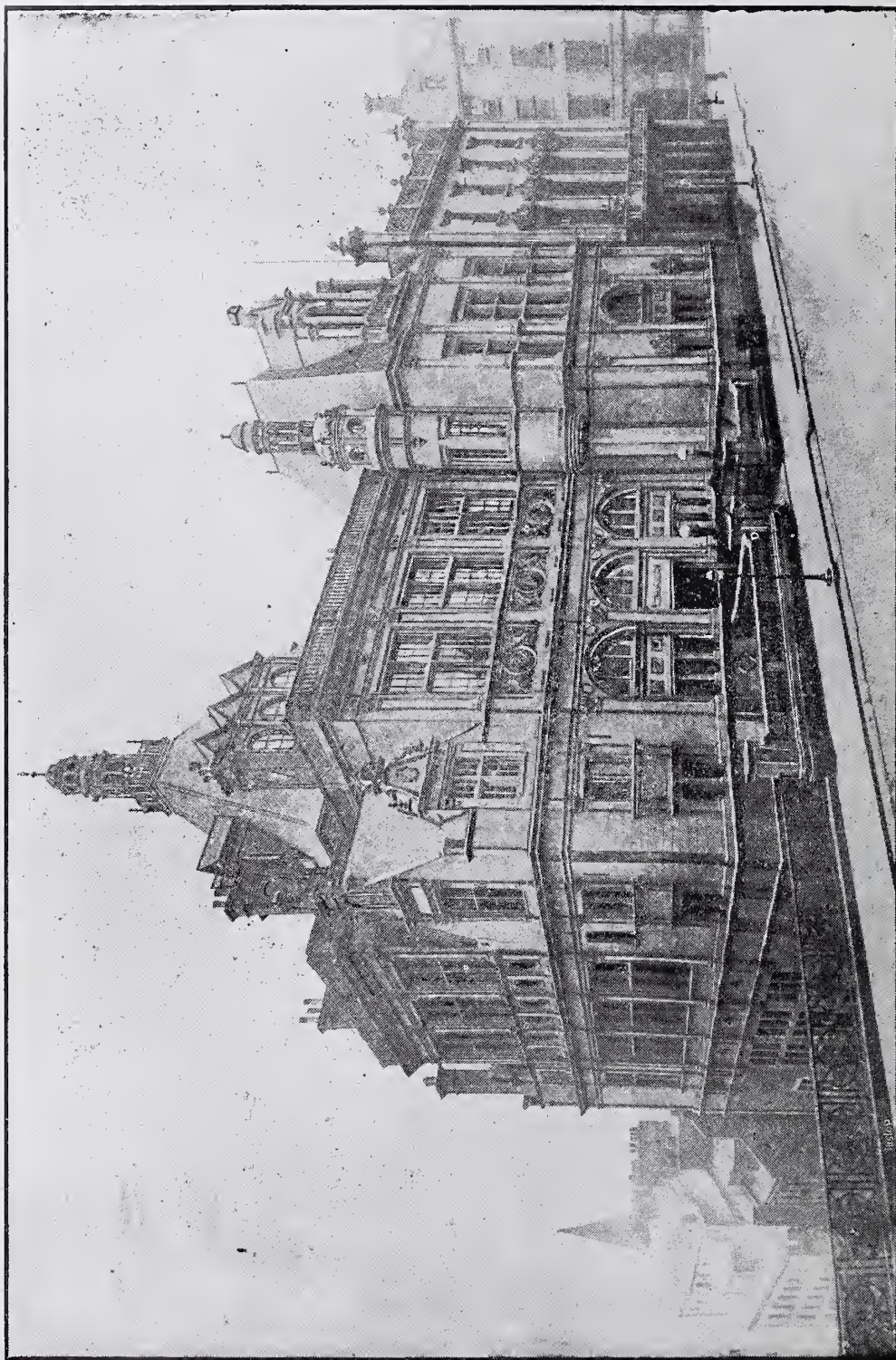
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - JAMES WARD, B.A.

Stock of Books	7,000	Date when Founded ..	1894.	Acts adopted 1892.
Daily Average Issue	140	Population .. .. .	.. .. .	40,000

Other particulars of note:—The Foundation Stone of the above building was laid by the Hon. John Powys, September 10th, 1892, and the Library and School were opened by Lord Derby, September 26th, 1894. The Library contains a local collection of books.

EDINBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Architect: G. WASHINGTON BROWNE.



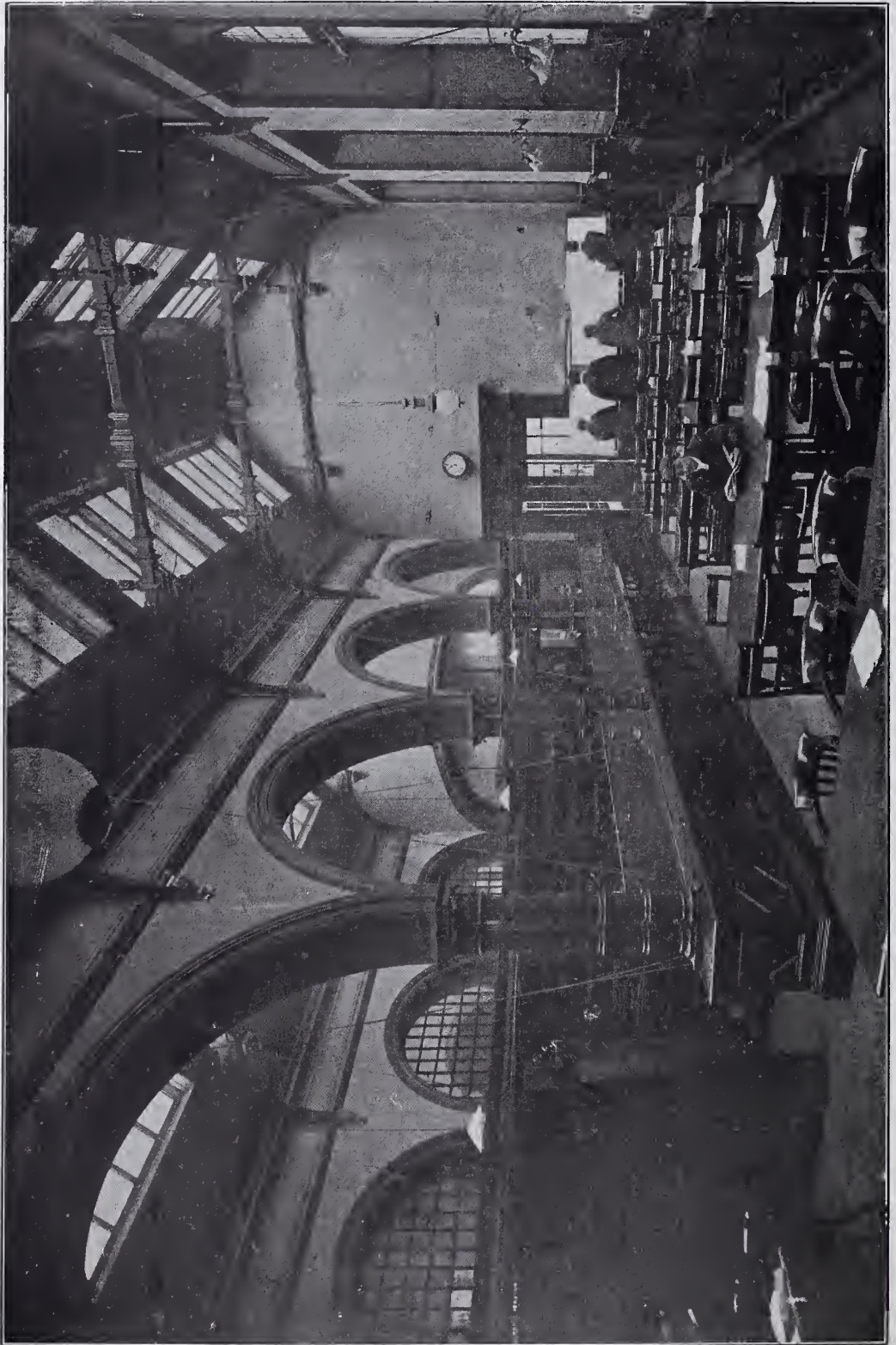
Stock of Books	Daily Average Issue	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	HEW MORRISON.	
			Number of Branches	Population
115,220	2,150	.. ..	3	.. ..
		.. ..	Date when Founded	Feb., 1887

EDINBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.



The Central Library cost £50,000, which sum was presented to the City of Edinburgh by Mr. Andrew Carnegie. The Libraries contain special juvenile libraries and local collections.

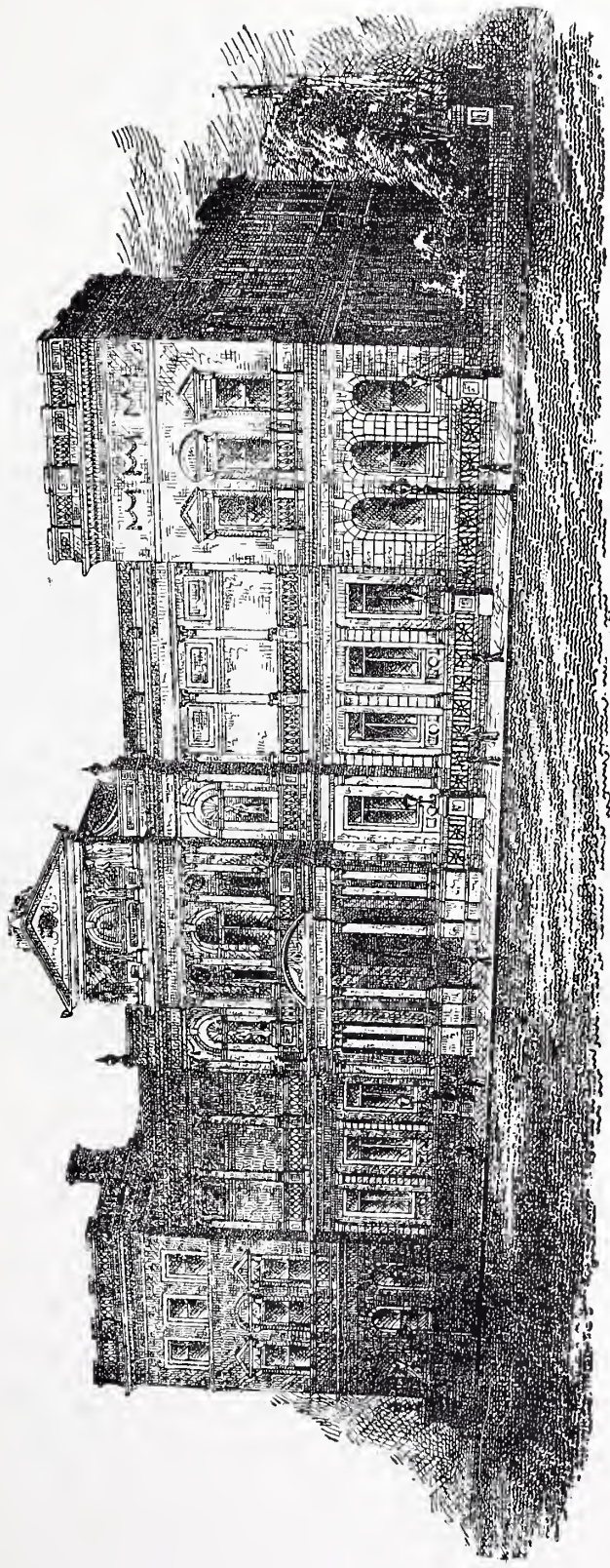
EDINBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARIES.



WEST BRANCH LIBRARY.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Architect: ALFRED M. FOWLER.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN	BASIL ANDERTON, B.A. (Lord.)
Stock of Books	168,000
Daily Average Issue	(recorded) 1,942
Population	223,000.
Number of Branches	2
Date when Founded	1880

Other particulars of note:—The Technical Instruction Acts have been adopted, and grants have been received from the excise duties. The Library has a local collection, and a Juvenile Library. The buildings for the Branch Libraries were given by Alderman W. H. Stephenson, J.P.

STANLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, KING'S LYNN.

Architects: MESSRS. ADAMS & SONS.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - THOS. E. MAW.

Stock of Books	10,000	Date when Founded	1899
Daily Average Issue	70	Population	20,000

Other particulars of note:—Two or three Libraries amalgamated, and the Earl of Derby presented the building to the town. The Library, which was afterwards known as the Stanley Library, was handed over to the town when the Public Libraries Act was adopted in 1899. The Library formerly housed in the parish church (2,000 vols.) is now part of the Reference Library.

WEDNESBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: CHARLES NEWMAN.



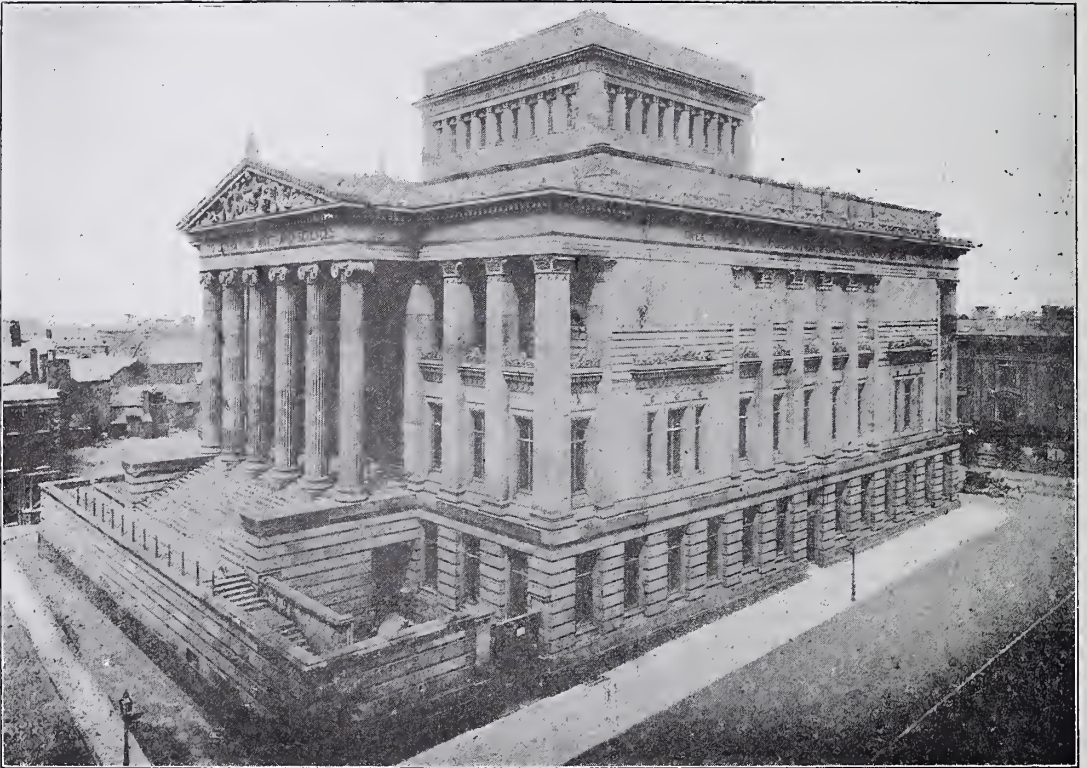
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - THOMAS S. STANLEY.

Stock of Books	11,300	|	Date when founded ..	Library opened 20th March, 1878
Daily Average Issue	254	|	Population	25,311

Other particulars of note:—A guinea subscription Library is worked in connection with the Public Library, and a certain number of works are handed over to the Public Library every year. The Library, as also most of the other local institutions, owes a great deal to the generosity and support of Mr. R. Williams, J.P., its first Chairman.

HARRIS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND MUSEUM, PRESTON.

Architect: JAMES HIBBERT.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN W. S. BRAMWELL.

Stock of Books	50,000 volumes	Date when Founded	1882
Daily Average Issue	400	Population	113,000

Other particulars of note:— See next pages 103-104.

HARRIS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND MUSEUM, PRESTON.

ENTRANCE HALL.



In the year 1878, the Corporation acquired the requisite Acts to form a Library and Museum, and the start was aided by the purchase of the property of the Literary and Philosophical Society, consisting of over four thousand volumes of useful books in various classes of literature, and many objects forming the nucleus of the present Museum.

The Lending Library and News Room were opened for public use on January 1st, 1879, in the large room on the ground floor of the Town Hall.

In 1882, a scheme was formulated whereby funds from the estate of the late Edmund Robert Harris were granted by the trustees for the erection of the Harris Free Public Library and Museum. The foundation stone was laid with Masonic honours during the Guild week of 1882, by the Earl of Lathom. The amount granted was one hundred and five thousand pounds. The Corporation gave the site, worth thirty thousand pounds, and undertook the provision of the Lending Library and News Rooms, and the care, service, and maintenance, in perpetuity, of the building and of the collections contained in it.

The ceremonial opening took place in October, 1893, the Earl of Derby performing that function. The actual opening was on the 1st of January, 1894, since which date the Newsham bequest of Pictures and other Works of Art, the Patents Library, the Shepherd's Library and the Museum have found their home in this Institution.

HARRIS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, PRESTON.

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S ROOM.



Externally the building has frontages North and South, each 170 feet in length, the East and West frontages 130 feet each, the height to portico 80 feet, and to the central lantern 112 feet.

The interior has Basement for Workroom, Museum storage, Heating, Lighting, Ventilating, &c. Ground Floor : Lending Library, Reading Room, News Room, Work Rooms, &c. Principal Floor : Reference Libraries, including Patents, Entrance Hall and Staircase, Museum of Casts and Reproductions from the Antique. Upper Floor : Museum Galleries, Art Galleries, Central Hall and Staircase, &c.

The issue of books for home reading from the Lending Library is about one hundred and twenty thousand volumes annually ; the visits to the Reading Room, News Room, and Museum, are above two thousand daily.

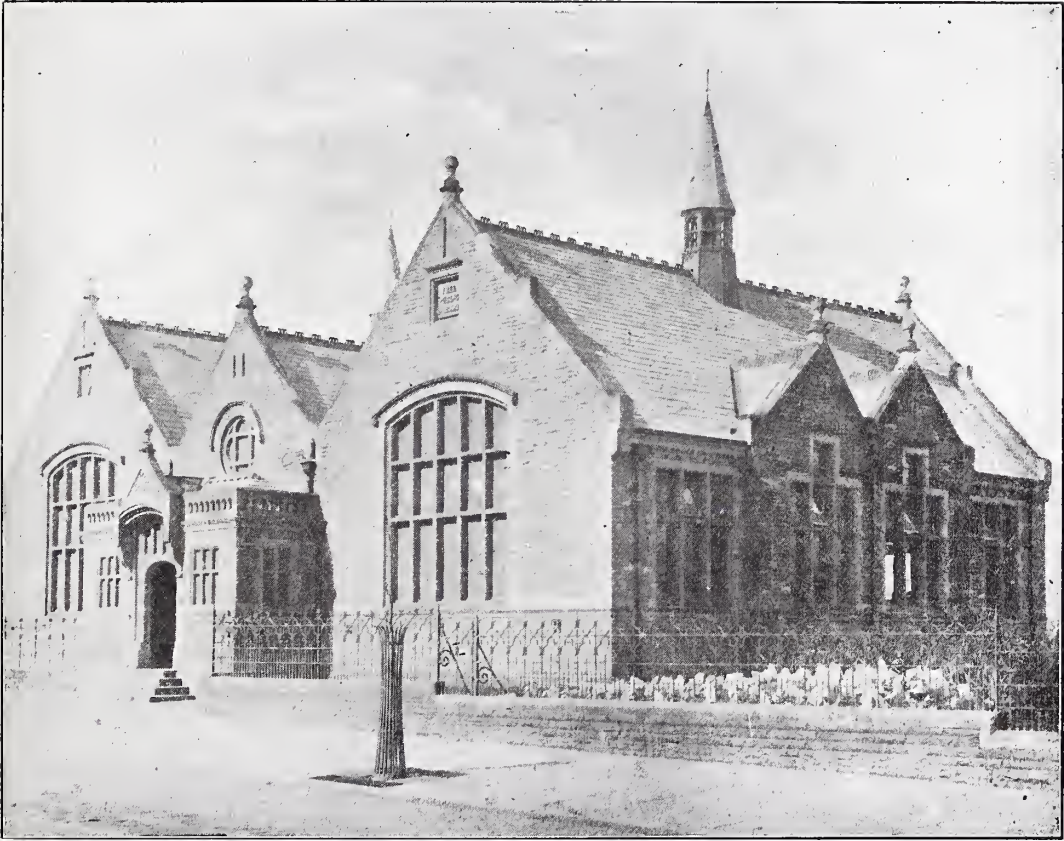
The Lending and Reference Libraries are open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

The News and Reading Rooms are open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and the Museum Galleries from 10 a.m. till dusk.

The Institution has been successful and popular from the commencement, a boon to the town, and appreciated by all.

ROCHDALE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : SAMUEL S. PLATT, M.I.C.E., F.G.S. (Borough Surveyor).



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - GEORGE HANSON.

Stock of Books	52,510	Date when Founded	1872
Daily Average Issue	663	Population	71,401

Other particulars of note:—The Library contains a Ladies' Room, Juvenile Room, and local collections, including an all but complete set of "Tim Bobbin's" works; works on wool, etc.

HARROGATE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : S. STEAD.

NEWSROOM.



Name of Librarian GEO. W. BYERS.

Stock of Books	10,115	Date when Founded	February, 1886
Daily Average Issue	349	Population : Last Census, 13,917 ; estimated now,	22,000.

Other particulars of note :—Special collection of books on medical waters of Harrogate, general Harrogate books, and Harrogate old prints are kept.

MIDDLETON (LANCS.) PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: L. BOOTH, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - MISS M. EDITH HARROP.

Stock of Books ..	Lending 6,117; Reference 667	|	Date when founded	1887
Daily Average Issue	55		Population	26,000

Other particulars of note :—The Library was opened in 1889 by Professor Boyd Dawkins, Victoria University.

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: F. S. BRUNTON.



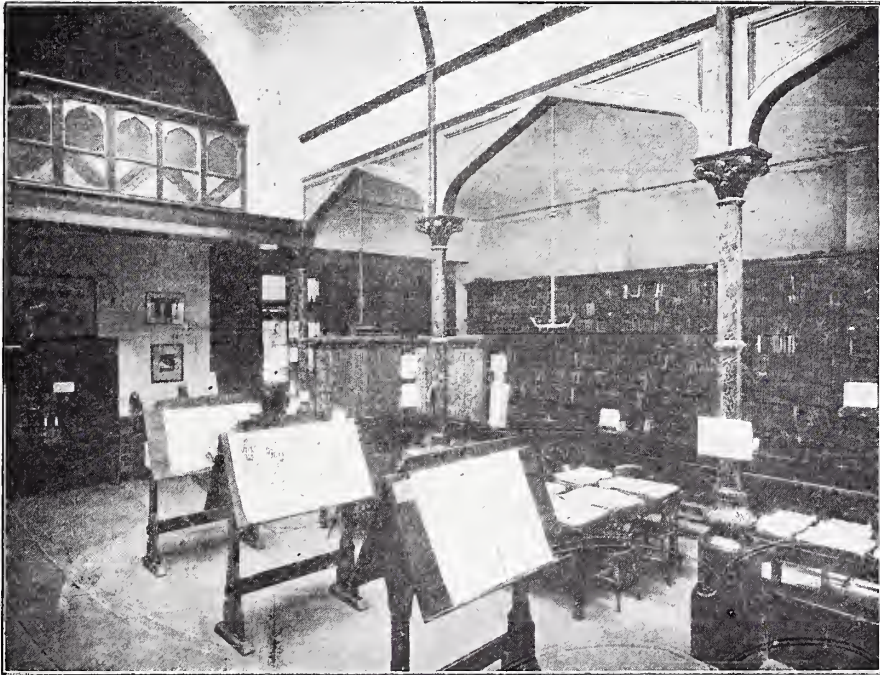
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - ALBERT A. BARKAS.

Stock of Books	25,600	|	Number of Branches: One evening Reading Room at Petersham, open 6 to 9 p.m.; used also as a delivery station for books from Central. It also has a Library of 500 volumes permanently located there.
Daily Average Issue	418		Date when Founded .. .. .	1881
		Population	Estimated at 30,000.

Other particulars of note:—Open on Sundays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., during the months of October to March inclusive. The Library contains a musical department, and a special local collection of books, pictures, portraits, maps, and views, &c. Stock of books when first opened 7,100.

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NEWSROOM AND LENDING LIBRARY.



In connection with the Richmond Public Library, great credit is due to Mr. E. King, the founder and original proprietor of the "Richmond and Twickenham Times," to whose energetic efforts the existence of the Library, and its early success is principally due.

CLITHEROE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND TOWN HALL.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - J. W. HAYHURST.

Stock of Books	.. .. .	7,000	|	Date when Founded	.. .. .	1878
Daily Average Issue	.. . . .	195	|	Population	.. .. .	11,600

Other particulars of note :—The Library is situated on the ground floor of the above building, and is open on three days per week. The income is £130.

ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NEWSROOM.



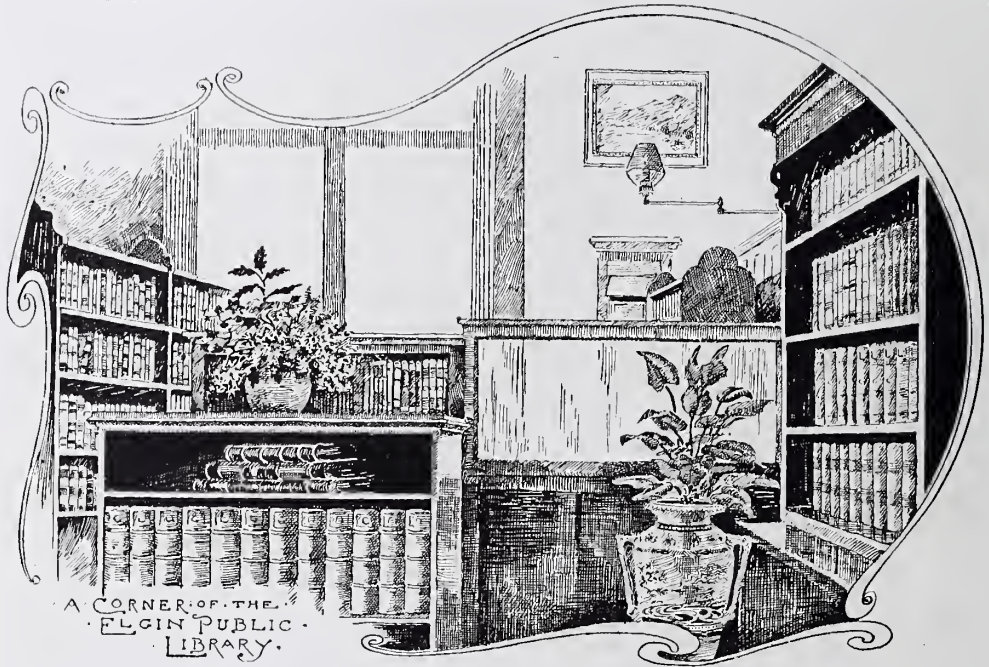
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - MISS ISABELLA MITCHELL.

Stock of Books	6,019	Date when Founded	1891
Daily Average Issue	140	Population (1891)	7,799

Other particulars of note :—See next page.

ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE.

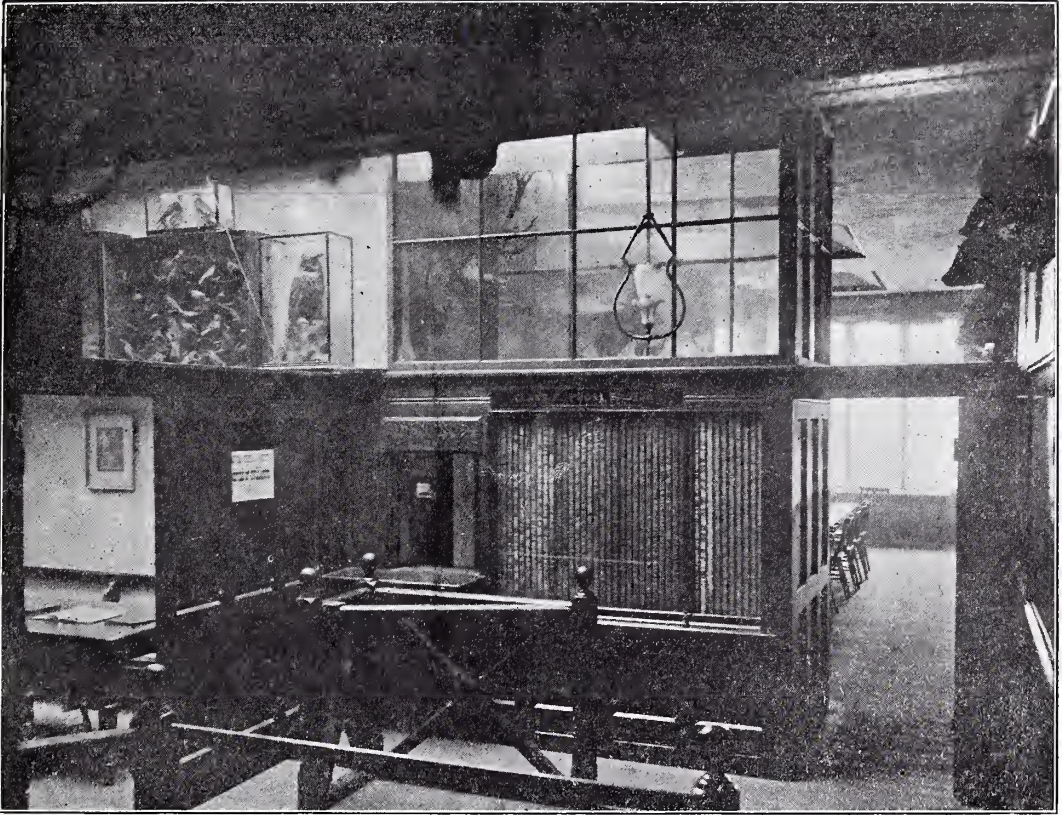


Mr. Andrew Carnegie gave £500 for the purchase of the original stock, 3,456 volumes. About £180 has been raised locally by subscriptions, concerts, and lectures. Lectures were organised for the years 1886-97-98, but they had to be abandoned owing to the meagre attendance. The Town Council gave a grant of £100 in 1898 and in 1899, and gives £10 annually to the Reading Room. A Subscription Library was started in 1896, which contributes about 150 volumes annually. The Library is housed in the Town Hall.

RUNCORN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : JAMES WILDING, M.S.E.

ENTRANCE HALL.



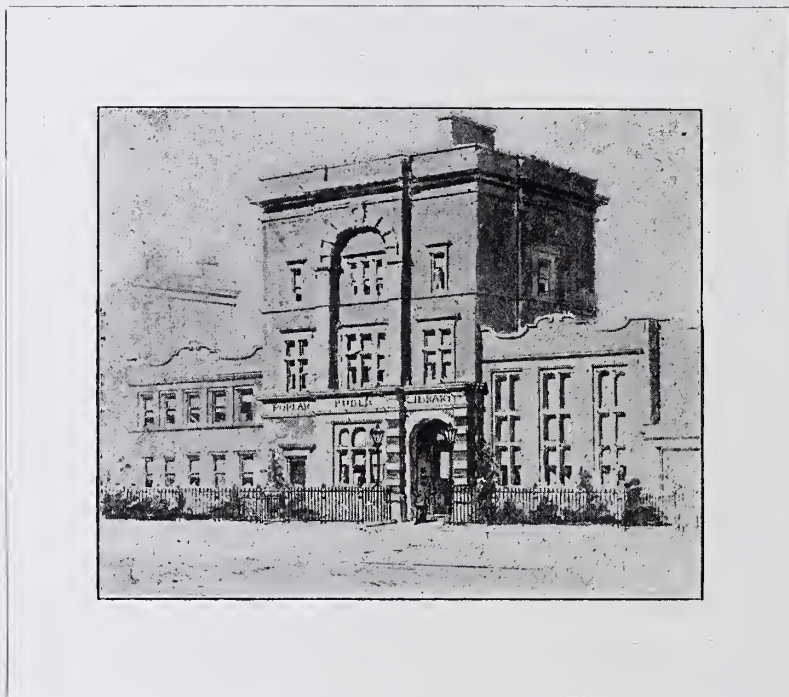
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - JOHN DANIEL JONES.

Stock of Books	11,117	Date when Founded: Act adopted	December 19th, 1881.
Daily Average Issue	92	Population	19,000.

Other particulars of note :—The Library is open for the issue of books on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and from 6 to 8. The Reading Rooms (one of which is for Ladies), are open every day, from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., except Sundays. The Library was opened on 6th July, 1882, by Sir Jas. Picton.

POPLAR PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architects: MESSRS. CLARKSON.



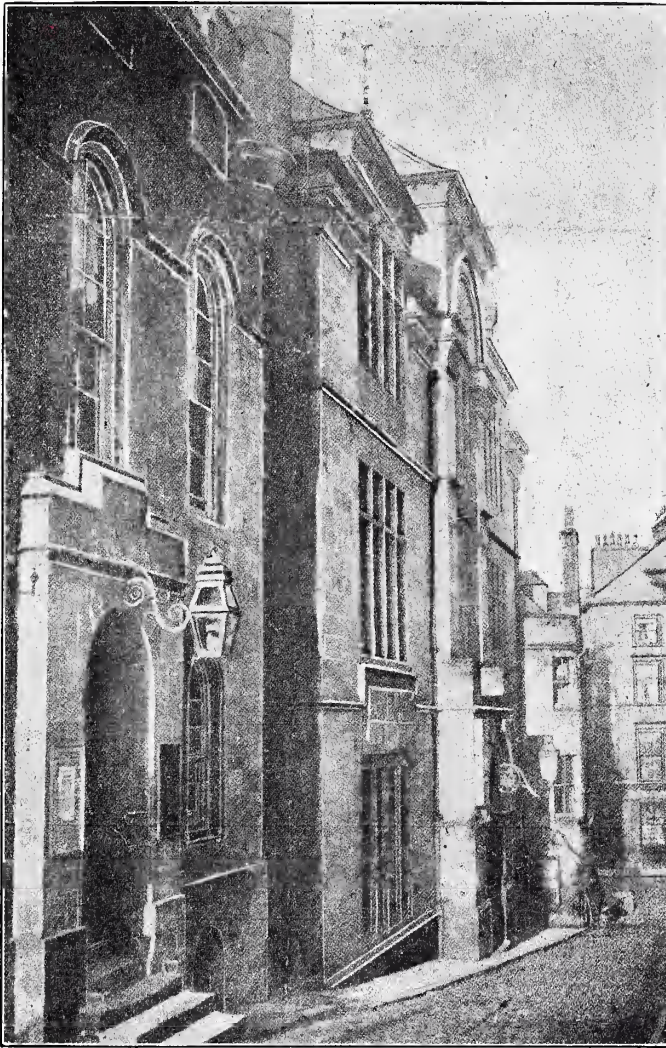
NAME OF LIBRARIAN HARRY ROWLATT.

Stock of Books	13,048	Number of Branches	One (evening branch only).
Daily Average Issue	310	Date when Founded	Acts adopted 1890
Population			57,759

Other particulars of note :—Temporary reading rooms were opened in 1892, and the permanent building was opened in 1894.

INVERNESS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects: MESSRS. ROSS & MACBETH.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - S. F. DONALDSON.

Stock of Books	..	..	..	..	..	8,872	Date when Founded	..	..	..	..	1877
Daily Average Issue	..	..	..	..	..	90	Population	..	..	..	..	(1891) 19,211

For other particulars of note :—See next page.

INVERNESS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NEWSROOM AND LENDING LIBRARY.



The Library was opened on 16th June, 1883. In September, 1890, the Library being in financial difficulties, Mr. Andrew Carnegie presented the sum of £1,750, being the full amount of the deficit. The Library contains a good collection of literature bearing upon the Jacobite rebellions, and Highland matters generally. This Library is the oldest Library in Scotland, aided by Mr. Carnegie.

WESTMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Architect: FRANCIS J. SMITH, F.R.I.B.A.



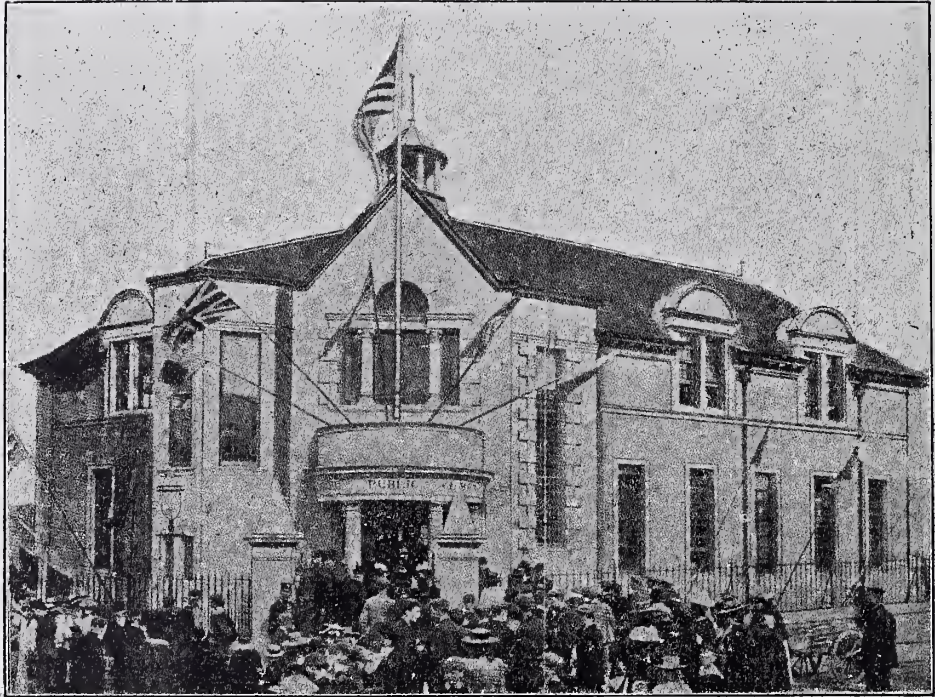
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - HENRY EDWARD POOLE.

Stock of Books	27,637	Number of Branches	1
Daily Average Issue	433	Date when Founded	19th May, 1856
Population	53,144.		

Other particulars of note:—The above Library building was opened 21st August, 1893.

CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND MUSEUM, WICK.

Architects: MESSRS. LEADBETTER & FAIRLEY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - GEORGE BAIN.

Stock of Books	Lending, 6,300; Reference Department, 1,580.	Daily Average Issue	.. .. . 82
		Date when Founded	.. .. . 1887
	Population	13,000.	

The illustration above shows the building as it appeared at the opening on 6th September, 1898.

CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY, WICK.

LIBRARY BOOK PLATE.

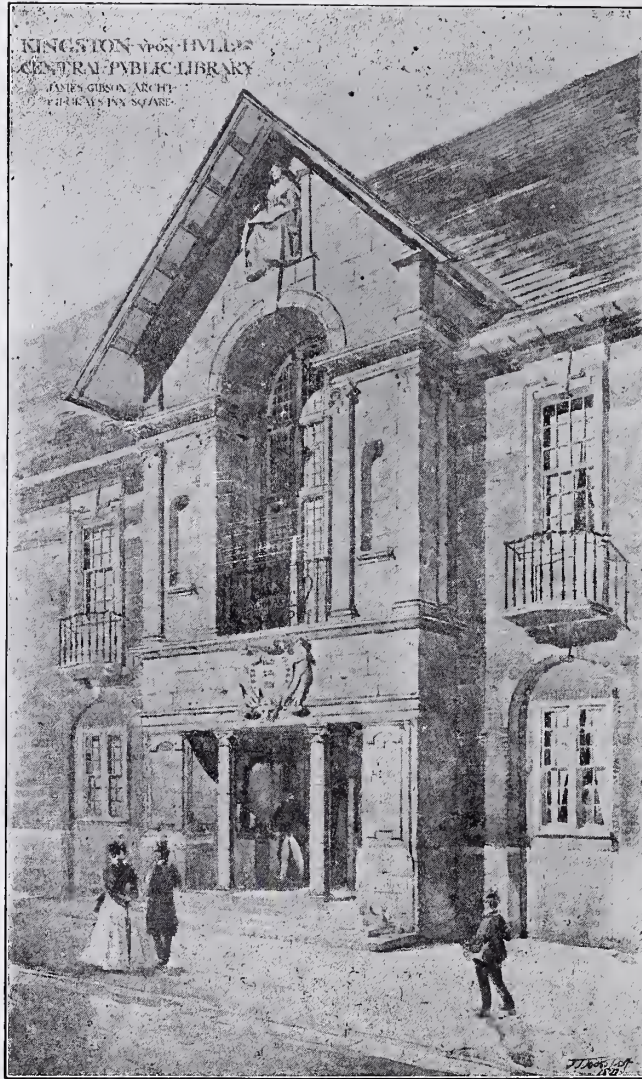


Rented premises until 6th September, 1898, when the present building was formally opened by Emeritus Professor Masson. The new Library cost over £5,000, to which Mr. Carnegie contributed £3,423, and Sir John Usher the site, valued at £500, the balance being raised by local effort. The premises include, on ground flat: Lending department, Reference department, Reading room, Recreation room, Librarian's office, &c., while the upper flat is composed of Museum, Reference room, Ladies' room, Store room, &c. The whole building, except Librarian's office, is heated by hot-water pipes from a boiler situated in underground room.

HULL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Architect: JAMES S. GIBSON.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - WILLIAM F. LAWTON.

Stock of Books—Reference, 15,000 ; Lending, 46,000 ;
 Total, 61,000.
 Daily Average Issue 1,566

Number of Branches	3
Date when founded	1892
Population (1900)	240,000

Other particulars of note:—The James Reckitt Library, established 1889, was on the adoption of the Acts, handed over to the Public Libraries Committee, together with a sum of money, the income derived from which is sufficient for its maintenance, and is now counted as one of the Branch Libraries. The above building is in course of erection.

HAWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND TOWN HALL.

Architect: Late J. C. WALKER, of Edinburgh.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - GEORGE S. McNAIRN.

Stock of Books	..	..	..	..	12,000	Date when Founded	..	..	..	Opened 1878-9
Daily Average Issue	..	..	..	..	135	Population	..	..	..	20,000

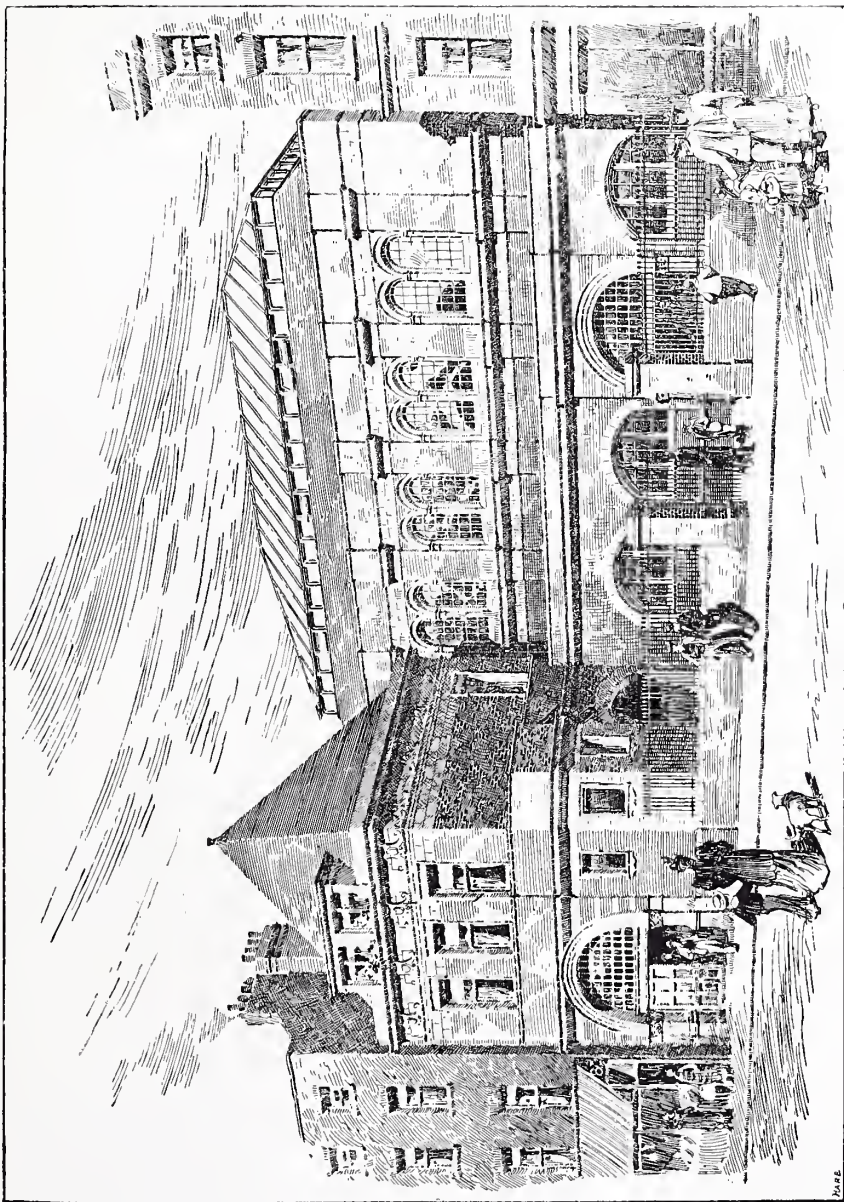
BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE, LONDON.

Architect: C. HARRISON TOWNSEND, F.R.I.B.A.



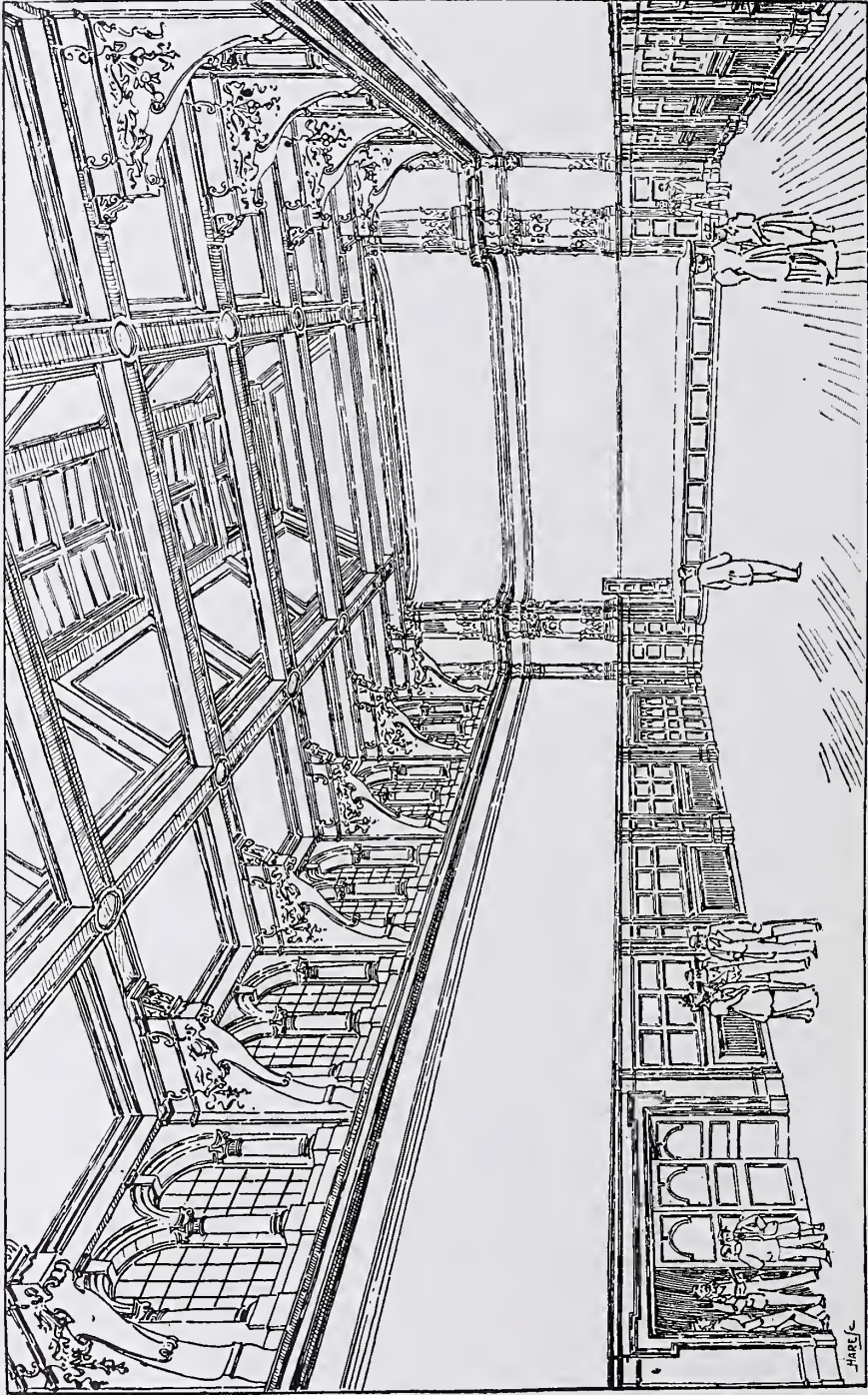
MAIN ENTRANCE.

BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE, LONDON.
BRUSHFIELD STREET ENTRANCES.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN	CHAS. WM. F. GOSS.
Stock of Books	27,516
Date when Founded	1891
Daily Average Issue	890
Population	135,000

BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE, LONDON.
THE HALL.



The Bishopsgate Institute was opened by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Rosebery, K.G., on November 24th, 1894. It contains special collections of Greek and Latin classics, London books, and a large and unique collection of prints of Old London. Lectures and concerts are frequently given in the above hall, and classes are held in various branches of education.

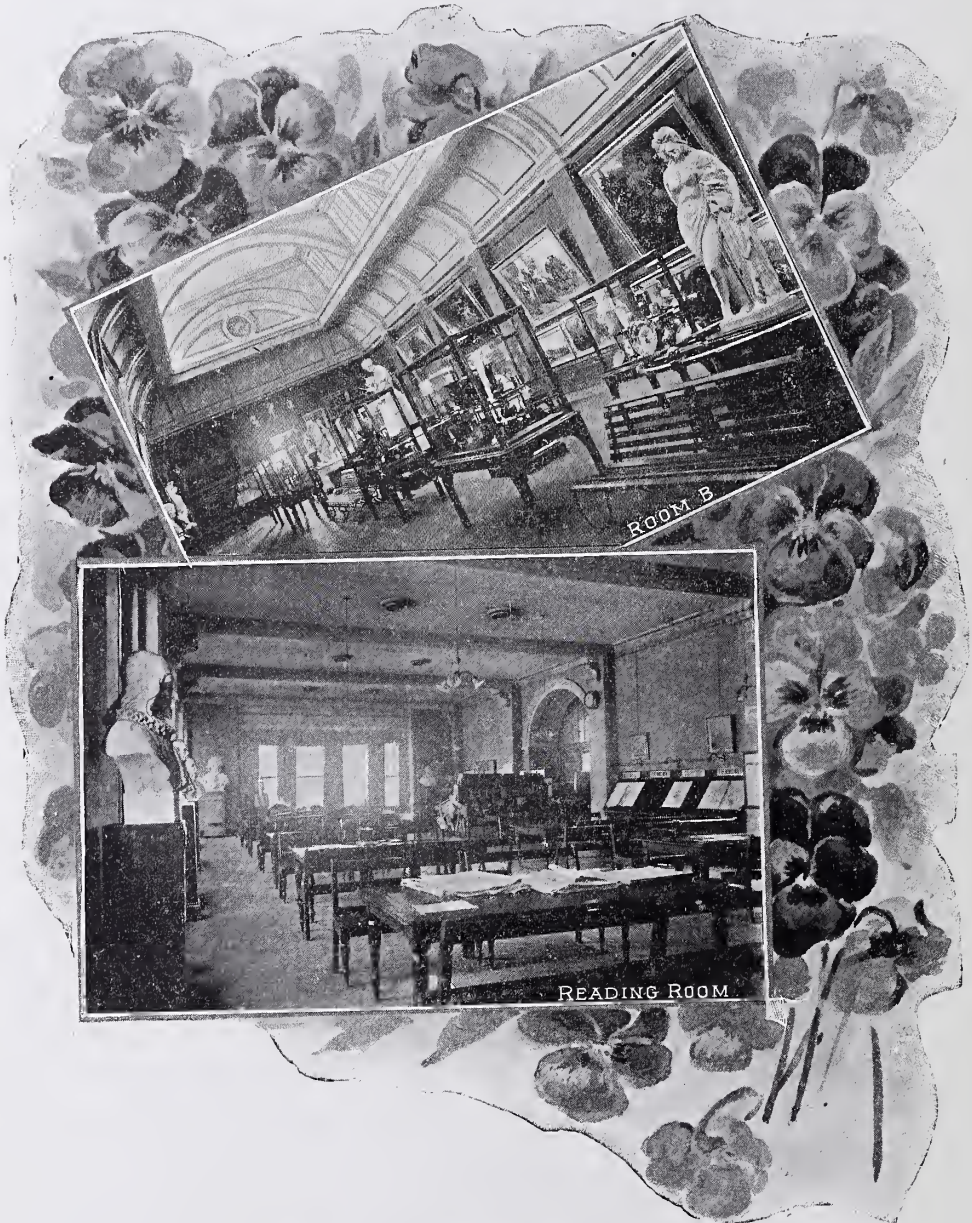
SALFORD CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND ROYAL MUSEUM.



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SALFORD CENTRAL LIBRARY AND ROYAL MUSEUM.
 READING ROOM, AND FINE ARTS ROOM.



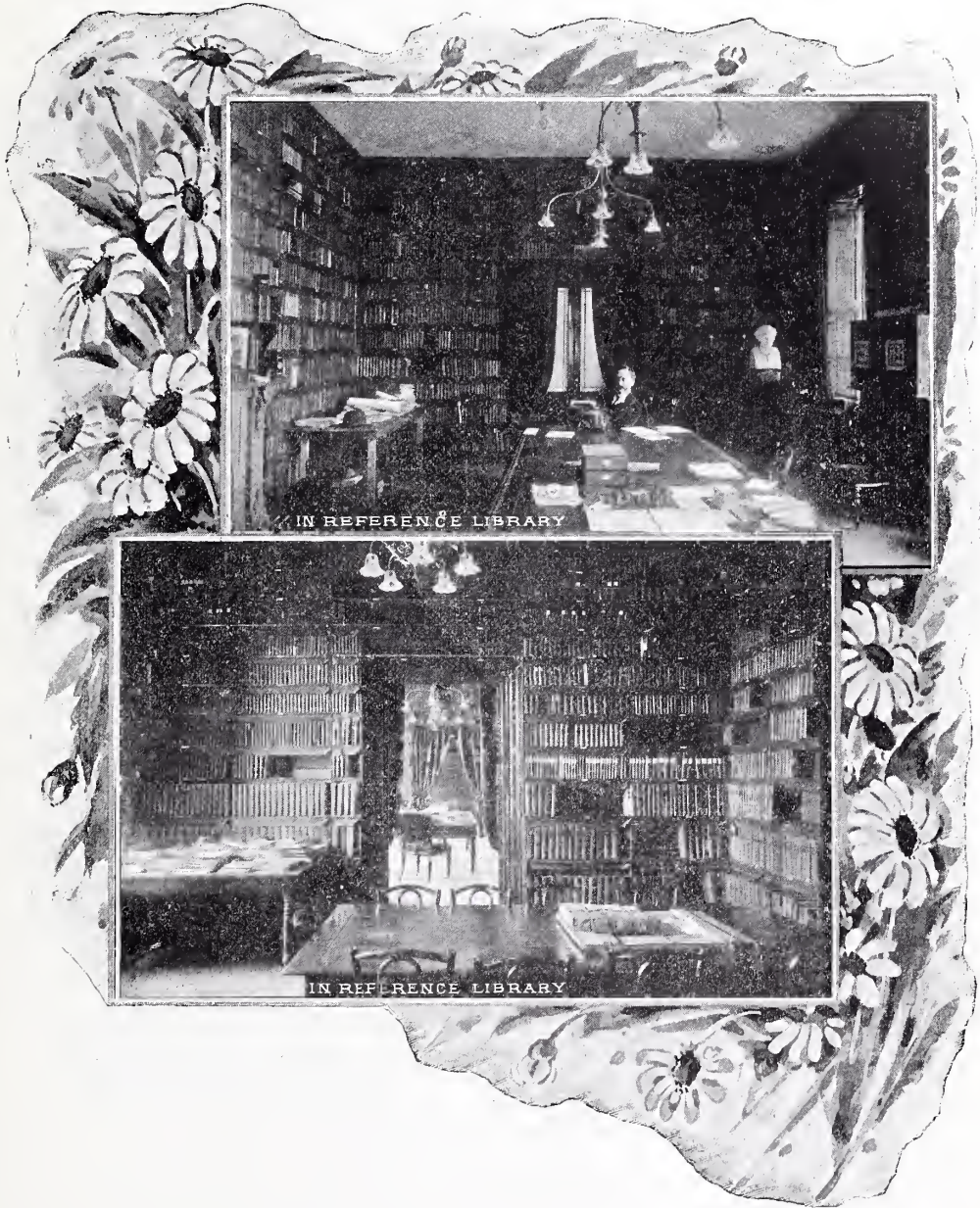
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NAME OF CURATOR AND LIBRARIAN - - BEN. H. MULLEN, M.A. (Dub.)

Stock of Books ..	(Reference, 32,806)	Total 80,110		Number	{ 4 Libraries and News Rooms	} Total
Daily Average Issue ..	(Reference, 206)	Total 1,273		of	{ 1 Do. do. (not completed)		7
Date when Founded .. ..	.. ..	13th June, 1849	|	Branches	{ 2 News Rooms and Delivery Stations	
				Population (estimated)	218,244

SALFORD PUBLIC LIBRARIES

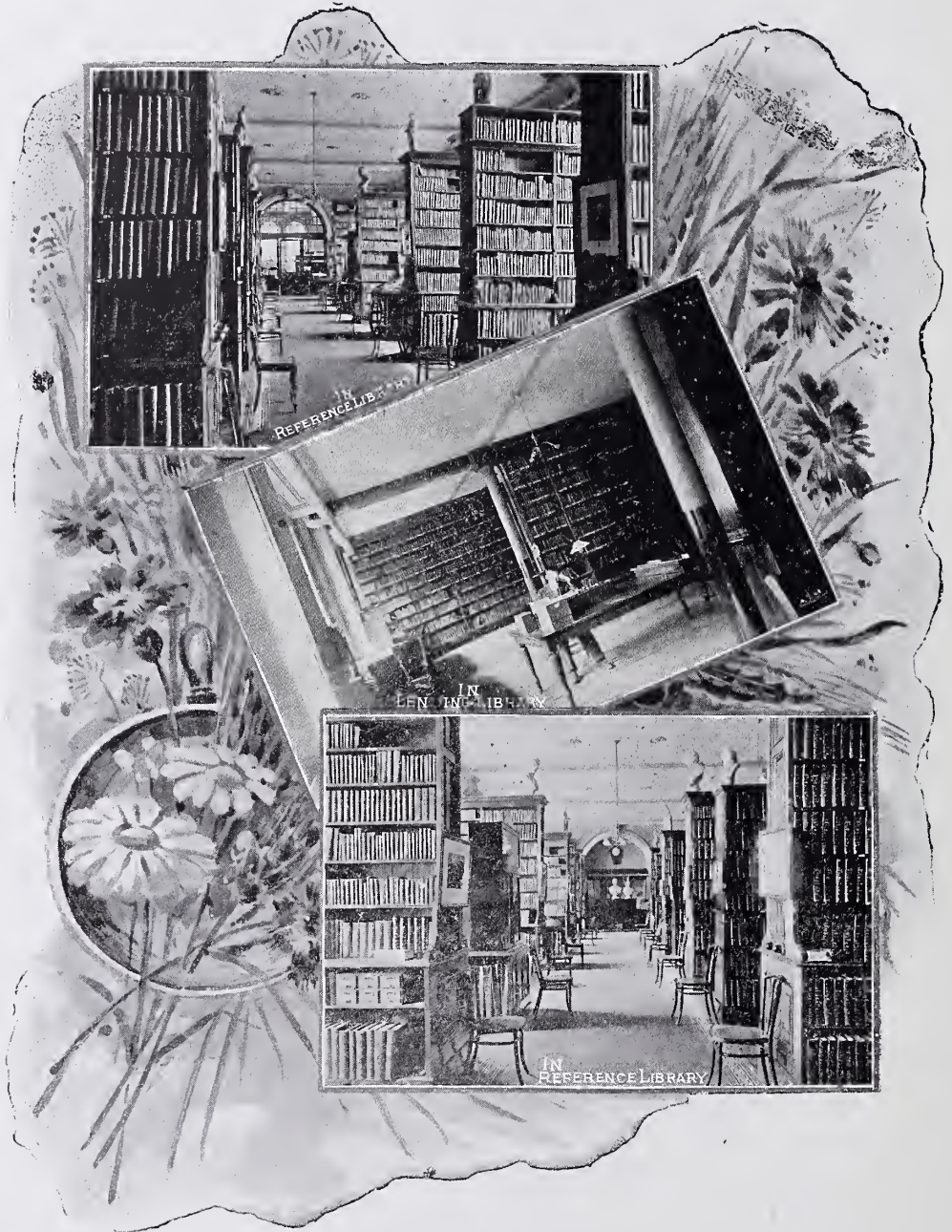
CENTRAL REFERENCE LIBRARY.



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This was the first Municipal Free Library in the Kingdom, and was the model on which the first Public Libraries' Act (1850) was framed. [NOTE: The distinction of being first has been claimed by Warrington. Warrington's Library was closed to the public on four days in each week, on which days it was open only to Annual Subscribers. Salford's was unconditionally free for 11 hours every week-day from the inception.]

SALFORD PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

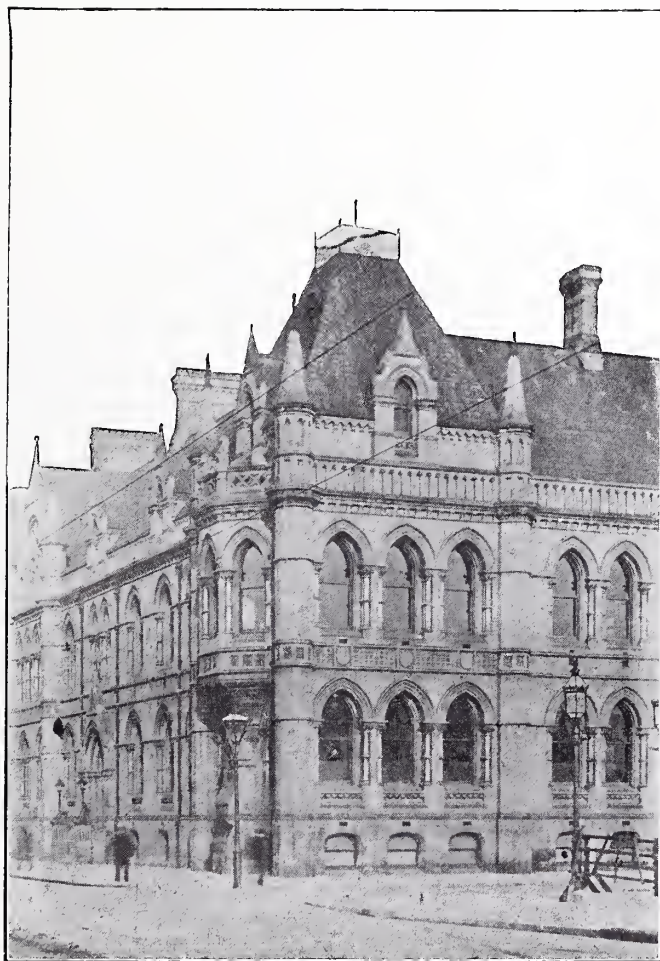


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CENTRAL REFERENCE AND LENDING LIBRARIES.

MIDDLESBROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: SIR G. G. HOSKINS.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - BAKER HUDSON.

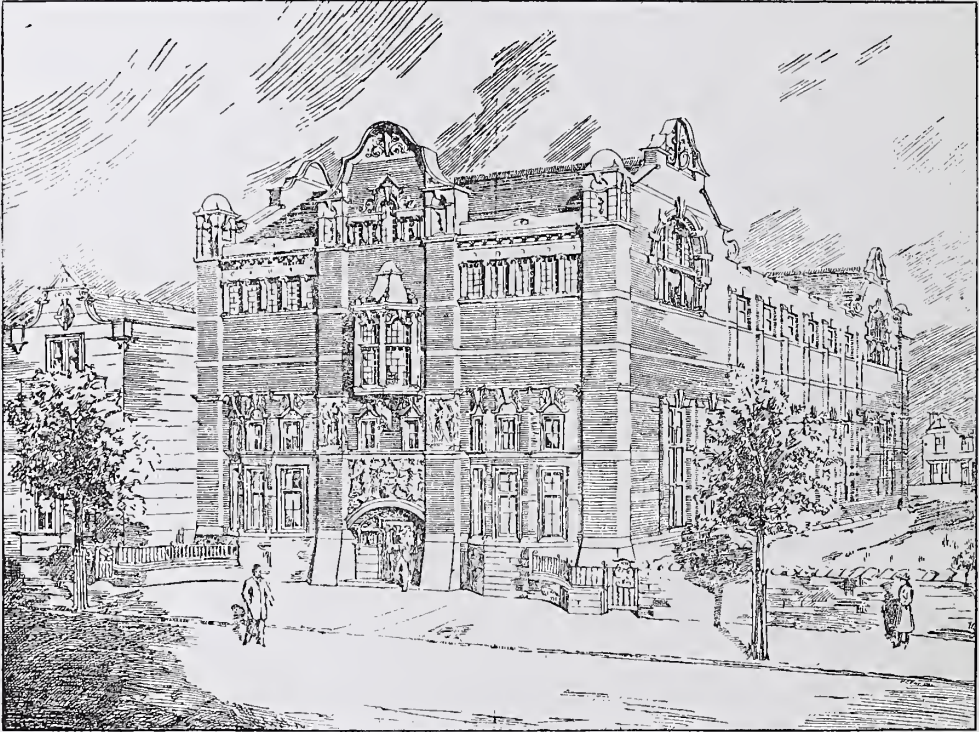
Stock of Books	21,265	Number of Branches	Two Reading Rooms.
Daily Average Issue	about 340	Date when Founded ... ..	.. .. 1871

Population about 98,000.

Other particulars of note:—In connection with the Library, there is a Natural History Museum.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

Architects: H. F. PRICE AND S. J. WILDE AND FRY.



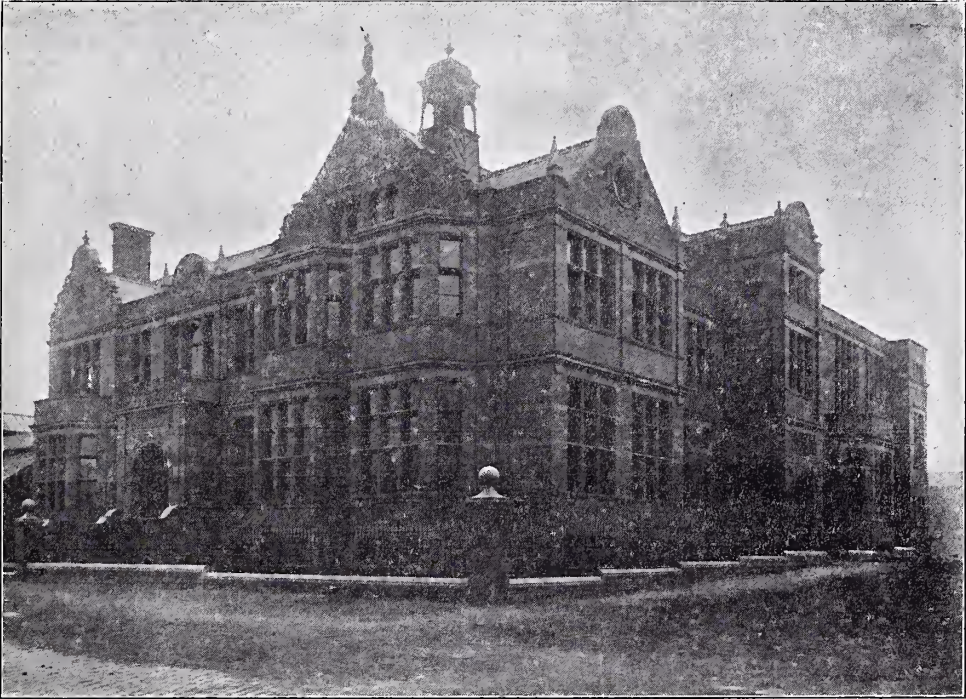
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - FRANK WM. COLEMAN.

Stock of Books ..	Lending, 3,443 ; Reference, 1,500	Date when Founded	1891
Daily Average Issue	215	Population	20,000

Other particulars of note;—New building finished in May, 1900, Ticket Holders number 1,600, Readers, 515,

HYDE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects: MESSRS. WOODHOUSE & WILLOUGHBY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - JOHN CHORTON.

Stock of Books	9,600	|	Date when Founded, New Library opened Feb. 18th, 1899
Daily Average Issue	160		Population (1891), 30,670 ; estimated 33,000

Other particulars of note :—The Library Act adopted 1893. The Public Library was in the Mechanics' Institution up to the new Library and Technical School being opened. The cost of the building and furnishing over £14,000.

CHESTERFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

(STEPHENSON MEMORIAL HALL.)

Architects: MESSRS. SMITH & WOODHOUSE.



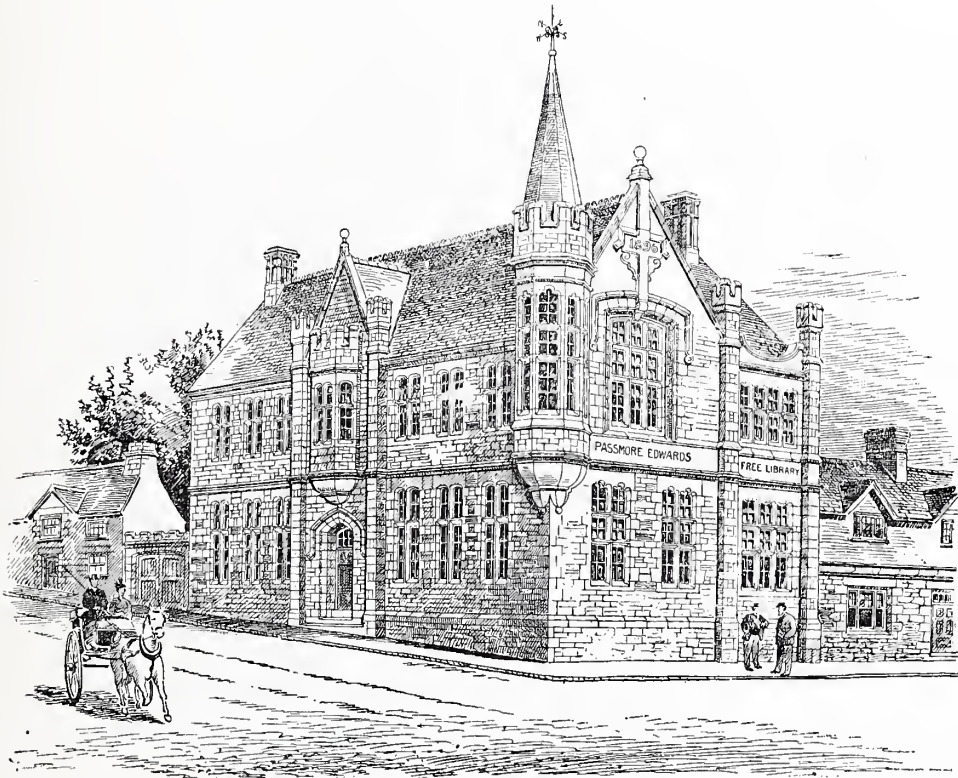
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - D. GORMAN.

Stock of Books (Lending, Reference, and Subscription).. .. .	14,795	Number of Branches ..	One Reading Room.
Daily Average Issue	233	Date when Founded	Acts adopted 1876
		Population	estimated at 26,000

Other particulars of note:—The Library contains a collection of works relating to Derbyshire, Derbyshire authors, arts, and manufactures.

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, ST. IVES.

Architects: MESSRS. JOHN SYMONS & SON.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - CHARLES GORDON STEER.

Stock of Books	1,500	Date when Founded	1897
Weekly Average Issue	300 (only 2 deliveries)	Population	6,094

Other particulars of note :—The issue is improving in character, and more books by standard authors are required.

HUCKNALL TORKARD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: ALBERT NELSON BROMLEY.



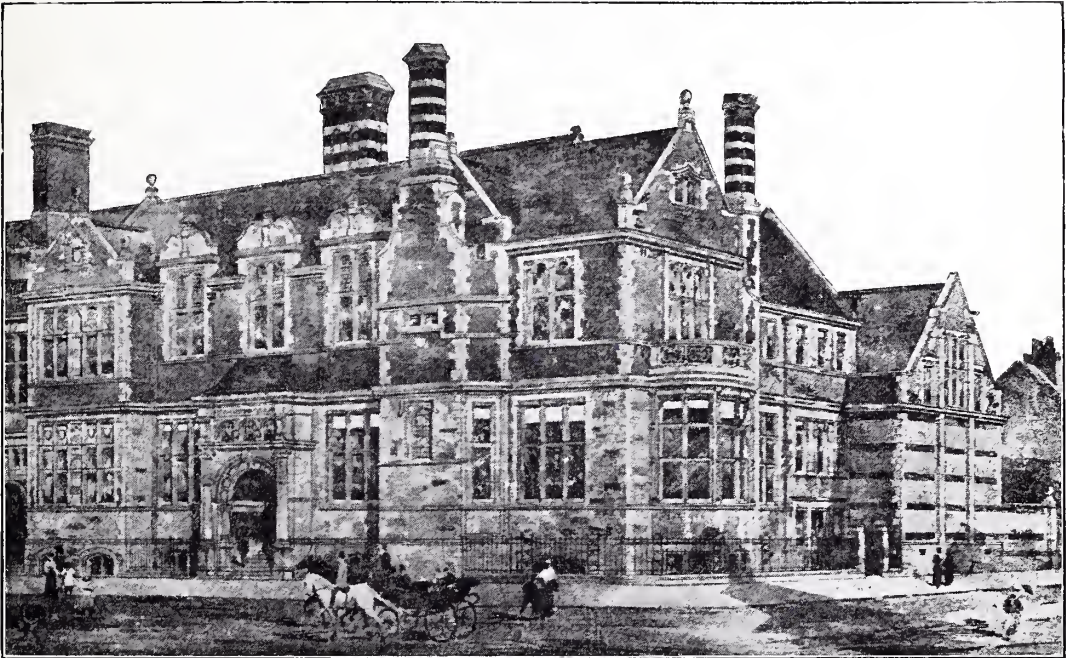
NAME OF LIBRARIAN HENRY DENNIS.

Stock of Books	4,500	Date when Founded	1884
Daily Average Issue	150	Population	16,000

Other particulars of note:--The Library building, which was opened in 1888, was erected at a cost of £2,000, and was a gift from Messrs. J. E. Ellis, M.P., and H. B. Paget, Colliery Proprietors.

ASTLEY CHEETHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, STALYBRIDGE.

Architect : J. MEDLAND TAYLOR, Manchester.



From the "Builder," and by permission of the Architect.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - THOS. SWAIN.

Stock of Books	12,500	Date when Founded	1889
Daily Average Issue	160	Population	28,500

Other particulars of note :—The above represents the new building to be presented to the town by Mr. J. F. Cheetham. The building will comprise :—Book Store, News Room, Reference Library, Magazine Room, Boys' Room, Lecture Hall, &c. Electric lighting throughout.

SANDEMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY, PERTH.

Architects: MESSRS. CAMPBELL DOUGLAS, AND MORRISON.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - JOHN MINTO, M.A.

Stock of Books	23,078	Date when Founded ..	Began, 1896 ; opened, 1898
Daily Average Issue ..	Reference, 35 ; Lending, 373	Population	30,000

Other particulars of note:—The foundation stone of this building was laid on 14th October, 1896, by Lord Provost Dewar, and the Library was opened by Lord Rosebery on 22nd October, 1898.

PENZANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: HENRY WHITE, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - CHARLES H. BENN.

Stock of Books	8,200	Date when Founded	October 13th, 1893
Daily Average Issue	200	Population (1891)	12,432

Other particulars of note:—The late Mr. Octavius Allen Ferris, of Highgate, London, bequeathed to the town the sum of £1,947 towards the formation of a Public Library, and Mr. Thomas Bedford Bolitho, M.P., and Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, presented 1,000 volumes each.

LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: R. A. MacBair, A.M.I.C.E. (City Surveyor).

NEWSROOM AND BOOK STORE.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - HENRY BOND.

Stock of Books	.. .. .	9,700	Date when Founded	Acts adopted 1892; opened 1895
Daily Average Issue	.. .. .	240	Population	.. .. . 49,000

Other particulars of note:—The Library contains a collection of Lincolnshire books.

WALSALL CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND ART GALLERY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - ALFRED MORGAN.

Stock of Books	19,123	|	Number of Branches - One branch Library, two branch Reading Rooms.
Daily Average Issue	368		Date when Founded, 1859 ; Acts adopted 1857.
Population	1891, 71,789 ; estimated 82,000		

Other particulars of note :—The Library contains local collections and a Ladies' Reading Room. Rate 1½d. in the £.

FULHAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Architect : JOHN C. HALL.



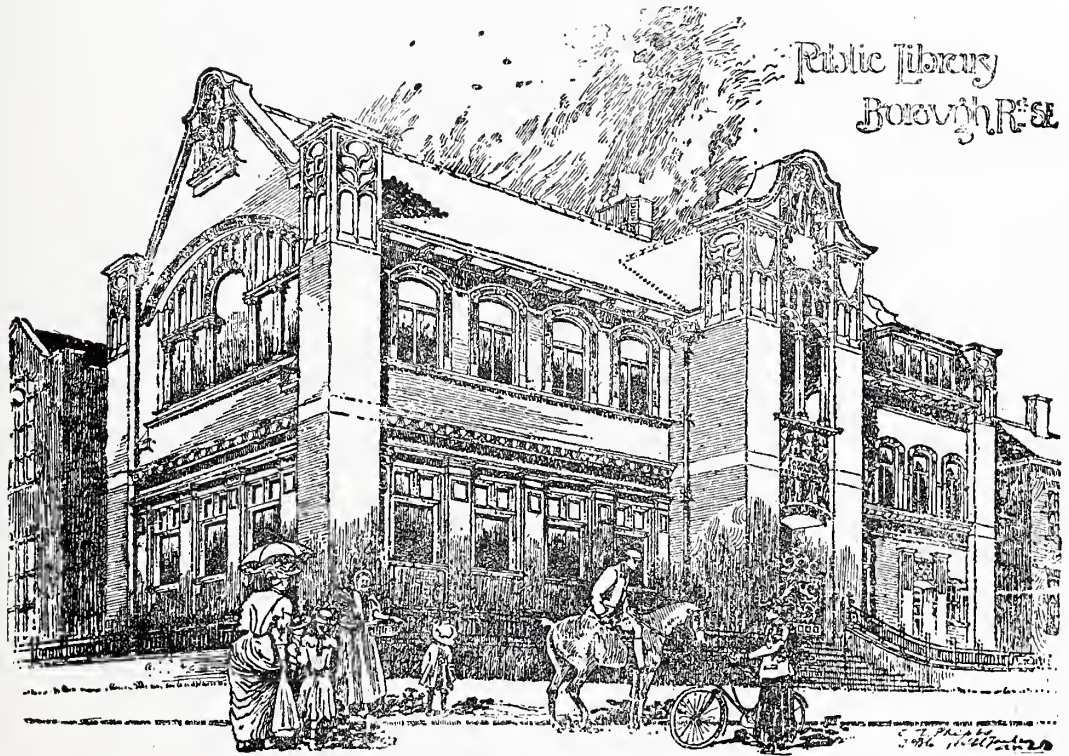
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - FRANKLIN T. BARRETT.

Stock of Books	15,600	Number of Branches	1
Daily Average Issue	523	Date when Founded	1887
Population	about 125,000.		

Other particulars of note : - This was one of the first Public Libraries opened in London.

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR,
SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

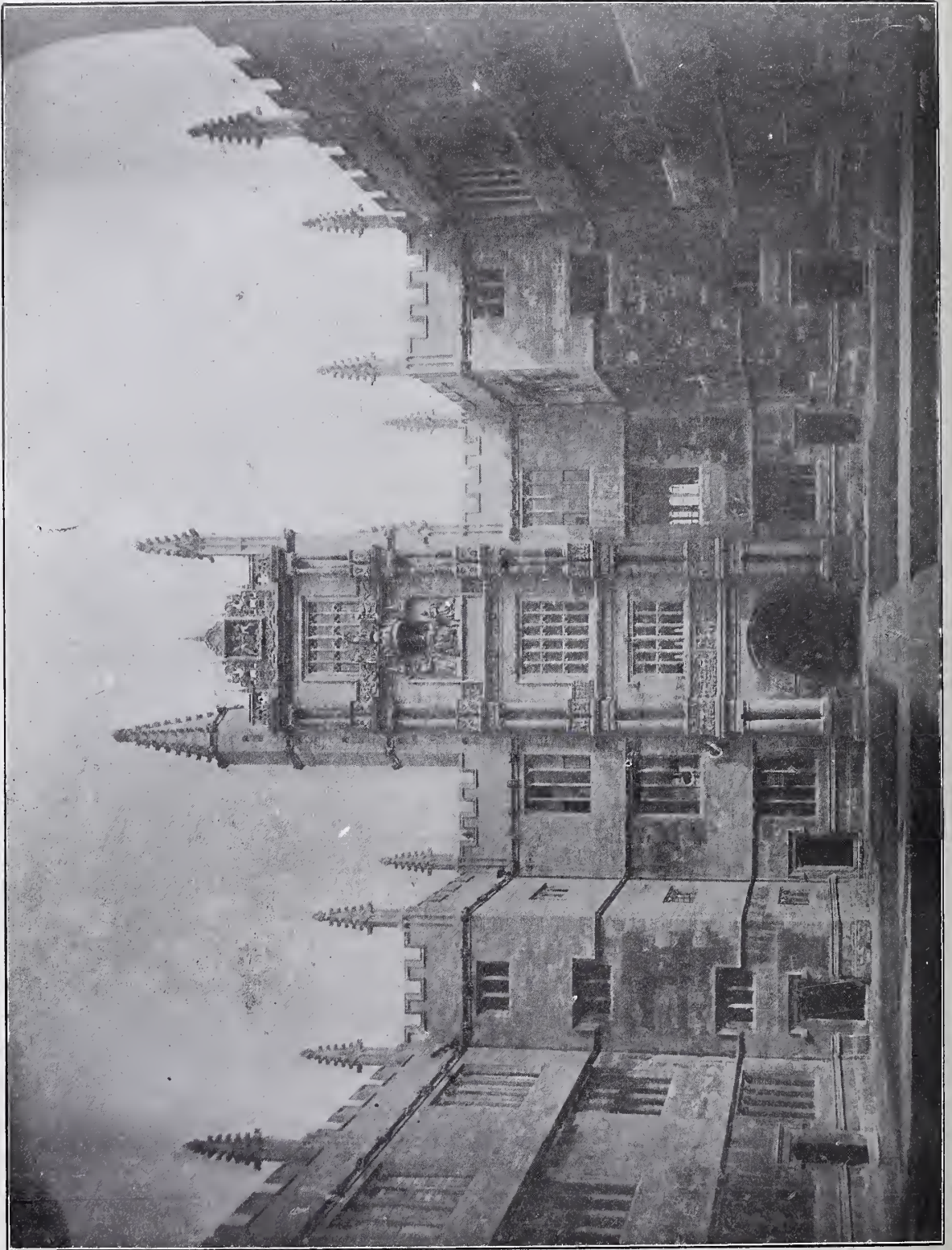
Architect : A. BLOMFIELD JACKSON.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - THOMAS ALDRED.

Stock of Books	6,854	Date when Founded	Opened 1899
Daily Average Issue	250	Population	About 60,000

Other particulars of note :—Lectures are given by the Librarian.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN . . . E. W. B. NICHOLSON, M. A. . . Date when Founded . . . 14th Century; refounded . . . Daily Average Issue . . .

HOLBORN PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architects: MESSRS. FLETCHER AND MIGNOTTI.

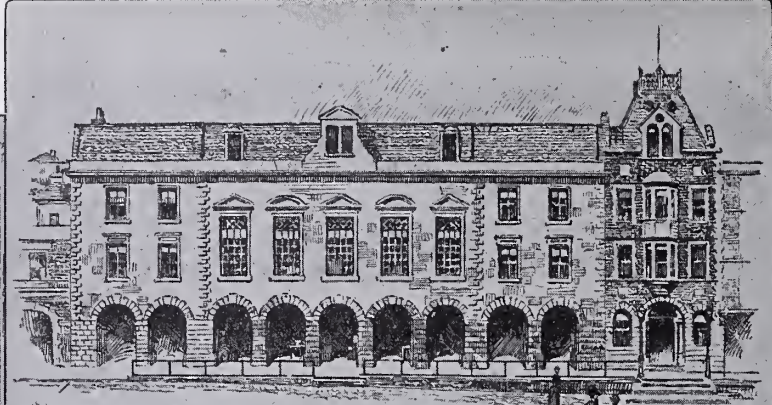
NEWSROOM.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - HARRY HAWKES.

Stock of Books	10,500	Date when Founded..	Acts adopted 1891 ; opened 1893.
Daily Average Issue	220	Population (1896)	31,208

Other particulars of note:—Books are loaned for 14 days. Students' extra tickets have been issued since December, 1895. Printed catalogue, in dictionary form, with annotations. Number of borrowers, about 1,500. Open—Lending Library, daily (except Wednesdays) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Reference Library, daily, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Newsroom, daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.



GUILLE ALLES LIBRARY



REFERENCE LIBRARY



LECTURE HALL

NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - BASIL T. ROWSWELL.	
Stock of Books—70,000, viz: 45,000, Circulating Department; 25,000, Reference Department.	Number of Branches—1, viz: The Guille-Allès Artisans' Institute.
Daily Average Issue 300	Date when Founded .. 1856; greatly extended in 1882.
Population .. Town of St. Peter-Port, 17,000; the whole island, including the town, 38,000.	

Other particulars of note:—The above Institutions were founded and endowed by the late Thomas Guille, of Montauban, St. Martin's, (Jurat of the Guernsey Royal Court), and Frederick Mansell Allès, of Bon Air, St. Martin's. Both gentlemen, in early life, left Guernsey for America, whence, after many years of business partnership in New York, they finally returned to their native island in 1869. The Library was first established as the Guille Library in 1856. It was removed to its present site in the Market Square, and largely extended under the title of the Guille-Allès Library, in 1882. Still further developments have since taken place. It now (1900) contains some 70,000 volumes, to which additions are constantly being made. The Artisans' Institute was opened on March 27th, 1895, and is intended exclusively for the use and benefit of the working-classes of the island—men and women. Both the founders having passed away, the direction is now vested in a Council and a Board of Management, the property being held by trustees. Mr. Allès died February 20th, 1895, aged 77 years; Mr. Guille died December 4th, 1896, aged 79 years. The Managing Director is Mr. J. Linwood Pitts, and the Chief Librarian is Mr. Basil T. Rowswell. The well-known Guille-Allès Encyclopedic Catalogue (English and French), compiled by Mr. A. Cotgreave, the Honorary Librarian, who also re-organized this Library (1887-90), was published in 1891.

GATESHEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : J. JOHNSTON.

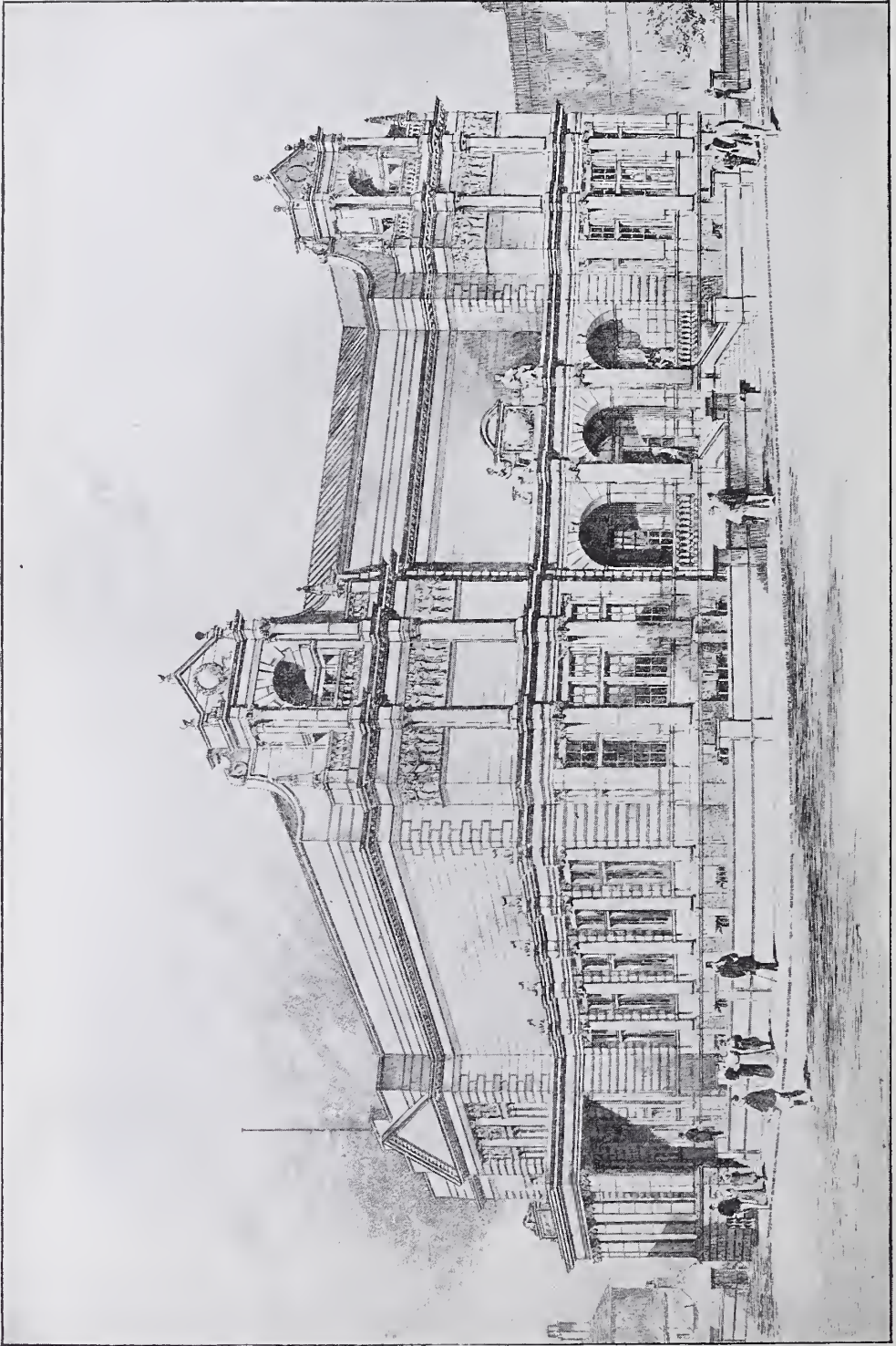


NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - HENRY E. JOHNSTON.

Stock of Books	12,523	|	Date when founded :—Acts adopted 1880 ; Library
Daily Average Issue	340		opened 1885.
Population (1891)	85,692		

BURY PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND ART GALLERY.

Architects: MESSRS. WOODHOUSE & WILLOUGHBY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN ARCHIBALD SPARKE.

The Library is not yet formed. Population, 60,000.

WATERLOO-WITH-SEAFORTH TOWN HALL, AND PUBLIC LIBRARY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - MISS EDITH G. TAYLOR.

Stock of Books	3,700	Date when Founded	17th January, 1898
Daily Average Issue	186	Population	23,880

Other particulars of note :—The Library has a Reference and Lending department, and the books are classified upon the Dewey system in both departments. Books are lent on the Card Charging system. The Library is growing quickly, and a Branch Reading Room will soon be needed at Seaforth. A Sub-Committee has already been formed to find suitable premises. The Catalogue is of the combined Author and Class List style. The Library forms part of the Town Hall, and is very popular. Rooms have been fitted—they were not built for the purpose.

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, BODMIN.

Architect: SILVANUS TREVAIL, F.R.I.B.A.



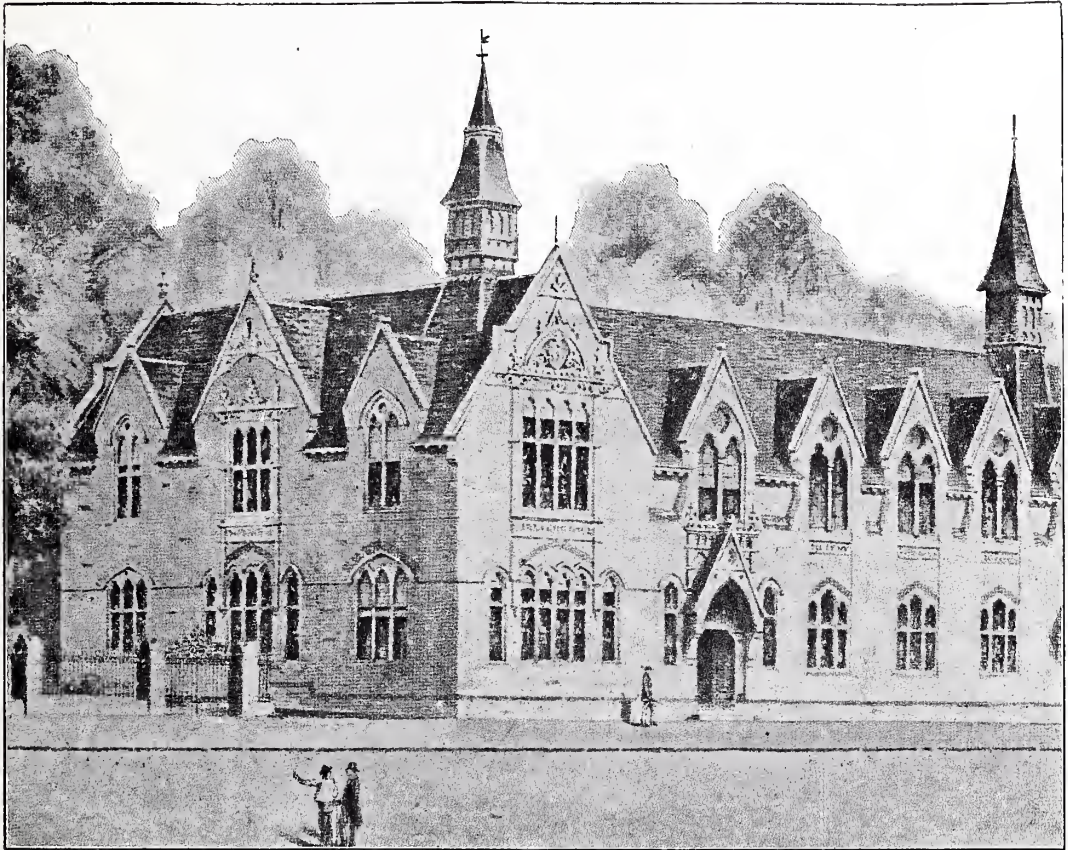
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - W. F. YATES.

Stock of Books	..	..	..	..	..	1,100	|	Date when Founded	..	..	..	..	1897
Daily Average Issue	..	..	..	..	..	50	|	Population	..	..	..	..	5,100

Other particulars of note:—This Library was presented to the town by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards. The Lending Department was opened in 1899.

GLOUCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND PART OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

Architects : Messrs. WALLER & SON.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - ROLAND AUSTIN.

Stock of Books	.. .. .	7,000	Date when Founded	.. .. .	Acts adopted 1894
Daily Average Issue	.. . . .	—	Population	.. .. .	45,000

Other particulars of note:—A temporary room was opened 1st January, 1898, and the above building was opened 31st May, 1900.

ABINGDON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : J. G. T. WEST.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN S. COOKE.

Stock of Books	4,000	Date when Founded	Opened, 1897
Daily Average Issue	—	Population	6,557

Other particulars of note :—The Library contains special collections of ancient and modern statutes of the realm, and local works.

CHRISTCHURCH PUBLIC LIBRARY, SOUTHWARK, LONDON.



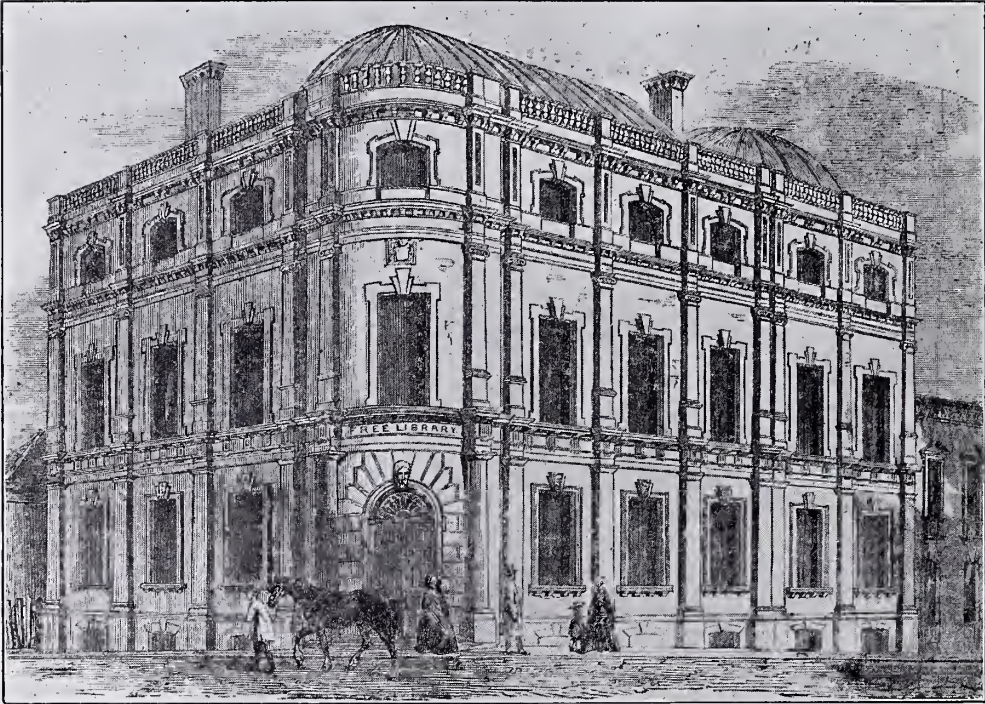
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - E. BEELS.

