

PLANS TO GET BOOKS

To Fill the Shelves of the New and Prospective Free Libraries.

COMMISSIONER MACBETH'S SCHEME

He Favours the Raising of a Fund by Popular Subscription.

LEAVING MR. CARNEGIE TO BUY STUFF.

When seen by a DISPATCH representative, yesterday, Mr. Macbeth said: "There are no less than 50 persons in this city who can afford to give \$5,000 apiece. And they ought to do it. Mr. Carnegie is waiting to see what the people will do for themselves. It is not fair to expect Mr. Carnegie to do it all, although he has said that Pittsburgh has just as good a library as she wants."

WILLING TO DO MORE. "I take it that if the people take an interest in the matter and do their part, that Mr. Carnegie will not hesitate to do more than he has already done. As soon as Mr. Carnegie's gift is accepted by the city it will, with one or two other members of the commission, call on the several publishing houses and merchants and present the scheme to them and see what they will do. I don't think there is any time to be lost. Mr. Carnegie is waiting to see what the people will do for themselves. It is not fair to expect Mr. Carnegie to do it all, although he has said that Pittsburgh has just as good a library as she wants."

Mr. Macbeth is also in favor of the adoption of some sort of a cooperative plan by which the Allegheny and Allegheny libraries can be run without Mr. Carnegie's aid. In either of course, there is a large number of books in literature and science that must not be duplicated, but Mr. Macbeth thinks that the majority of the books need not be duplicated, and that Pittsburgh and Allegheny might have access to both libraries.

Mr. Macbeth also very much takes up with the organization of the Academy of Science and Art. He has in his possession the petition for a charter signed by over 300 citizens of Pittsburgh and Allegheny. Mr. Carnegie is the first on the list. The object of the society is to support and maintain an institution devoted to literature and scientific purposes, and for the promotion of the same in relation thereto and in relation to the fine arts.

Mr. Macbeth says that Mr. Carnegie has most heartily approved the academy scheme, and he thinks by submerging all of the engineering, agricultural, art, botanical, meteorological and historical societies into one or under one historical society will have a machine that could not be bettered to carry on a library.

Mr. C. Mellor, another member of the commission, was seen. He heartily approved Mr. Macbeth's scheme to call upon the people for donations for the purpose of getting books, and thought that these subscriptions should be given a long period of time in which to make payment, as a great number of the most desirable books could not be purchased in a few days. The Boston Public Library bought 47,000 volumes a few days ago, and the lot included books that can be sold for \$100,000.

Mr. Mellor did not take very kindly to the proposition to co-operate with the Allegheny people. The Allegheny people are beginning to get impatient with the branch of the Pittsburgh Library, and would not be likely to accept that. Mr. Macbeth's reason for favoring the cooperative plan is that so many of the people who have signed the petition for the Academy of Art and Science are residents of Allegheny. These, however, are but a few of the many questions to be considered by the commission as soon as it gets to work.

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