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# COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

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1874-75.

The Lord Provost. Bailie Collins. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Treasurer Miller. Councillors James Adams, William Clark, Hugh Colquhoun, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, Thos. A. Mathieson, Alexander Mackenzie, A. G. Macdonald, John Neil, James Salmon, Edward J. Scott, W. R. W. Smith, John Ure, William Wilson. The Lord Provost, *Convener*. Councillor James Salmon, *Sub-Convener*.

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1875-76.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Morrison, Collins, Scott, Ure, Clark. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors James Adams, Hugh Colquhoun, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, Thos. A. Mathieson, A. G. Macdonald, William Miller, James Moir, John Neil, James Salmon, W. R. W. Smith, William Wilson. The Lord Provost, *Convener*. Councillor James Salmon, *Sub-Convener*.

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1876-77.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Collins, Scott, Ure, Wilson, Adams. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors William Brown, William Clark, Hugh Colquhoun, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, A. G. Macdonald, Thos. A. Mathieson, William Miller, James Moir, John Neil, James Salmon, W. R. W. Smith. The Lord Provost, *Convener*. Councillor James Salmon, *Sub-Convener*.

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1877-78.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Torrens, Ure, Adams, Scott, Clark. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors William Brown, Hugh Colquhoun, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, A. G. Macdonald, Thos. A. Mathieson, James Moir, John Neil, James Salmon, James L. Selkirk, W. R. W. Smith, William Wilson. The Lord Provost, *Convener*. Councillor James Salmon, *Sub-Convener*.

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1878-79.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Ure, Adams, Scott, Clark. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors William Brown, Hugh Colquhoun, Archibald Dunlop, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, George Jackson, A. G. Macdonald, Thos. A. Mathieson, James Moir, John Neil, James L. Selkirk, James Torrens, William Wilson. Councillor William Wilson, *Convener*. Councillor Thos. A. Mathieson, *Sub-Convener*.

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1879-80.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Scott, Colquhoun, Dunlop. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors James Adams, Peter Bertram, William Brown, Andrew S. Bryce, Henry Grierson, George Jackson, Alexander M'Laren, Duncan M'Pherson, Thos. A. Mathieson, James Moir, John Neil, James L. Selkirk, James Torrens, John Ure, William Wilson. Councillor William Wilson, *Convener*. Councillor Thos. A. Mathieson, *Sub-Convener*.

# COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

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1880-81.

The LORD PROVOST.	Councillor WILLIAM COLLINS.
Bailie DUNLOP.	Councillor HENRY GRIERSON.
Bailie WILSON.	Councillor GEORGE JACKSON.
Bailie COLQUHOUN.	Councillor ALEXANDER M'LAREN.
The DEAN OF GUILD.	Councillor DUNCAN M'PHERSON.
The DEACON-CONVENER.	Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON.
Depute River Bailie SELKIRK.	Councillor JAMES MOIR.
Councillor PETER BERTRAM.	Councillor JOHN NEIL.
Councillor WILLIAM BROWN.	Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.
Councillor ANDREW S. BRYCE.	Councillor W. M'NEILL STUART.

Councillor JAMES TORRENS.

Bailie WILSON, *Convener.*

Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON, *Sub-Convener.*

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1881-82.

The LORD PROVOST.	Councillor JAMES M. FORRESTER.
Bailie DUNLOP.	Councillor JAMES GRAY.
Bailie WILSON.	Councillor HENRY GRIERSON.
Bailie COLQUHOUN.	Councillor GEORGE JACKSON.
The DEAN OF GUILD.	Councillor ALEXANDER M'LAREN.
The DEACON-CONVENER.	Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON.
River Bailie SELKIRK.	Councillor JOHN R. MILLER.
Councillor PETER BERTRAM.	Councillor JOHN NEIL.
Councillor WILLIAM BROWN.	Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.
Councillor Sir WILLIAM COLLINS.	Councillor W. M'NEILL STUART.

Bailie WILSON, *Convener.*

Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON, *Sub-Convener.*

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## *Sub-Committee on Purchase of Books.*

Bailie DUNLOP.	Councillor PETER BERTRAM.
Bailie WILSON.	Councillor GEORGE JACKSON.
Bailie COLQUHOUN.	Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON.
River Bailie SELKIRK.	Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.