Stock of Books	5,000	Date when Founded	1889
Daily Average Issue	60	Population	13,264

Other particulars of note :—Library removed in 1897 to freehold premises, in main road (Blackfriars).

NORWICH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: E. E. BENETT.



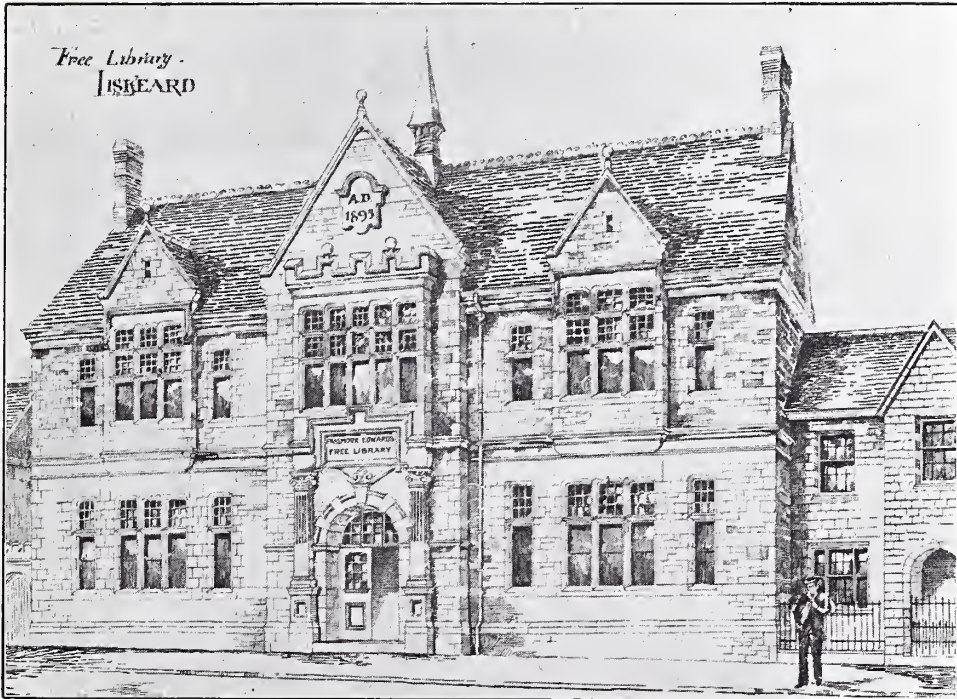
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - GEORGE EASTER.

Stock of Books	33,350	Date when Founded:—Acts adopted 1850; Opened 1857 Population (1891) 100,970; estimated (1899) 111,699
Stock of Pamphlets	..	..	..	..	7,655
Daily Average Issue	..	..	..	..	465

Other particulars of note:—The Library contains a local collection of books numbering 3,810, and pamphlets numbering 5,049.

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, LISKEARD.

Architects: MESSRS. J. SYMONS & SONS.



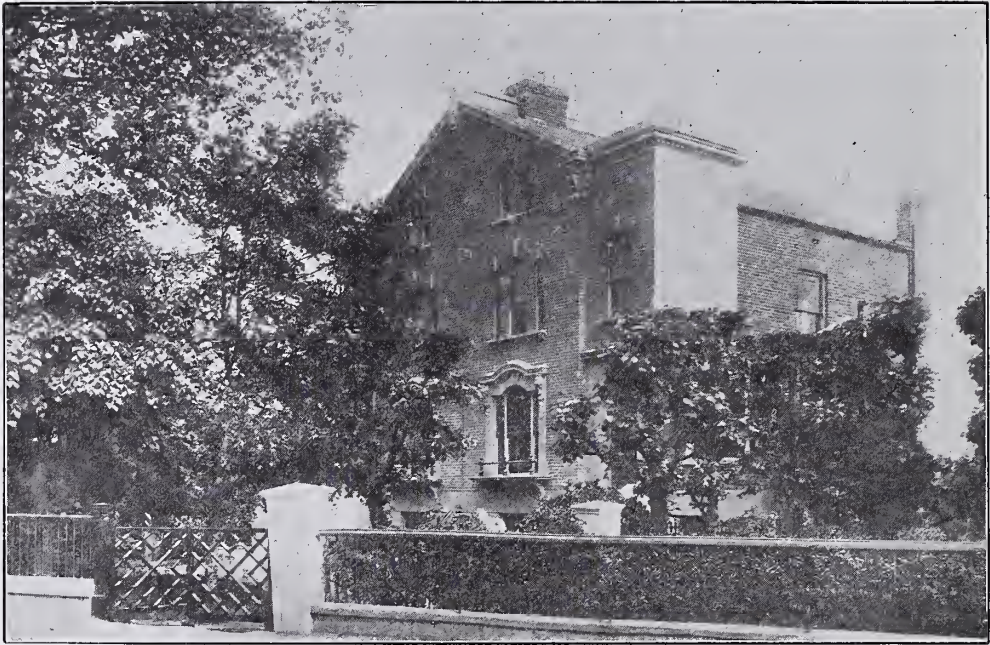
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - THOS. McMEIKAN.

Stock of Books	About 3,000	Date when Founded	1897
Daily Average Issue .. .. .	.. 50	Population	4,000

Other particulars of note:—The Library is open from 7 to 9 p.m. The building was presented to the town by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards.

PENGE PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architect : PERCIVAL BROWN.



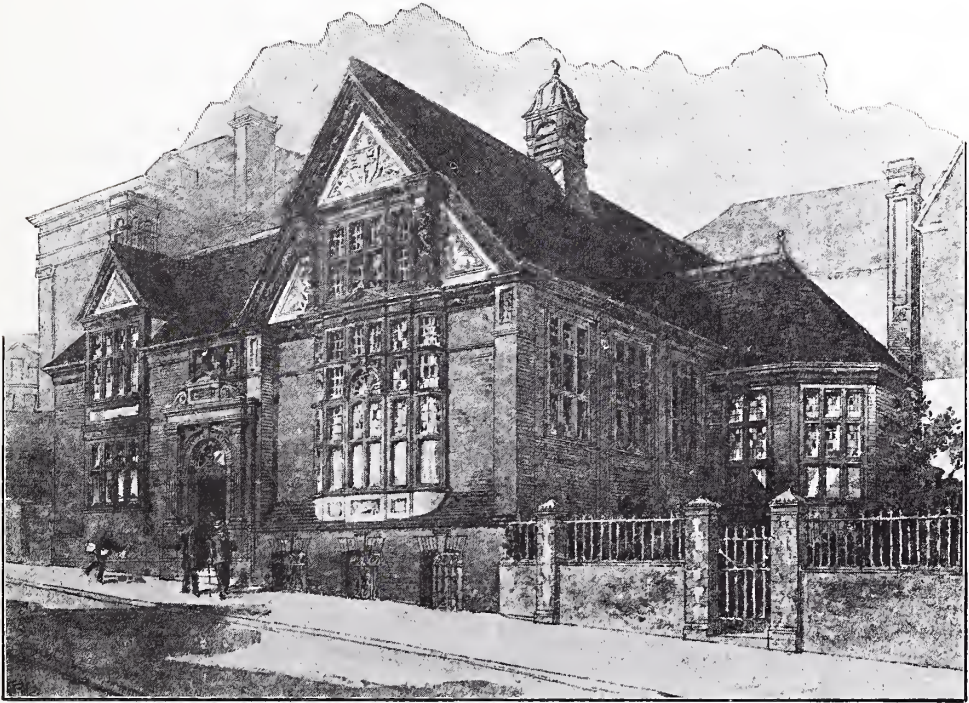
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - SAMUEL J. CLARKE.

Stock of Books	7,868	Date when Founded	1891
Daily Average Issue	256	Population	23,500

Other particulars of note :—New premises illustrated above, were opened July 1st, 1899, by Sir. J. Blundell Maple, Bart., M.P., L.C.C. Students' extra tickets are issued, and books are loaned to school children.

COLCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : BRIGHTWEN BINYON, A.R.I., B.A.



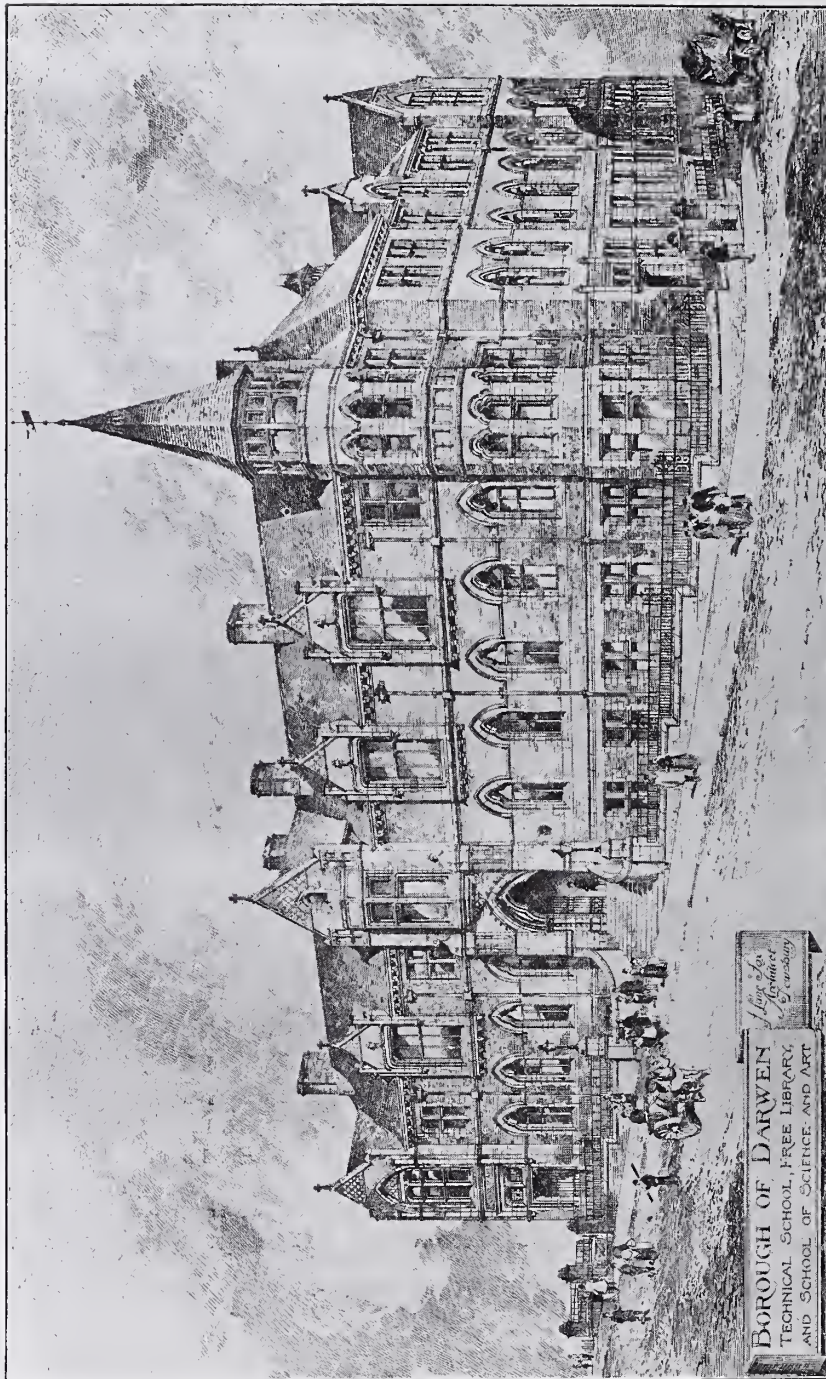
NAME OF LIBRARIAN GEORGE RICKWORD.

Stock of Books	9,000	Number of Branches	Four Reading Rooms.
Daily Average Issue	245	Date when Founded	1894 (Branches, 1892)
Population	(1891) 34,500 ; estimated now, 42,000		

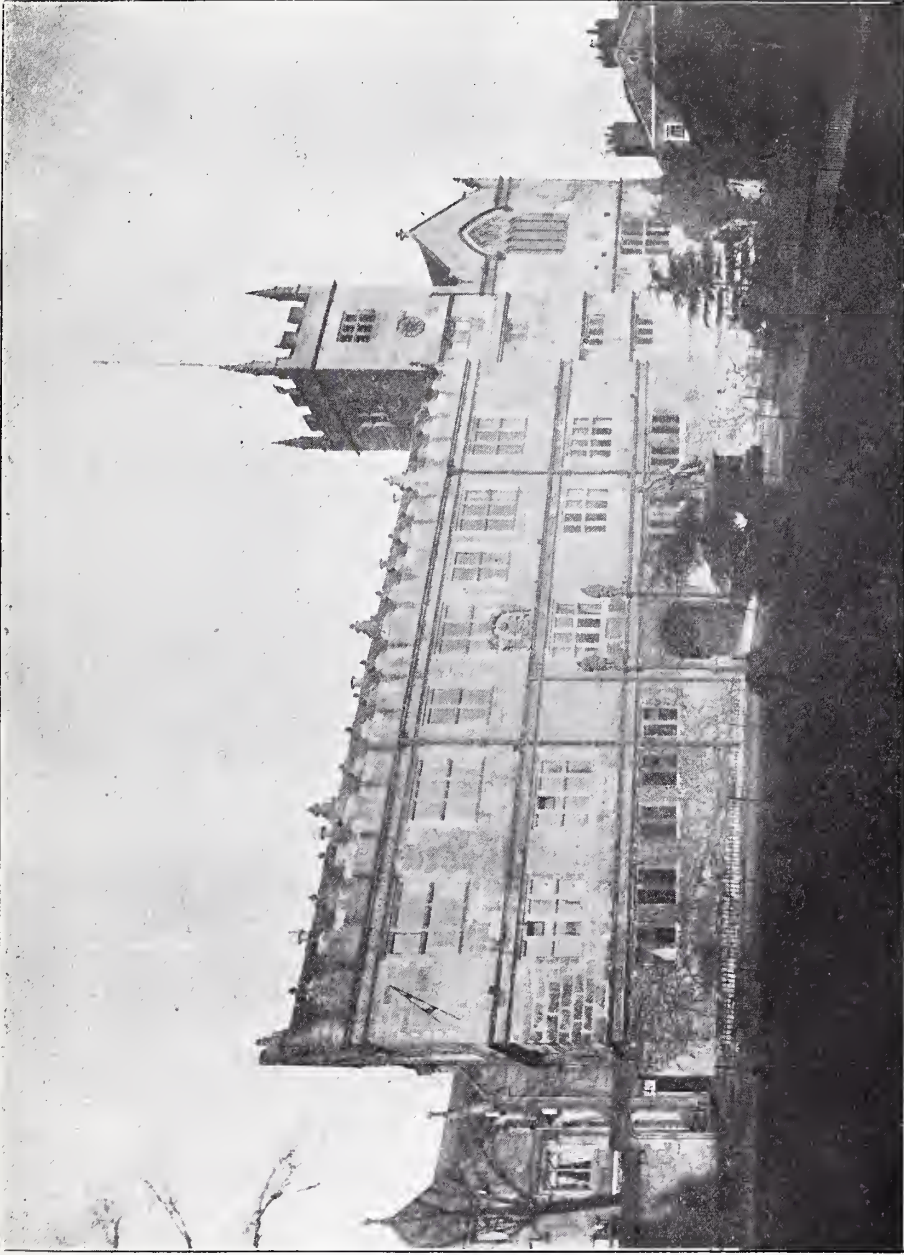
Other particulars of note :—Continued expansion in all departments, two new rooms being provided in the Town Hall now being erected, which will give storage for 20,000 additional books.

DARWEN PUBLIC LIBRARY, TECHNICAL SCHOOL, AND SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Architect: J. LANE FOX.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN	WALTER S. C. RAE.		
Stock of Books	14,000	Number of Branches	20 School Libraries
Daily Average Issue	160	Date when Founded	1871
Population	40,000		



NAME OF LIBRARIAN	HARRY T. BEDDOWS.
Stock of Books ..	18,000
Daily Average Issue ..	132
Date when Founded ..	1884
Population ..	26,969

Other particulars of note :—There is a good Museum connected with the Library which is rich with antiquities. A large number of Roman remains from Uricontium. The monument in the front of the Library is the figure of Charles Darwin, who was educated in the building and a native of Shrewsbury.

ABERDEEN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: JAMES BROWN (BROWN AND WATT).



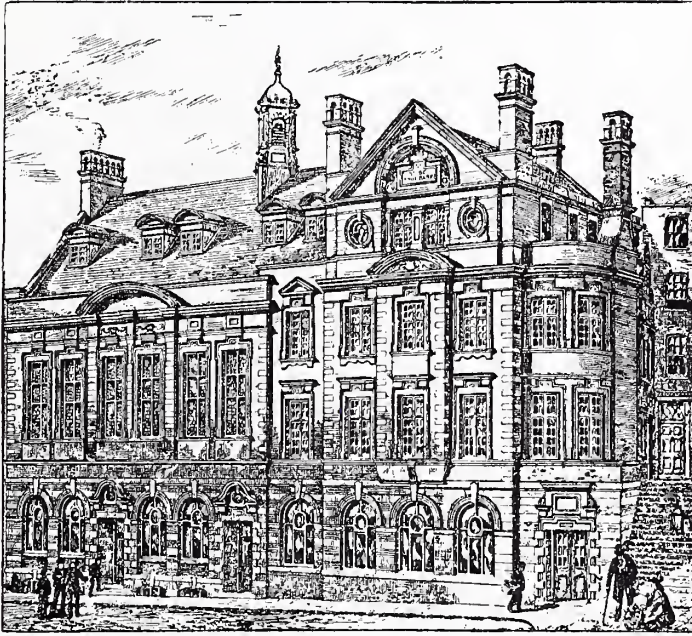
NAME OF LIBRARIAN GEORGE M. FRASER.

Stock of Books 51,265 vols. (exclusive of 5,680 pamphlets separately catalogued, and 3,686 vols. and pamphlets not yet catalogued). Daily Average Issue .. Lending, 802; Reference, 66		Date when Founded .. Acts Adopted, 1884; Library opened, 1886. Number of Branches .. One Branch Reading Room Population 145,000
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Other particulars of note :—Students' Tickets, not available for Fiction, are issued.

ST. BRIDE FOUNDATION INSTITUTE, LONDON.

Architect : R. C. MURRAY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - F. W. T. LANGE.

Stock of Books	..	12,500 volumes ; 1,250 pamphlets	|	Daily Average Issue	..	..	..	..	200
		Date when Founded	..	..	..	..	..	..	(opened) 1895

Other particulars of note:—Incorporated in the Institute is the Library of the late William Blades, consisting of nearly 3,000 volumes, and 1,250 pamphlets relating to the History and art of Typography. It contains many rare and valuable books, and is considered to be the most complete collection of its kind extant. It is supplemented by another collection known as the “Passmore Edwards” Library, which is devoted to the more recent and practical works relative to the printing and allied arts. It contains now 1,786 volumes, and is continually being added to. Annotated catalogues of both collections have been published.

ST. BRIDE FOUNDATION INSTITUTE, LONDON.



MEMBERS' READING ROOM.

WIMBLEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects: MESSRS. POTTS, SULMAN, AND HENNINGS.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - HENRY WM. BULL.

Stock of Books	13,500	Date when Founded	1887
Daily Average Issue	326	Population	about 40,000

Other particulars of note :—This was one of the first Public Libraries started in greater London, and is a very popular institution.

BINGLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : A. WATERHOUSE, R.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN EDWARD WOOD.

Stock of Books	8,353	|	Number of Branches : Two branches at the outlying
Daily Average Issue	123		villages of Wilsden and Cullingworth are being formed.

Date when Founded	Acts adopted 1890. Opened 1892
Population	18,500. This includes all the outlying villages.

Other particulars of note:—The upper storey is used for the reading room and library. The reading room is well attended. Since Mr. Wood was elected Librarian in August, 1899, he has introduced a good collection of first-class musical works, which have become extremely popular. The Committee have purchased the Wilsden Mechanics' Institute Library of 3,500 vols., and are adding 1,000, and then dividing the whole to form two branches of 2,250.

NEWCASTLE (STAFFS.) PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

Architects: MR. BLOOD, MESSRS. SUGDEN AND SON, AND MESSRS. CHAPMAN AND SNAPE.



From Greenwood's Public Libraries, 1894.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - ROBERT JAMES HEMPTON.

Stock of Books	5,532	Date when Founded	Opened 1890.
Daily Average Issue	90	Population	18,425.

Other particulars of note:—The Library contains special collections of the William Salt Archaeological Society's collections for a history of Staffordshire, and the Camden Society's Publications.

WINSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: FRANCIS SHAW.



From Greenwood's Public Libraries, 1894.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - WM. KISSOCK.

Stock of Books	5,600	Number of Branches	1
Daily Average Issue	50	Date when Founded	Opened 1888
Population	10,600.		

PETERHEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY.



From Greenwood's Public Libraries, 1894.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN - D. SCOTT.

Stock of Books	6,000	Date when Founded	Acts adopted 1890
Annual Issue	29,000	Population (1891) .. .. .	.. .. . 12,195

Other particulars of note:—Mr. Andrew Carnegie contributed towards the building.

CHORLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects: MESSRS. JOLLY AND BUCKLEY, AND W. H. DINSLEY.



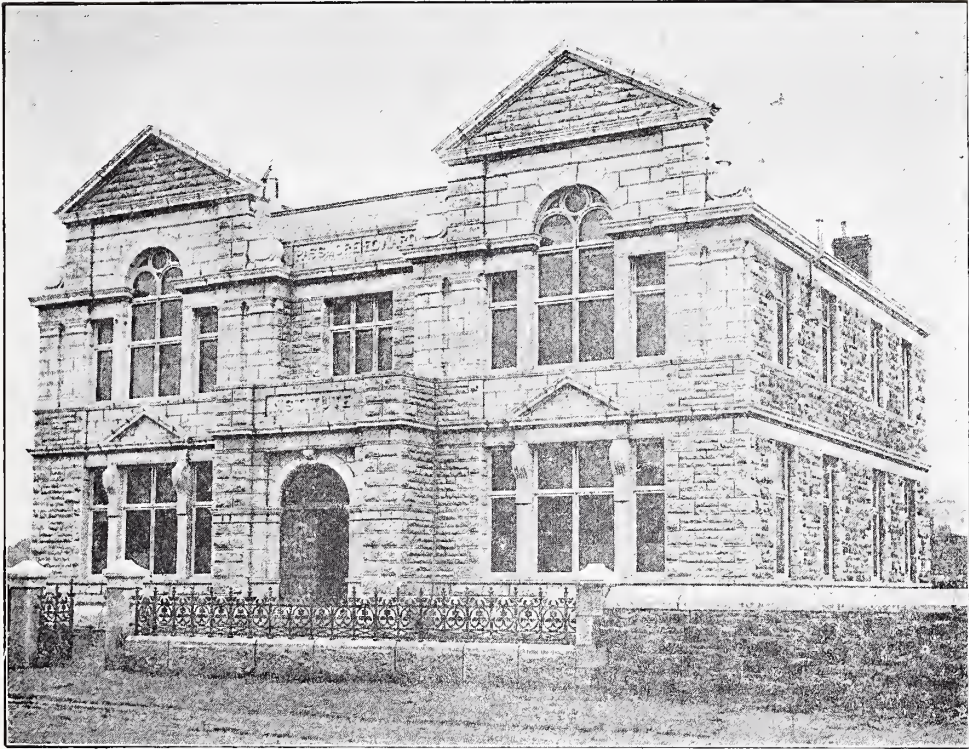
NAME OF LIBRARIAN EDWARD McKNIGHT.

Stock of Books	.. .. .	9,000	|	Date when Founded	.. .. .	1899
Daily Average Issue	.. .. .	150	|	Population	.. .. .	25,000

Other particulars of note :—The Library building was presented to the Borough by Mr. H. T. Parke, J.P., C.C., of Withnell, Lancashire, in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Foundation Stone was laid on June 22nd, 1897, by the donor of the building, and was opened December 13th, 1899. The money for the purchase of books was raised by public contributions.

PASSMORE EDWARDS INSTITUTE, HAYLE.

Architect : SILVANUS TREVAIL, F.R.I.B.A.

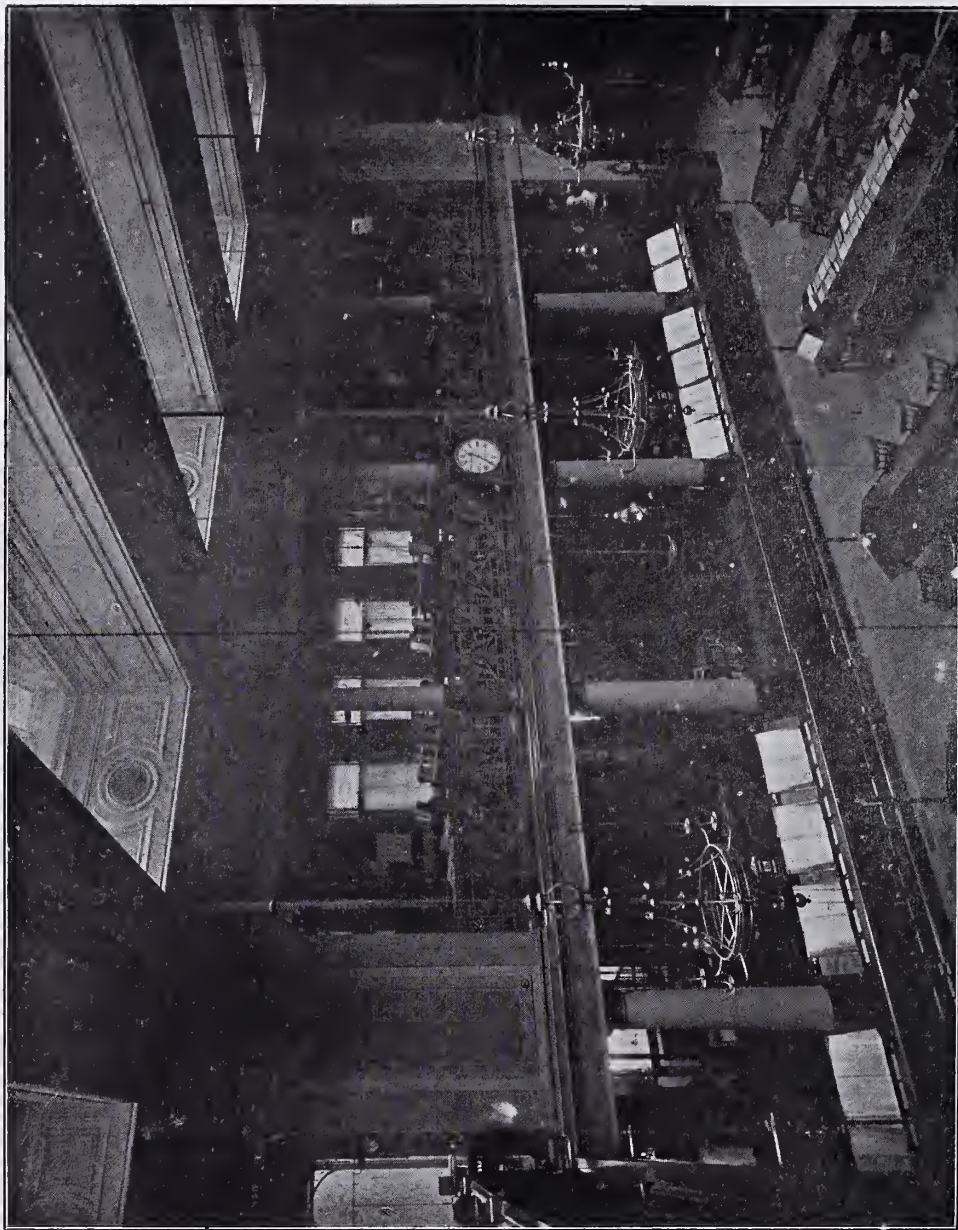


NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - C. H. BLIGHT.

Stock of Books	.. .. .	900	Date when Founded	.. .. .	1896
Daily Average Issue	.. .. .	30	Population	.. .. .	4,000

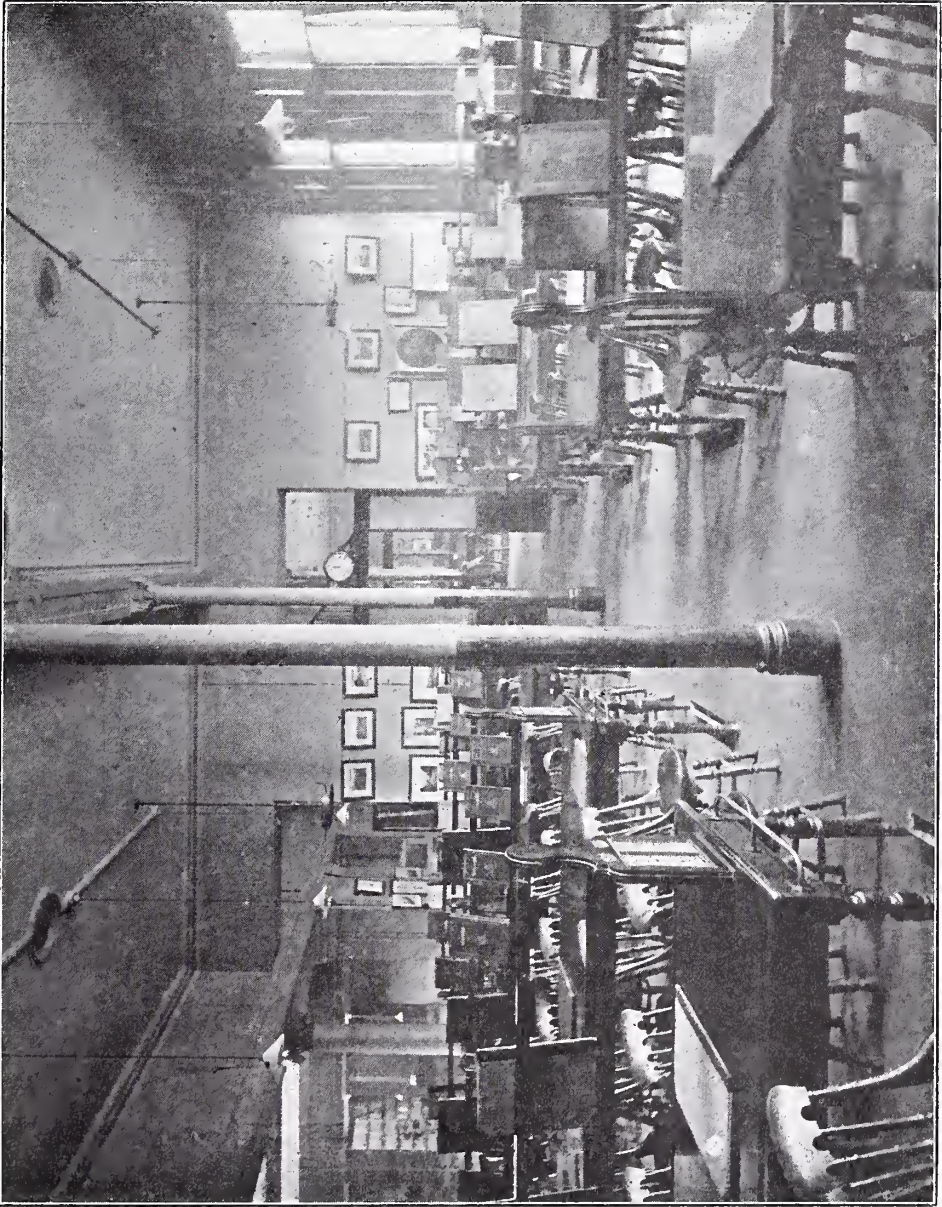
Other particulars of note :—This Institute was presented to the town by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards.

MITCHELL PUBLIC LIBRARY, GLASGOW.
PART OF READING HALL.



	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	FRANCIS T. BARRETT.
Stock of Books ..	140,000	1874-77
Daily Average Issue ..	1,400 to 1,500	750,000
	Date when Founded ..	..
	Population ..	..

MITCHELL PUBLIC LIBRARY, GLASGOW.
MAGAZINE ROOM.



The number of periodicals exhibited on the tables and racks is 420, and the number of seats is 140.

ROTHERHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: MR. H. L. TACON.

LENDING LIBRARY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - JOHN RIDAL.

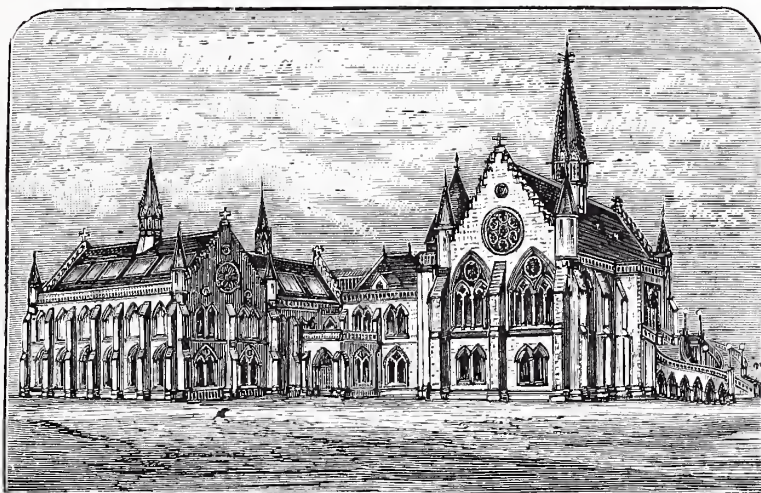
Stock of Books	15,000	Number of Branches	3
Daily Average Issue	150	Date when Founded	1878
Population	(1891) 42,000. Estimated (1900) 54,000		

Other particulars of note:—The number of borrowers is 2,000. The 1d. rate produces £690.

DUNDEE CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND ART GALLERY.

(THE ALBERT INSTITUTE.)

Architect : SIR G. GILBERT SCOTT, R A.



From Greenwood's Public Libraries, 1894.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR - - - - JOHN MACLAUCHAN.

Stock of Books	81,253	Number of Branches	5
Daily Average Issue	1,226	Date when Founded	Opened 1869
Population .. .. .	.. .. .	Estimated (1899)	166,072.

Other particulars of note:—The Library possesses a large collection of old Scotch music, including some unique editions. A gift of £9,830 was received from Mr. John M. Keiller on the establishment of the libraries, £1,000 from Sir David Baxter, £2,500 from the Common Good, and later £12,000 more from Mr. John M. Keiller.

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND INSTITUTE, LAUNCESTON.

Architect : SILVANUS TREVAIL, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - MYLES S. DERRY.

Stock of Books	918	Date when Founded	1900
Daily Average Issue	52	Population	4,345

Other particulars of note :—This Library was presented to the town by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, and was opened April 21st, 1900, by Mr. J. Fletcher Moulton, Q.C., M.P., and Mr. Jas. C. Williams. It is open three times a week—Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The number of borrowers steadily increases, and the Reading Rooms are much appreciated. The Rate amounts to £65.

PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN WILLIAM HENRY KEARLEY WRIGHT, F.L.A.

Stock of Books	46,190	Number of Branches—3 Evening branches and 22 School branches.	
Daily Average Issue	1,185	Date when Founded	1876
Population (1900)	101,872.		

Other particulars of note:—The building was formerly the Guildhall, erected 1800. The Income from Library Rate is £1,800. The Library contains a special collection of books relating to Devon and Cornwall. The Technical Instruction and Museum Acts have been adopted.

LEICESTER PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN C. VERNON KIRKBY.

Stock of Books	62,500	Number of Branches	6
Daily Average Issue	1,484	Date when Founded	1871
Population	210,000		

Other particulars of note:—The above building was built in 1831, and was used for various purposes until adapted for the Library, and is very inadequate.

WATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Architect : W. H. SYME, F.R.I.B.A.



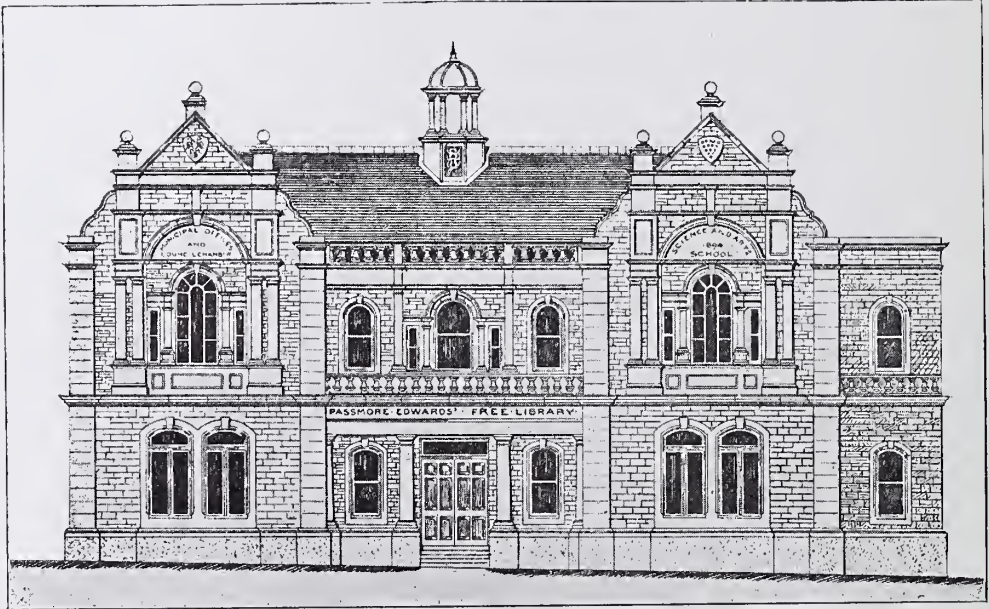
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - JOHN WOOLMAN.

Stock of Books	13,500	Date when Founded ..	1871 (Built and Opened 1874)
Daily Average Issue	140	Population	Estimated 26,000

Other particulars of note :—This was one of the first districts in which the Technical Instruction Acts were adopted in connection with Science and Art Classes already in existence for some years.

PASSMORE EDWARDS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, FALMOUTH.

Architects: MESSRS. W. H. TRESIDDER AND F. J. BELLAMY.



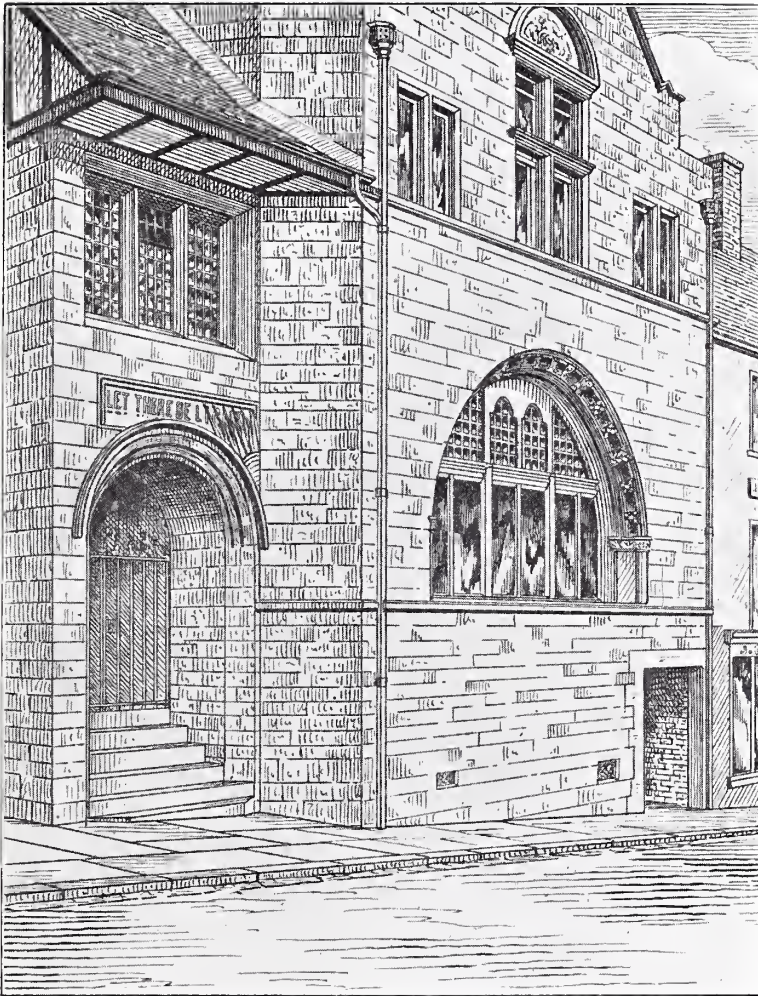
NAME OF ACTING LIBRARIAN - - - - R. H. BRENTON.

Stock of Books	6,000	Date when Founded	1894
Daily Average Issue	100	Population	12,215

Other particulars of note :—The late Mr. O. A. Ferris, left by his will over £2,000 towards establishing a Library. Mr. J. Passmore Edwards gave £2,000 besides numerous other gifts. The Science and Art Department contributed £420, and the Corporation gave the site, and a further £2,000. The Library was opened in temporary premises in April, 1894, and the new building May 2nd, 1896.

JEDBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: G. WASHINGTON BROWNE, A.E.S.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - J. LANDSAY HILSON.

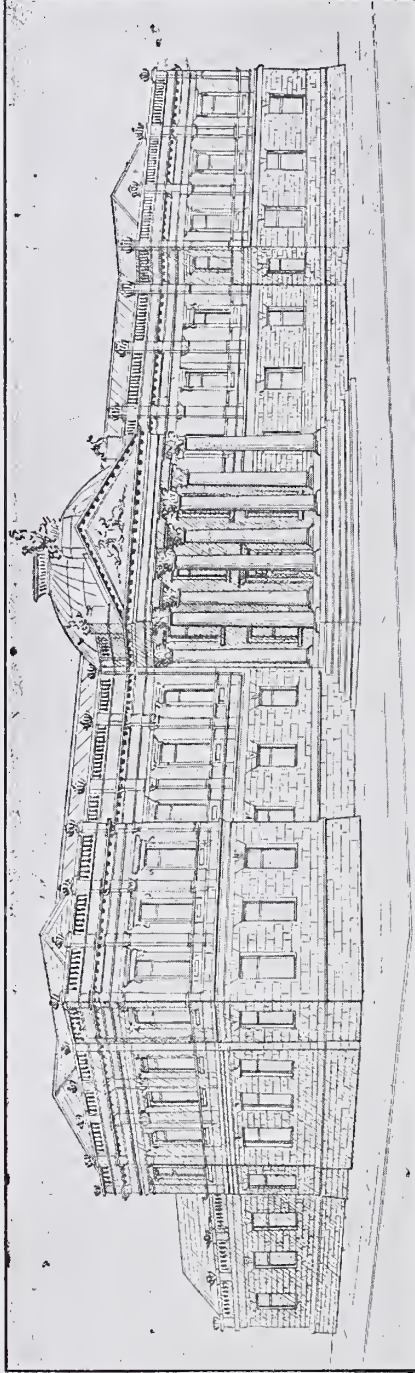
Stock of Books	4,090	Date when Founded	October 5th, 1894
Daily Average Issue	164	Population	3,997

Other particulars of note :—Mr. Carnegie gave at first £500, and for the new premises illustrated above he has given a further £2,500. The Library is open three nights per week and Saturday afternoons. In one of the rooms there is a Museum.

KILMARNOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

(THE DICK INSTITUTE.)

Architect: R. S. INGRAM.



From the "Kilmarnock Standard."

	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	- - -	H. Y. SIMPSON.
Stock of Books	.. ..	17,073	Date when Founded:—Acts adopted 12th June, 1893;
Daily Average Issue	.. ..	201	Temporary Library opened 16th February, 1895.
	Population	.. ..	32,500

Other particulars of note:—The above building presented by Mr. James Dick, Glasgow, is in course of construction, and is expected to be ready about the beginning of 1901.

IPSWICH CENTRAL, PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM, ART GALLERY, AND
SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Architect: HORACE CHESTON.



From a Photo by F. Woolhough.

NAME OF SECRETARY - - - FRANK WOOLNOUGH.
NAMES OF LIBRARIANS - - - 1st, W. FENTON. 2nd, F. ROBINSON.

Stock of Books	17,000	Number of Branches .. .. .	.. 1
Daily Average Issue	300	Date when Founded .. .. .	.. 1887
Population .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	62,000.

Other particulars of note :—A new students Reference Library is in course of erection at the back of the above building.

HAMMERSMITH PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - SAMUEL MARTIN.

Daily Average Issue .. { Central 279 } TOTAL 755.
 { Shepherd's Bush Branch, 476 }

Other particulars of note :—The Central Library is situated in Ravenscourt Park, amidst very pretty scenery, as shown above.

For Memoranda *see* page 29.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND, DUBLIN.

Architect: SIR THOMAS NEWENHAM DEANE, in council with the late Librarian,
WILLIAM ARCHER, F.R.S.

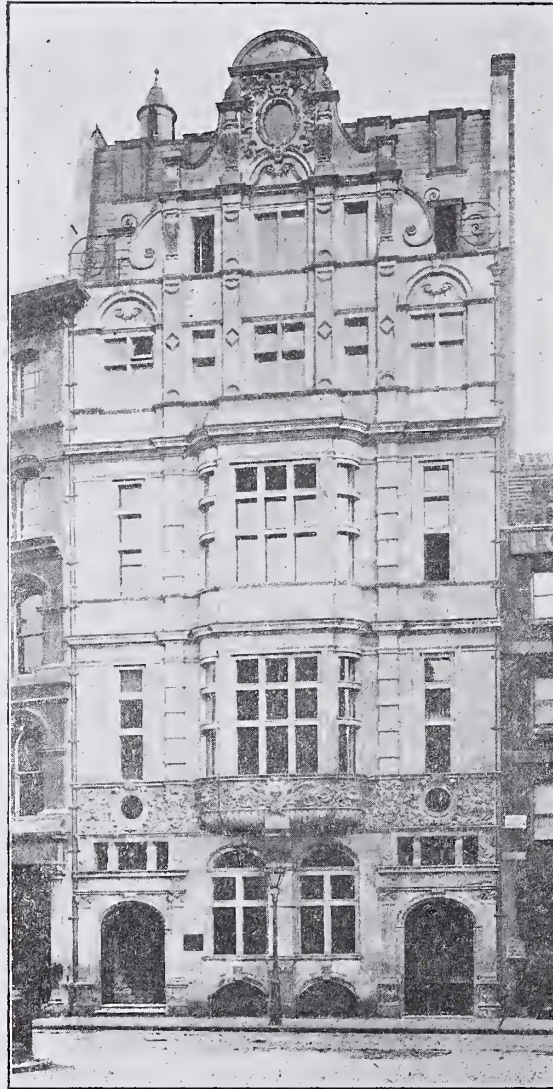


NAME OF LIBRARIAN	THOMAS WILLIAM LISTER, M.A.
Stock of Books	130,000
Daily Average Issue (Reference only)	over 800
Date when Founded	1877
Population of Ireland	4,500,000

Other particulars of note:—This is a State Library, the tiny British Museum of Ireland, and is almost exclusively a Reference Library. The Library is especially rich in books on Irish Topography and History, Fine Arts, Zoology and Botany. The percentage of fiction is very small, in fact only classical fiction is purchased. The Library entered the new building in 1890.

ST. GILES PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architect: WILLIAM RUSHWORTH.



From a photo by Bedford Lemere & Co., 147, Strand, W.C.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - WILLIAM ARTHUR TAYLOR.

Stock of Books	9,000	Daily Average Number of Visitors	1,710
Daily Average Issue	198	Date when Founded.. .. .	1892
Population	38,237		

NEWINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.
(WALWORTH ROAD S.E.)

Architect: E. B. LASSON, M.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - RICHARD W. MOULD.

Stock of Books	.. .. . 25,000	}	Date when Founded.	Acts adopted Oct. 1890.	Opened
Daily Average Issue	.. .. (for last year) 676		Nov. 1893, with 9,500 Volumes		
Number of Branches	Delivery Stations contemplated.		Population	.. .. .	124,000

Other particulars of note:—Free lectures and recitals (attendances often over 1,000), art exhibitions. Boys' Department (reading room; library, 700 vols.; lectures and entertainments). Open on Sundays. Magazine. First English Dante Memorial.

BURTON-ON-TRENT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: R. CHURCHILL.



