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### LOCAL AFFAIRS.

#### Improvements in the City.

During the past year the spirit of improvement has been manifest in our city, and it was evident to every observer that the number of buildings being erected, and the extent of the same, was greater than it has been for years before, except immediately after the great fire of 1862, when the reconstruction of burned buildings was a matter of necessity rather than of choice. Old buildings were being replaced by new and finer ones, old stores were being replaced by new and handsome fronts and improved both exterior and interiorly. The character of the buildings, too, was superior to what it had been, of which we have instances in the new front building of Wm. Bagley, Inc., corner of Market and Water, those of Mr. C. H. Paulson, corner of Liberty and Water, those of George W. Jackson, corner of Penn and St. Clair, the new front added to Mr. Bagley's warehouse on Wood street, that erected on Market street by the Messrs. Holmes, the buildings on the Brewster property, corner Fifth and Market, Morton's buildings on Fifth street, the Dispatch building, the fine structure of Wm. M. Lyon, Inc., on Fifth street, and that superb structure, the Bank Block, adjoining our office, all of which go far to the improving of our city, which now boasts many fine specimens of architecture.

But apparent as these facts were, we do not believe that any of our citizens will be so unacquainted as to learn the number of buildings yet up during the year 1889, and the number of buildings under way at the present time. A list from which it appears that there were, during the year 1889, four hundred and thirty-one buildings, valued at \$1,000,000, and during the year 1888, the number of buildings was three hundred and ninety-one, thirty-five less than last year, while their average value was far below those erected last year.

We, in common with all citizens of Pittsburgh, are pleased to see these substantial evidences of our prosperity, and though we cannot expect, for many years to come, to compete with the great Eastern cities in the splendor of our architecture, and the costliness of our buildings, we can, even now, point with pride to some of our recently erected buildings.

#### Young Men's Mercantile Library Association.

The annual meeting of the Society was held at the room on Fourth street, on Wednesday evening, when an election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and the following were elected: President, J. H. Kinnear; Secretary, F. R. Kinnear; Treasurer, G. P. Tonnard; Directors, J. P. Darlington, W. D. McQuinn, M. K. Kinnear, J. R. Kinnear, Edward Campbell, Jr., Auditor, R. A. George, Charles Wade, John G. Coyle.

The receipts during the year were \$2,019.86, and a balance remains in the Treasury of \$1,000.00.

From the annual report of the President it appears that three hundred and thirty-one buildings have been added to the library during the year, making a total of three thousand, three hundred and seventy-nine buildings on the shelves.

The number of members reported by the libraries is three hundred and twenty-six. The lecture course for 1890 was highly successful, and the following were lectured: J. H. Kinnear, at a salary of \$1,100.00, leaving a balance of \$662.25. It is recommended that course be continued in the same manner, and that the salary be reduced of any amount if the expenses were so reduced.

It is a matter of congratulation that the institution is in such a flourishing condition, as is shown by the growing number of members. We hope, during the present year, to see the institution in a more prosperous condition than ever, and that the course of lectures will be carried out. It has so far met with success, handsome sums having already been subscribed, and we trust that enough more will be obtained to warrant its commencement, not in its completion, during the current year, but in the Association on a permanent foundation.

#### Neighborhood News.

##### ARMSTRONG COUNTY.—

One day last week the dwelling house of the Pennsylvania Oil Works, owned by a company in Kittanning, situated about one and a half miles above the village of Kittanning, was destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire was not ascertained, but it is supposed that the fire was caused by the use of kerosene in the kitchen, which was used for heating the water. The fire broke out at about 10 o'clock, and in a few minutes the whole building was in flames. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, but the damage was so great that the building was a total loss. The insurance company is expected to pay the loss.

##### PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

Philadelphia, January 12.—Business continues to be quiet, with a few exceptions. The market for wheat is steady, and the price of flour is firm. The market for cotton is quiet, and the price of sugar is steady. The market for iron and steel is quiet, and the price of coal is steady.

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