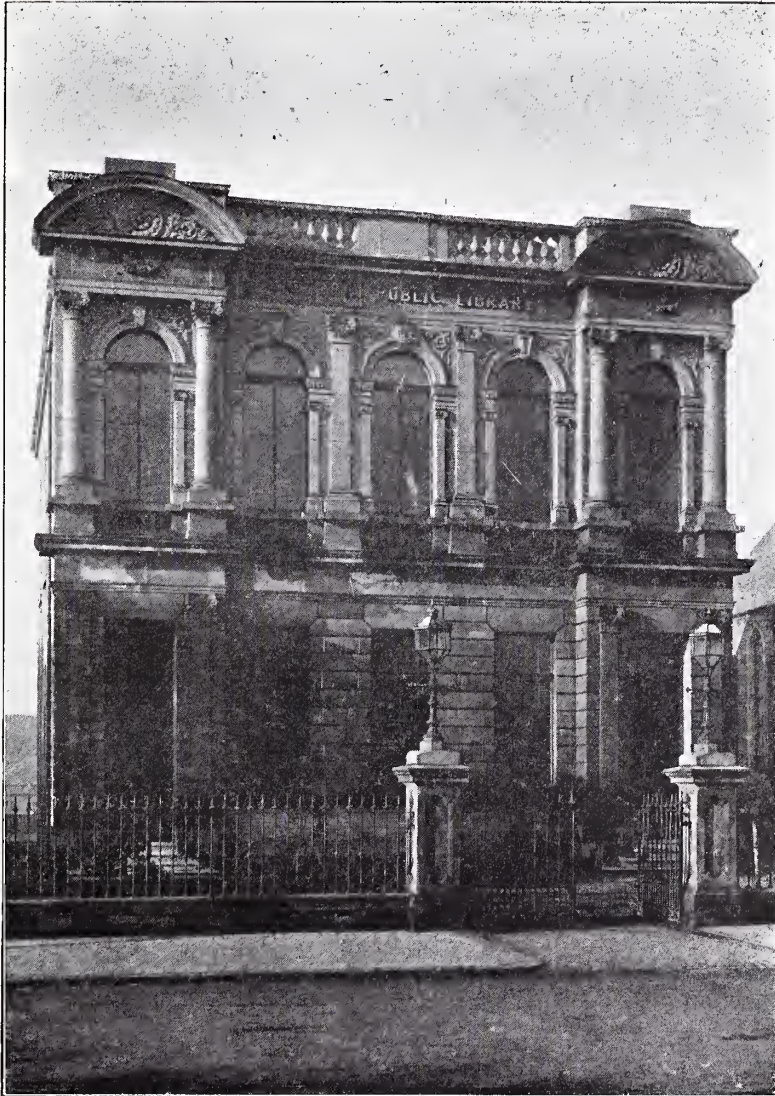
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - S. T. W. GROSE.

Stock of Books	about 10,000	Number of Branches ..	Two Branch Reading Rooms.
Daily Average Issue	190	Date when Founded	August 4th, 1897
Population	52,000		

Other particulars of note:—The building was erected by private subscriptions in 1878, and contained accommodation for a subscription library and reading room, reference library, school of science and art, and a chess room. In 1896, the whole was transferred to the Corporation and a free public library with reading room was then established in addition.

VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY, GRANGEMOUTH.

Architect : WM. BLACK.

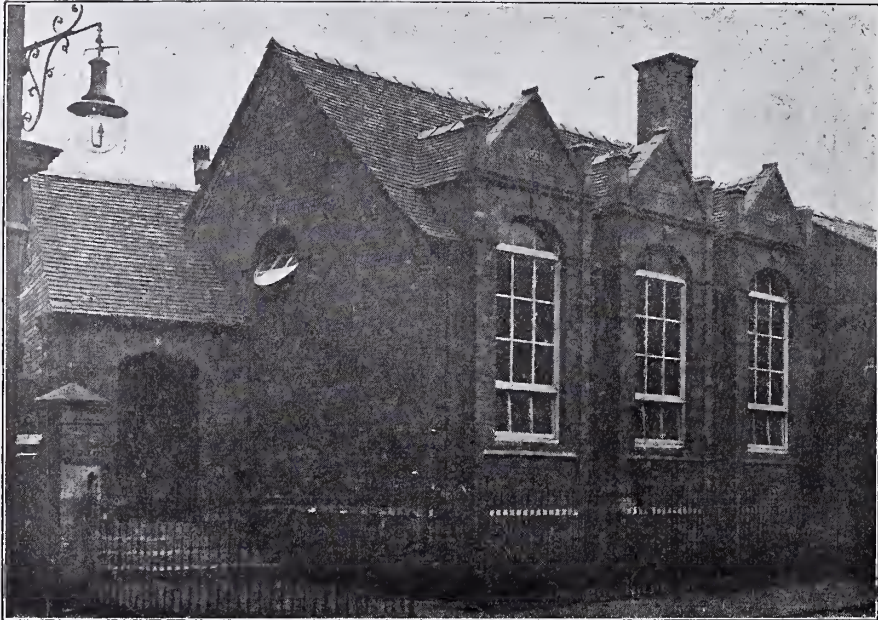


NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - WM. C. DIBBS.

Stock of Books	2,905	Date when Founded ..	Act adopted 31st March, 1887
Daily Average Issue	45	Population	About 6,000

Other particulars of note :—Temporary Buildings opened 14th September, 1887. Present Buildings opened 31st January, 1889. Total cost of building and furnishing, £2,139.

NANTWICH PUBLIC LIBRARY.



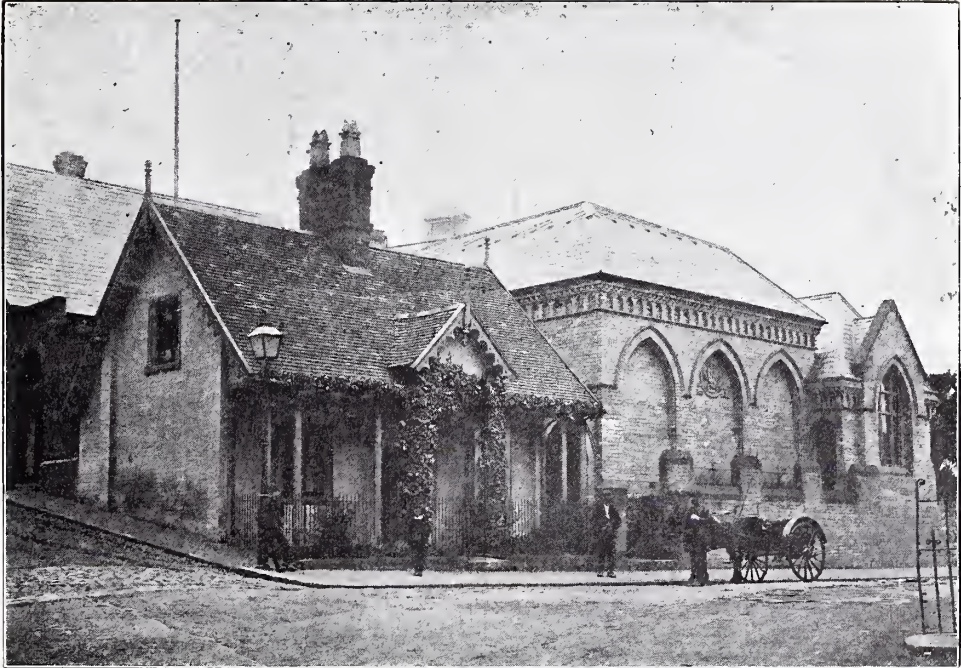
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - MISS ANNIE JACKSON.

Stock of Books	4,568	Date when Founded	Opened 1888
Weekly Average Issue	295	Population	7,412

Other particulars of note :—The annual income from the 1d. rate is £72. Daily average number of visitors to the Reading Room, 120.

WELSHPOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : D. WALKER, Liverpool.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - C. H. JONES.

Stock of Books	6,000	Date when Founded	Acts adopted 1887
Daily Average Issue	50	Population	6,500

Other particulars of note :—The Welshpool Free Library was established in 1887, mainly through the efforts of the Powisland Club and the old Reading Society, the former offered to transfer their Library and Museum if the town would adopt the Free Libraries Act; the Reading Society at the same time gave considerable impetus to the movement by contributing the whole of their collection of books for the purpose of forming a Free Library.

THURSO PUBLIC LIBRARY AND TOWN HALL.

Architect: RUSSELL MACKENZIE.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - HENRY MANSON.

Stock of Books	6,365	Date when founded	1872
Daily Average Issue:—(Open only three times in the week)	110	Population	4,000

Other particulars of note:—There is also a Reading Room in connection with the Library and a Museum containing Dick's Herbarium (whose life was written by Smiles) and numerous interesting local articles, &c. Thurso was the second or third town in Scotland that adopted the Public Library Acts.

CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

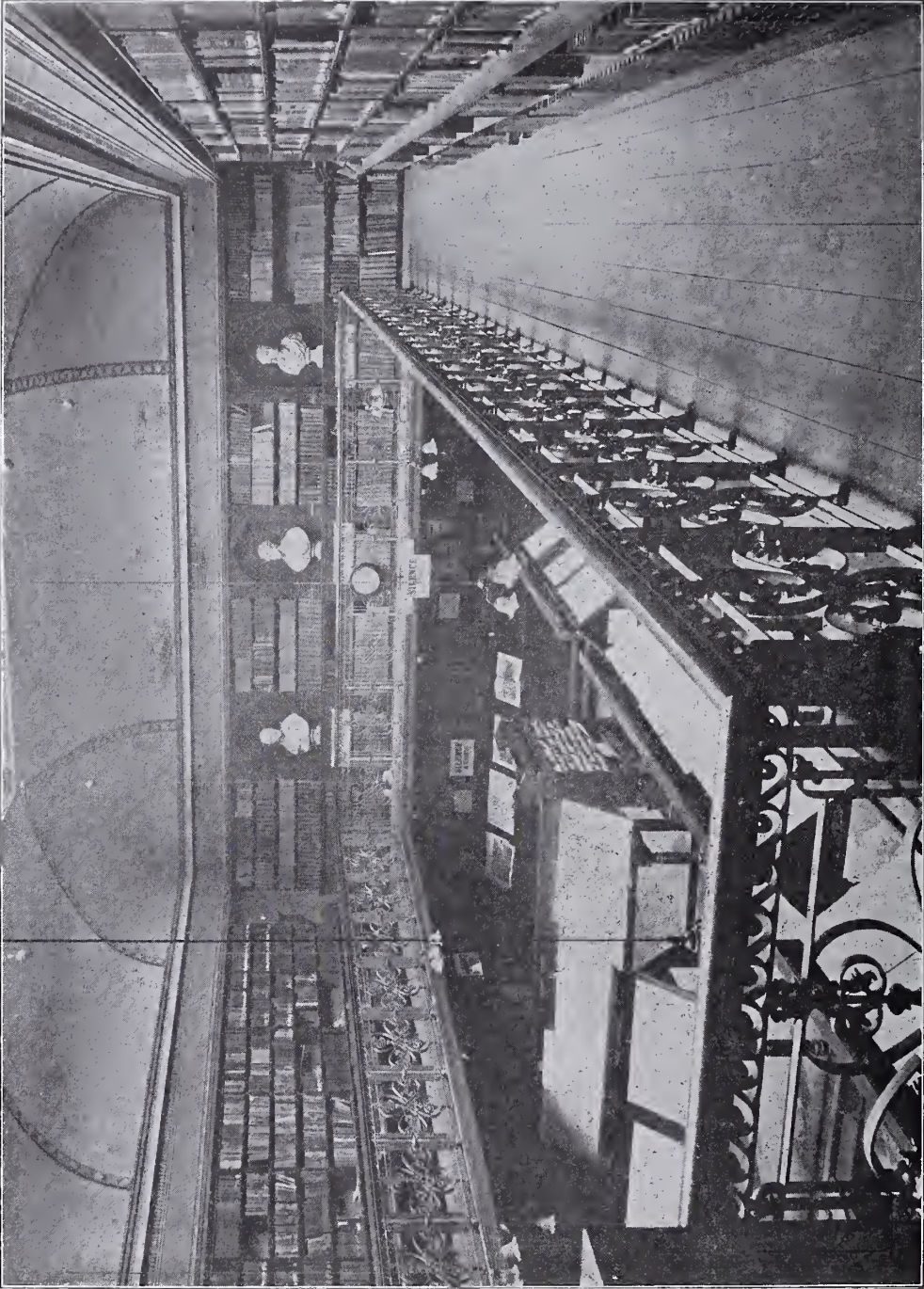
Advisory Architect: T. M. Lockwood, F.R.I.B.A.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - E. H. CADDIE.

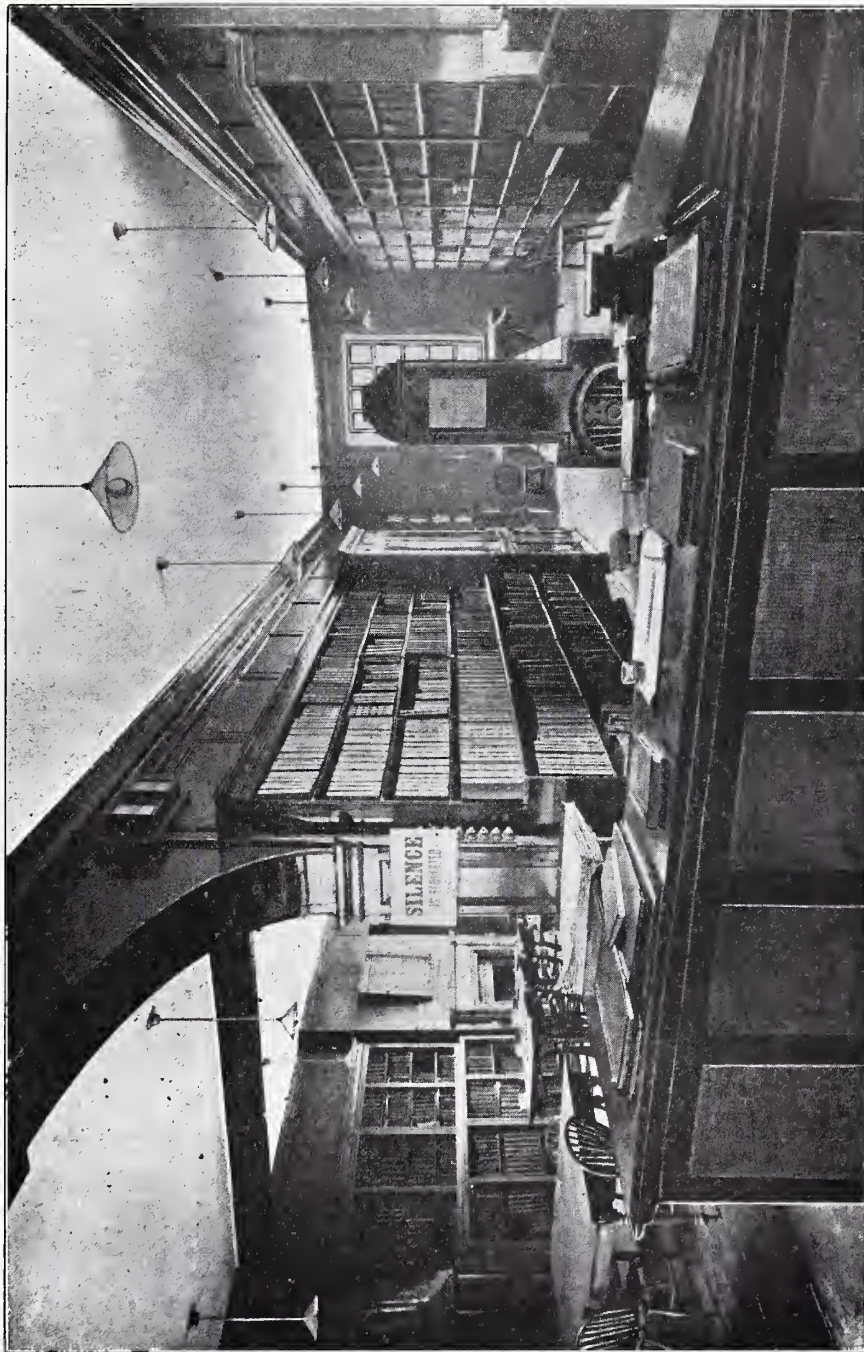
Stock of Books	18,800	Date when Founded	Jan. 1st, 1877
Daily Average Issue	180	Population	38,000

CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.
NEWSROOM AND BOOK STORE.



This room, with gallery running round, was (with the exception of the shelving) the Jubilee Gift (1887) of the Library's late Chairman (Mr. Wm. Brown, J.P.), and cost £1,678. Since the present Librarian's appointment, the Library has received in donations, £1,400 (original purchase cost of old Mechanic's Institute), and three other donations, expended in books, of £600, and two of £100. Open access has been tried in Lending and Reference Departments, but abolished, after a fair trial. There is no demand for the system. Recently, an open book case, made to contain about 60 vols. of books of reference, such as Dictionaries, Gazettes, Annuals, &c., has been placed on the counter in the Reference Library, where readers may help themselves, an approximate record of number of works referred to being kept. This is already much appreciated. There is, besides, a glazed case, for showing illustrated and otherwise costly works, and recent accessions, placed in this department.

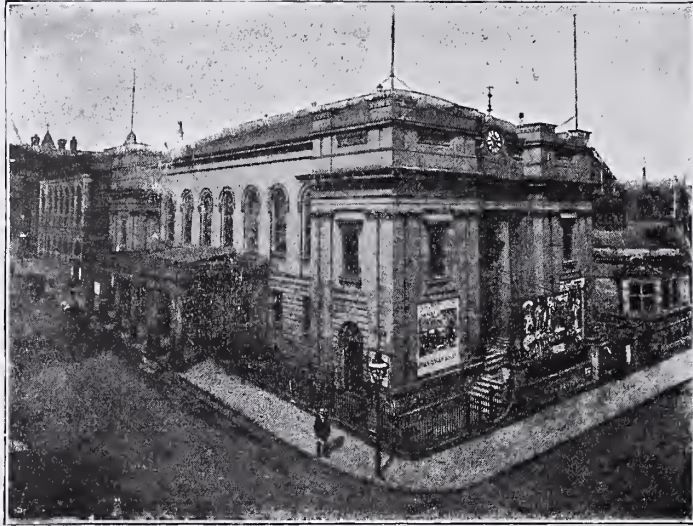
CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.



REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, NOTTINGHAM.

Architect : T. SIMPSON.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - J. T. RADFORD, F.R.Hist.S.

Stock of Books	29,918	Date when Founded	1837
Daily Average Issue	465	Number of Subscribers (or Members)	5,214

Population 240,000.

Other particulars of note:—Contains one of the finest collections of local pictures and engravings. Good collections of local books, bibliographical works, Byroniana, works dealing with lace and designing. There are two large Reading Rooms, Lending and Reference Libraries, as well as Billiard and Smoke Room, and a good Refreshment Room.

DUBLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY.
(22, THOMAS STREET).

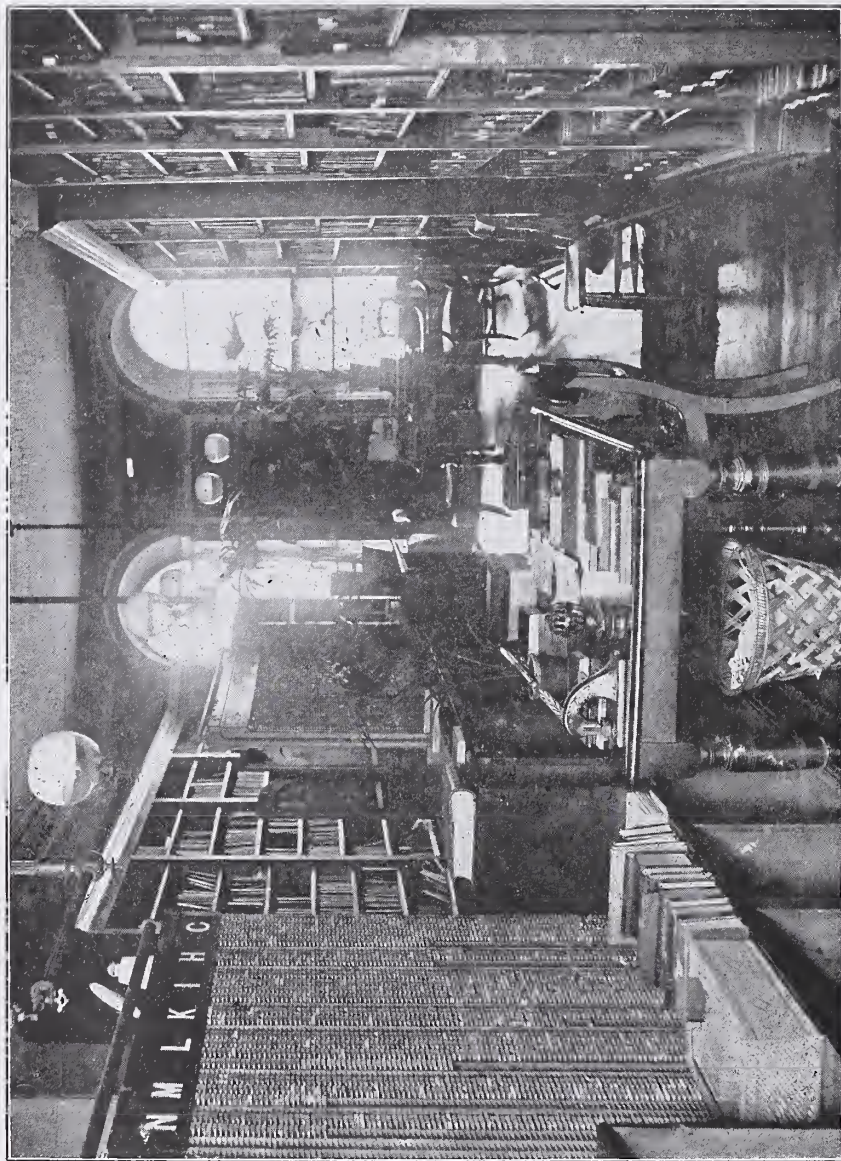


NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - JOHN DE COURCY MACDONNELL.

*Stock of Books	27,000	Number of Branches	3
*Daily Average Issue	700	Date when Founded	1884
Population	273,282		

* These figures represent the totals of the three public libraries in Dublin, which are practically branch libraries, as the central has not yet been built.

DUBLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY (22, THOMAS STREET).
LENDING LIBRARY.



There are three Public Libraries in Dublin, two opened in 1884, one at Thomas Street, illustrated pages 193-5, another at Capel Street (P. Grogan, Librarian), and the third has recently been built at Charleville Mall (Architect, C. J. McCarthy, City Architect). Mr. P. J. Hoey, Chief Assistant at the Thomas Street Library has been appointed Librarian of the new library at North William Street, which is managed on similar lines to the Thomas Street Library. The Dublin Libraries' Committee have adopted a scheme for the erection of a central library, the building of which is to cost £28,000. This library, the plans of which have been prepared by the City Architect is to be erected on a central site near the City Hall.

DUBLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY.
(22, THOMAS STREET).



CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S ROOM.

DALZIEL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, LTD., BUILDINGS, INCLUDING
LIBRARY, MOTHERWELL.

Architect : ALEXANDER CULLEN.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - MISS PURDIE.

Stock of Books	7,200	Date when Founded	1890
Daily Average Issue	100	Population of Burgh	30,000

Other particulars of note:— The Library was founded by the Dalziel Co-operative Society, Ltd., and is free to the members of the Society. Non-members of the Society may become members of the Library by paying a yearly subscription of 5s. The Library is on second floor. The membership of the Society is 4,300.

TATE CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY, STREATHAM, LONDON.

Architect: SIDNEY R. J. SMITH, F.R.I.B.A.



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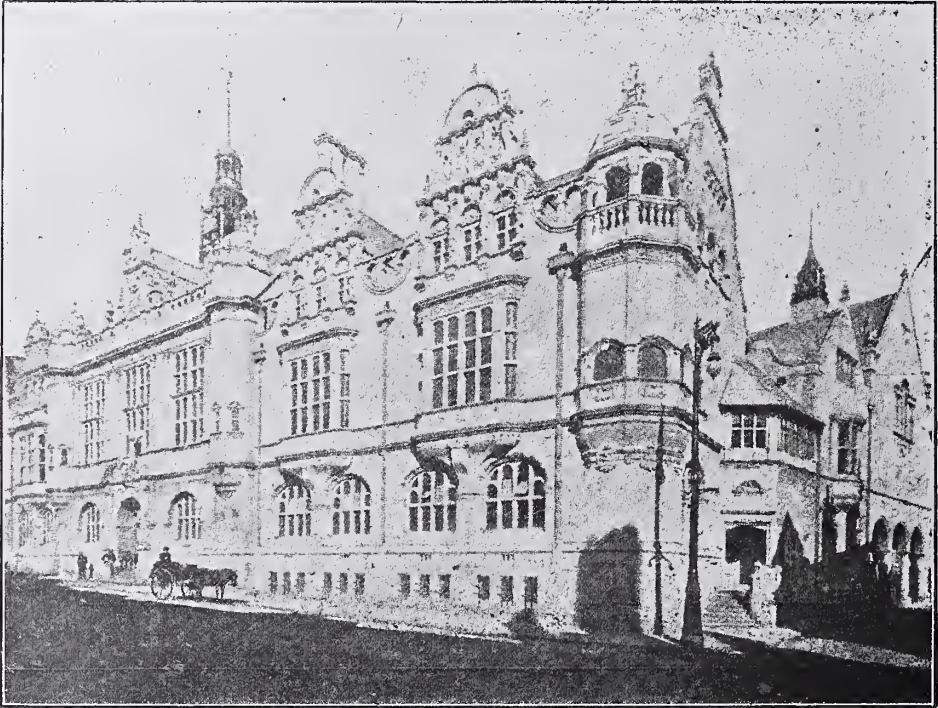
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - THOMAS EVERATT.

Stock of Books	23,600	Number of Branches	One (at Balham)
Daily Average Issue (Central and Branch) ..	906	Date when Central Library Founded	1890
Population (1896)	54,338		

Other particulars of note:—The building and site for the above Library were presented to the Commissioners by their late Chairman, Sir Henry Tate, Bart, J.P. Sir Henry also presented the site for the Balham Branch Library, but the building was erected by the Commissioners.

OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

Architect: HENRY T. HARE, F.R.I.B.A.



Gillman, Photo.

NAME OF LIBRARIAN THOS. HARWOOD.

Stock of Books	about 12,000	Number of Branches }
Daily Average Issue	220	Date when Founded	1852; Opened 1854
Population	50,000.		

OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY.
REFERENCE LIBRARY.



Gillman, Photo.

The library has a ladies' room, a juvenile room, and a collection of local books.

CLAPHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architect : E. B. T'ANSON, M.A.



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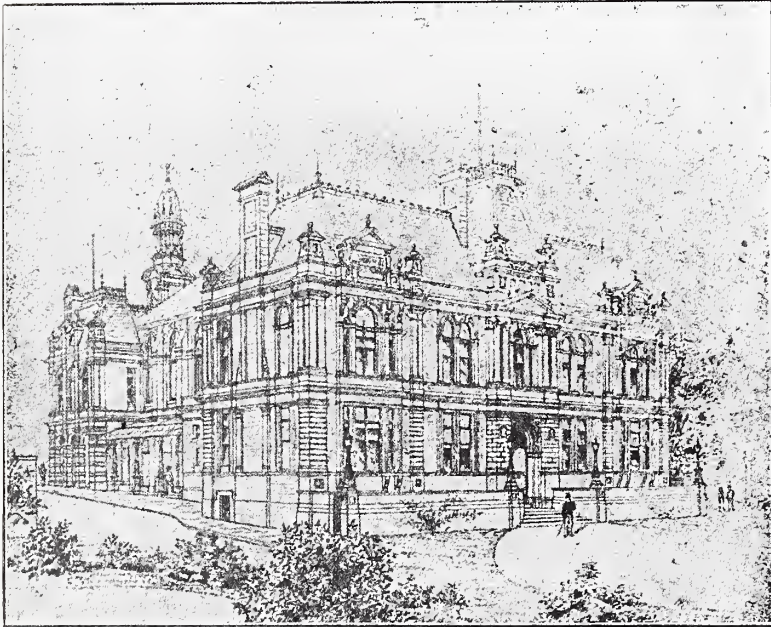
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - J. REED WELCH.

Stock of Books	8,200	Date when Founded	1887
Daily Average Issue	300	Population	50,000

Other particulars of note :—Lectures are given. The library has a collection of local books.

BUXTON TOWN HALL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: WILLIAM POLLARD, Manchester.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - T. ALAN SARJANT.

Stock of Books	5,123	Date when Founded	June, 1889
Daily Average Issue	103	Population	12,000

Other particulars of note:—The Library has been enlarged, and the Museum moved into a room adjoining the Library. Several local collections have been added. The Reading Room has been improved by the addition of new furniture and fittings. Electric light is being installed.

CLERKENWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architects: MESSRS. KARSLAKE AND MORTIMER.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN

JAMES DUFF BROWN.

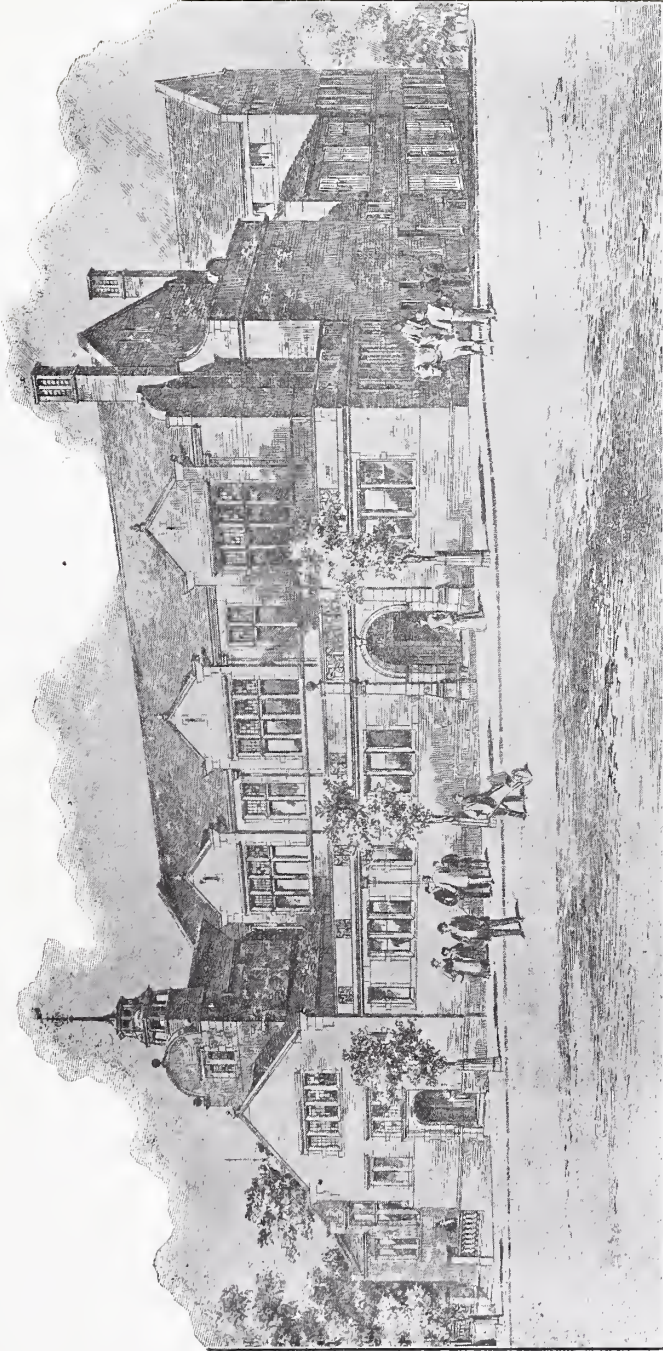
Stock of Books—Lending (including Branch), 15,000;
 Reference, 5,630; Total, 20,630.
 Daily Average Issue 370

Number of Branches	1
Date when Founded	1887
Population (1896)	66,202

Other particulars of note:—The Library has special collections of music and local books, and issues a Quarterly Guide. Students' tickets are issued.

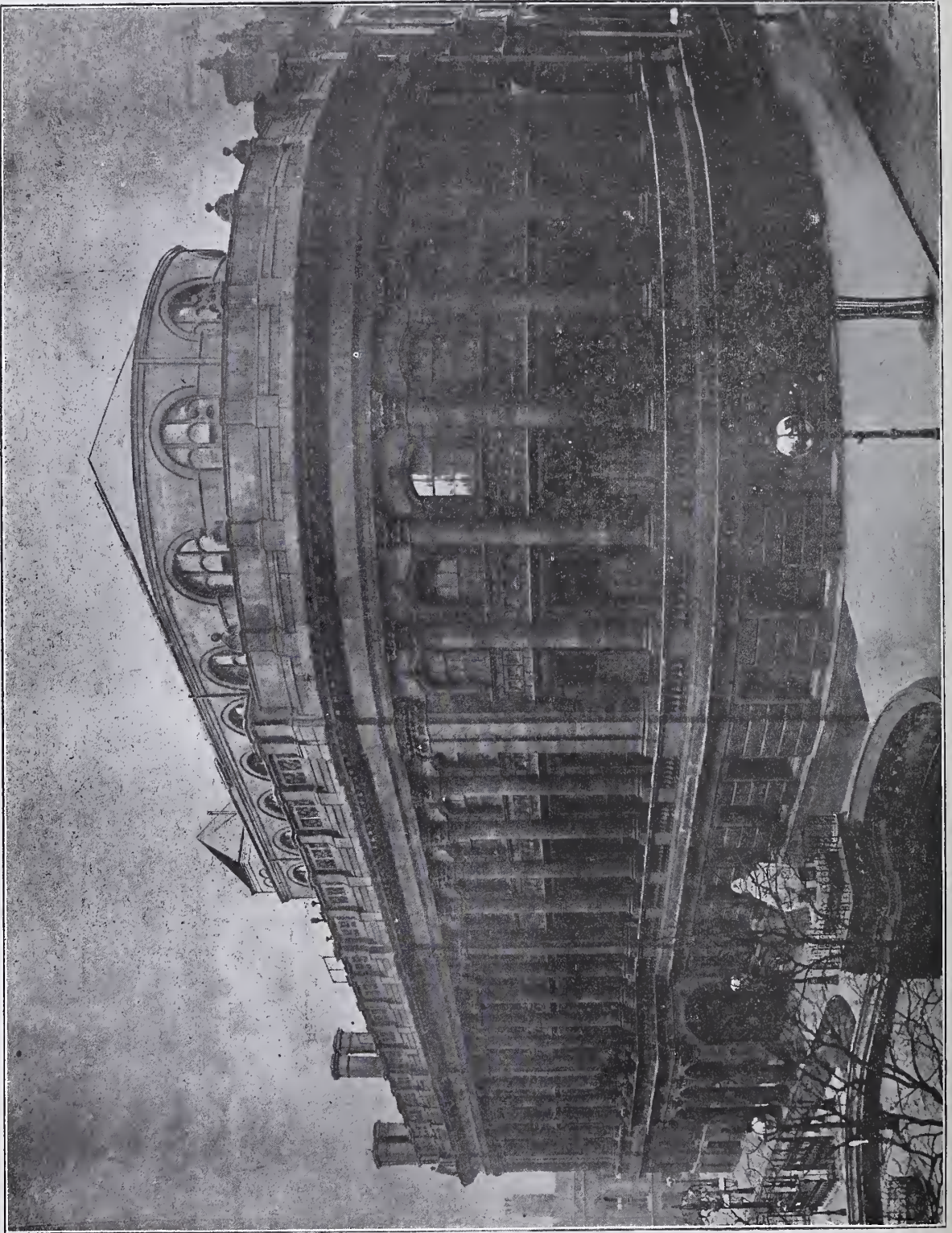
COLNE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

Architects: MESSRS. WOODHOUSE AND WILLOUGHBY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN	-	-	-	ERNEST CROWTHER.
Stock of Books	..	..	5,276	Date when Founded .. Acts adopted 1894 ; Opened 1895.
Daily Average Issue	..	..	119	Population 25,000

Other particulars of note :— The Technical Institution Act has been adopted.



BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

CENTRAL LIBRARIES.

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

CENTRAL REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Architect of Central Library: MESSRS. MARTIN AND CHAMBERLAIN.



Photo by J. A. DRAYCOTT.

NAME OF CHIEF LIBRARIAN - - ALFRED CAPEL SHAW.

Stock of Books	{	Reference Library .. 147,843	} 250,180	Daily Average Issue	3,815
		Central Lending Library 30,540		Number of Branches .. .	9
		Branches 72,097		Date when Founded .. .	Acts adopted 1860
		Population (Estimated)	514,956		

Other particulars of note:—The Central Libraries were burned down 11th January, 1879, and re-opened 1st June, 1882. The borrowers number 30,526. The Technical Instruction Acts have been adopted. Museum and Art Gallery conducted by separate Committee. The Library contains special collections of Shakespeare, Local Literature, Cervantes, Milton, Byron, and Music; and works in foreign languages. The Technical Schools are conducted by a separate committee.

CAMBERWELL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, NUNHEAD.

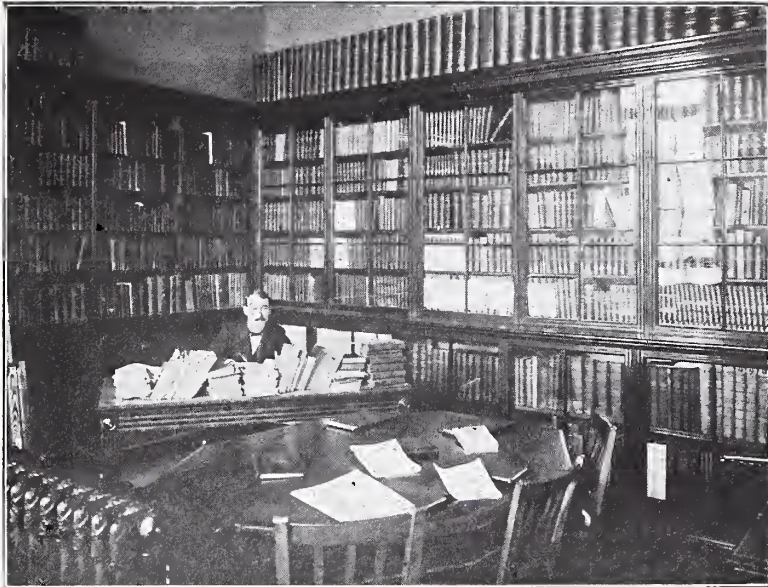
Architect : R. P. WHELLOCK, A.R.I.B.A.



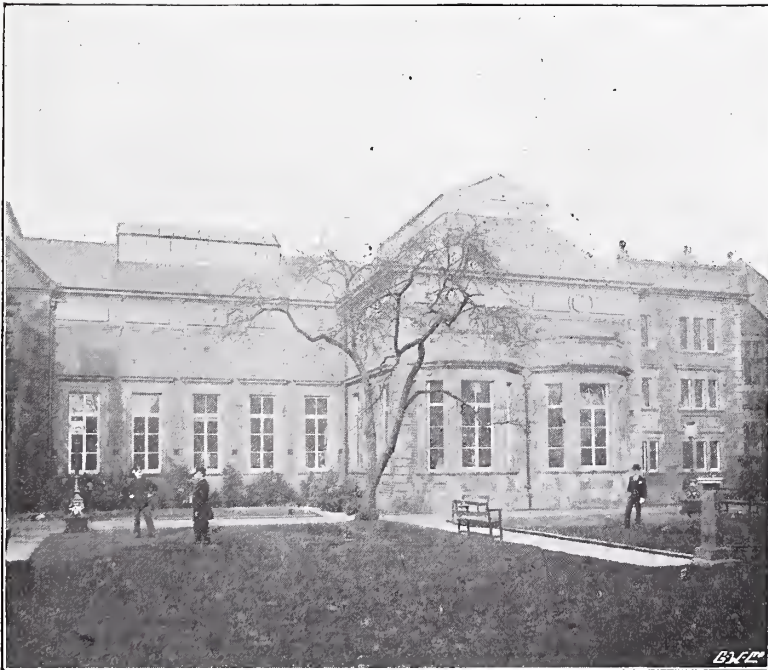
NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - EDWARD FOSKETT, F.R.S.L.

For memorandum, see pages 54-57.

CARLISLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.



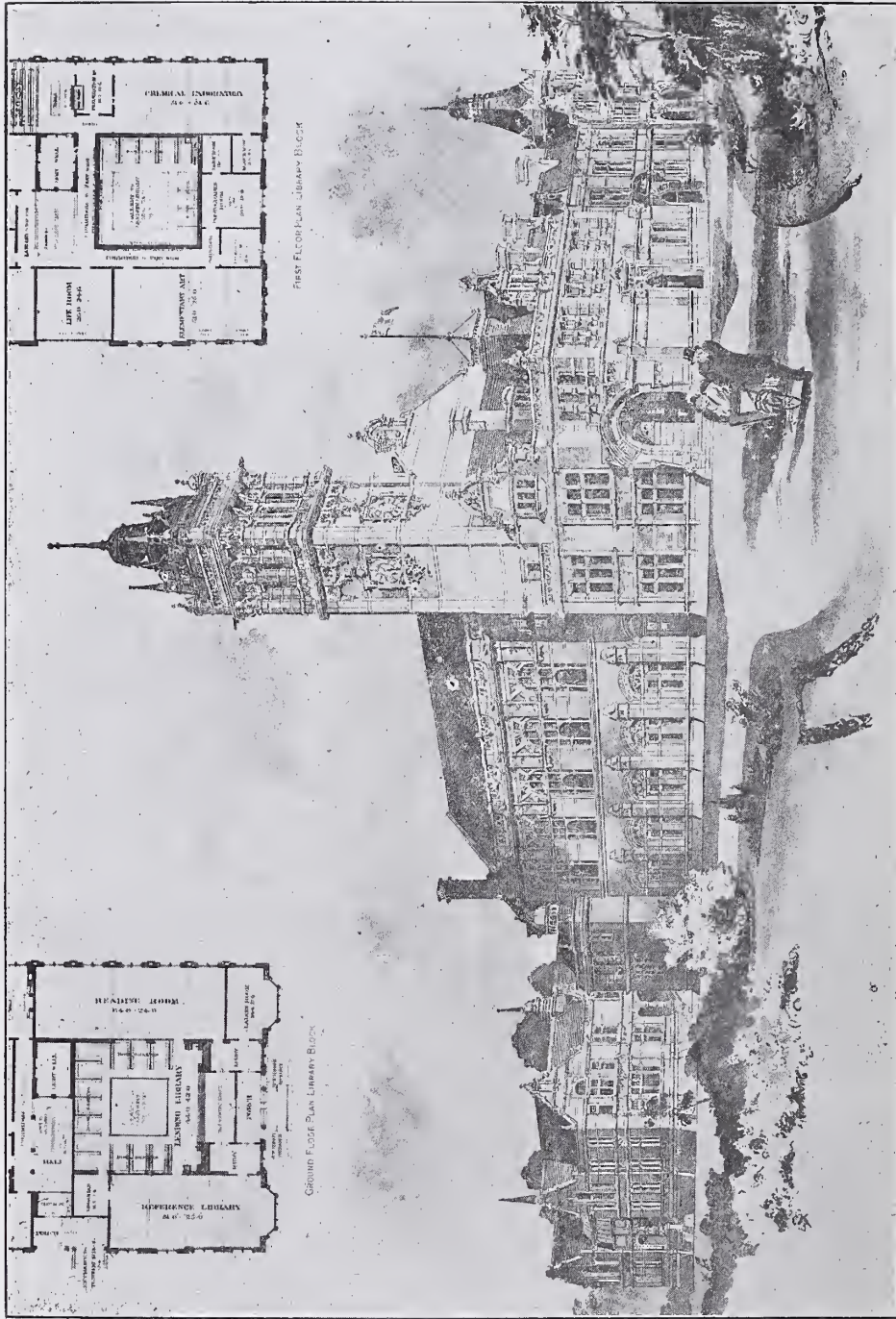
CORNER OF REFERENCE LIBRARY.



EXTERIOR OF READING ROOM.
For memorandum, see page 17.

EAST HAM CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

Architects : MESSRS. CHEERS AND SMITH.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - - - WILLIAM BRIDLE.

For memorandum, see page 11.



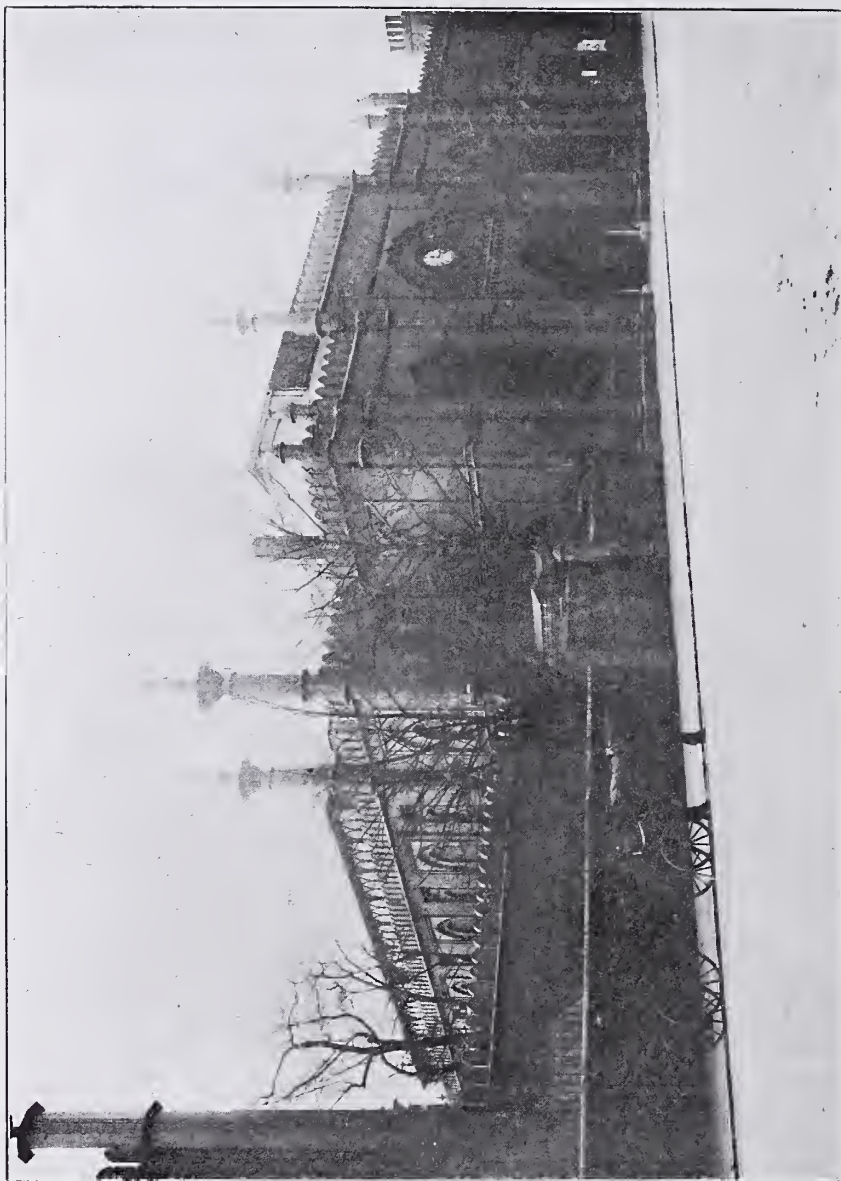
	NAME OF CURATOR	DATES WHEN FOUNDED
Stock of Books	about 10,000	1862, 1883, 1887
Number of Branches	15	

E. W. SMITH, M.R.A.S.

Other particulars of note :—The Library has special collections of books on Indian History, etc.

BRIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.
VICTORIA LENDING LIBRARY.

Architect who adapted the present Library: P. C. Lockwood, C.F.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN F. W. MADDEN, M.R.A.S.

Stock of Books ..	{ Reference .. 20,898	}	Date when Founded ..	}	Public Library Opened .. 1873
Daily Average Issue ..	{ Victoria Lending .. 32,954					Victoria Lending Opened .. 1889
	.. .. . 414		Population ..		.. 152,000

Other particulars of note:—Plans have been made by the Borough Surveyor and Engineer, Mr. F. J. O. May, M.I.C.E., for new Library premises, which will be erected on the Pavilion Estate, and will include the offices vacated by the Guardians.

BRIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.



READING ROOM FROM PAVILION GROUNDS.

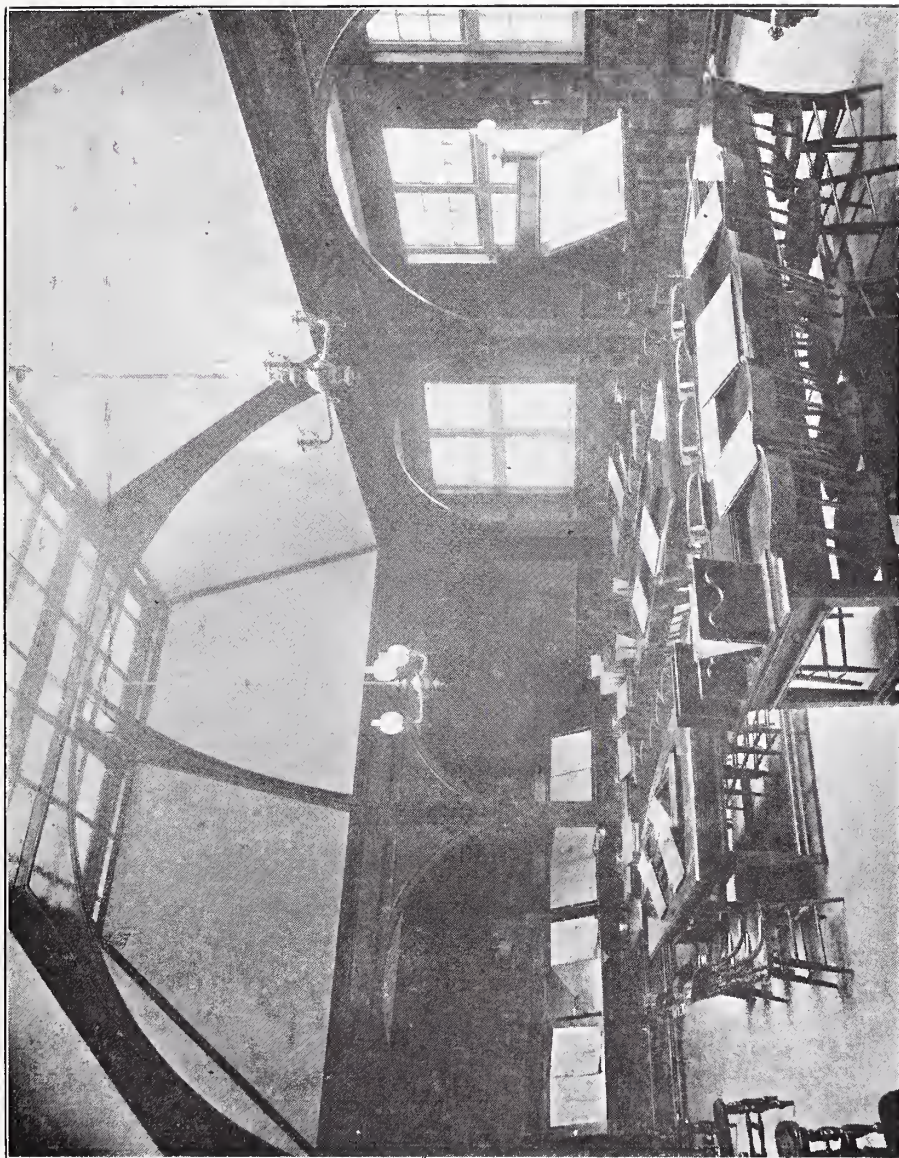
DOUGLAS (I. O. M.) PUBLIC LIBRARY.
 Architect: ARTHUR ARLON, F.R.I.B.A.
 LENDING LIBRARY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN	JOHN TAYLOR.
Stock of Books	14,996
Daily Average Issue	269
Date when Founded	1886
Population	19,525

Other particulars of note:—Collection of local books and prints, and works in Manx language.

DOUGLAS (I. O. M.) PUBLIC LIBRARY.



NEWSROOM.

ÖFFENTLICHE BIBLIOTHEK UND LESE-HALLE, BERLIN.

Architect who adapted Library: PAUL SALINGER.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - HUGO HEIMANN.

Stock of Books.—About 15,000, but will soon amount to 30,000.

Daily Average Issue.—Fiction, natural sciences, law, and fine arts, are open to the public; others are preparing.

Date when Founded October 26th, 1899

Population of City.—Excluding the suburbs,
nearly 2,000,000

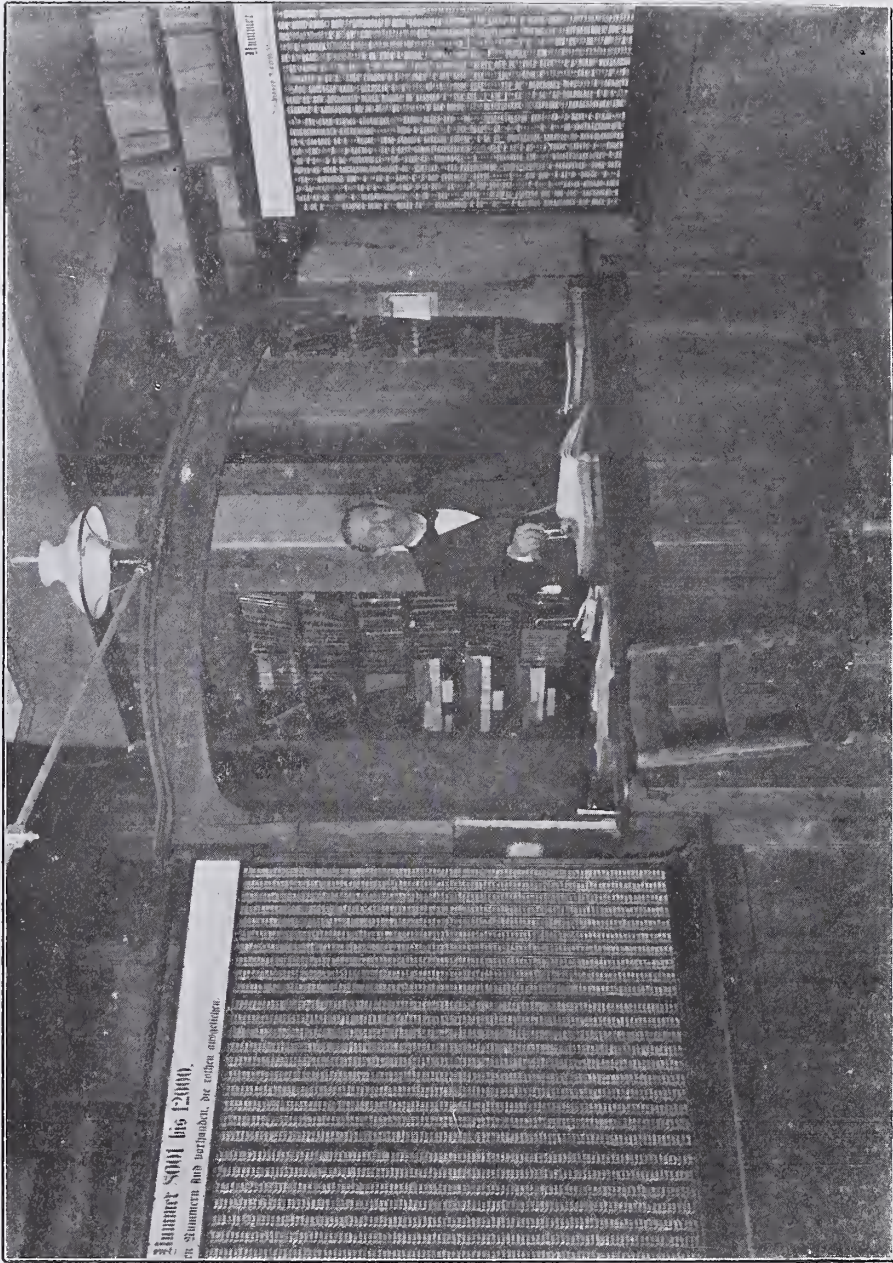
ÖFFENTLICHE BIBLIOTHEK UND LESE-HALLE, BERLIN.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.



Other particulars of note:—This library building was originally an old country house, but by the care and ability of Herr Salinger, the architect, it was transformed into a useful and practical library. The cost of rebuilding and founding this institution was borne entirely by Herr Hugo Heimann, who also arranged and organised the library. It is open free to everyone, and contains reference and lending departments and a newsroom.

ÖFFENTLICHE BIBLIOTHEK UND LESE-HALLE, BERLIN.



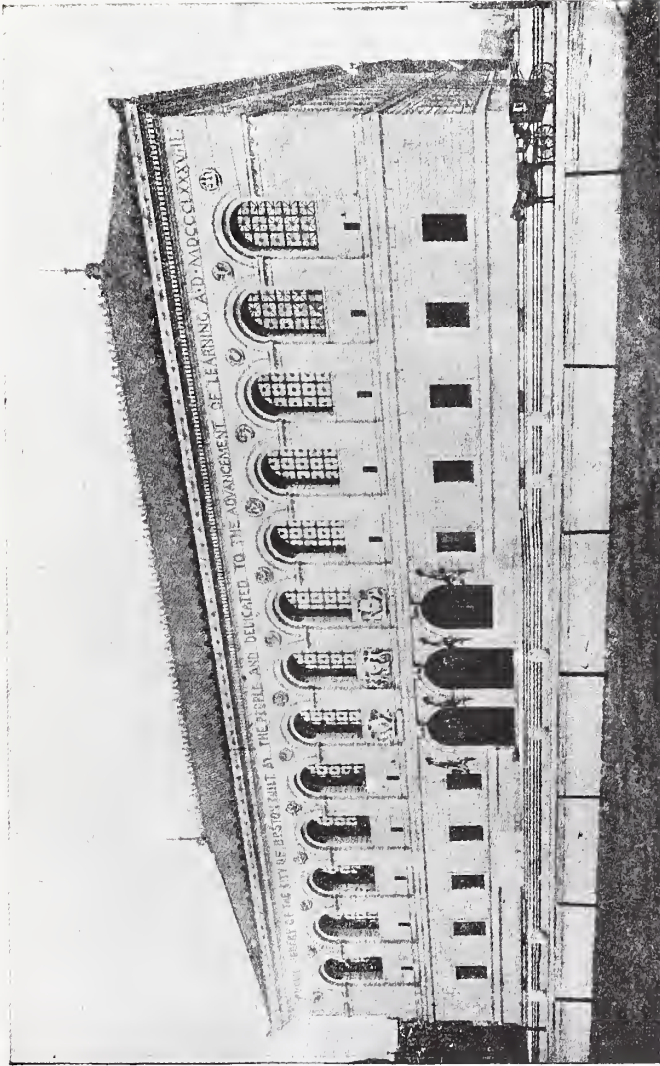
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LENDING LIBRARY.

BOSTON (U. S. A.) PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects: MESSRS. McKIM, MEAD, and WHITE (New York).

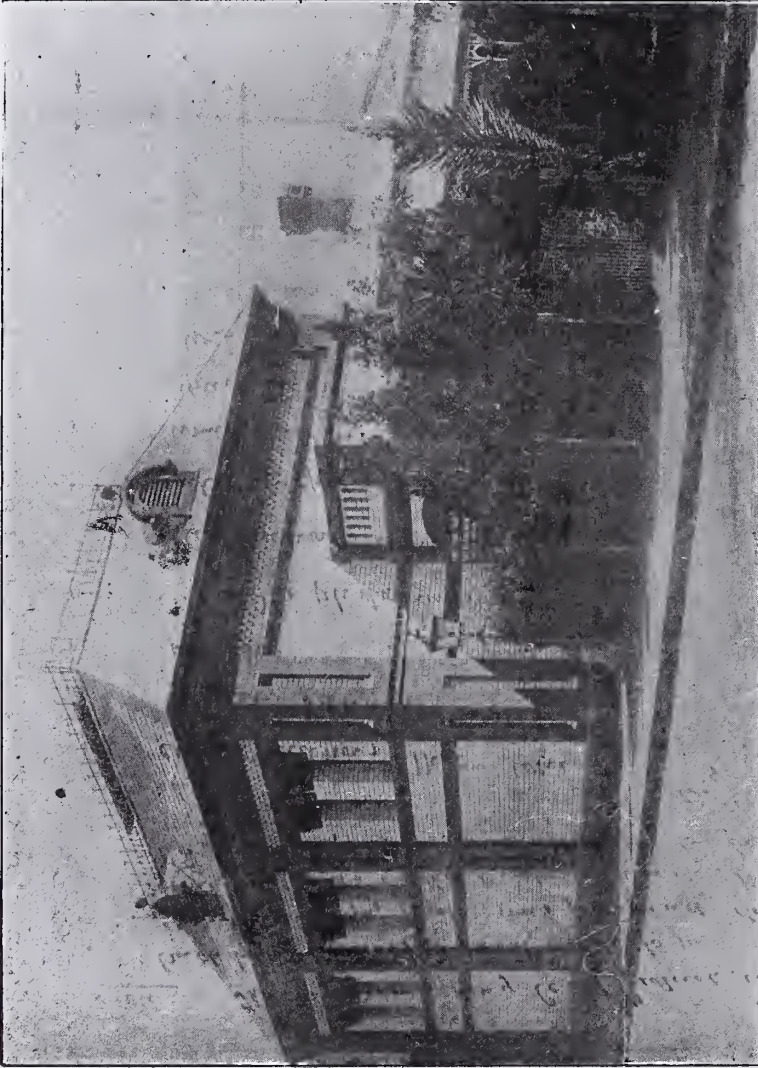


NAME OF LIBRARIAN JAMES L. WHITNEY.

Stock of Books {	Central 594,836	} 760,507	Number of Branches . . 10, and 19 Delivery Stations, etc.
{	Branches and Stations 166,171		Date when Founded 1854
Daily Average Issue (Central Lending) 1,180	Population . . . . .	.. .. .	estimated 558,880

Other particulars of note :—The Central Library is regularly delivering books to 11 public schools, 6 reformatory institutions, 23 fire companies, and 1 post office. This is the greatest Public Library in the world. The Library contains a bindery with 17 employees, and a printing office which prints all the library catalogues, forms, and publications. This building was opened in 1895. On February 1st, 1900, there were 63,163 ticket holders using the Library. During 1899, there were issued for home reading, 1,251,541 books.

KIMBERLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY (SOUTH AFRICA).

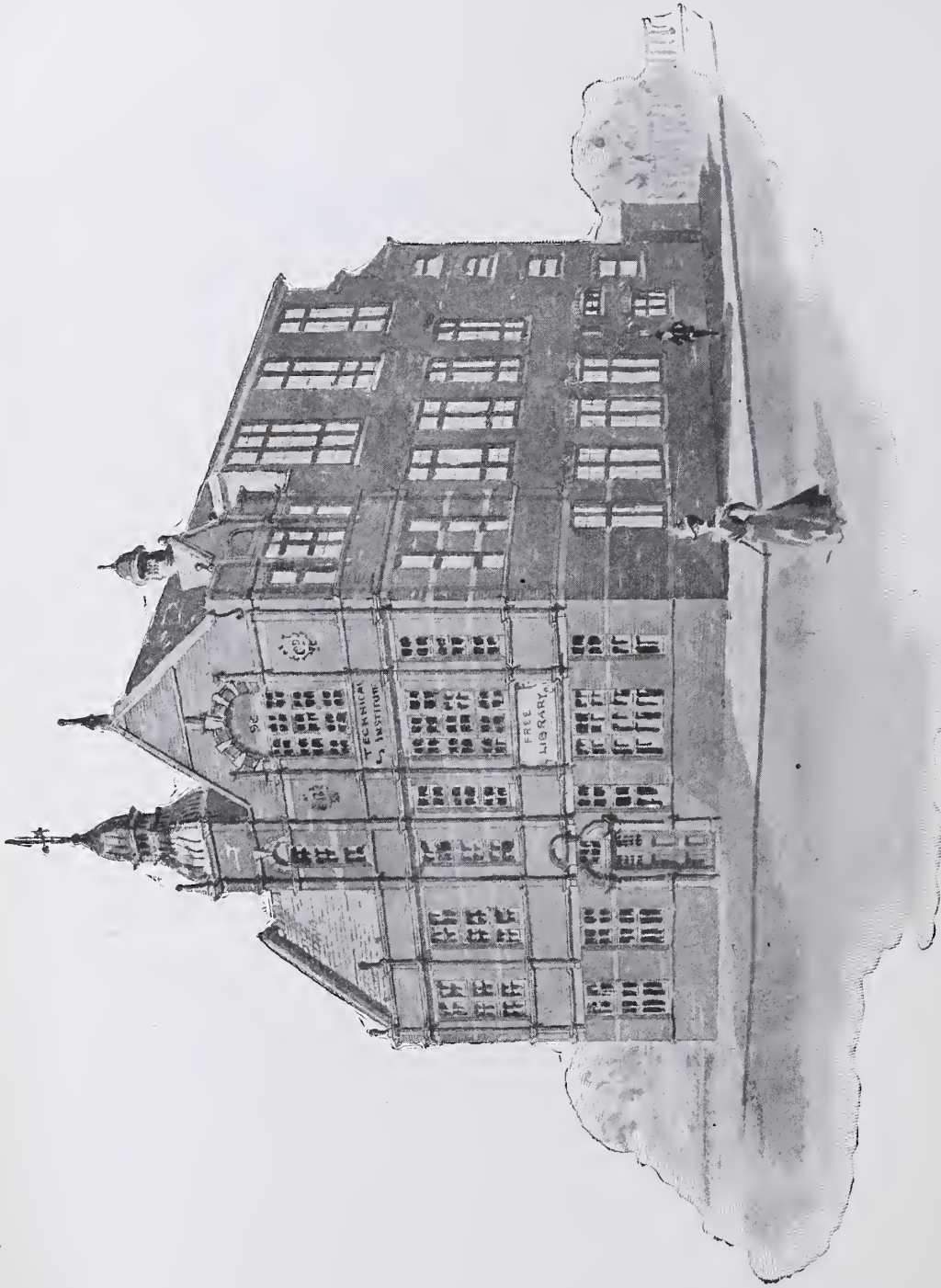


NAME OF LIBRARIAN	about 16,000	Date when Founded	1882
BERTRAM L. DYER.

KIMBERLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY (SOUTH AFRICA).



INTERIOR.



From the Surveyor.	NAME OF LIBRARIAN	GEORGE PRESSNELL.
Stock of Books	5,969	Number of Branches
Daily Average Issue		Date when Founded
	Population	10,500.
		Acts adopted 1881

CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY, WASHINGTON, U.S.A.

Architects. JOHN L. SMITHMEYER, PAUL J. PELZ, THOMAS L. CASEY, and EDWARD P. CASEY.



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - HERBERT PUTNAM.

Stock of Books * 750,000 | Date when Founded Established 1800

Other particulars of note:—The Library was removed from the Capital to the new building in 1897. The Library contains a reading room for the blind.

* In addition to these the Library contains 250,000 pamphlets, 26,500 manuscripts, 52,000 maps and charts, 277,000 pieces of music, and upward of 90,000 photographs, prints, etc.

BRISTOL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
THE OLD CENTRAL LIBRARY (KING STREET).



NAME OF LIBRARIAN - - - EDWARD ROBERT NORRIS MATHEWS, F. R. HIST. S.

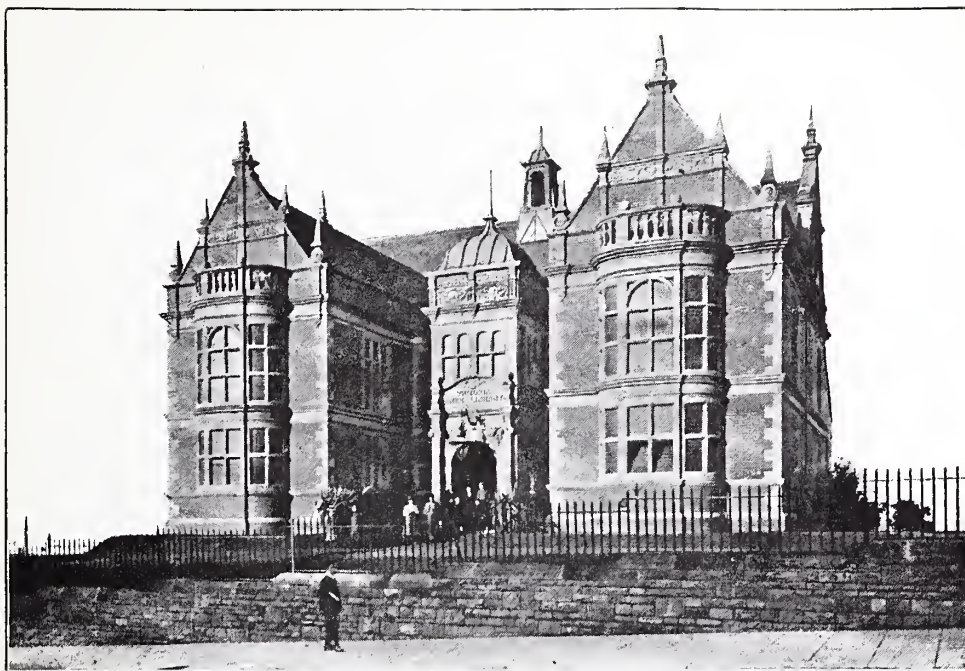
Stock of Books	160,000	Number of Branches	8
Daily Average Issue	2,200	*Date when Founded:—Acts adopted 1874; opened 1876	
Population .. .. .		.. .. .	estimated 326,000.

Other particulars of note:—The Libraries contain special collections of local works, and the early printed books and MSS., etc., which formed the original collection given by Archbishop Matthew, 1615–1628. The Museum and Gymnasium Acts have been adopted.

*Originally founded in 1613 by Archbishop Mathew and Robert Redwood, re-erected in 1740.

This building will shortly be superseded by the new Central Library, for which purpose the late Mr. Vincent Stuckly Lean bequeathed the sum of £50,000.

BRISTOL PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.



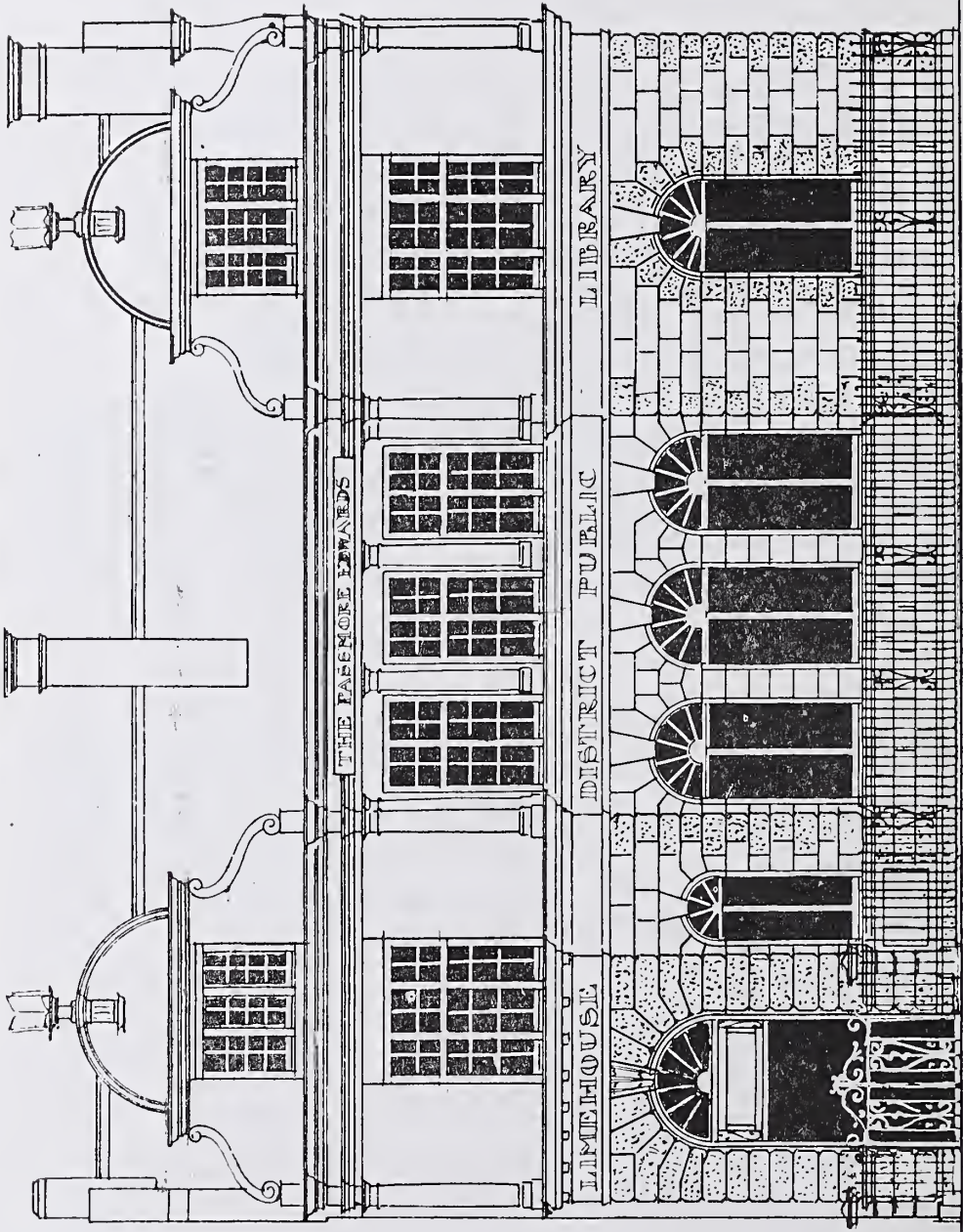
EXTERIOR.



INTERIOR.

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, LIMEHOUSE, LONDON.

Architects: MESSRS. CLARKSON (Poplar).



NAME OF LIBRARIAN	G. H. McCALL.	
Stock of Books..	10,000	Date when Founded Acts adopted, 1898
Daily Average Issue ..	—	Population 58,305

Other particulars of note:—The foundation stone was laid by Mr. Passmore Edwards, who gave £5,000. Limehouse forms part of the Borough of Stepney.

.. Portraits. ..





THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE EARL OF CRAWFORD, K.T., V.D., D.L., J.P., ETC., ETC.

Born, 1847. Educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge. President of the Library Association, 1898-9.



From Greenwood's Library Year Book, 1897.

The Late Mr. JOHN D. MULLINS.

Born at London in 1832. He was Librarian of the Birmingham Proprietary Library from 1858-1865, and of Birmingham Public Libraries from 1865-1899. He was a Vice-President of the Library Association, and author of *Free Libraries and Newsrooms*. Died, 1899.



From Greenwood's Library Year Book, 1897.

MR. FRANCIS THORNTON BARRETT, F.L.A.

Son of Rev. John Barrett, a Minister of the Congregational Church. Born at Liverpool, 20th September, 1838. In 1866 appointed Sub-Librarian of the Reference Department of the Birmingham Public Libraries, where he remained until 1877. In 1877, appointed first Librarian of the Mitchell Library of Glasgow, which post he continues to hold. During his Librarianship, the Mitchell Library has become a collection of more than 140,000 volumes, and more than nine millions of volumes have been issued to readers. He is now engaged in developing an important system of Branch Public Libraries for Glasgow. Vice-President of the Library Association.



MR. LAWRENCE INKSTER.

Born in Shetland in 1854. Trained in South Shields Public Library as an Assistant 1872-79. Succeeded as Chief Librarian there 1879. Librarian of Battersea, London, since 1887. Member of the Council of the Library Association, and author of papers contributed to its transactions.



From Greenwood's Library Year Book, 1897.

Mr. CHARLES WILLIAM SUTTON, F.L.A.

Born at Manchester in 1848. Appointed an Assistant in the Manchester Public Libraries in 1865, and succeeded to the Chief Librarianship in 1879, which post he still holds. Vice-President of the Library Association, and a contributor to its transactions. He is author of a *List of Lancashire Authors*, 1876, and a valuable paper on *Special Collections of Books in Lancashire and Cheshire*, 1900, and has contributed articles to the Dictionary of National Biography, &c.



Mr. FREDERICK MEADEN ROBERTS.

Born at Worcester in 1874. Assistant in Newcastle-on-Tyne Public Library 1890-93; Chief Assistant of St. George, Hanover Square, Public Library 1893-98; Librarian of St. George-in-the-East, London, since 1898. He was Hon. Secretary of the Library Assistants' Association 1895-98., and Chairman, 1898. Has read a paper on *Lectures in Public Libraries* before this Association.



Mr. HEW MORRISON.

Born at Tongue, Sutherland. Librarian of the Edinburgh Public Libraries since 1887. Was previously a schoolmaster for 20 years. He organized the Edinburgh Public Libraries and has represented Mr. Carnegie on many occasions in connection with the libraries founded by that gentleman. He is a recognised authority on all matters affecting the Public Libraries of Scotland.



Mr. JOHN POTTER BRISCOE, F.R. Hist. S., F.L.A., ETC.

Born in 1848 at Lever Bridge, near Bolton. Trained in the Bolton Public Libraries 1866-1869. Librarian of the Nottingham Public Libraries since 1869. Vice-president of the Library Association for nine years. Author of *Curiosities of the Delfry*; *Gleanings from God's Acre*; *Stories about the Midlands*; *Editor of Bibelets*; *Sonnets and Songs of Robert Malhouse*; *Old Nottinghamshire*, 2 vols.; *Notes and Derbyshire Notes and Queries*, 6 vols.; Antiquarian Editor of *Nottinghamshire Guardian*, Compiler of numerous Annuals, Catalogues, Guide Books, Bibliographies, etc.



MR. WILLIAM CROWTHER.

Took up his residence at Derby in 1866. From 1866, for twenty years head-master of the old Derby British Schools. In 1885, he was appointed Librarian and Curator of the Derby Free Library and Museum, which post he now holds. Member of the Council of the Library Association, lecturer and elocutionist, and author of many papers on literary and professional subjects.



MR. FREDERIC WILLIAM MADDEN, M.R.A.S.

Born in the old buildings of the British Museum in 1839, and assistant in the department of Antiquities there 1859-68. Assistant Secretary to the Executive for the Annual International Exhibitions, South Kensington, 1871-4; Secretary to the Brighton College 1874-88. Librarian of the Brighton Public Library since 1888. Author of *The Handbook of Roman Numismatics*, 1861. *The Coins of the Jews*, 1864, 1881, 1881, etc., etc.



MR. CHARLES WELCH, F.S.A.

Born at Hackney in 1848. Entered the Guildhall Library, London, in 1864, of which he was appointed Librarian in 1888. He is also Curator of the Museum. Author of various works on London, and papers on archaeological and bibliographical topics. Hon. Sec. and Editor of London and Middlesex Archeological Society. Member of Council of Bibliographical and Hakluyt Societies. First Chairman of Education Committee, Library Committee.



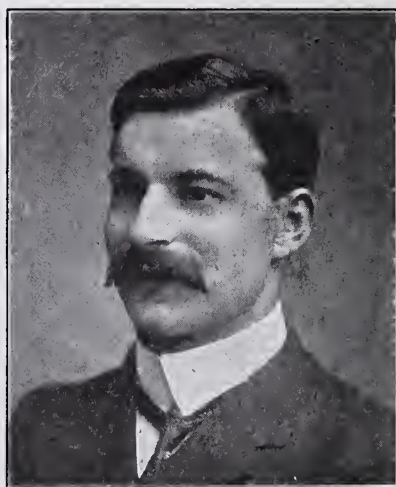
MR. THOMAS DUCKWORTH.

Born at Blackburn in 1866. Trained in Blackburn Public Libraries, and became Sub-Librarian there in 1889. Librarian of Worcester Public Library and Secretary to the Art Gallery, Museum, and Technical Instruction Committees since 1894.



MR. HENRY DAVID ROBERTS.

Born at Worcester in 1870. Trained in Newcastle-on-Tyne Public Library 1885-93. First Librarian of St. Saviour's Public Library since 1893. Member of Council of Library Association, Hon. Secretary of its Education Committee, and author of various papers read before that body. He has given two series of Lectures on "Public Library Administration," in connection with the Library Association Classes.



MR. ROBERT JAMES HEMPTON.

Born at Seighford, near Stafford, in 1875. Trained in Leek Public Library 1890-97. Librarian of Newcastle-under-Lyme since 1897. Compiled a "Library Calendar," published in the *Library Review*, 1892-93.



MR. RICHARD ASHTON.

Born at Blackburn in 1863. Assistant in Blackburn Public Library 1880-89. Appointed Librarian and Curator of Blackburn in 1889, which post he still holds.



MR. WILLIAM STOREY BRAMWELL.

Born at Preston in 1834. Formerly Librarian of Preston Literary and Philosophical Institute, which was the nucleus of the present library. Inventor of a book disinfector. Librarian of Preston Public Library since 1879.



MR. THOMAS F. MAW.

Born at Felling-on-Tyne in 1873. Trained at Gateshead Public Library 1885-99. Librarian of King's Lynn since 1899. Author of papers on *Arrangement of Periodicals*, *The Card Catalogue as a Substitute for the Printed Catalogue*; *Public Libraries for Villages*, etc.



MR. HENRY WILLIAM BULL.

Born at Watlington, Oxon, in 1870. Was an Undergraduate of London University. Sub-Librarian of Reading Public Library 1885-89. Librarian of Christ Church 1889-96. Librarian of Wimbledon since 1896.



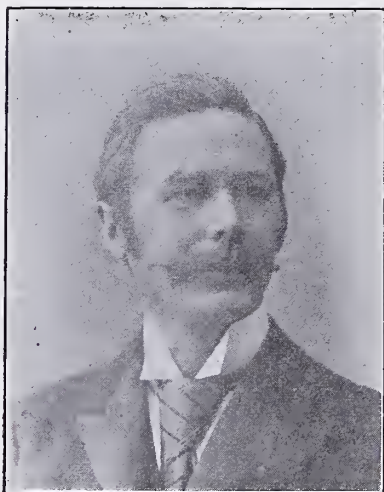
MR. SAMUEL MARTIN.

Born at Chiswick in 1852. Librarian of the Hammersmith Public Libraries since 1889. Author of various papers read before the Library Association and other Societies.



MR. FRED. A. TURNER, F.R.Hist.S.

Born at Wolverhampton in 1864. Trained in Wolverhampton Public Library 1879-89. Librarian of Brentford since 1889. Author of *Brentford: Literary and Historical Sketches* 1898, a series of little books on "*Famous Old MSS. and Books*," and numerous historical and other papers.



MR. WILLIAM CHARLES PLANT.

Born at Leek. Librarian of a Leek Literary Institute, 1880-88. Librarian of Buxton, 1888-92. Librarian of Shoreditch, London, since 1892. Author of *John Dawson and his Books; Dictionary and Classified Catalogues compared with a suggested combination of both; Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, a Record of his Benefactions to Public Libraries*, and other papers. Mr. Plant is Vice-Chairman of the Society of Public Librarians.



MR. JAMES A. SEYMOUR.

Born in London in 1869. Trained as an Assistant in the Richmond, Wandsworth, and Lambeth Public Libraries. Sub-Librarian at Hammersmith for several years. Librarian of Kilburn Public Library, London, since 1893.



MR. HENRY SANDY NEWLAND.

At Ealing Public Library, Mr. Newland successively filled the position of Assistant and Sub-Librarian. In 1892, he was offered the position of Librarian of the Cork Public Library, but ultimately declined it. Appointed Librarian of Harlesden Public Library, London, in 1893. He is Hon. Treasurer of the Society of Public Librarians, has contributed the following papers: *The Censorship in Public Libraries* 1898; *On the Selection of Books* 1899; *Libraries and Librarians* 1900; etc.



MR. FRANK ERNEST CHENNELL.

Born in 1872. Trained in the Brighton Public Library, 1888-94. Librarian at Willesden Green Public Library, London, since 1894. Supervising Librarian, Kensal Rise Public Library, Dec. 1900. Has written articles upon *The Censor in the Public Library*, *The Foreign Section in the Public Library*, and *The Public Library Age Limit*. Author of papers read before the Society of Public Librarians.



MR. ALBERT WATKINS.

Born at Great Yarmouth in 1871. Trained in Great Yarmouth Public Library, 1886-90. Sub-Librarian in Minet Public Library, Lambeth, London, 1890-4. Librarian of West Hartlepool since 1894.



MR. ARCHIBALD SPARKE.

Born at Cardiff in 1871. Trained in the Cardiff Public Libraries, 1884-94. Librarian of Kidderminster, 1894-98. Librarian of Carlisle, 1898-1901. Appointed Librarian and Curator of Buoy (Lanes.) March, 1901. Author of *The Uses of Public Libraries*, compiled the "Index" to the *Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian Society*, and contributor to the "Transactions." Author of articles in the *Library World*, *Library Assistant*, and *Northern Counties' Magazine*, etc., etc. He has also written several short stories.



MR. ALFRED MORGAN.

Born at Birmingham in 1850. Trained in the Birmingham Proprietary Library. Was appointed Librarian of the Walsall Free Library December, 1871, and still occupies that position. President of the Birmingham and District Library Association, 1897-98.



MR. THOMAS STANLEY, F.L.C.S., F.S.S.

Born at Wednesbury in 1856. Trained in the Birmingham Public Libraries. Librarian of Wednesbury since 1882. Started a subscription library in connection with the Wednesbury Public Library in 1889. Inventor of a self locking periodical and magazine case.



MR. JAMES CRAIGIE.

Born 1854, in the Parish of Meigle, Perthshire, Scotland. Trained in Edinburgh Public Library. Librarian of Brechin Public Library from 1893 to 1897. Librarian of Arbroath Public Library since 1897. He organized both the Brechin and Arbroath Libraries.



MR. CECIL T. DAVIS.

Trained in the Birmingham Public Libraries. Librarian of Wandsworth, London, since 1886. Clerk to the Wandsworth Public Libraries and Museums Commissioners, 1886-1900. Member of Council of Library Association. Member of Biographical Society and Member of Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society. Author of *The Monumental Brasses of Gloucestershire*, *Wandsworth Notes and Queries*, etc. Writer of papers on antiquarian and local subjects.



MR. HENRY EDWARD JOHNSTON.

Born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in 1866. Trained in Gateshead Public Library; Sub-Librarian, 1885. Appointed Librarian there in 1888, which post he still holds. He is Hon. Secretary to the Corporation School of Art and Science.



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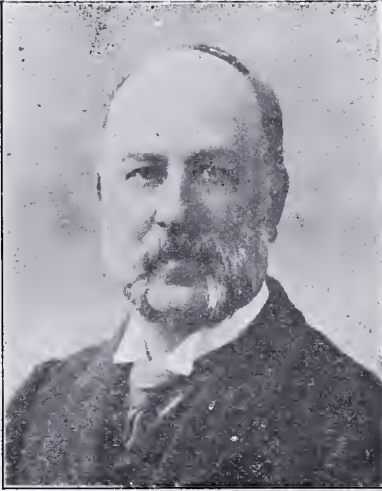
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Born at Edinburgh in 1874. Trained in Edinburgh Public Libraries, 1888-98. Librarian of Kidderminster since 1898. At Edinburgh he was two years President of the Y.M.C.A., in which he takes a great interest.



MR. THOMAS SUTCLIFFE.

Born at Lydgate in 1857. Trained in the Library of Todmorden Co-operative Society, of which he was Librarian and Secretary to the Education Department, 1884-97. Librarian of Todmorden Public Library, since 1897.



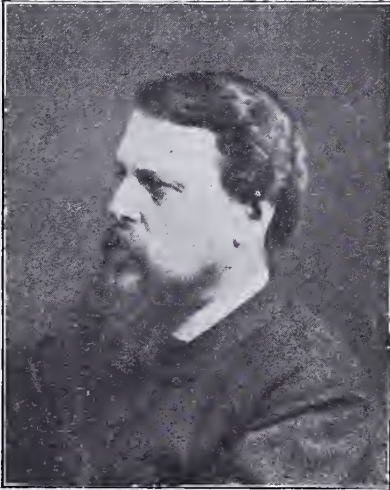
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Born at Westminster. Trained in Westminster Public Library. Librarian there since 1881.



MR. ALFRED J. HUTCHINSON.

Born at The Wynns, near Millom in 1873. Trained in Barrow-in-Furness Public Library. Librarian of Millom, since 1887.



MR. JOHN RIDAL.

Librarian of Rotherham Public Library. Mr. Ridal has done much to encourage thoughtful reading, and in 1896 started a reading circle in connection with Rotherham Free Library, by which readers were enabled to give their opinions of higher class works.



MR. GEORGE HANSON.

Born at Rochdale in 1845. Trained as a Bookseller. Librarian of Rochdale Equitable Pioneer Society, 1866-71, and of Rochdale Free Public Library since 1871.



MR. WILLIAM ARTHUR TAYLOR.

Born at Macclesfield in 1864. Trained in Macclesfield Public Library, 1876-81, and Manchester Public Libraries, 1881-86. Organising Librarian of Hanley, 1886-88, Librarian of Medical Library, Owens College, Manchester, 1888-93. First Librarian at St. Giles Public Library, London, since 1893.



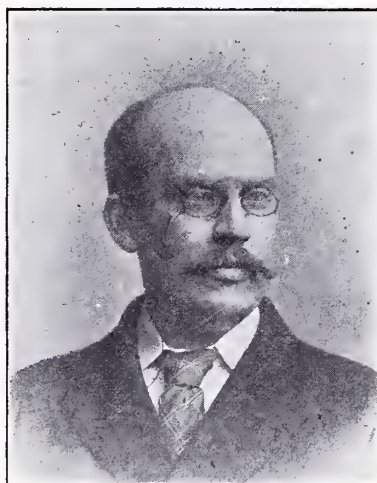
MR. GEORGE HALL ELLIOTT.

Born at Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1856. Trained in the Library of the Literary and Philosophical Society, Newcastle, 1875-83. First Librarian of Gateshead Public Library, 1884-88, and First Librarian of Belfast Public Library since 1888. Member of Council of Library Association.



MR. DAVID RUSHTON.

Born at Barrowford, Lancashire, and was Librarian of the Liberal Club Library, Nelson, 1881-86, and also Member of the Education Committee of the Nelson Co-operative Society. Mainly instrumental in the establishment of their Library, 1885-1889, and compiled their catalogues. Was appointed Librarian of the Nelson Public Library, 1889.



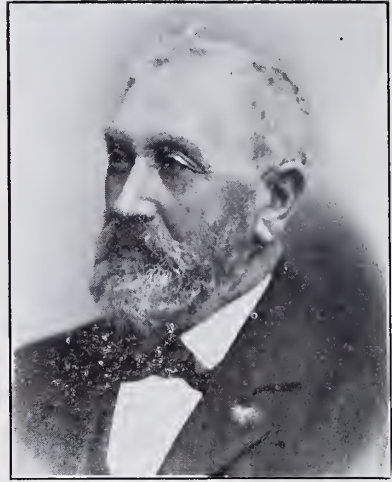
MR. ALBERT A. BARKAS.

Born in Jersey in 1861. Trained in the Birmingham Public Libraries, 1881-91. Librarian of Richmond since 1891.



MR. SAMUEL T. W. GROSE.

Born at Beeston, Notts, in 1840. Secretary of Burton-on-Trent Institute Subscription Library, 1890-96. Librarian of Burton Public Library since 1897.



MR. HENRY MANSON.

Born at Clairdon in 1837. Librarian of Thurso Public Library since 1891. Mr. Manson took a very prominent part in the movement which led to the adoption of the Library Act in Thurso, and was a member of the Committee of Management from the beginning.



MR. JOHN HOGAN.

Born at Newcastle West, Limerick, in 1843. Secretary and Librarian of Limerick Mechanics' Institute for thirteen years. Librarian of Limerick Public Library.



MR. R. H. BRENTON.

Acting Librarian of Falmouth Free Public Library since 1894. There are two honorary librarians, who are also members of the Committee.



The Late MR. GEORGE EASTER.

Librarian of Norwich Public Library 1877-1901, and was very successful in obtaining a fine collection of useful books for the library during his connection with it. Died 1901.



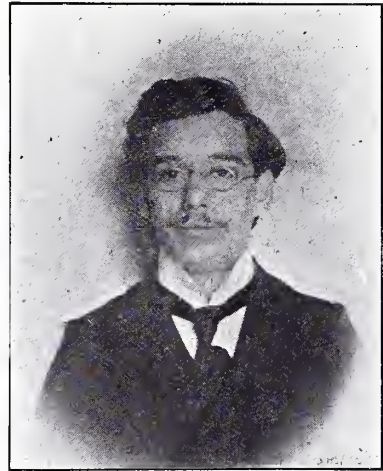
MR. E. DARLINGTON BROWNELL, F.R.S.A.I.

Born at Dublin. Trained at the Library of Thomas Webb, who was librarian to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Viceregal Court. Librarian of Kingstown, since 1895.



MR. JOHN HENRY HARDCASTLE.

Born at Wolverhampton in 1873. Trained in Wolverhampton Public Library, 1889-96. Librarian of Eastbourne since 1896.



MR. G. H. MCCALL.

Born at West Ham. Trained in the West Ham Public Libraries. Librarian of Belsize Branch Library, Hampstead, 1896-1900. Librarian of Limehouse, London, since 1900. He is an artist and a clever designer of bookplates.



MR. THOMAS W. HAND, F.R.HIST.S.

Trained in the Manchester Public Libraries from 1866, and in 1875 appointed Librarian of the chief lending library of that city. In 1885 appointed Librarian and Curator of Oldham Public Library, Art Gallery, and Museum. City Librarian of Leeds since 1898. Member of the Council of the Library Association. He lectures on literary and art subjects.



MR. EDWARD FOSKETT, F.R.S.L.

Born at London in 1848. Appointed to Camberwell in January, 1890. Author of *Unveiled: a vision*, 1875; *A Nation's Fame*, 1876; *Harold Glyde*, 1881; *Poems*, 1886; *The Window in the Rock*; *Hugh Trevarwith: a Cornish romance*, 1900; and other works, and of papers on "The Educational Value of the Public Library Movement," "Open Access in Public Libraries," etc.



MR. EDWARD ROBERT NORRIS MATHIEWS, F.R.Hist.S.

Born at Bristol. Trained in the Birmingham Public Libraries, 1876-1883. Librarian of the Bristol Museum and Library (then a proprietary institution), 1883-93. Chief Librarian of the Bristol Public Libraries since 1893. Member of the Council of the Library Association, and author of numerous Papers read before that body. Author of *Notes on Bristol: historical and topographical*, 1895; *Historic Bristol*, 1896; etc. Edited also *Guide to Bristol and Clifton*, 1886; *Black's Guide to Gloucestershire*, 1892, etc. Lecturer on historical and musical subjects, also well known as an amateur musician and composer.



MR. JOHN ELLIOT, F.R.Hist.S.

Born at Wolverhampton. Appointed Librarian of Wolverhampton Public Library in 1869, which post he still holds, and also that of Secretary to the science and art classes. Invented an indicator, 1869-70. Introduced a method of securing the various periodicals on the reading room tables in systematic order and so that they could not be removed, 1880. Invented a magazine indicator in 1888. Author of historical and other papers read at meetings of the local naturalist and archaeological associations. He is a member of the Society of Arts.



MISS MARY C. SCOTT.

Born at Boston (Lincolns.) in 1856. Trained in Doncaster Public Library, of which she has been Librarian since November, 1894.



MISS KATE LEWTAS.

Librarian of the Blackpool Public Library. One of our first Public Lady Librarians.



Miss Purdie.

Librarian of Dalziel Co-operative Society, Motherwell.



Miss Arnott.

Assistant Librarian of Dalziel Co-operative Society Motherwell.



Mr. CHARLES VERNON KIRKBY.

Born at Leeds. Trained in the Leeds Public Library, 1872-88. Librarian of Leicester Public Library since 1888. He has invented a slip for MS, catalogues. Member of the Council of the Library Association.



Mrs. KIRKBY.

Wife of Mr. C. V. Kirkby. Mrs. Kirkby regularly attends the Library Association meetings with her husband, and takes a great interest in the Association.



MR. JOHN T. RADFORD.

Librarian of the Mechanics' Institution, Nottingham. Past Member of the Council of the Library Association. Author of numerous papers read before the Library Association.



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MR. JOHN FROWDE.

Born at Liverpool in 1856. Trained in Liverpool Public Library 1871-1882. Librarian of Barrow-in-Furness 1882-91. Librarian of Bermondsey, London, since 1891. He was the first President of the Society of Public Librarians. Author of several papers on literary subjects.



MR. ZEBDEE MOON.

Born in 1859. Appointed Librarian of Loughborough in 1885. Librarian of Leyton since 1892. Author of various short stories, biographical and historical sketches, translator from the French of *La Dégénération* and other short stories. President of the Society of Public Librarians, 1901.



MR. ERNEST H. CADDIE.

Born at Stoke-upon-Trent in 1871. Assistant at Paddington Voluntary Public Library, 1890. Senior Assistant (1890-92) and Sub-Librarian (1892-97) at Battersea Public Libraries. Librarian Chester since 1897.



MR. GEORGE S. S. MCNAMEE.

Born at Edinburgh in 1870. Assistant Librarian in the Library of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and in the Edinburgh Public Library, 1889-94. Librarian of Hawick since 1894.



Mr. BUTLER WOOD.

Born at Bradford in 1854. Sub-Librarian of Bradford Public Library, 1875. Succeeded to Chief Librarianship in 1884. Member of the Council of the Library Association, to whose transaction he has contributed papers on *Special Features of Free Library Work*; *Yorkshire Village Libraries*; *Selection of Books for a Reference Library*; *Thomas Gent: printer, bookseller, and bookmaker*. Author of various papers on literary and archeological subjects.



Mr. EDWIN P. DASH.

Born at Portsmouth in 1860. Educated at Gosport. Librarian of Gosport and Alverstoke Public Library since 1900. Was previously in the Civil Service, and represented the Town Ward on the District Council.



HERR HUGO HEIMANN.

Herr Heimann, a well known socialist and a member of the Berlin Town Council, formerly the head of one of the most prominent publishing houses in Germany, has practically given his life and fortune to the advancement of his fellow men. He is devoted to the development of the *Offentliche Bibliothek* und *Lese-halle*, Berlin, which he founded entirely at his own cost.



FRAU HEIMANN.

Frau Heimann, wife of Herr Heimann, following the example of her husband, takes a great interest in the progress of learning and the welfare of the working classes. In all matters undertaken by her husband she has given him great assistance. She is greatly interested in his *Library*, and takes a prominent share in its management.



DR. RICHARD GARNETT, C.B., etc.

Assistant in the Library of the British Museum, 1851; Superintendent of Reading Room, 1875; Keeper of Printed Books, 1890-99; edited the *British Museum Catalogue*, 1881-1890. Author of *Life of Carlyle*, 1887; *A History of Italian Literature*, 1898; and numerous other works. Editor of *The International Library of Famous Librarians*.



THE LATE DR. G. D. LONGSTAFF.

Dr. Longstaff was first chairman of the Wandsworth Public Library. Wandsworth was the second London Parish to adopt the Public Libraries Acts, and owing to the zeal, practical knowledge, and public spirit of its chairman, attained a degree of success and popularity which excited the attention of all the other London Parishes, and resulted in many of them adopting the Library Acts.



MR. THOMAS MASON, F.R.Hist.S.

Born at Aberdeen in 1857. Educated at Arbroath. In 1877 he became Senior Assistant in the Mitchell Library, Glasgow, and in 1881 Librarian of Stirling's Library, Glasgow. In 1886, appointed Librarian of Baillie's Institution, Glasgow. Librarian of St. Martin-in-the-Fields since 1888. Vice-President of the Library Association, and contributor of numerous papers to its *Transactions*. Author of *Free Libraries of Scotland*, Glasgow, 1880; *Public and Private Libraries of Glasgow*, 1885; *Adam Dickson* (a novel), Glasgow, 1888; *Royal Guide to the City of Glasgow*, 1888, etc. He also edited several selections from Dickens and other popular writers. He is Librarian of the Royal Historical Society, and Honorary Librarian of the Savage Club.



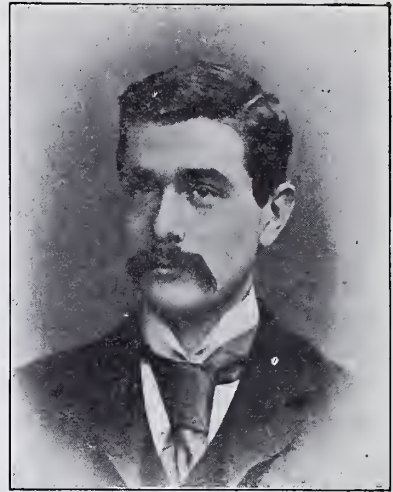
MR. BENJAMIN HENRY MULLEN, M.A. (Dub.), F.A.L., etc.

Born at Dublin in 1862. Assistant in the Science and Art Museum, Dublin, 1883-92. Curator and Chief Librarian of Salford Public Museum and Libraries since 1892. Author of papers on ethnographical and other subjects. He contributes to periodicals, etc. Author of papers read before the Library and the Museums Associations, and also of *The Royal Museum and Libraries, Salford: Their Inception and Development*, 1899.



MR. HENRY BOND.

Born at Barrow-in-Furness November 23rd, 1871. Trained in the Barrow-in-Furness Public Library 1887-92. First Librarian of Kendal Public Library 1892-94. First Librarian City of Lincoln Public Library November, 1894-1901. Appointed Librarian of Woolwich, March 1901. Author of numerous articles on historical and technical subjects, and of a privately printed monograph on "The Grey Friars in Lincoln."



MR. SAMUEL JOHN CLARKE.

Born at Cheltenham in 1871. Trained in Cheltenham Public Library 1884-93. Assistant-Librarian in Chelsea (Central) Public Library 1893-96. Sub-librarian in Newington Public Library 1896-98. Librarian of Penge since 1898. Hon. Member of the Library Assistants' Association.



MR. ERNEST BECK.

Born at Barrow-in-Furness in 1877, and trained in Barrow Public Library 1891-98. Librarian of Barrow-in-Furness since 1898.



MR. JOHN W. SINOLETON.

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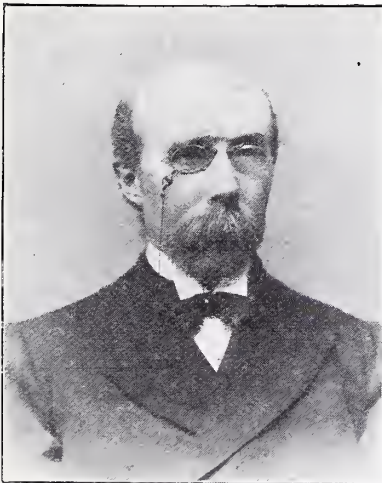
MR. WILLIAM JOHN MARTIN.

Born at Truro, 1864. Librarian of Truro Public Library since 1895. Secretary of the Local Rechabite Tent, and district secretary of the same order.



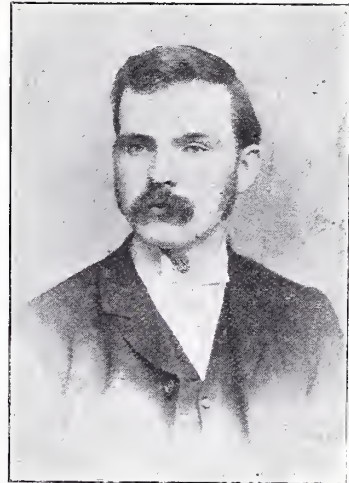
MR. ROBERT CLARKSON GARNER.

Born at St. Helens, Lancs., in 1873. Trained in the Atkinson Free Library, Southport, 1888-94. Librarian of Kendal Public Library, 1894-97. Librarian of Newark-on-Trent since 1897.



MR. THOS. BONNER.

Librarian of Bilston Public Library, 1873-5. Assistant Librarian Birmingham Public Libraries, 1878-83. Librarian of Ealing since 1883. Inventor of an Indicator.



MR. RICHARD WILLIAM MOULD, F.S.A. (Scot.)

Born at Birmingham in 1862. Trained in the Birmingham Public Libraries, 1881-93. Librarian of Newington, London, since 1893. Author of papers on *Local Literature in Public Libraries*, *How to make the Library assist the Work of the Teachers*, etc., and various prize essays. Awarded, Dec., 1889, the *Academy* prize for list of books suitable for a debating club library.



MR. D. H. WADE.

Born at Oldham in 1865. Librarian of Ashton-under-Lyne Public Library since 1893. Has devised a special numerical index for Magazine Rooms, to enable readers to readily find the magazine they wish to peruse. Is also Director of Technical Instruction for Ashton-under-Lyne, and Secretary of the Heginbottom Technical School



MR. WILLIAM BRIDLE.

Born at Weymouth, in 1867. Trained in the Cardiff Public Libraries 1879-88. First Sub-Librarian of Battersea Public Libraries, 1888-92. First Librarian of Penge Public Library, 1892-98. First and present Librarian of East Ham, appointed 1898. Has written several papers and lectured on Library Management, &c.



MR. JOHN MINTO, M.A.

Born at Summerhill, Newmachar, Aberdeenshire, in 1863. Trained in University Library, King's College, Aberdeen, 1885-92. Sub-librarian Aberdeen Public Library, 1892-96. Librarian of Perth since 1896. Author of papers entitled, *Days v. Issues, or, Reading as Measured by time*, read before the Library Association 1896; *A notable publishing house: the Morrisons of Perth*, in the "Library," June, 1900; *Village Libraries for Perthshire*; *The Public Library Movement in Scotland*, &c.



MR. ROBERT K. DENT.

Born at Tamworth in 1851. Trained in Birmingham Public Libraries. Librarian of Aston Manor since 1877. Member of the Council of the Library Association, to whose *Transactions* he has contributed papers on "Free Libraries of the Birmingham District," "Free Lectures," etc., etc. Author of *Old and New Birmingham*, and other works. Hon. Sec. of the Birmingham and District Library Association.



MR. GEORGE WILLIAM BYERS.

Born at Carrick-on-Shannon in 1872. Chief Assistant at Harrogate Public Library, 1888-92. Chief Librarian there since 1892.



MR. THOMAS ALDRED.

Born at Manchester in 1866. Trained in Salford Public Libraries, 1881-89. Librarian of Stalybridge, 1889-91. Librarian of Barrow-in-Furness, 1891-98. Librarian of St. George-the-Martyr, London, since 1898. Author of numerous papers.



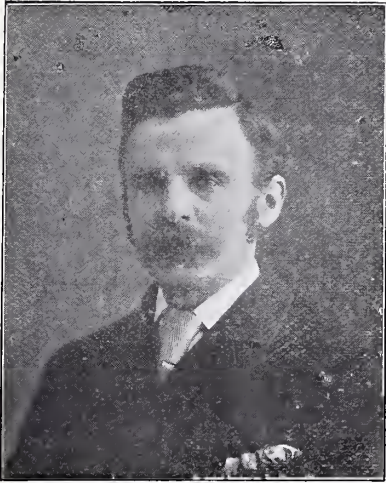
MR. HARRY HAWKES.

Born at Amptill, Beds., in 1865. Educated at Perse Grammar School, Cambridge. Assistant in Cambridge Public Library, 1881-87, and librarian of the Barnwell Branch, Cambridge, 1887-93. Librarian of Holborn, London, since 1892.



MR. JOHN HARRISON.

Born at South Shields in 1868. Trained in South Shields Public Library, 1887-91. Sub-librarian at Lewisham, 1891-94. Librarian of Bromley (Kent) since 1894.



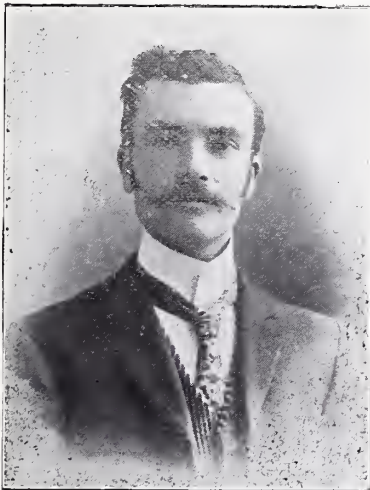
MR. THOMAS JACKSON, F.S.Sc.

Born at Stafford. Trained as a Schoolmaster. Librarian of Stafford Public Library since 1890. Since 1891 he has also acted as Secretary to the Technical Committee.



MR. LEONARD HOBBS.

Born at Rotherhithe in 1873. Assistant at Rotherhithe Public Library, London, 1892-96; sub-librarian, 1896-99. Librarian there since 1899.



MR. CHARLES HENRY BENN, F.R. Met. Soc.

Born at London in 1872. Trained in Clerkenwell Public Library, London, 1888-93. Librarian of Penzance since June, 1893.



MR. SIMON FRASER DONALDSON.

Born at Inverness in 1858. Librarian of Inverness Public Library since 1888. No previous training.

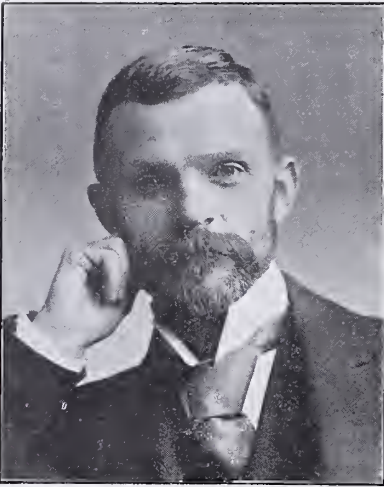


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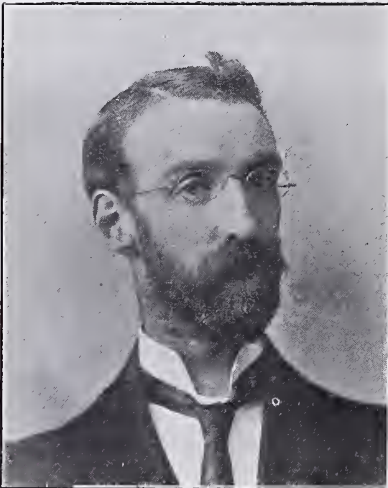
MR. JOSEPH REED WELCH.

Born at South Shields, 1860. Assistant in South Shields Public Library, 1874-82. Librarian of Halifax, 1882-89. Librarian of Clapham, London, since 1889.



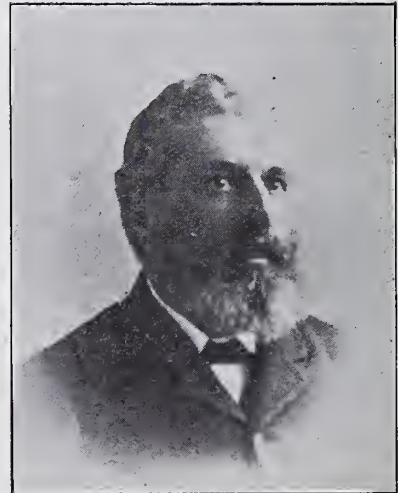
MISS EDITH GERTRUDE TAYLOR.

Born at Douglas (I.O.M.) in 1872. Trained in Douglas Public Library 1889-97. Librarian of Waterloo-with-Seaforth, since 1897.



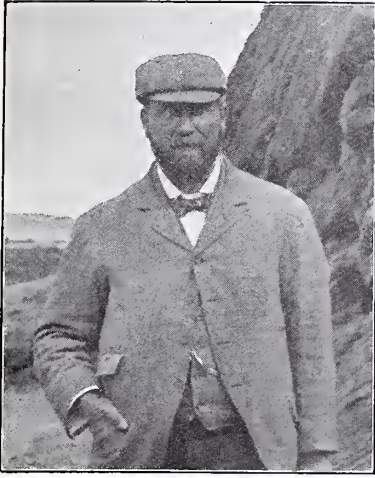
MR. ERNEST CROWTHER.

Born at Nelson in 1868. Librarian of Colne since November, 1894.



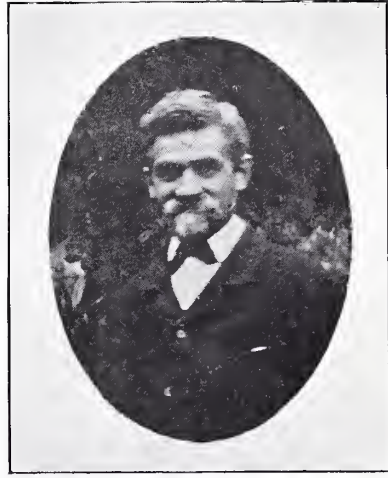
MR. ALFRED DENNE BLAXLAND.

Librarian of Canterbury Public Library, 1883-1900. Retired 1900.



MR. J. LINDSAY HILSON.

Born at Jedburgh. He was for many years a member of the Town Council and the Public Library Committee. Is now Librarian of the Carnegie Library, Jedburgh. Mr. Hilson is also secretary of the "Ramblers' Club," and a member of the Berwickshire Naturalists' Club.



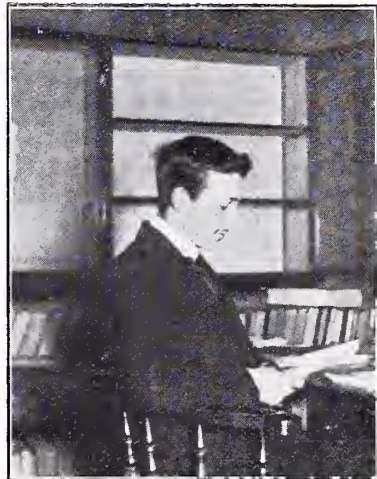
MR. C. H. JONES.

Appointed Librarian of Welshpool Public Library in 1888. He is well known as an amateur musician, and a public reader, and has also written upon the education of the agricultural labourer, and other subjects.



MR. ROBERT WILLIAM CHARLES.

Solicitor at Worthing. Honorary Librarian of Worthing Public Library. No previous training.



MR. LANCELOT ERIC ALAN PROTHERO.

Born at Rochester in 1880. Assistant in Rochester Public Library 1894-98. Librarian of Rochester since 1898.



MR. J. LINWOOD PITTS, M.J.I., F.S.A. (Normandy).

Mr. Linwood Pitts, the managing director of the Guille-Allè's Library, is a native of the East Riding of Yorkshire. Years ago health reasons caused him to project a short visit to the charming and salubrious little island of Guernsey. There he met those two philanthropic Guernseymen, the late Mr. Guille and the late Mr. Allès, who were then just about to commence that munificent scheme of intellectual and educational endowment, with which their names have since become, and will henceforth for ever remain, inseparably linked. Congenial tastes resulted in mutual friendship—intimate, opportune, and lasting. Mr. Pitts' proposed brief visit became a life-long sojourn; and now, for nearly a quarter of a century he has been closely connected with every phase of the organization and development of this splendid Institution—and of its more recent branch the Guille-Allès Artisans' Institute. He is greatly interested in the history, the antiquities, and the folklore of the Channel Islands, and is the author of several popular works on the Franco-Norman dialects, the *patois* poems, the witchcraft superstitions, &c., &c., of this picturesque little island group. Mr. Pitts is a Member of the *Institute of Journalists*, having joined in the early days, long before its incorporation by royal charter; President of the *Guernsey Shorthand Writers' Association*—a local society that has done much to spread a practical knowledge of Phonography in the Island; a Member of the *English Folklore Society*; *Membre de la Société des Antiquaires de Normandie*; *Membre de la Société d'Archeologie, de Littérature, Sciences et Arts, d'Avranches et de Mortain, &c., &c.*



MR. ALBERT CAWTHORNE.

Born at Liverpool. Trained in Liverpool Public Libraries, 1883-86. Afterwards assistant at Bootle Public Library, 1886-92; Birmingham Central Reference Library, 1892-94. Librarian of Darwen, 1894-97. Librarian of Whitechapel, London, since 1897.



MR. BASIL T. ROWSWELL.

Mr. Basil T. Rowswell has been connected with the Guille-Allès Library for the last eighteen years, having, on leaving school in 1883, been appointed Assistant by the Founders of the Institution, the late Mr. T. Guille and Mr. F. M. Allès. During Mr. A. Cotgreave's important work of re-organizing the Library and compiling the well-known *Encyclopædic Catalogue* (1888-1890), Mr. Rowswell held the position of Sub-Librarian, and ably assisted in the compilation of the catalogue. Upon the completion of Mr. Cotgreave's work in 1890, Mr. Rowswell succeeded to the Chief Librarianship, which post he still holds. Ten years ago, having a knowledge of Phonography, Mr. Rowswell took charge of the Shorthand Classes held in connection with the Library, which, being an ardent lover of the "winged art," he still conducts, and also holds the office of Treasurer and Secretary to the Guernsey Shorthand Writers' Association. Amongst other pursuits, he is much interested in Meteorology. He has made a study of the science, and possesses a set of standard instruments for recording the temperature and rainfall, etc., of the island, the result of his observations appearing regularly in the local papers, and also, as regards rainfall, in Symons' *British Rainfall*.



MR. ALFRED COTGREAVE, F. R. Hist. S.

Born at Ecclestone, Cheshire, 1849. Trained in Manchester Royal Exchange Library and the Birmingham Public Libraries. One of the earliest members of the Library Association, and for some years a member of its Council. Librarian successively of Wednesbury, Richmond, and Wandsworth (the first two public libraries under the "Acts" in greater London), Guille-Allès Library (Guernsey), and West Ham since 1891, all of which libraries he organised. Author of *Brief notes on Free Public Libraries*; *The Guille-Allès Encyclopædic Catalogue*, 1891. *Contents—Subject Index to Periodical and General Literature*, 1900; *Views and Memoranda of Public Libraries*, 1901; &c., and numerous papers, and assisted in the preparation of the first edition of Greenwood's "Public Libraries," 1885. Inventor of several indicators, magazine racks, automatic shelf steps, shelf fittings, magazine covers, etc., now in use in many Public Libraries and other Institutions.



Mrs. A. COTGREAVE.

Has given considerable assistance to Mr. Cotgreave in his various catalogues and other literary guides, indexes, &c. She has twice been offered the charge of a public library but declined.



From Greenwood's Library Year Book, 1900.

MR. JOHN PINK.

Born at Cambridge in 1838. Trained as a bookseller. Appointed first Librarian of Cambridge Public Library 12th April, 1855, being therefore the oldest public librarian now living. He is author of *The Cambridge Free Library, Its Rise and Progress*, 1882; *The Cambridge Free Library from 1855 to 1897*; *Libraries in Cambridge*, 1899. In 1860 he introduced oak reading cases for magazines, and has also devised a form of rolling bookstack, which is made to run between ordinary fixed stacks.



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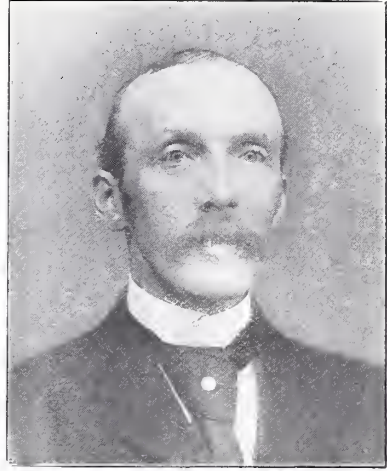
MR. WILLIAM HENRY KEARLEY WRIGHT, F. L. A.

Born at Plymouth, 1844. Has been Librarian of Plymouth since 1876. Secretary of the Ex-Libris Society, and contributor to its *Transactions*, and also to those of the Library Association. Editor of *The Western Antiquary*, and *The Ex-Libris Journal*. Author of *West Country Fests*, numerous guide books, poems, papers on antiquarian and local subjects, etc.



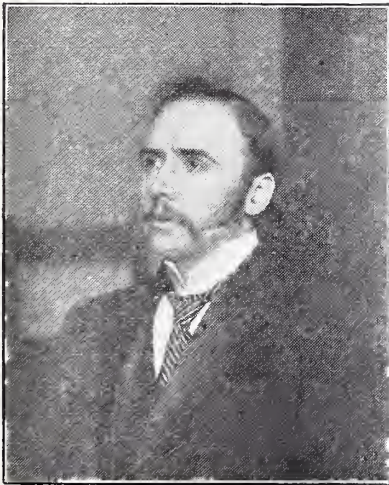
MR. EDWARD WOOD.

Born at Thornbury, Bradford, in 1875.
Librarian of Bingley Public Library since 1899.



MR. J. W. HAYHURST.

Born at Clitheroe in 1858. Assistant at
Clitheroe Public Library 1882. Librarian there
since 1898.



MR. W. HILDON BAGGULEY.

Born at Bowness, Windermere, in 1872.
Trained in the Wandsworth, Wimbledon, and
Stratford Public Libraries. Librarian in charge
of Canning Town Branch Library, West Ham,
London.



MRS. W. H. BAGGULEY.

A constant visitor at the meetings of the Library Association.



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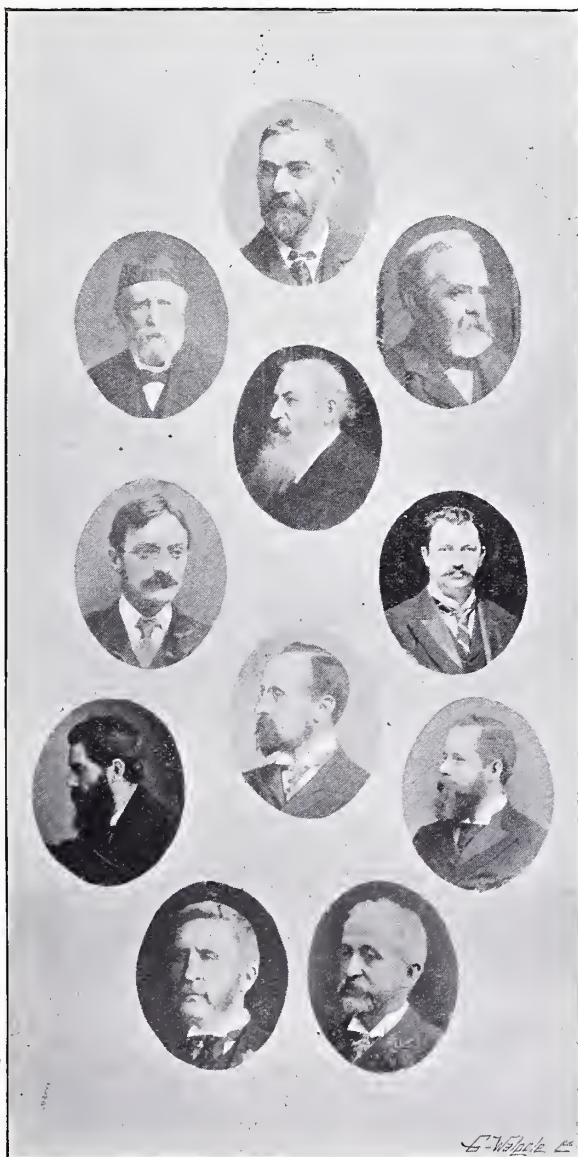
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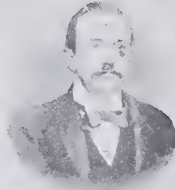
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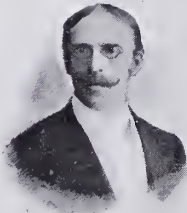
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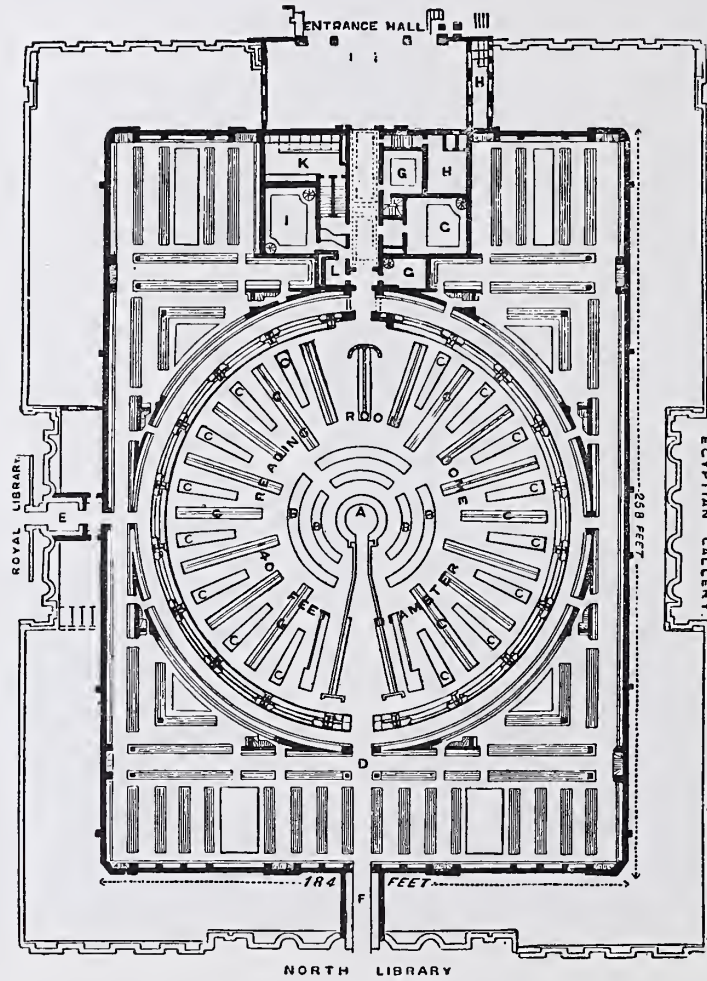
Born in London 1864. Trained in the Birkenhead Public Library, 1880-7. Sub-Librarian at Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1887-91. Librarian of Lewisham, London, 1891-7. Librarian of Bishopsgate Institute, London, since 1897. He has been Hon. Secretary of the Society of Public Librarians since its foundation in 1895. Author of the following papers and publications: *The Influences of Novel Reading*; *Courses of Reading*; *How to increase the utility of our Public Libraries to Students and Artizans*; *Books and Reading*; *The Library and the School*; *Open access in Public Libraries*; *Synoptical Cataloguing, a plea for those using our Public Libraries*; and *History of Bishopsgate from the earliest times*.

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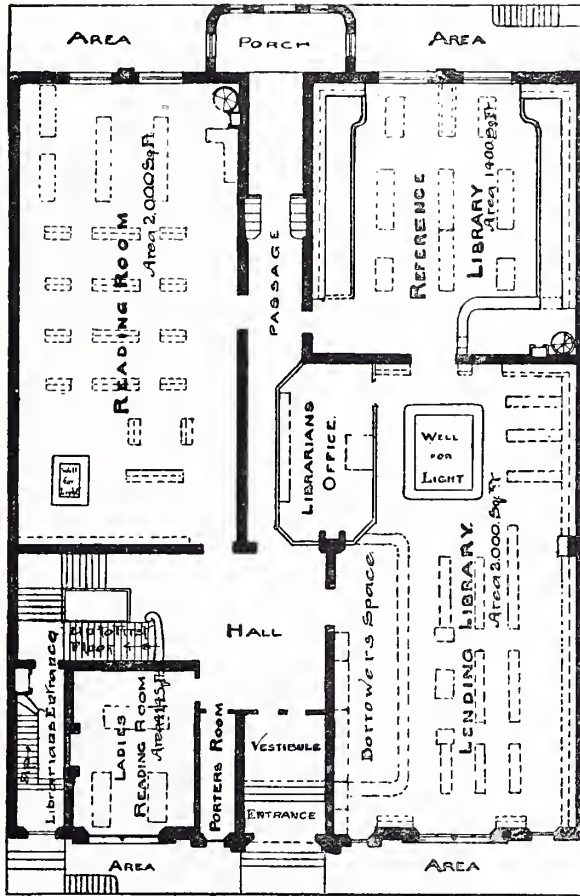
PLAN OF READING ROOM.



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| A Superintendent's Desk. | F Entrance from North Library. |
| B Catalogue Tables. | G For Registration of Copyrights. |
| C Readers' Tables and Desks. | H Ladies' Cloak-room. |
| D Access for Attendants. | I Gentlemen's Cloak-room. |
| E Entrance from Royal Library. | K For Gentlemen. |
| L Umbrella Room. | |

ST. GEORGE, HANOVER SQUARE, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

Architect: A. J. BOLTON, A.R.I.B.A.



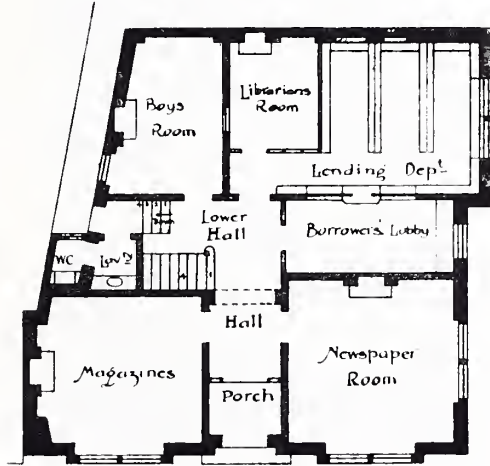
GROUND PLAN OF CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Lending Library,	64 × 31 feet.
Reference „	36 × 39 „
Reading Room	63 × 32 „

BODMIN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: SILVANUS TREVALL, F.R.I.B.A.

PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR.

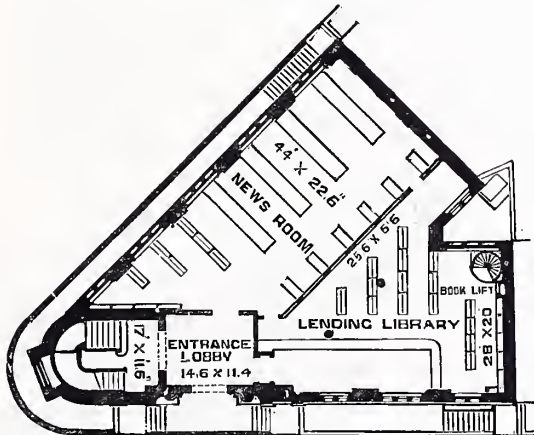


Ground Plan

CLERKENWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY (BOROUGH OF FINSBURY), LONDON.

Architects: MESSRS. KERSLAKE AND MORTIMER.

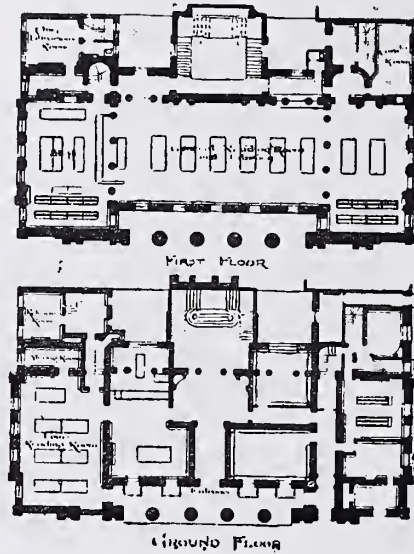
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MANCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

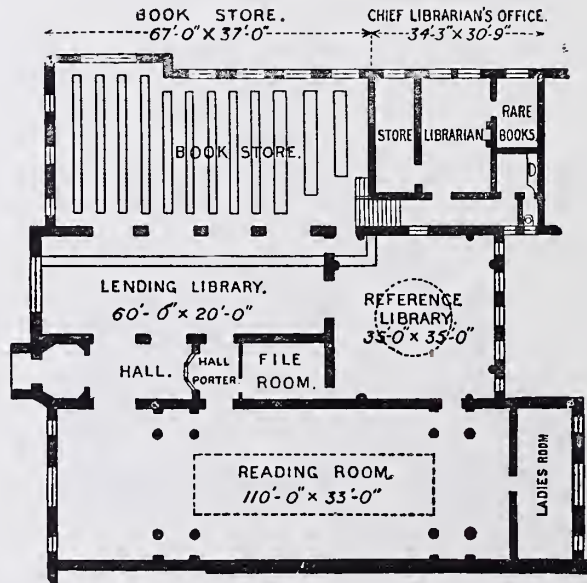
PLANS OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.



WEST HAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Architects: Messrs. GIBSON AND RUSSELL.

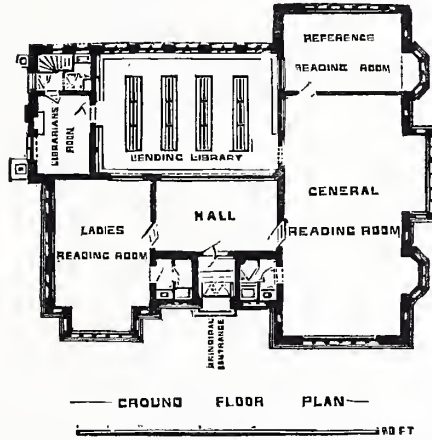
GROUND PLAN, CENTRAL LIBRARY.



GILSTRAP FREE LIBRARY, NEWARK-ON-TRENT.

Architect: WILLIAM HENMAN, F.R.I.B.A.

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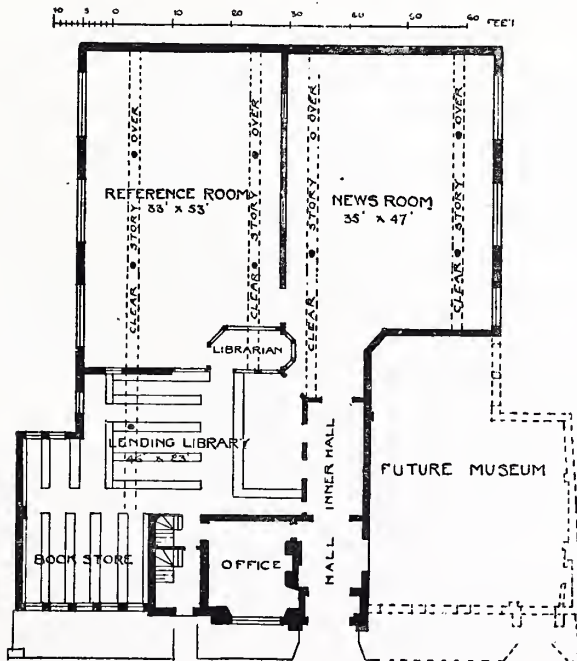


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POPLAR PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architects: Messrs. CLARKSON.

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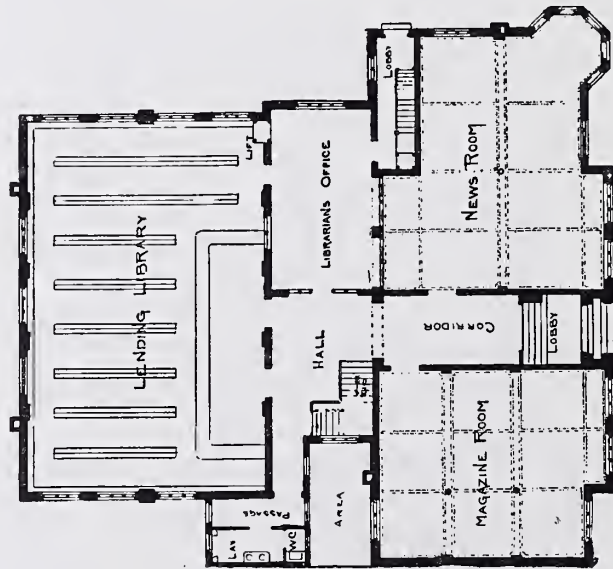


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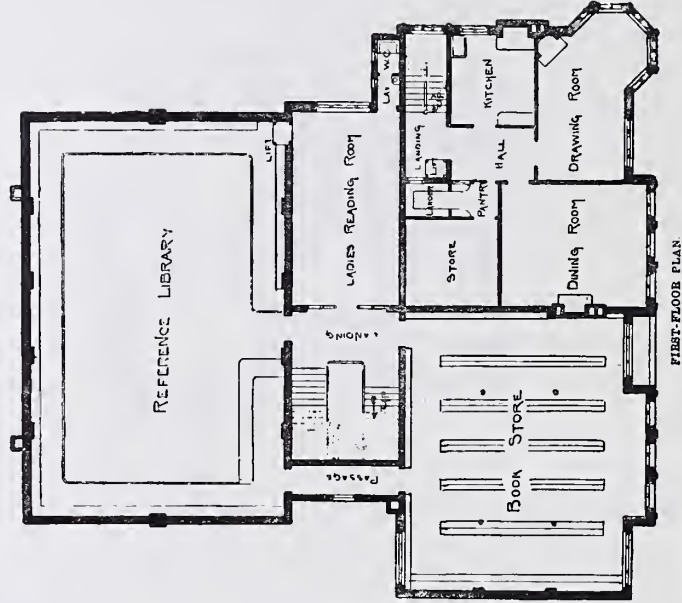
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Architect: E. W. MOUNTFORD, F.R.I.B.A.

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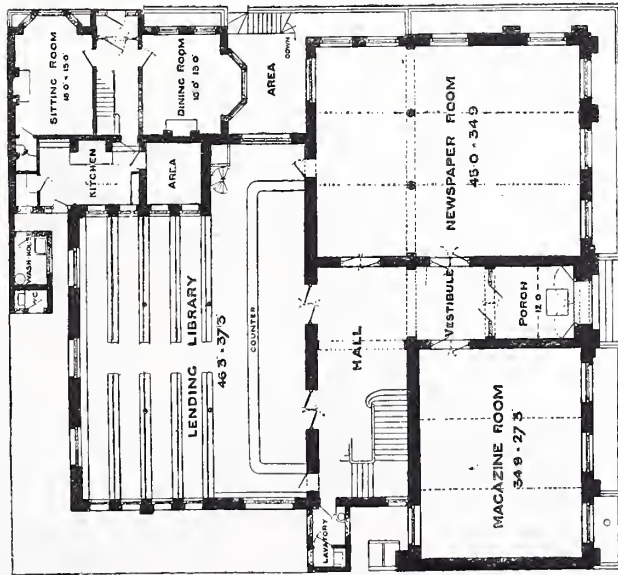


Lending Library, 2,000 square feet.
 Newsroom, 1,000 square feet.
 Magazine Room, 890 square feet.

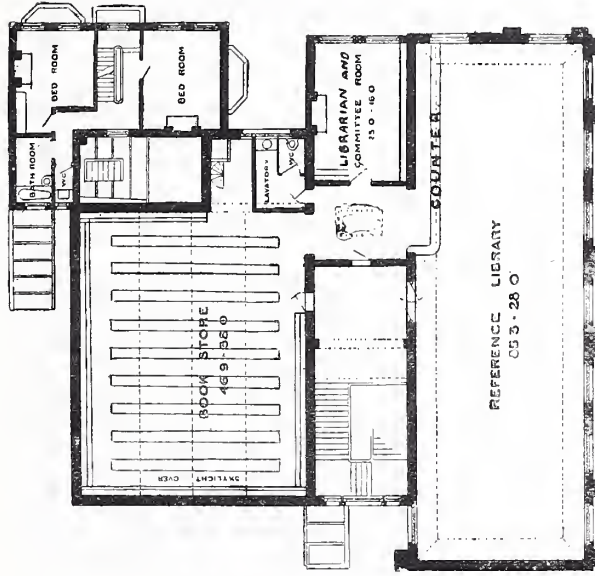
LAMBETH PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.
TATE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

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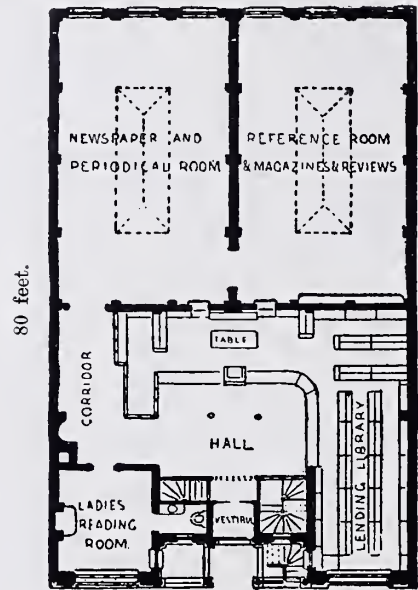
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LAMBETH PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

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PLAN, WEST NORWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY.

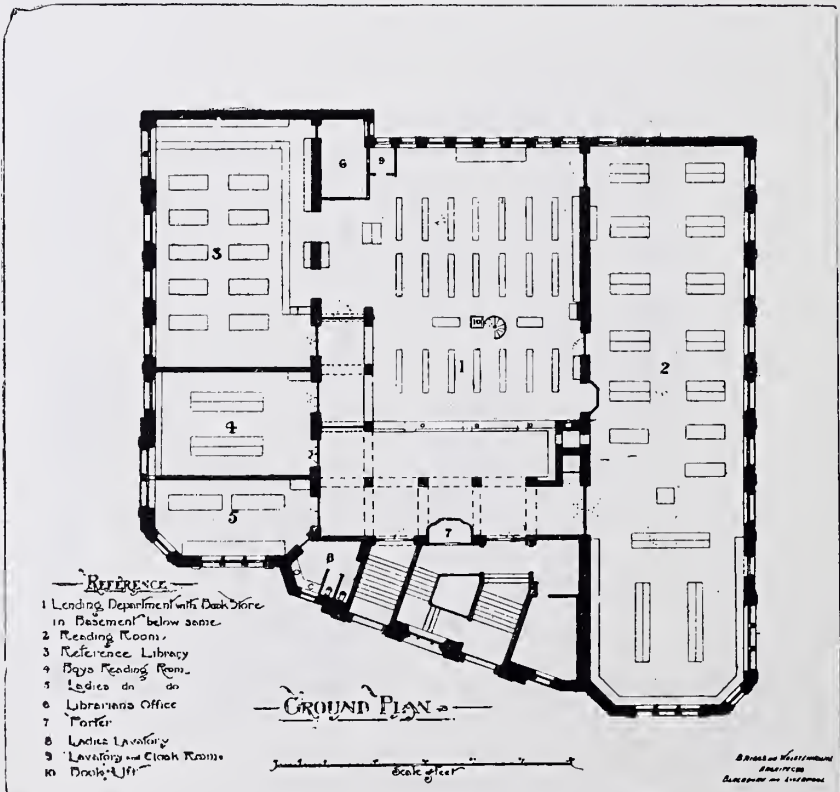


50 feet.

ST. HELEN'S PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects: MESSRS. BRIGGS & WOLSTENHOLME.

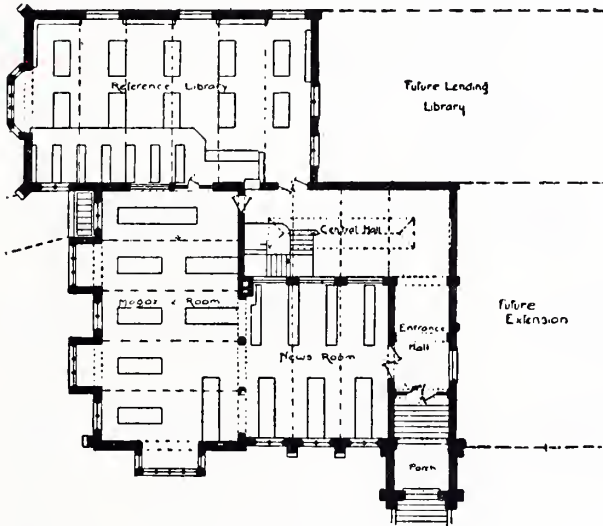
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HAMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

Architect: ARNOLD S. TAYLER, A.R.I.B.A.

UPPER GROUND PLAN, CENTRAL LIBRARY.

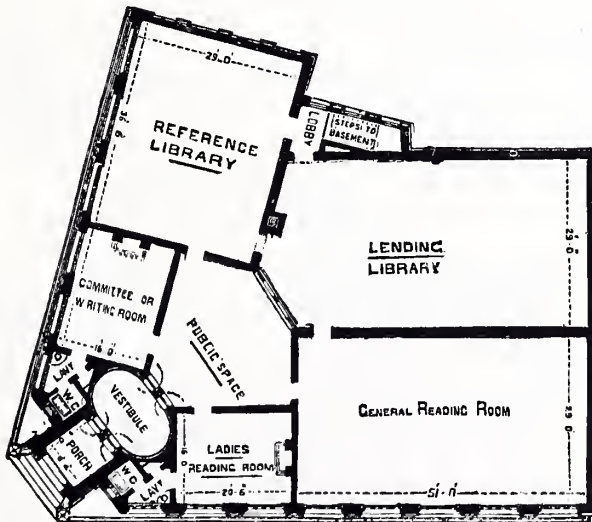


Reference Library, 50 × 30 feet.
 Newsroom .. 26 × 30 ,,
 Magazine Room 46 × 25 ,,

DARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: GEORGE GORDON HOSKINS (Darlington).

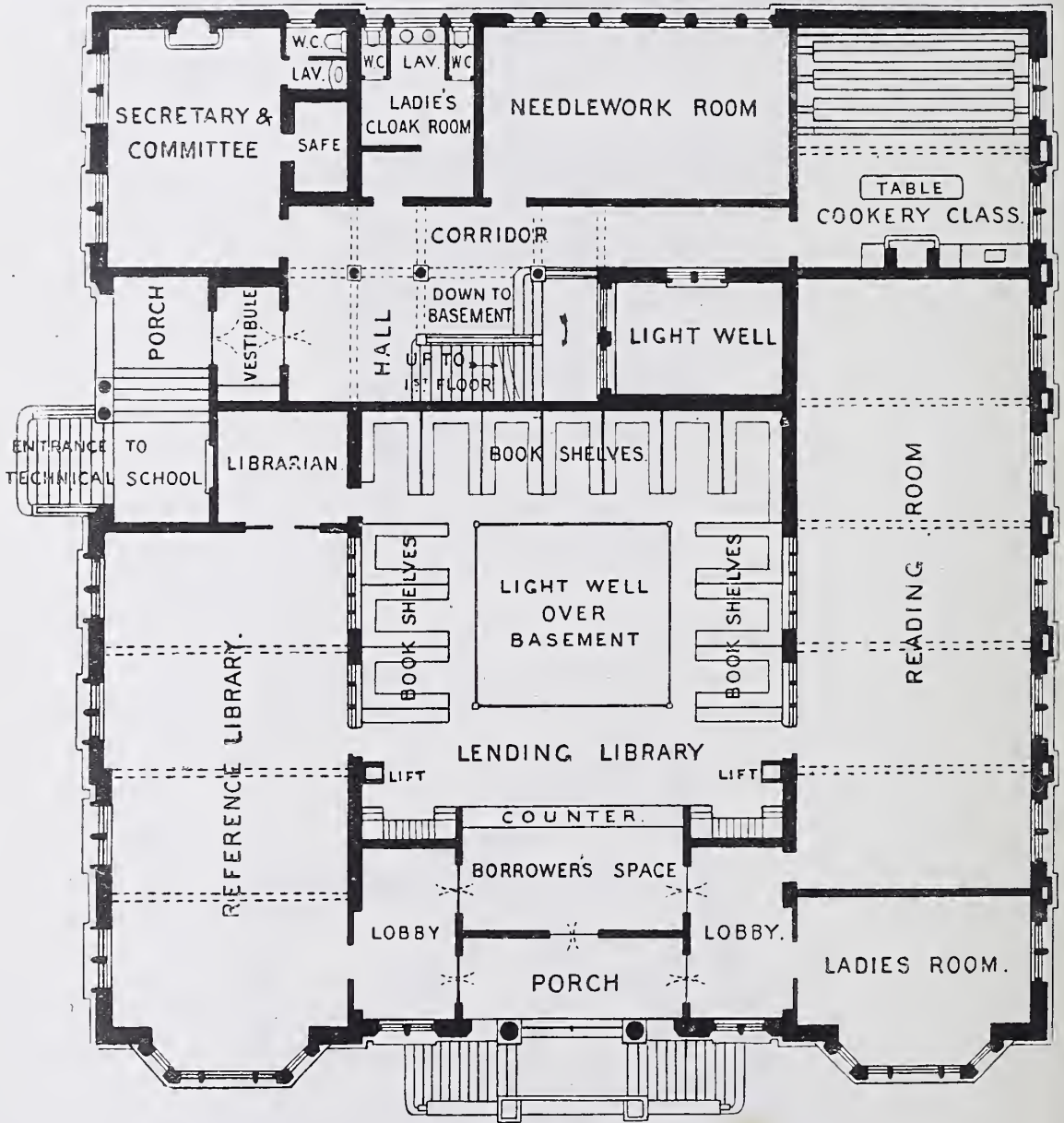
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EAST HAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Architects: MESSRS. CHEERS AND SMITH.

PROPOSED GROUND PLAN FOR A CENTRAL LIBRARY.



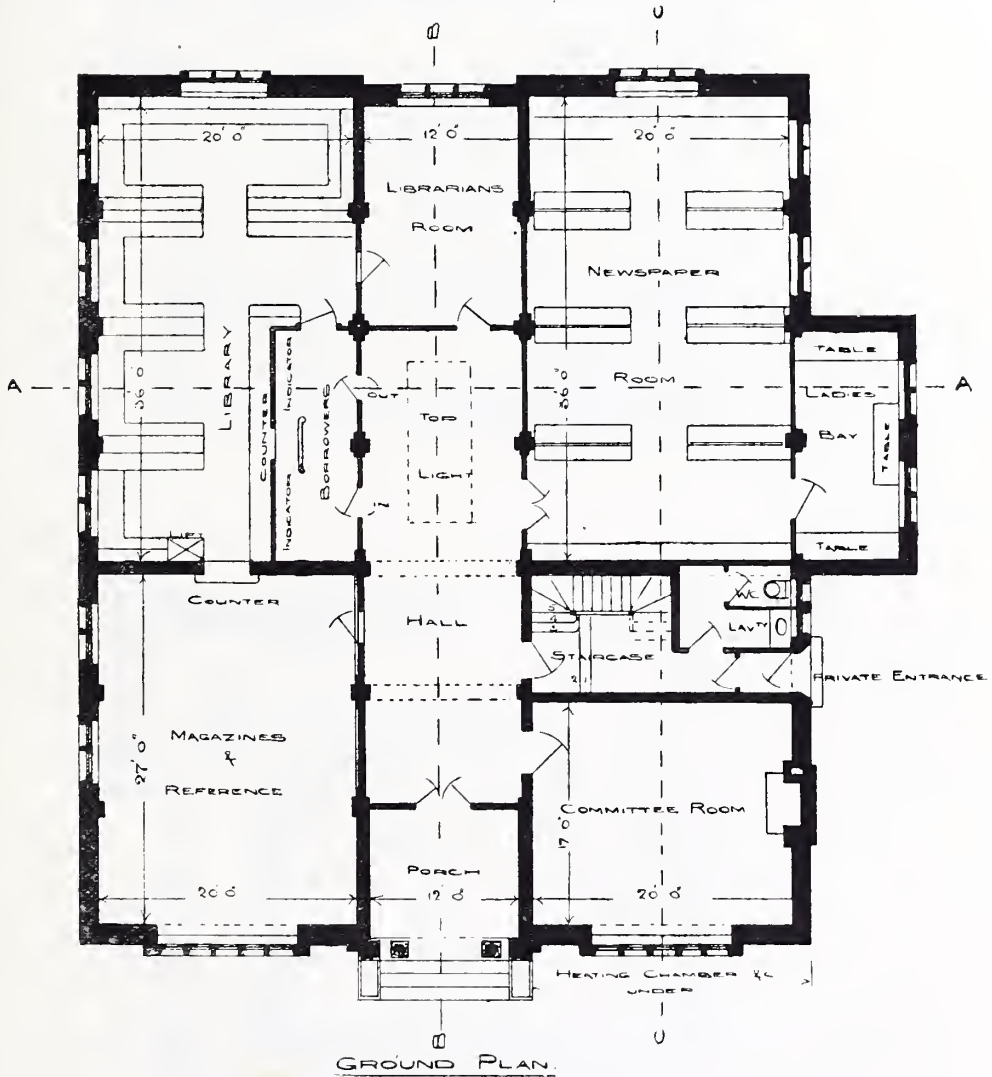
ENTRANCE TO LIBRARY.

GROUND PLAN.

EAST HAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Architect: SILVANUS TREVAIL, F.R.I.B.A.

GROUND PLAN OF PLASHET LIBRARY.

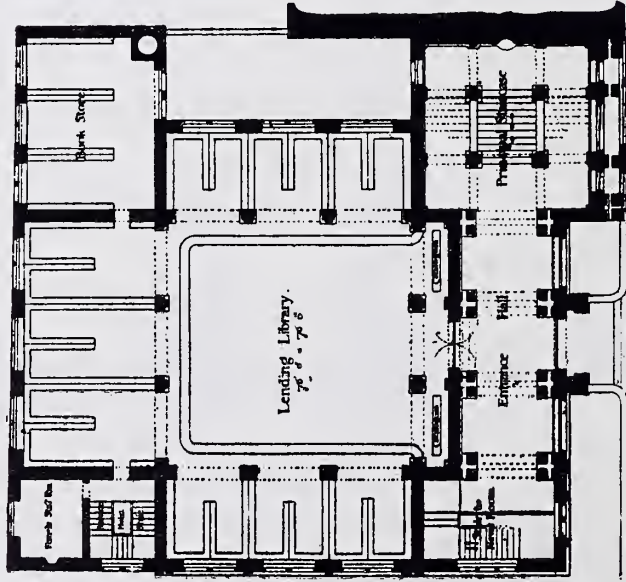


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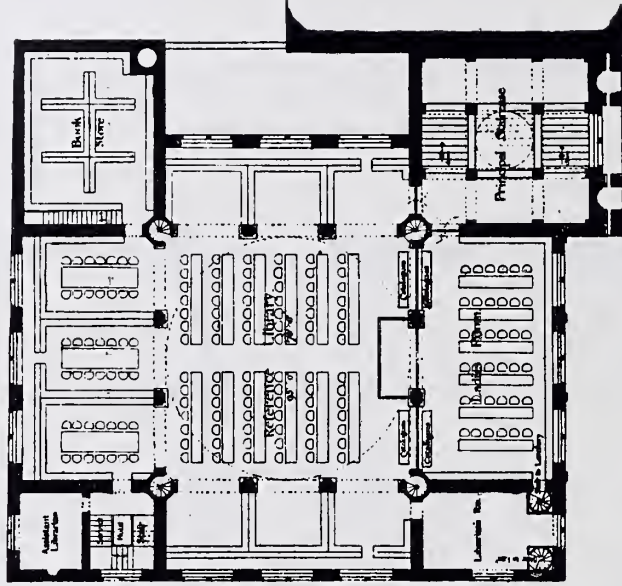
CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Architect: G. WASHINGTON BROWNE.

PLAN OF LENDING DEPARTMENT.



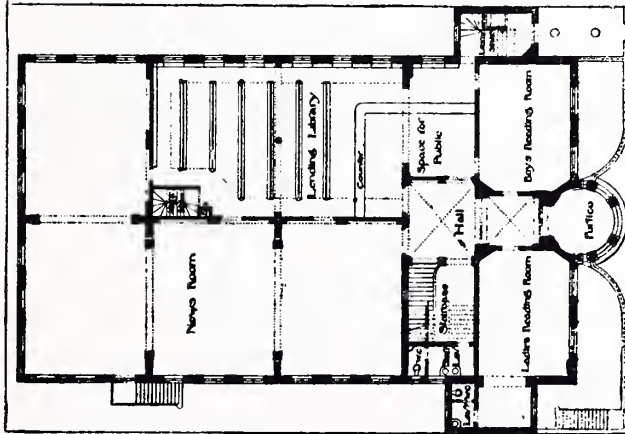
PLAN OF REFERENCE LIBRARY.



CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.
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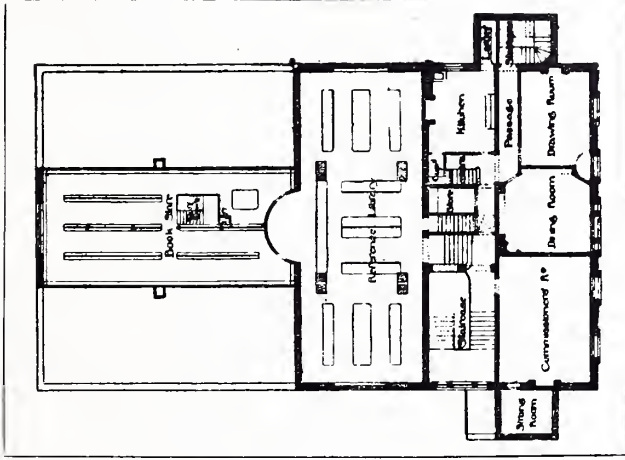
Architect: J. M. BYRDON, F.R.I.B.A.

PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR.



Ladies' Room .. 25 X 18 feet.
Boys' Room .. 25 X 18 feet.

PLAN OF FIRST FLOOR.

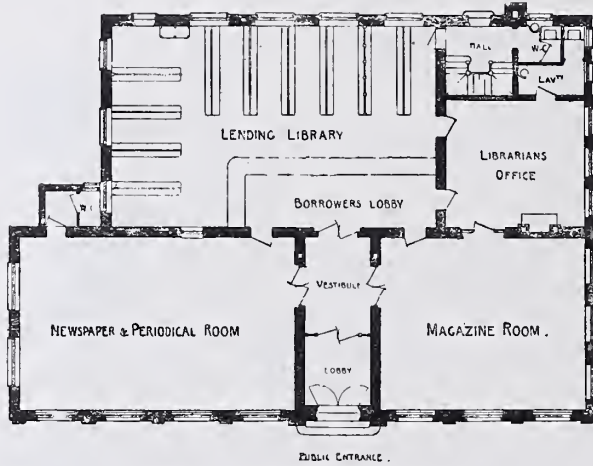


Reference Library .. 63 X 24 feet.
Newsroom .. 3,047 square feet.

TATE PUBLIC LIBRARY, STREATHAM, LONDON.

Architect: SIDNEY R. J. SMITH, F.R.I.B.A.

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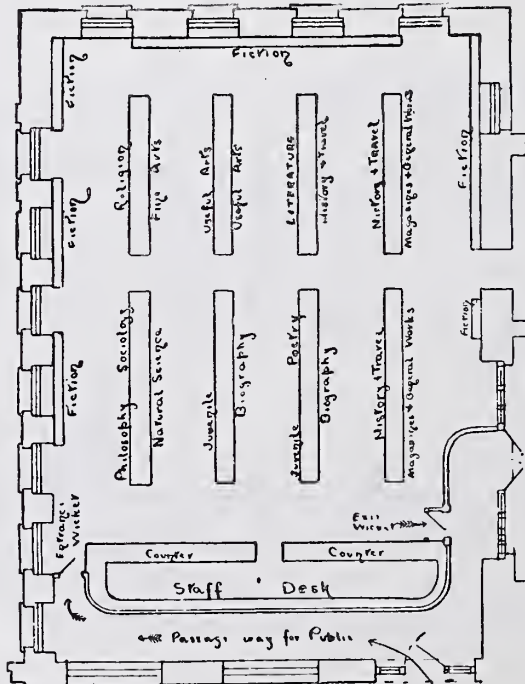


- Lending Library, 47 × 29 feet.
- Newspaper Room, 40 × 25 „
- Magazine Room, 30 × 25 „

CROYDON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: C. HENMAN.

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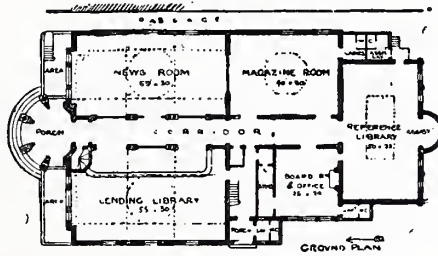


52 × 35 feet.

CAMBERWELL PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

Architect: R. P. WHELLOCK, A.R.I.B.A.

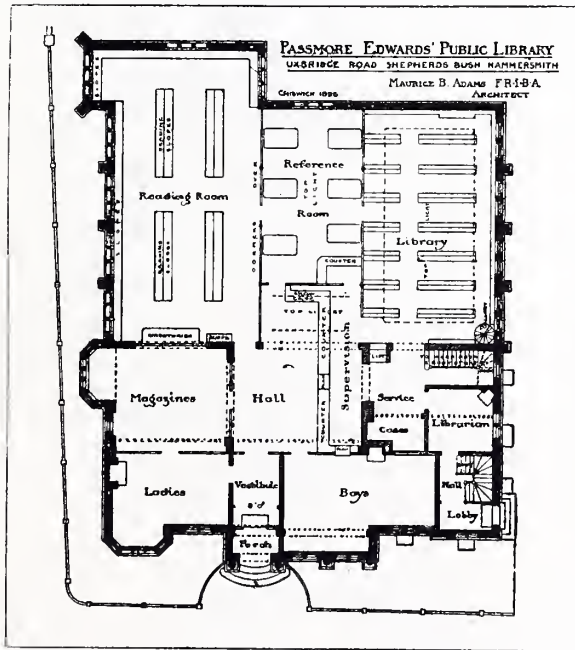
GROUND PLAN, CENTRAL LIBRARY.



HAMMERSMITH PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

Architect: MAURICE B. ADAMS, F.R.I.B.A.

GROUND PLAN, SHEPHERD'S BUSH LIBRARY.

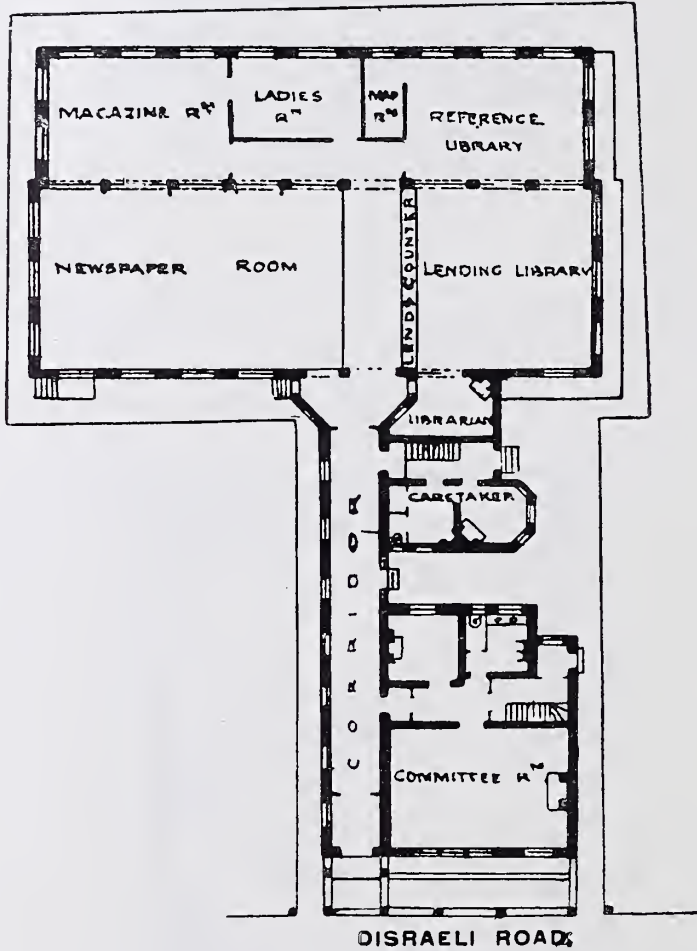


Lending Library .. .. .	.. .. .	40 x 22 feet	Magazine Room .. .. .	.. .. .	20 x 18 feet.
Reference Library .. .. .	.. .. .	30 x 17 "	Ladies' Room .. .. .	.. .. .	20 x 12 "
Newsroom .. .. .	.. .. .	50 x 25 "	Boys' Room .. .. .	.. .. .	25 x 12 "

PUTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

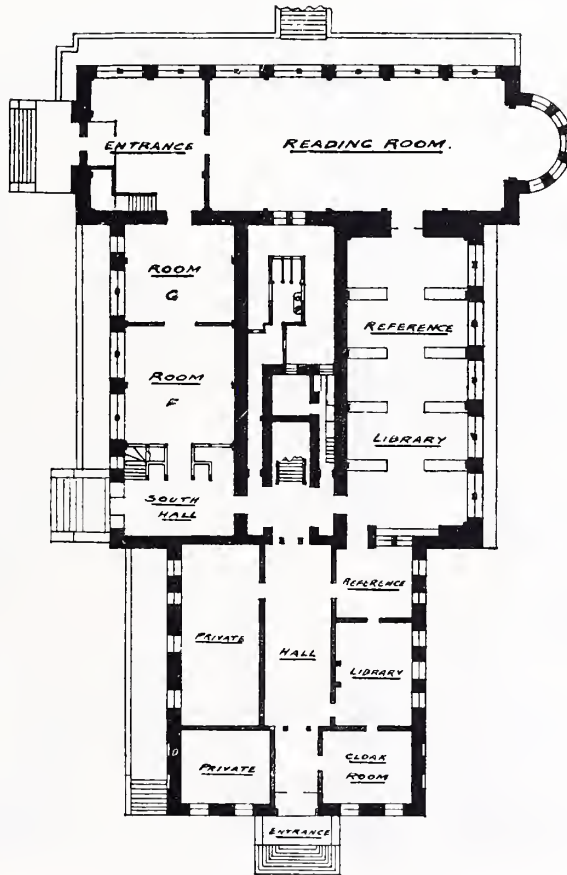
Architect: F. J. SMITH, F.R.I.B.A.

PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR.



Lending Library,	42 × 30 feet.
Reference Library	36 × 20 „
Newsroom ..	50 × 30 „
Magazine Room	30 × 20 „

SALFORD PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
GROUND PLAN OF CENTRAL LIBRARY.



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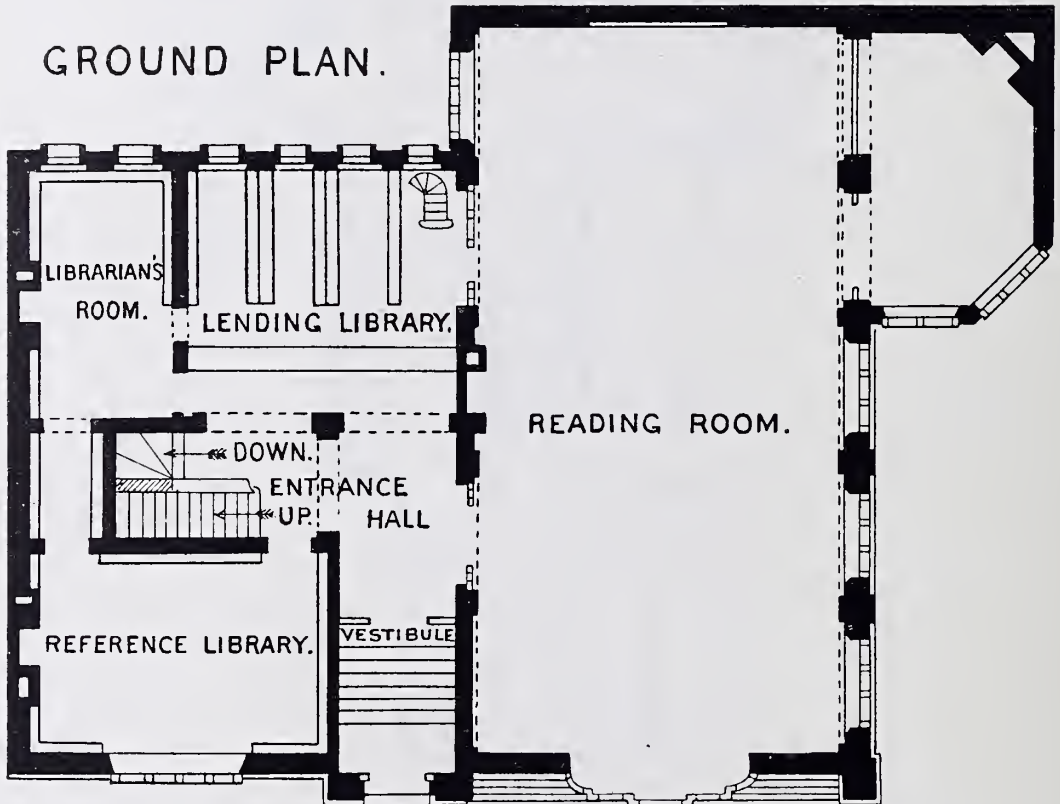


COLCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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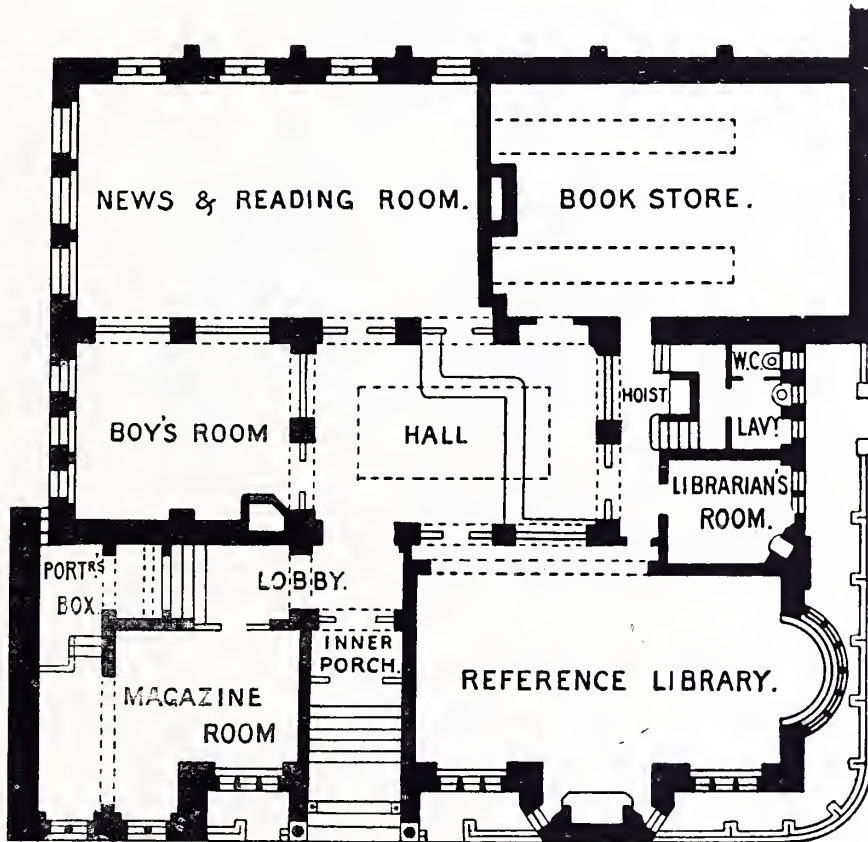


Lending Library	..	28 x 14 feet (within counter).
Reference Library	..	20 x 14 ,,
Reading Room	..	50 x 24 ,, and Ladies' Room in large bay.

ASTLEY CHEETHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, STALYBRIDGE.

Architect: J. MEDLAND TAYLOR.

PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR.



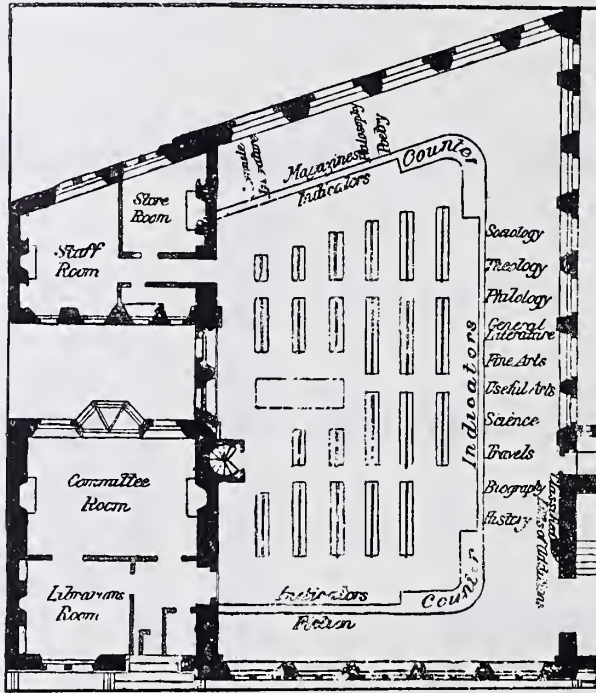
GROUND PLAN.

Lending Library (Book Store)	..	38 × 26 feet.
Reference Library	.. .. .	44 × 25 ,,
Newsroom	.. .. .	44 × 26 ,,
Boys' Room	.. .. .	25 × 21 ,,
Magazine Room	.. .. .	28 × 15 ,,
Hall	.. .. .	30 × 20 ,,

ABERDEEN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect: JAMES BROWN (BROWN & WATT).

PLAN OF LENDING DEPARTMENT.

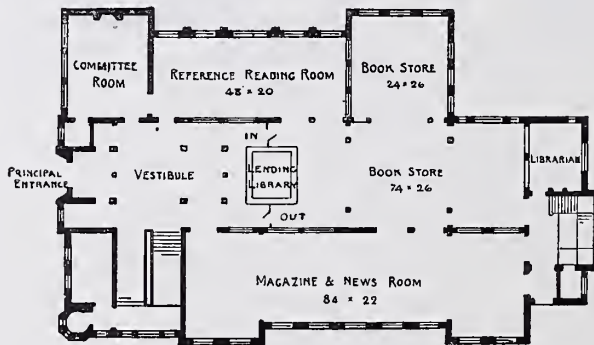


76 x 46 feet.

WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects: MESSRS. SIMPSON & ALLEN.

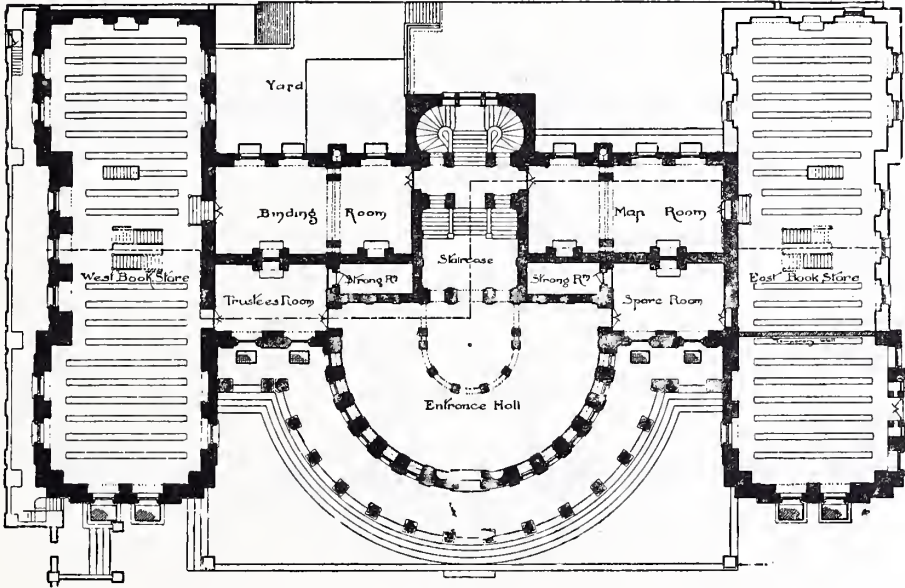
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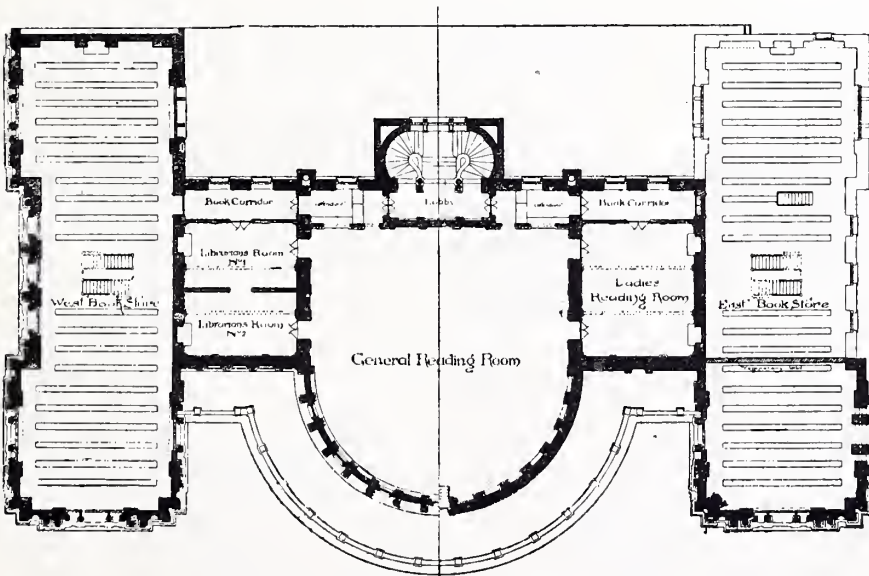
NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND, DUBLIN.

Architect : Sir THOMAS NEWENHAM DEANE (in council with the late Librarian, William Archer, F.R.S.)

PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR.



PLAN OF FIRST FLOOR.

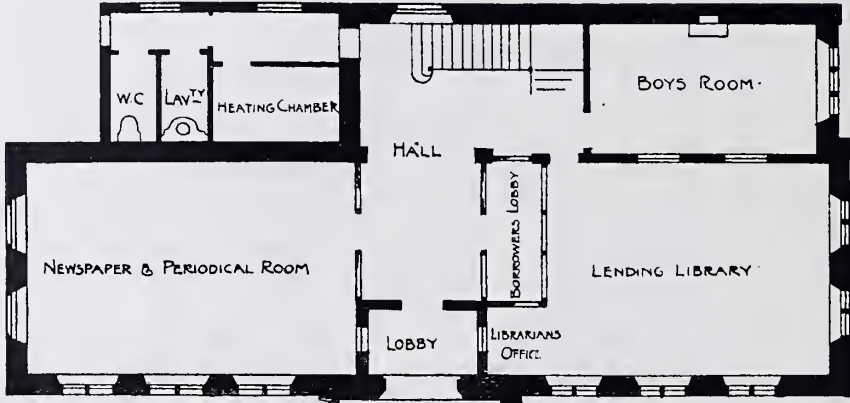


Reading Room, 63 × 60 feet.
 Book Stores 100 × 23 ..

PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, ST. IVES.

Architects: Messrs. JOHN SYMONS & SON.

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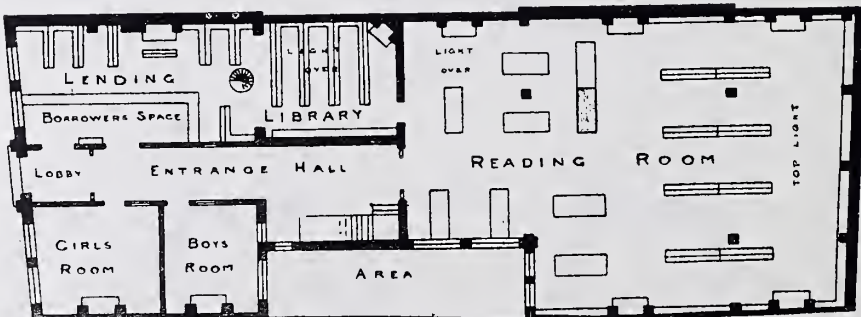


GROUND PLAN

WHITECHAPEL PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architects: Messrs. POTTS AND HENNINGS.

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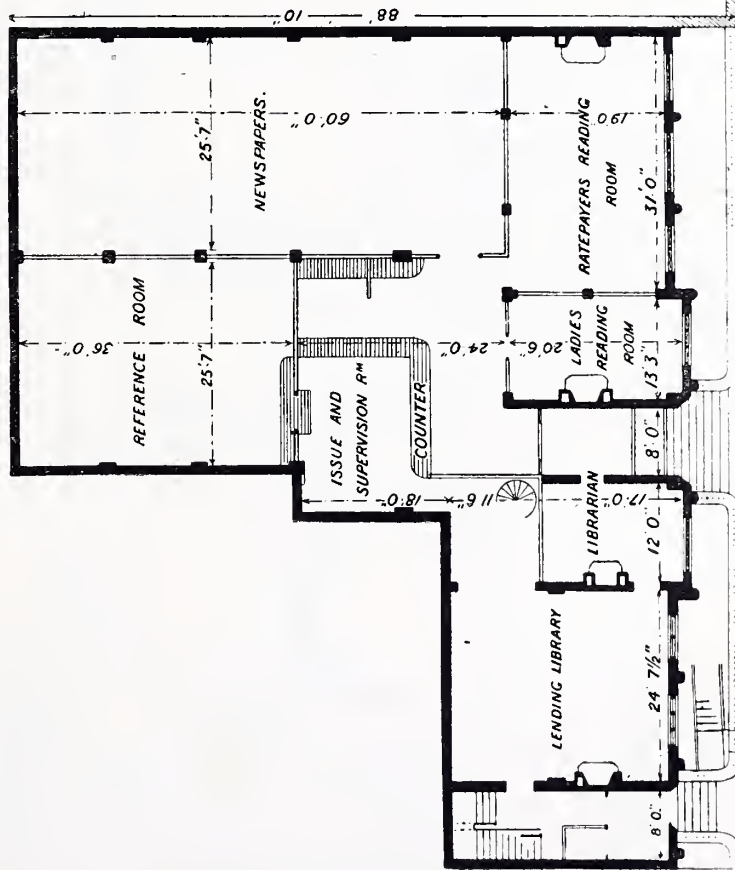


Lending Library	56 × 24 feet.
Reference Library	34 × 45 feet.
Newsroom	70 × 45 feet.

WESTMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

Architect : FRANCIS J. SMITH, F.R.I.B.A.

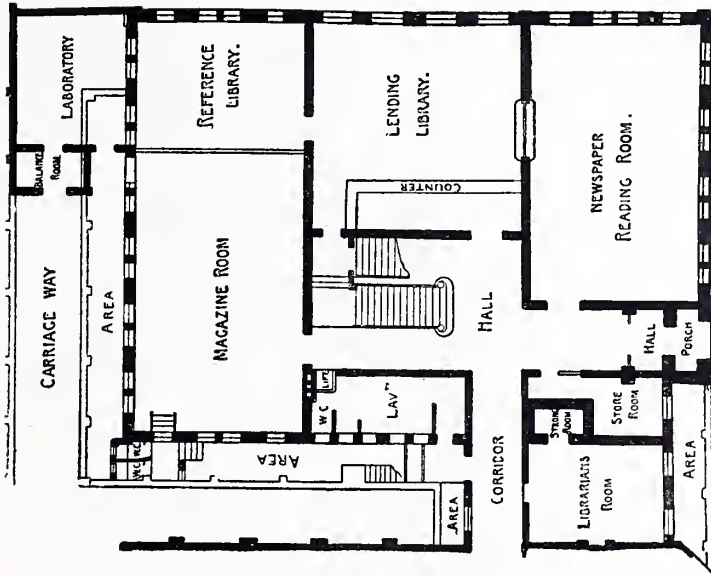
GROUND PLAN OF CENTRAL LIBRARY.



BOOTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : JOHN JOHNSON, F.R.I.B.A.

PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR.



Lending Library .. 32 x 32 feet.

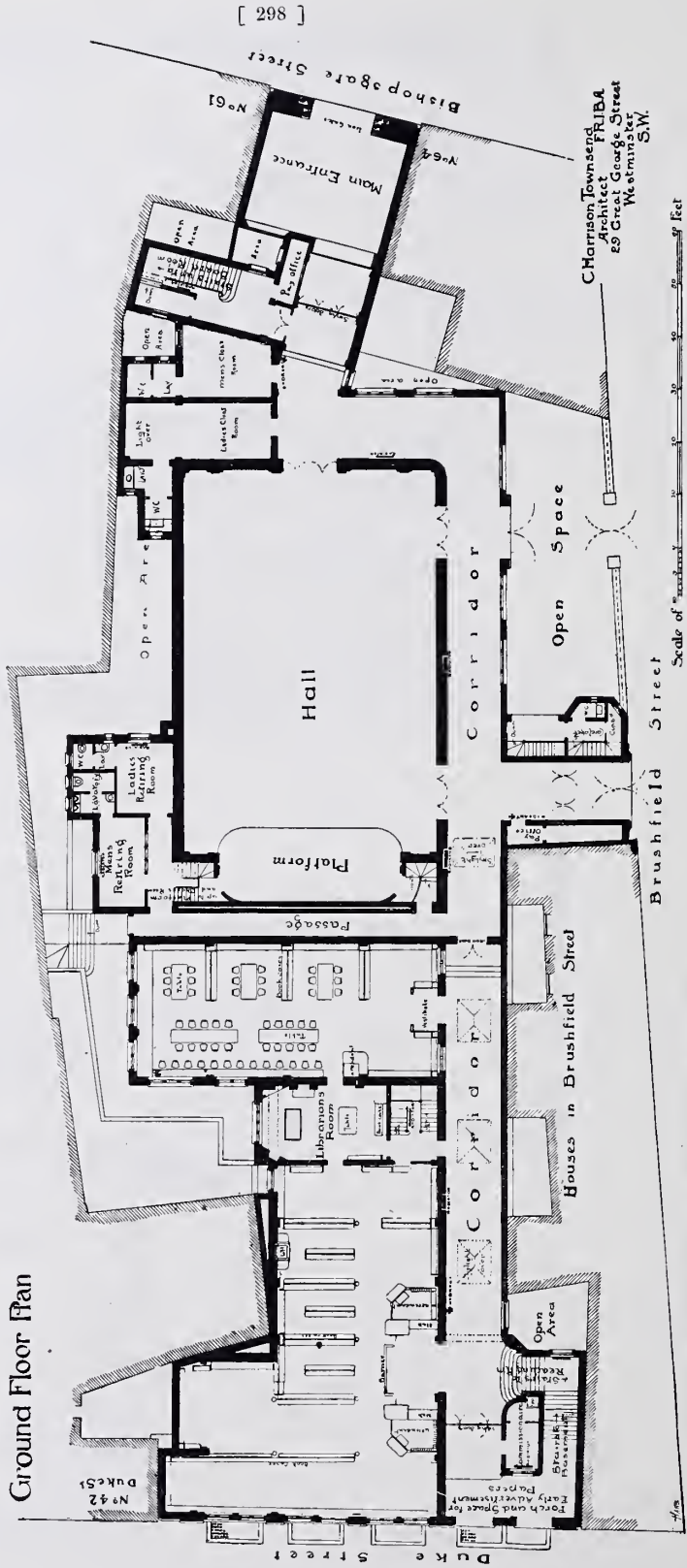
Magazine Room and Reference Library .. 64 x 26 "

Newspaper Room .. 43 x 28 "

BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE, LONDON.

Architect: C. HARRISON TOWNSEND, F.R.I.B.A.

GROUND FLOOR PLAN.

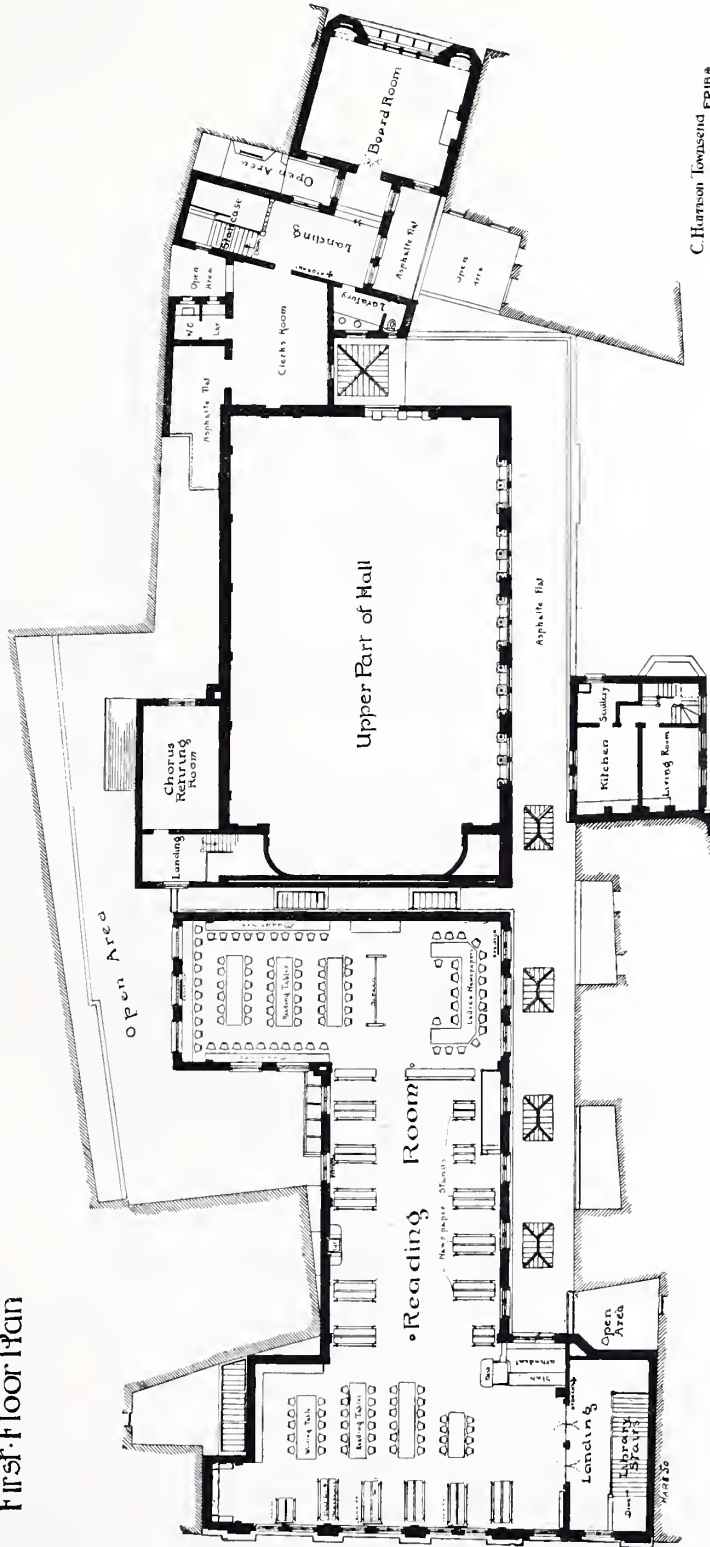


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FIRST FLOOR PLAN.

First Floor Plan



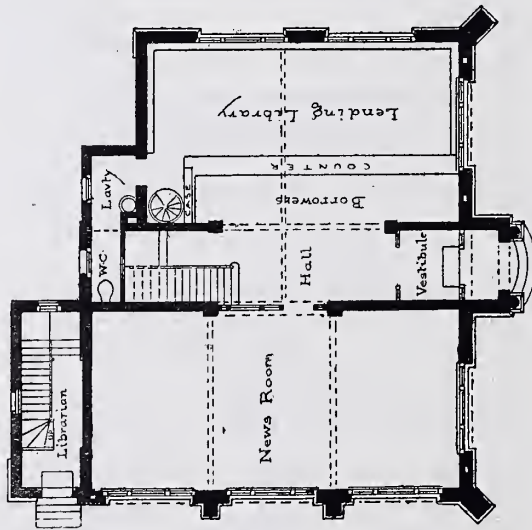
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 Architects
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PASSMORE EDWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY, EDMONTON.

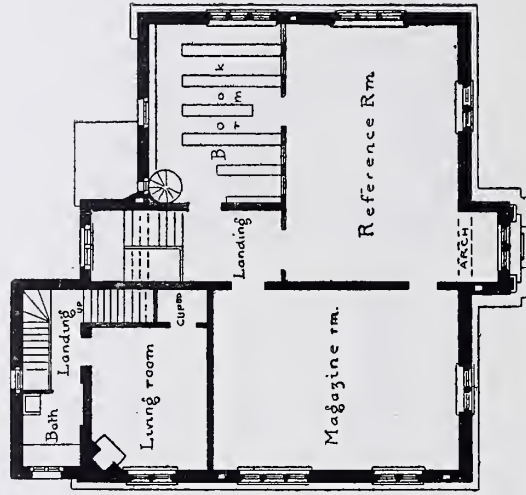
Architect: MAURICE B. ADAMS, F.R.L.B.A.



Ground plan

From Greenwood's Library Year Book, 1897.

Lending Library ..	..	19 x 33 feet.
Newsroom ..	..	19 x 39 "

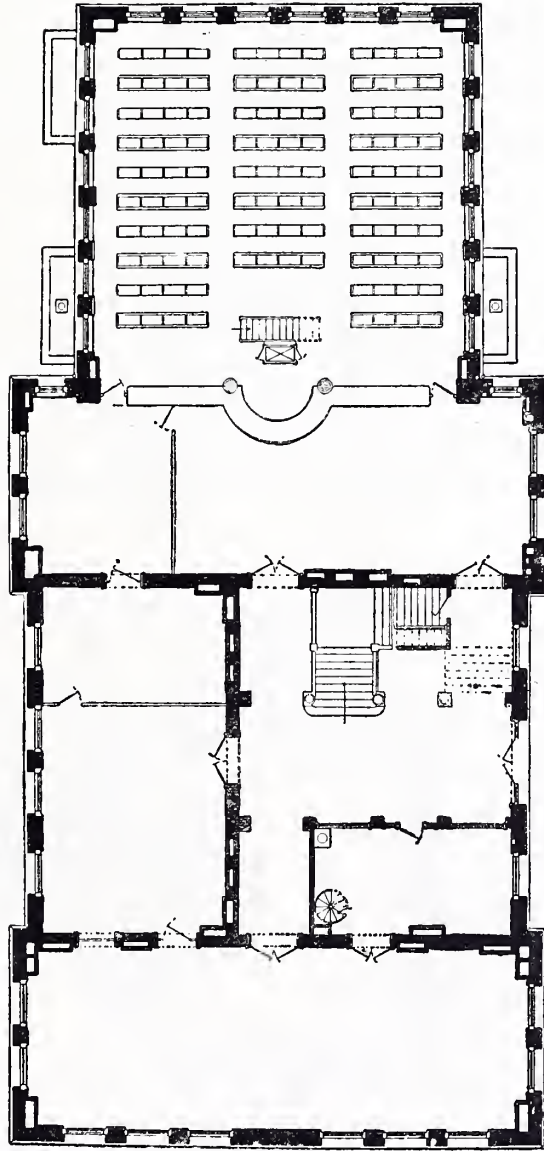


First floor

Reference Library ..	..	28 x 18 feet.
Magazine Room ..	..	19 x 26 "

THE PRATT INSTITUTE, BROOKLYN (U.S.A.)

PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR.



Newsroom, 66 x 24 feet.

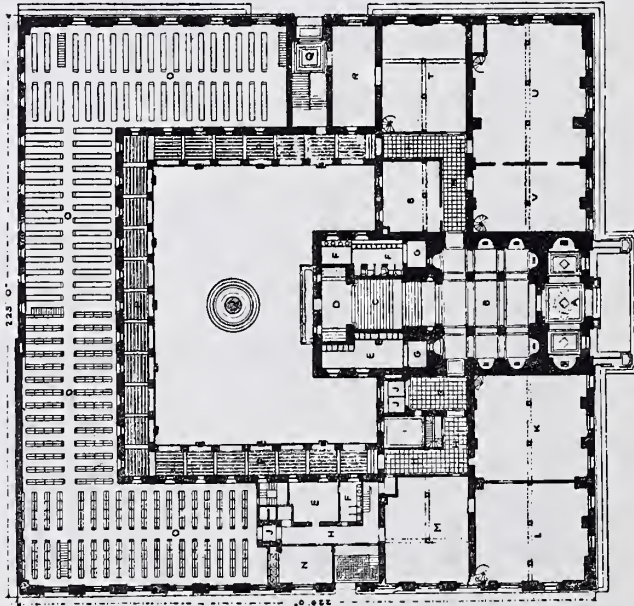
Delivery Room, 66 x 24 feet.

Stack Room, 49 x 53 feet.

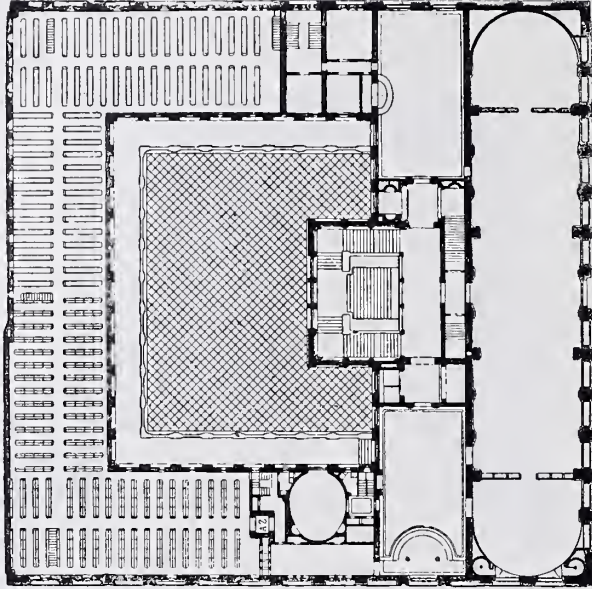
BOSTON (U.S.A) PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architects: MESSRS. MCKIM, MEAD, & WHITE (New York).

PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR.



PLAN OF FIRST FLOOR.

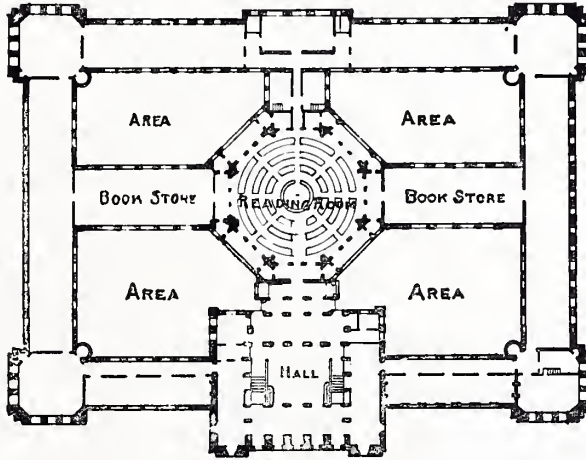


- A Vestibule.
- B Hall.
- C Staircase.
- D Landing.
- EF Cloak Rooms.
- G Lobby.
- H Corridor.
- I Waiting Room.
- J Elevators.
- KL Cataloguer's Rooms.
- M Receiving Room.
- O Book Stack.
- P Arcade.
- UV Periodical Reading Room.

CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY, WASHINGTON (U.S.A.)

Architects: JOHN L. SMITHMEYER, PAUL J. PELZ, THOMAS L. CASEY, and EDWARD P. CASEY.

PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR.

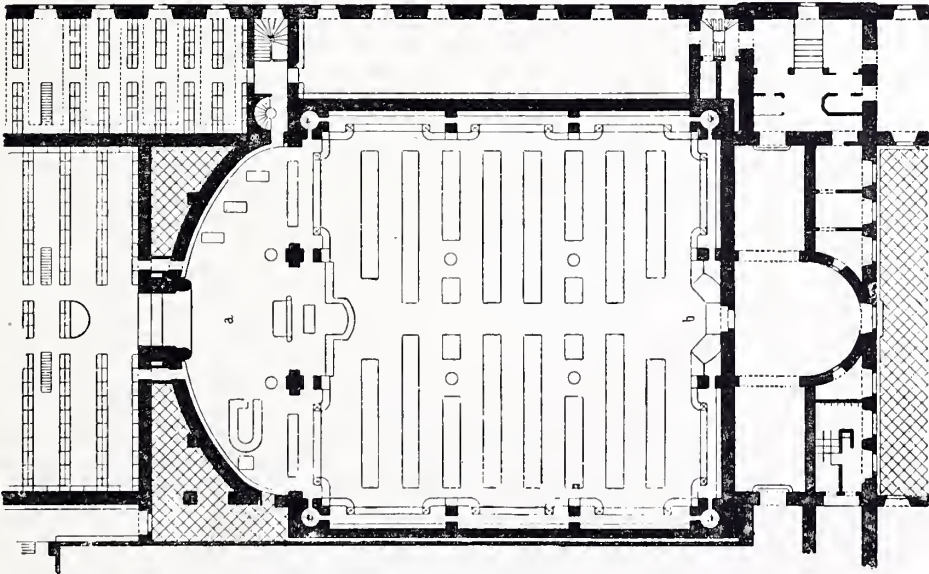


Reading Room, 100 feet in diameter.

Book Stores, 112 x 45 feet.

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY, PARIS.

PLAN OF READING ROOM



43 metres x 34 metres.

. . Supplement. . .



ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS AND ST. PAUL'S PUBLIC LIBRARY, LONDON.

Architect : ROBERT WALKER, F.R.I.B.A.



Name of Librarian THOMAS MASON, F. R. Hist. S.

Stock of Books	32,941	Date when Founded	1891
Daily Average Issue	453	Population	15,047

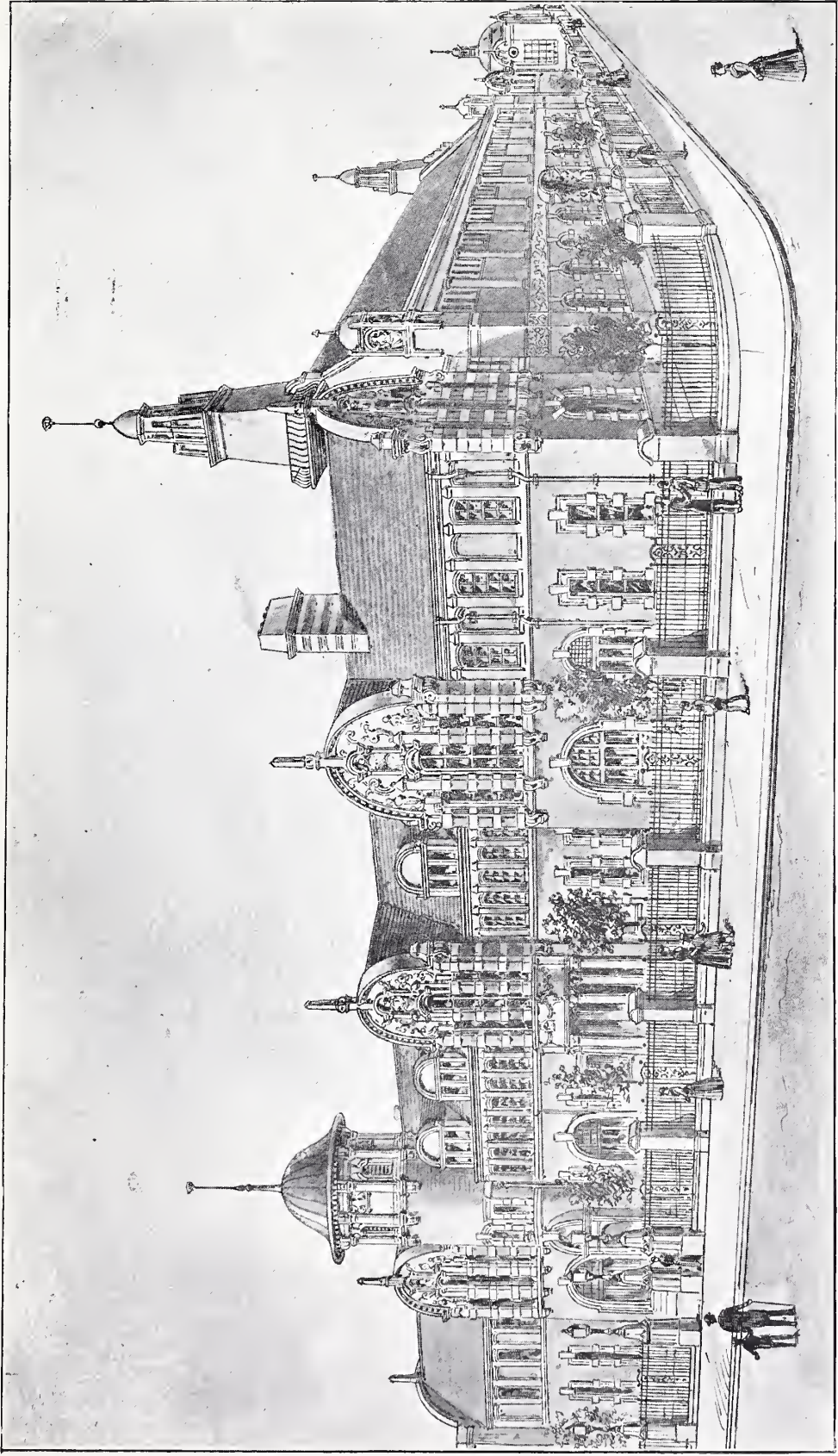
Other particulars of note :—The Library contains a local collection of books and prints.

WEST HAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, AND PASSMORE EDWARDS MUSEUM.

Chief Librarian: A. CORGHEAVE, F.R.Hist.S.

Principal of Technical Institute: A. F. BAISCOE, B.Sc.

Curator of Museum: W. COLE, F.L.S.



The Institute and Library opened by J. Passmore Edwards, Esq., October 6th, 1898; destroyed by fire, October 23rd, 1899; re-opened by Mr. Edwards, October 18th, 1900. Museum opened by the Rt. Hon. the Countess of Warwick, October 18th, 1900.

LEWISHAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES, LONDON.

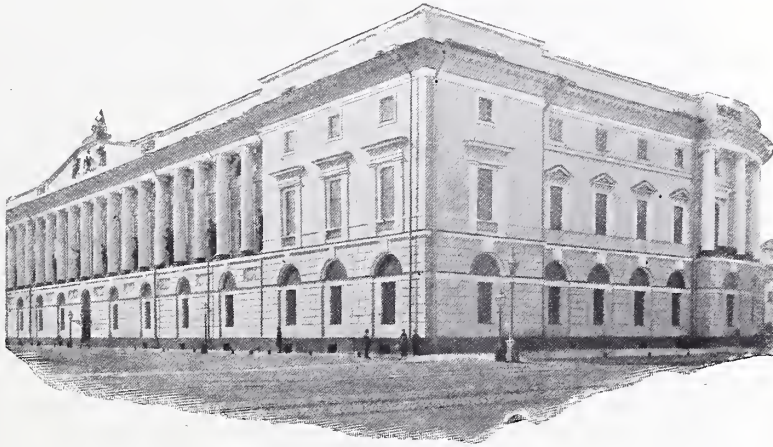
Architect: A. R. HENSELL, A.R.I.B.A.



Not yet open	Number of Branches	2
Stock not complete	Population	127,460

Other particulars of note :—The Library contains a local collection of books, and a special collection of music.

THE IMPERIAL LIBRARY, ST. PETERSBURG.

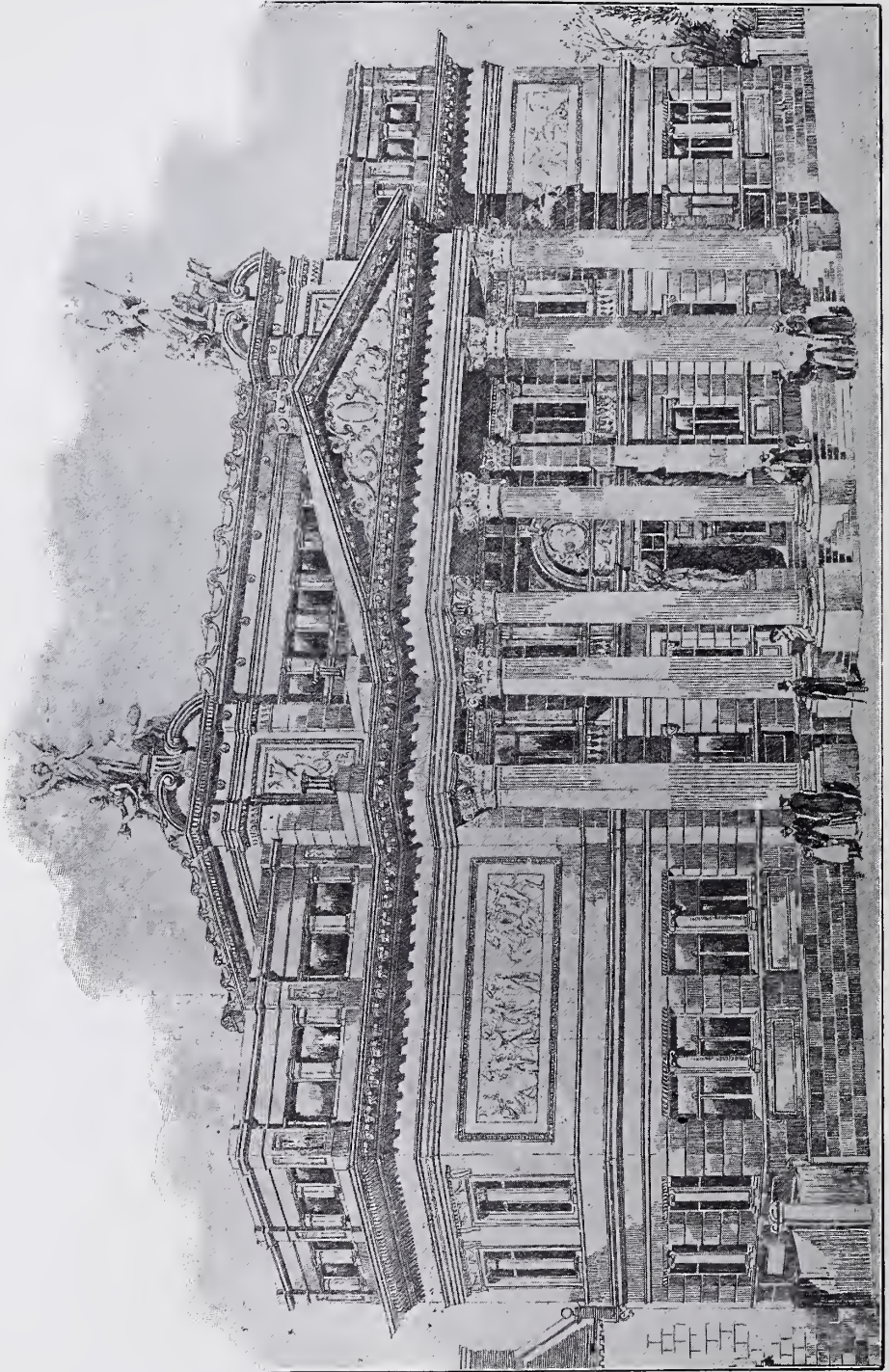


Stock of Books	1,155,000	|	Stock of MSS.	26,000
Date when Founded	1700			

Other particulars of note:—The Library is open to every Russian boy over twelve years of age. The most famous treasure it contains is the Codex Sinaiticus, which is not only priceless, but is practically unique.

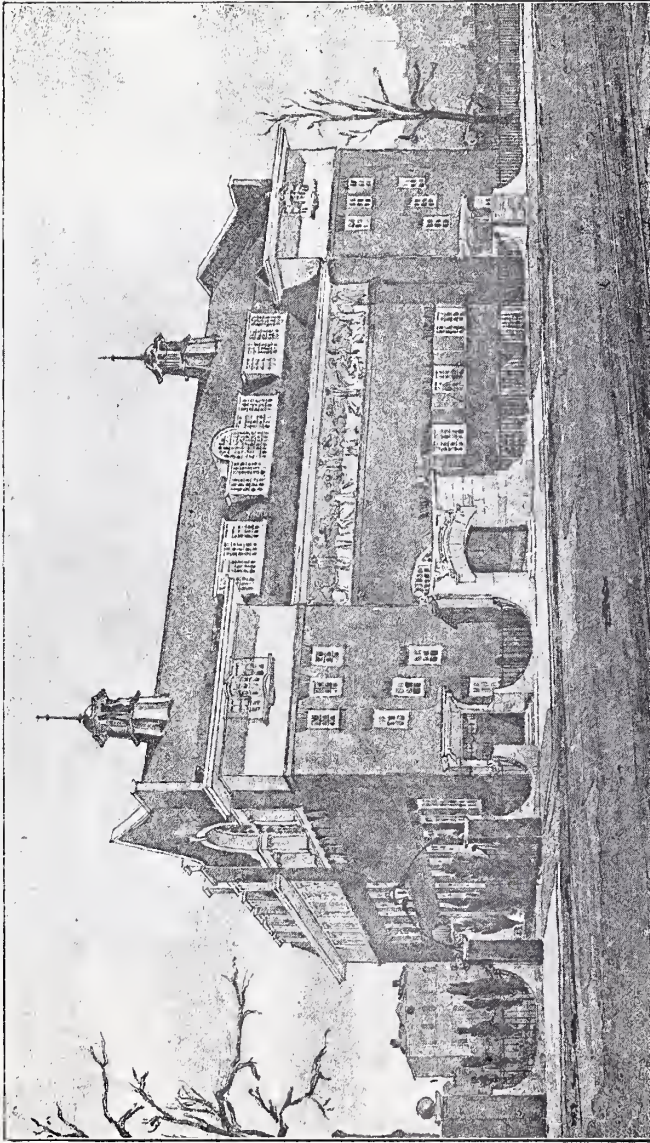
DESIGN FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Architect : FRANK CARRUTHERS.



PASSMORE EDWARDS SETTLEMENT, BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.

Architects: MESSRS. DUNBAR SMITH & C. BREWER.



The above building was founded to provide a centre of education and social life for North-West London, and owes its origin to Mrs. Humphrey Ward. It was formally opened 12th February, 1898, by the Rt. Hon. John Morley, M.P. The settlement has rooms for the Warden and eighteen residents, a large library, workshops, class rooms, a large hall, club rooms, gymnasium, etc.

FRITH KNOWL, ELSTREE, HERTS.



MR. THOMAS GREENWOOD'S STUDY.

TABLE SHOWING THE RATE, INCOME, WORK AND HOURS OF THE RATE-SUPPORTED LIBRARIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

[Taken from *Greenwood's British Library Year Book, 1900-1901*, by permission of the Editor, Mr. Thomas Greenwood, F.R.G.S.]

Places marked with an asterisk (*) have special rating powers or are under special Local Acts.

Places marked .. have not yet had the Acts put in operation, or no information has been given.

ENGLAND.

Place.	Rate in £	Annual Income.		Annual Issues.				Annual Attendances.				Hours open per week.			
		From Rate.	From Fines, etc.	Lending.	Reference.	Total.	Percent. of Fiction.	Newsroom.	Reading Rooms.	Other Depts.	Total.	Lending.	Reference.	Newsroom.	Sundays.
BEDFORDSHIRE.															
Bedford .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Luton	1d.	500	20	..	..	22,115	82	..	..	..	200,000	42	78	78	..
BERKSHIRE.															
Abingdon .. .. .	.. .. .	150	18	18,465	805	19,270	85	110,000	18,250	..	128,250	27	57	78	..
Reading	1d.	1,200	600	109,465	11,332	120,797	65	404,000	248,000	46,100	698,100	58	72	81	..
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.															
East & Botoiph Claydon	1d.	..	..	1,870	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Grandborough	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Middle Claydon	1d.	10	8	1,980	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..
Water Eaton	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.															
Burwell .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cambridge	1d.	958	105	107,728	3,150	110,878	87	..	..	..	..	36	63	..	..
Chesterton .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trumpington .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
CHESHIRE.															
Altrincham	1d.	300	215	..	..	65,266	83	..	..	..	..	63	63	78	..
Ashton-on-Mersey ..	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bebington	1d.	140	5	9,576	203	9,779	..	..	..	..	..	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..
Birkenhead	1d.	1,900	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	..
Chester	1d.	825	32	38,730	4,500	43,230	75	154,500	6,500	13,000	174,000	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	69	..
Dukinfield	1d.	220	16	16,800	50	16,850	..	..	..	..	..	39	..	68	..
Hyde	1d.	460	33	40,031	2,749	42,780	69	..	..	..	109,008	59	59	78	..
Macclesfield	1d.	365	15	36,294	1,710	38,004	..	104,767	..	..	..	36	..	81	..
Middlewich	1d.	60	6	7,478	..	..	92	..	..	..	..	11	11	78	..
Nantwich	1d.	74	33	9,397	1,546	10,943	78	42,600	852	..	43,452	18	..	68	..
Northwich	1d.	317	80	27,767	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68	68	85	..
Runcorn	1d.	181	21	20,503	473	20,876	77	..	..	..	..	14	14	75	..
Sale and Ashton ..	1d.	320	120	68,000	3,000	71,000	75	..	..	..	..	66	66	66	..
Stalybridge	1d.	396	30	..	..	50,025	80	..	..	..	..	55	..	..	..
Stockport	1d.	1,183	36	..	..	94,488	49	221,834	..	..	..	66	66	72	..
Wallasey	1d.	1,100	..	..	..	..	..	85,000	..	..	..	..	..	72	..
Winsford	1d.	180	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
CORNWALL.															
Bodmin .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Camborne	1d.	120	60	50,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	40	..	..
Falmouth	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	36	72	..
Hayle .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Launceston	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Liskeard	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Penzance	1d.	200	35	59,516	1,080	60,596	69	..	..	..	..	42	42	78	..
Redruth	1d.	100	62	16,000	700	16,700	78	120,000	27	27	78	..
St. Austell
St. Ives	1d.	60	20	15,000	6	..	84	..
Truro	1d.	130	55	23,589	80	18	36	84	..

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CUMBERLAND.															
Arlecdon and Frizington	1d.	90	2	7,176	12	12
Carlisle	1d.	805	200	82,606	1,668	84,274	82	312,000	62,400	68,200	468,600	54	75	75	..
Cleator Moor .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harrington .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Millom	1d.	380	13	40,000	..	..	..	90,000	2,000	..	92,000	66	66	78	..
Penrith	1d.	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	78	78	..
Whitehaven	1d.	310	36	19,789	1,087	20,876	..	..	..	..	156,000	42	42	81	..
Workington	1d.	291	50	47,588	..	..	75	..	..	..	..	49½	49½	78	..
DERBYSHIRE.															
Buxton	1d.	306	20	27,310	..	..	54	..	..	..	..	42	42	69	..
Chesterfield	1d.	320	102	59,169	1,590	60,759	..	..	..	..	..	48	48	78	..
Derby	1d.	1,818	52	140,925	11,040	151,965	72	..	..	..	..	58	66	75	..
Glossop	1d.	252	6	21,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	78	..
New Mills .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pleasley .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
DEVON.															
Bideford	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Devonport	1d.	950	42	67,017	22,000	89,017	34	120,000	22,000	..	150,000	62	62	78	..
Exeter	1d.	720	..	35,102	7,938	43,040	75	..	..	..	..	66	66	72	..
Plymouth	1d.	1,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	64	78	..
DORSETSHIRE.															
Poole	1d.	300	75	55,293	..	..	78	..	..	..	..	49	49	72	..
DURHAM.															
Darlington	1d.	730	70	109,515	8,211	117,726	84	..	..	..	300,000	50	60	81	7
Gateshead	1d.	1,247	88	72,050	1,020	73,070	80	450,000	..	..	..	58	58	75	6
Hartlepool	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hartlepool, West	1d.	800	55	75,767	6,259	81,913	68	..	..	..	200,000	55	66	75	..
Leadgate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Shields	1d.	1,223	45	96,635	16,650	113,285	58	624,000	3,000	2,500	629,500	58	61	84	..
Stockton-on-Tees	1d.	700	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	78	78	6
Sunderland	1d.	1,200	60	111,303	12,672	123,975	81	..	..	..	..	63	63	63	..
Trimdon .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
ESSEX.															
Barking	1d.	380	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	72	..
Colchester	1d.	605	65	73,813	1,510	75,323	88	359,110	3,000	75,000	437,110	42	72	78	6
East Ham	1d.	1,200	..	80,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	180,000	55	78	78	6
Grays Thurrock	1d.	160	5	3,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	69	..
Ilford .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leyton	1d.	1,200	130	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	58	75	..
Walthamstow	1d.	950	10	56,389	1,249	57,638	79	217,000	..	..	..	25	69	78	3
West Ham	1d.	4,000	236	243,139	53,434	296,573	68	791,029	117,585	261,389	1,170,003	55	66	78	6
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.															
Bristol	1d.	5,769	131	370,933	74,906	445,839	70	2,136,000	..	..	..	59	72	78	..
Cheltenham	1d.	1,147	295	123,667	10,120	133,787	67	175,000	25,000	..	200,000	53	53	72	..
Gloucester	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stroud	1d.	130	108	19,627	74	19,701	..	..	..	..	407,811	65	65	78	..
HAMPSHIRE.															
Andover .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bournemouth	1d.	1,410	100	128,320	1,179	129,499	80	60	78	78	..
Gosport	1d.	306	10	40,379	634	41,013	101,924	63	69	69	..

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HAMPSHIRE—<i>cont.</i>															
Portsmouth	1d.	2,766	110	137,897	21,223	159,120	58	2,379,217	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	72	72	..
Southampton	1d.	1,450	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	72	72	..
Winchester	1d.	380	26	36,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	69	..
HEREFORDSHIRE.															
Hercford	1d.	450	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leominster	1d.	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	24	72	..
HERTFORDSHIRE.															
Hemel Hempsted .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hertford	1d.	150	105	7,000	..	..	88	..	..	..	..	12	66	66	..
St. Albans	1d.	208	..	30,360	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	14	..	..
Watford	1d.	400	242	25,673	1,446	27,119	79	..	..	..	150,000	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	59	78	..
KENT.															
Bexley	1d.	220	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..
Bromley	1d.	680	94	60,312	1,773	62,085	79	89,700	..	..	..	58	58	72	..
Canterbury	1d.	450	..	..	..	24,000	..	..	..	..	..	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	72	..
Chatham .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Folkestone	1d.	746	406	52,972	1,177	54,149	77	..	..	..	..	48	48	72	..
Gravesend	1d.	420	37	34,414	1,243	35,657	83	102,726	..	..	..	54	54	72	7
Maidstone	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	945	15	22,900	..	..	80	..	..	..	66,000	66	34	34	..
Queenborough	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	20	..	2,080	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,600	3	..	23	..
Rainham	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ramsgate	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rochester	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	150	..	22,667	..	..	87	..	..	..	26,000	15	15	..	..
Sittingbourne	1d.	120	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tonbridge	1d.	410	23	14,236	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	45	78	..
Tunbridge Wells .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
LANCASHIRE.															
Acerington .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ashton-under-Lyne *	2d.	1,220	40	61,878	11,881	73,759	68	..	..	..	..	51	51	78	..
Barrow-in-Furness	1d.	869	54	83,726	17,197	100,923	65	407,000	17,500	81,604	506,104	72	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	78	..
Blackburn	1d.	1,888	50	91,918	23,485	115,403	50	400,000	25,000	83,500	508,500	58	70 $\frac{1}{2}$	70 $\frac{1}{2}$	..
Blackpool	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.	1,150	43	99,469	1,960	101,429	..	157,996	1,960	..	159,956	60	60	78	..
Bolton	1d.	2,350	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	489,441	48	54	54	..
Bootle *	1d.	1,900	50	100,389	12,393	112,782	75	204,000	..	137,000	341,000	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	72	75	..
Burnley * .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bury ³ .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chorley	1d.	344	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	58	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	..
Clitheroe	1d.	130	10	24,777	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..
Colne	1d.	300	20	32,404	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	..
Dalton-in-Furness .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Darwen *	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	750	25	39,449	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	66	78	..
Denton	1d.	200	10	16,717	..	..	..	..	..	..	36,890	18	..	79	..
Fleetwood	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gorton .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Haslingden	1d.	370	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Heywood	1d.	400	7	17,296	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	..	75	6
Hindley	1d.	220	5	7,775	..	..	75	..	..	..	..	53	..	..	..
Ince-in-Makerfield .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lancaster	1d.	500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	48	84	..
Leigh	1d.	470	60	44,478	348	44,826	..	..	..	..	..	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	78	78	..
Liverpool *	1d.	14,000	..	891,236	684,981	1,576,217	..	..	..	..	1,356,589	60	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	..
Manchester *	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	18,200	450	1,458,016	410,116	1,868,132	63	3,874,896	335,671	513,170	5,594,661	71	78	81	7
Middleton	1d.	..	10	15,112	1,443	16,555	..	25,466	48	48	78	..

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LANCASHIRE—<i>cont.</i>															
Moss Side	1d.	448	17	53,433	480	53,913
Nelson	1d.	473	75	36,876	1,500	38,376	80	20,000	..	6,500	26,500	37	37	75	..
Oldham *	3½d.	5,782	297	154,415	12,727	167,142	..	550,000	120,000	38,000	..	62	69	69	4
Padiham .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Preston	1½d.	2,000	70	108,742	11,718	120,460	60	..	..	..	600,000	66	66	78	..
Rochdale	1d.	1,235	76	133,830	79,160	212,990	72	..	..	..	236,444	60	75	75	6
St. Helens *	1½d.	1,600	47	170,194	8,366	178,560	81	..	..	..	559,000	66	78	78	7
Salford *	1½d.	5,247	190	317,073	62,055	379,128	51	..	..	..	937,100	62	72	72	7
Southport	1½d.	1,268	43	109,341	5,893	..	..	120,000	90,000	..	..	52	69½	78	..
Stretford	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Todmorden	1d.	430	18	45,355	..	..	73	..	..	..	..	43	43	75	..
Warrington *	1½d.	1,132	223	64,040	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61½	69	69	..
Waterloo-with-Seaforth	1d.	408	12	15,371	5,748	21,119	53	..	..	..	38,888	58½	64½	64½	..
Widnes	1d.	600	36	64,065	5,143	69,208	..	..	..	..	179,501	66	66	69	..
Wigan *	2d.	1,600	40	85,014	30,726	115,740	63	..	..	..	..	58½	53½	70½	7
Woolton	1d.	90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
LEICESTERSHIRE.															
Hinckley	1d.	90	76	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	72	72	..
Ibstock .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leicester *	1½d.	3,185	366	451,392	21,336	472,728	..	..	..	..	..	61½	69	75	3
Loughborough	1d.	300	15	37,184	4,477	41,661	72	..	..	..	..	66	72	72	..
Sheepshed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
LINCOLNSHIRE.															
Grimsby	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lincoln	1d.	612	58	60,195	3,694	72,889	73	216,000	2,700	78,000	296,700	66	66	72	5
Louth .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
LONDON, COUNTY OF.															
Battersea, S.W. .. .	1d.	3,700	200	309,231	23,043	332,274	71	1,500,000	100,000	400,000	2,000,000	58	78	84	6
Bermondsey, S.E. ..	1d.	1,732	73	101,094	11,995	113,089	75	..	..	..	466,275	58	64	75	6½
Bow, E. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bromley St. Leonard, E.	1d.	1,012	21	40,315	..	..	74	..	..	..	..	45	..	78	..
Camberwell, S.E. ..	1d.	4,700	350	..	..	649,098	..	..	..	..	2,000,000	52½	72	78	6
Chelsea, S.W. .. .	1d.	3,250	182	184,700	31,444	216,144	66	561,291	..	..	..	66	66	78	6
Christ Church, S.E. ..	1d.	505	110	10,836	514	11,350	79	..	..	..	150,000	55	66	75	..
City, Corporation Library	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clapham, S.W. .. .	1d.	1,250	31	67,759	2,275	70,034	80	..	..	..	..	50	72	78	6
Clerkenwell, E.C. ..	1d.	1,720	100	..	..	110,205	63	547,690	140,000	..	687,690	63	78	84	6
Fulham, W.	1d.	2,500	80	127,936	5,409	133,345	..	..	..	..	614,379	55	78	84	6
Hammersmith, W. ..	1d.	2,300	195	182,933	4,305	187,238	81	..	..	..	..	52½	55½	75	3
Hampstead, N.W. ..	1d.	3,380	200	182,470	9,784	192,254	63	..	..	..	..	52½	78	84	6
Holborn, W.C. .. .	½d.	840	50	44,505	7,404	51,909	66	..	..	..	..	35	72	78	..
Kensington	½d.	4,190	71	132,822	19,491	152,313	..	..	..	..	843,422	55	68½	77	5
Lambeth	1d.	6,927	432	689,046	64,664	753,710	70	..	..	..	..	52½	69	78	6
Lewisham	½d.	1,100	65	106,149	300	106,449	76	..	..	..	97,140	62½	75	75	..
Limehouse	1d.	1,274	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mile End .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newington	1d.	2,145	143	140,536	32,549	173,085	..	..	..	..	..	52½	69	78	3
Penge	1d.	572	30	76,918	..	..	85	112,150	..	..	..	58	58	78	3
Plumstead	1d.	925	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poplar	1d.	1,399	76	72,859	7,523	80,382	73	..	..	..	..	55	72	78	..
Putney	1d.	740	90	68,000	349,440	12,480	31	75	75	..
Rotherhithe	1d.	900	50	31,560	6,008	37,568	64	300,000	52½	72	78	..

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LONDON, COUNTY OF—cont.															
St. George, Hanover Sq.	½d.	4,200	135	162,758	28,406	191,164	64	652,470	57½	68	78	..
St. George-in-the-East	1d.	840	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	72	78	6
St. George-the-Martyr	1d.	1,196	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48½	64	64	..
St. Giles	1d.	1,748	33	50,200	10,664	60,864	66	..	..	..	515,117	61	69	78	..
St. Martin-in-the-Fields	1d.	2,918	40	48,674	83,551	132,225	27	..	..	..	933,562	44	72	78	..
St. Paul, Covent Garden	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Saviour	1d.	906	180	33,325	977	34,302	81	..	..	..	..	58	58	84	6
Shoreditch	¾d.	2,222	136	112,761	29,555	142,316	70	..	..	..	1,041,967	69	75	75	3
Stoke Newington	1d.	940	130	91,176	9,672	100,848	72	328,600	9,672	91,176	429,448	52	75	75	..
Streatham	1d.	1,850	150	214,190	..	..	70	..	..	..	..	47½	..	72	6
Wandsworth	1d.	1,400	52	89,451	793	90,244	..	..	..	..	500,000	55	66	78	..
Westminster	1d.	3,500	230	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	72	72	..
Whitechapel	1d.	1,825	57	98,974	34,440	123,415	55	..	..	..	1,091,200	66	80	83	11
Woolwich	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MAN, ISLE OF.															
Douglas*	1d.	556	38	45,379	15,767	61,146	43	..	..	..	91,621	66	66	72	..
MIDDLESEX.															
Acton	1d.	700	100	70,000	6,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	52½	75	75	3
Brentford	1d.	319	20	16,864	500	17,364	..	..	..	..	20,000	55	55	68	..
Chiswick	1d.	570	30	72,686	1,176	73,861	..	..	..	..	..	35	35	68	6
Ealing	1d.	902	139	153,225	2,837	156,062	83	313,000	..	156,062	469,062	52½	52½	78	..
Edmonton	1d.	450	15	30,000	..	..	98	..	..	..	..	48	..	72	3
Enfield	1d.	538	20	53,780	..	..	75	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	..
Hornsey	1d.	1,850	..	210,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	72	78	..
South Hornsey	1d.	340	..	..	..	3,117	88	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..
Teddington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tottenham	1d.	1,103	55	74,006	7,000	81,006	78	..	..	..	300,000	58	72	78	..
Twickenham	1d.	419	27	41,709	3,047	44,756	80	..	..	..	..	62	62	78	..
Willesden	1d.	1,800	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	72	78	..
Wood Green	1d.	430	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	78	..
MONMOUTHSHIRE.															
Llantarnam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newport	1d.	1,312	68	79,657	29,550	109,207	60	300,000	6,220	..	..	44	..	66	..
NORFOLK.															
King's Lynn	1d.	340	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	55	78	..
Norwich	1d.	1,310	126	113,145	..	..	84	..	..	..	..	50	50	72	6
Shouldham	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yarmouth*	1d.	800	70	119,694	4,687	121,841	74	228,233	..	..	..	60	60	72	..
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.															
Kettering	1d.	360	31	38,891	187	39,078	..	..	..	..	..	60	60	72	..
Northampton	1d.	1,050	..	105,510	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peterborough	1d.	489	37	43,366	1,469	44,835	70	..	..	..	..	54	69	75	..
Rothwell	1d.	42	8	12,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	33	33	..
NORTHUMBERLAND.															
Newcastle-upon-Tyne*	1½d.	6,200	150	167,667	69,030	236,697	51	900,000	..	..	..	58	66	75	7
Tynemouth	1d.	840	38	109,017	575	109,592	66	..	..	..	..	64	64	78	..
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.															
Carlton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hucknall Torkard	1d.	124	50	19,000	230	19,230	..	62,600	37,560	51,645	..	60	60	78	..
Mansfield	1d.	230	12	26,285	88	36	36	72	..

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE—<i>cont.</i>															
Newark-upon-Trent ..	1d.	218	202	48,145	1,425	49,570	84	46	46	66	..
Nottingham ..	1d.	3,380	2083	184,393	197,737	382,130	..	..	..	..	2,253,211	69	69	69	..
Sutton-in-Ashfield Worksop..	1d.	180	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
OXFORDSHIRE.															
Oxford* ..	1d.	..	..	52,228	7,428	..	65	..	..	..	..	60	60	78	..
SHROPSHIRE.															
Oswestry ..	1d.	180	34	25,818	..	..	68	..	..	..	..	23	23	66	..
Shrewsbury ..	1d.	456	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	36	75	..
Whitchurch ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SOMERSETSHIRE.															
Bridgwater ..	1d.	150	15	13,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	32	32	..
Weston-super-Mare ..	1d.	400	10	23,177	431	23,608	83	..	..	..	..	27	27	66	..
STAFFORDSHIRE.															
Bilston ..	1d.	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brierley Hill ..	1d.	126	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20,400	4	4	80	..
Burslem ..	1d.	460	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	..	78	..
Burton-on-Trent ..	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.	840	138	49,822	306	50,128	90	..	..	..	..	54	64	78	..
Darlaston ..	1d.	100	12	10,772	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	78	..
Handsworth ..	1d.	720	178	84,953	2,023	86,976	..	..	..	..	..	55	55	78	..
Hanley ..	1d.	753	30	52,149	6,499	80,987	74	428,000	23,000	46,000	476,700	53	59	78	..
Leek ..	1d.	175	1300	26,000	6,000	32,000	..	..	..	..	..	44	66	75	..
Lichfield ..	1d.	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Longton ..	1d.	440	46	40,725	1,195	41,920	79	240,000	1,000	40,000	281,000	61	61	75	..
Newcastle-under-Lyme	1d.	216	19	22,666	444	23,110	..	..	..	..	..	43	43	78	..
Smethwick ..	1d.	556	75	46,491	77	46,568	84	..	..	..	..	55	55	63	..
Stafford ..	1d.	250	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	78	..
Stoke-upon-Trent	1d.	340	106	40,249	8,222	48,471	80	250,000	..	..	..	66	66	75	..
Tamworth ..	1d.	85	18	10,017	..	..	75	..	..	..	..	19	19	78	..
Tipton ..	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tunstall ..	1d.	180	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Walsall* ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	1,000	16	89,037	473	89,510	..	468,000	15,600	6,240	489,840	50	50	78	7
Wednesbury ..	1d.	342	40	52,425	7,289	59,714	..	266,050	7,189	51,820	325,059	55	55	78	..
West Bromwich	1d.	865	27	45,859	438	46,297	87	..	..	..	..	55	55	75	..
Willenhall ..	1d.	125	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wolverhampton*	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	1,539	94	57,426	8,277	65,703	69	300,000	10,000	60,000	370,000	55	66	78	..
SUFFOLK.															
Bury St. Edmunds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ipswich ..	1d.	1,250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lowestoft ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SURREY.															
Croydon ..	1d.	3,014	316	306,703	6,815	313,518	86	..	..	..	..	58	72	78	..
Kingston-upon-Thames	1d.	680	73	66,045	2,997	69,042	51	..	..	..	..	53	72	81	3
Richmond ..	1d.	1,050	100	92,945	8,944	101,889	69	..	..	..	360,000	55	55	78	3
Wimbledon ..	1d.	1,090	65	88,323	2,115	90,438	82	..	..	..	514,591	62	62	78	3
SUSSEX.															
Brighton*	1d.	3,000	35	86,190	36,477	122,667	57	..	24,584	86,101	110,685	66	72	..	..
Eastbourne ..	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.	560	44	49,417	2,744	52,161	74	59	59	72	..
Hastings
Hove ..	1d.	1,200	60	89,187	6,782	95,969	75	155,116	59	59	78	..

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<i>SUSSEX—cont.</i>		£	£												
Lewes
Worthing	1d.	440	58	48,280	216	48,496	83	42	42	78	..
<i>WARWICKSHIRE.</i>															
Aston Manor	1d.	750	70	63,682	10,959	74,641	63	..	177,000	..	..	59	64	70	..
Atherstone .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Birmingham	1 ¹ / ₄ d	14,197	1210	913,285	392,614	1,305,899	48	..	..	..	..	66	72	78	6
Coventry	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leamington	1d.	673	..	61,198	3,824	65,022	..	..	..	..	..	28	66	78	6 ¹ / ₂
Nuneaton .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..
Rugby	1d.	274	54	24,131	350	24,481	80	..	..	..	..	49	49	78	..
Warwick	1d.	220	12	23,506	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30	78	..
<i>WESTMORELAND.</i>															
Kendal	1d.	202	28	61,039	2,794	63,833	66	..	..	..	..	44	80	80	..
<i>WILTSHIRE.</i>															
Salisbury	1d.	250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	54	54	..
<i>WORCESTERSHIRE.</i>															
Colwall .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dudley	1d.	540	41	89,529	..	..	..	..	..	..	250,000	36	..	72	..
Evesham	1d.	115	4	9,283	177	9,460	80	24,800	..	..	..	33	33	78	..
Kidderminster	1d.	346	12	21,589	3,082	24,671	75	300,000	..	..	..	60	72	78	..
Oldbury	1d.	..	..	32,166	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37 ¹ / ₂	37 ¹ / ₂	54	..
Worcester	2 ¹ / ₄ d	1,620	60	118,855	21,825	140,680	78	240,000	40,000	170,000	450,000	53	67 ¹ / ₂	78	..
<i>YORKSHIRE.</i>															
Barnsley	1d.	460	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	58	81	..
Bingley	1d.	230	30	24,142	..	..	92	..	..	..	..	25 ¹ / ₂	84 ¹ / ₂	84 ¹ / ₂	..
Bolton Percy .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bradford	1d.	4,300	250	532,242	69,808	602,050	60	..	..	..	1,716,349	60	69	75	3
Brighouse	1d.	280	20	38,263	2,080	40,343	75	..	..	..	..	41	41	75	..
Dewsbury	1d.	450	65	71,000	4,907	75,907	65	..	..	..	245,600	60	72	81	4
Doncaster	1d.	547	108	68,809	430	69,239	..	..	..	..	..	66	66	78	4 ¹ / ₂
Farsley .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Halifax *	1 ¹ / ₂ d	2,300	60	149,730	7,850	156,580	75	..	..	..	..	60	60	75	..
Halton .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harrogate	1d.	480	35	102,746	1,098	103,844	65	..	..	..	..	60	60	78	..
Haworth .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Huddersfield *	1d.	1,650	150	113,574	1,695	115,269	74	..	..	..	250,000	58	66	87	6
Hull	1d.	3,495	794	458,506	10,081	..	81	..	..	..	682,260	66	69	81	..
Keighley .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leeds	1d.	6,753	602	822,821	120,585	943,406	51	1,560,000	120,585	..	1,680,585	63	69	81	..
Mexborough .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Middlesbrough	1d.	1,100	30	87,529	9,842	97,371	72	..	..	..	..	58	58	76	10
Morley .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norton	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ossett .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rawmarsh	1d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	72	..
Rotherham	1d.	560	35	46,000	..	..	86	..	..	..	..	66	66	66	..
Sheffield *	1d.	5,151	441	372,192	67,847	440,039	53	..	..	..	..	59	69	69	7
Sowerby Bridge	1d.	170	42	19,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	30	81	..
Thornaby-on-Tees	1d.	185	9	18	78	..
York	1d.	1,400	65	131,144	3,339	134,483	..	295,544	67,089	60	69	78	..

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IRELAND.															
Banbridge	£	£
Belfast*	1d.	4,100	180	174,991	64,202	239,193	81	1,202,047	30,227	424,695	1,656,969	60	60	71	..
Blackrock .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bray .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clonmel	1d.	85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coleraine .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cork	¾d.	480	61	84,366	3,081	87,447	81	..	..	..	246,718	66	72	78	..
Dalkey .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Drumcondra .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dublin .. .. .	.. .. .	1,600	40	86,802	..	..	..	..	..	..	710,678	72	72	72	5
Dundalk	1d.	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	24	..	..
Ennis .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kingstown	½d.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Larne .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Limerick	1d.	275	48	26,416	10,699	37,115	73	111,994	10,699	..	122,693	24	66	72	7
Londonderry .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lurgan	1d.	86	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78	..
Nenagh .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newry .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newtownards	1d.	56	7	8,717	..	..	75	..	..	..	..	8	..	72	..
Rathmines	¾d.	400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	42	78	..
Sligo	1d.	70	..	..	..	..	..	16,800	..	..	..	72	72	72	5
Waterford	1d.	190	24	24,000	2,640	26,640	70	..	..	..	120,000	27	27	66	5
SCOTLAND.															
Aberdeen	1d.	2,432	191	206,252	150,000	356,252	38	..	..	..	..	47	63	78	..
Airdrie	1d.	211	118	36,000	1,000	37,000	1½	60,000	..	..	..	42	42	72	..
Alloa	1d.	204	16	42,595	1,180	43,775	81	..	..	..	..	48	48	78	..
Arbroath	1d.	340	100	94,857	1,951	96,808	..	53,000	..	..	..	48	60	78	..
Ayr	1d.	550	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	42	78	..
Banff .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brechin	1d.	120	7	25,402	130	25,532	53	..	..	..	..	51	51	..	..
Campbeltown	1d.	140	95	20,000	2,000	22,000	75	..	..	..	..	27	33	75	..
Creich .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Drumoak	½d.	15	1	1,227	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Dumbarton	1d.	254	19	17,490	350	17,840	79	..	..	..	..	30	54	54	..
Dumfries .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee	1d.	3,100	720	306,239	58,966	365,205	34	560,000	107,000	420,000	1,087,000	60	70	70	..
Dunfermline	1d.	350	..	65,054	4,485	69,539	75	120,000	..	..	..	39	39	78	..
Edinburgh	¾d.	9,600	130	649,206	96,782	745,988	83	936,000	105,000	649,206	1,690,206	72	72	78	..
Elgin	1d.	140	100	..	..	56,316	..	..	..	..	..	36	57	57	..
Ellon .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk	1d.	283	10	24,022	258	24,280	78	..	..	..	108,000	54	54	60	..
Forfar	1d.	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Galashiels	1d.	265	20	19,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	54	..	..
Glasgow .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grangemouth	1d.	188	32	11,755	..	..	80	..	..	..	..	12	..	78	..
Greenock .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hawick	1d.	275	7	37,194	568	37,762	77	..	..	..	..	26	38	78	..
Inverness	1d.	300	7	20,292	1,244	21,536	75	..	..	..	..	24	78	78	..
Jedburgh	1d.	50	10s.	1,865	72	1,937	75	9	72	72	..
Kilmarnock	1d.	479	580	59,233	537	59,770	80	203,971	42	45	75	..

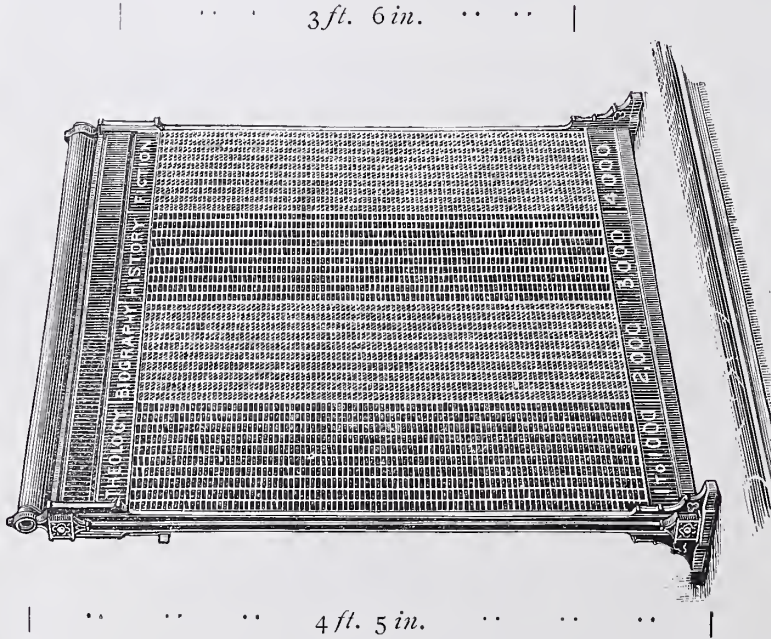
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Kirkmichael	£	£
Kirkwall	1d.	50	25s.	7,236	6
Lockerbie
Maxwelltown
Newburgh	1d.
Newmilns .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley	1d.	1,316	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth	1d.	650	25s.	90,607 ²	3,906	94,513	66	165,000	21,936	44,675	322,218	42	48	78	..
Peterhead	1d.	..	..	29,000	..	..	85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk	1d.	103	21	12,337	..	..	82	34,000	..	..	..	8	78	78	..
Stirling	1d.	340	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stromness .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tain .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tarbat .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tarves	3d.	29	2	3,505	21	3,526	75	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Thurso	1d.	38	9	15,644	4,200	19,844	70	17,000	..	..	..	6	84	84	..
Wick	1d.	170	18	12,127	253	12,380	62	..	..	..	..	46	60	60	..
WALES.															
Abergavenny .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberystwith	1d.	135	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7	12	..
Bangor	1d.	..	10	1,176	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	72	..
Barry	1d.	626	37	33,834	..	..	75	..	..	..	..	54	54	81	..
Blaenau Festiniog .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Broughton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brynmawr .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cardiff*	1½d.	6,220	175	202,481	171,701	374,182	49	1,800,000	..	..	..	61	72	78	..
Carnarvon	1d.	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	72	72	..
Conway .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Corwen	1d.	45	42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	78	..
Halkyn	1d.	28	35	760	..	..	..	..	..	..	25,000	3	24	72	..
Holyhead	1d.	81	8	3,599	..	..	..	..	..	..	23,920	24	42	63	..
Llanelly	1d.	300	30	..	..	28,778	75	..	..	..	60,000	44	44	87	..
Llanuwchllyn .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Machynlleth .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merthyr .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Neath	1d.	150	3	9,724	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	24	72	..
Newtown .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Penarth	1d.	300	28	24,089	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	72	..
Pontypridd	1d.	500	6	31,200	..	..	80	36,400	..	..	..	60	60	78	..
Portmadoc .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Swansea*	1d.	1,300	73	67,407	142,663	210,070	30	817,520	54	67½	75	..
Welshpool	½d.	84	6	11,438	23	..	69	..
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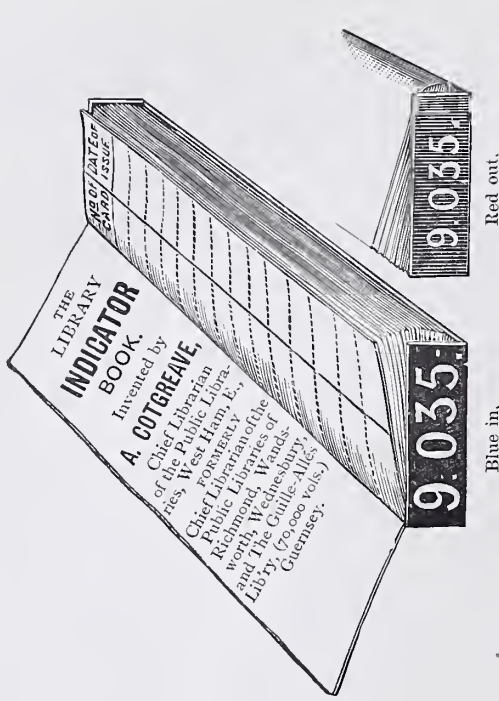


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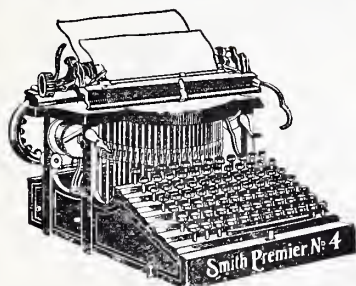
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