Councillor W. M'NEILL STUART.

Bailie WILSON, *Convener.*

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## *Sub-Committee of Visitors.*

The Members of Committee in rotation.

## LIBRARY SERVICE.

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*Librarian:* FRANCIS THORNTON BARRETT.

*Sub-Librarian:* JOHN INGRAM.

*Senior Assistants:* JAMES BROWN, ROBERT ADAMS.

*Assistants:* WILLIAM SIMPSON, JAMES MASON, E. A. H. KAY,  
WALTER HURST, JOHN HALL.

*Janitor:* J. W. SINCLAIR.

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# ANNUAL REPORT.

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## REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LORD PROVOST AND TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF GLASGOW.

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

IT affords your committee much gratification to be able to report that the success which attended the work of the Library during the first three years was continued during the past year. It will be seen from the detailed statements which follow that the attendance of readers has been even larger than before, and your committee regard it as a matter for congratulation that the opportunities which the Library offers to the public of Glasgow for instruction and self-culture, for research in the several branches of knowledge, and for innocent recreation and entertainment, are taken advantage of to so large an extent. The ultimate results cannot fail to be for the welfare of the population, and particularly of the rising generation.

With reference to the long and much-felt need of more suitable premises for the Library, your committee regret that they have not been able to lay before you any definite proposals. In view of the expiry in May next of the agreement with the proprietor of the present premises, an advertisement was issued asking for offers to rent two flats or other suitable rooms. A number of replies were received, but in all cases the premises offered were undesirable, or the amount of rent asked was so much in excess of the sum available for that purpose that the offers could not be entertained. In these circumstances an arrangement was made with the agent of the proprietor to continue in the present rooms in the meantime, paying from May next a rent for both flats, instead of for the lower one only as heretofore. Your committee think it right at this time to express again their sense of the proprietor's liberality in having given them for the past five years the free use of the upper flat.

In the last Report reference was made to the important and valuable bequest made to the Library by the esteemed and lamented Bailie Moir. Your committee have to report that, although the residue of the estate has not yet been transferred to the Town Council, it will, they have reason to believe, amount to about £12,000, which will, after providing for an annuity to the deceased's sister, be applicable to purchasing books, to be placed, along with the books bequeathed by the testator, in the Mitchell or other public library with which the Mitchell Library may be

united or incorporated. Bailie Moir's own collection, which formed part of the bequest, has now been placed in the Library. The Librarian's Report, which follows this, gives some account of its character and extent.

The bust of Bailie Moir, which was ordered by the Town Council shortly after his death, and which is considered a work of art worthy of the reputation of Mr. John Mossman, will be placed in the Library, near the splendid gift he bestowed upon the City.

The donations of books have again been numerous and valuable, some of them, as will be seen from the list, of very considerable importance. In this connection your committee would refer to a suggestion which has been offered, and towards the accomplishment of which some little progress has been made. It is, that there should be gathered, as opportunity offers, and preserved in the Library, memoirs and portraits of eminent and respected citizens of Glasgow who have passed away. Dr. R. M. Kerr, formerly of this city, now Commissioner of the Central Criminal Court of London, has collected and presented manuscript memoirs of two Glasgow worthies—Robert Chapman, the Publisher, and successor to the Foulis family; and the late Dr. Strang, City Chamberlain. It is hoped that this good example will be followed, and that the Library may be thus enriched with a series of memoirs—accompanied, when possible, by portraits—of the men who have been the means of raising the City to the position it now occupies. A collection of such memoirs would constitute a most important portion of the materials for the history of Glasgow.

The Librarian's Report, and the Tables and Lists which follow, give full details of the year's work, and of the present position of the Library and Library Fund.

In concluding their Report, your committee would again commend to the favourable consideration of the Town Council the position of the Library in relation to premises. Here is an institution, founded by a citizen for the advantage of the inhabitants generally, to provide them with the means of instruction and information. It is open freely all day and every lawful day. The number of visitors annually is to be stated in hundreds of thousands. It has acquired a collection of books which may be described as both extensive and valuable, and it has been carried on four years without any charge to the City funds. Has not the time come when the Town Council may, not only without reproach, but with the approval of the citizens, consider if they should not make a substantial contribution towards providing an adequate and suitable building for the Library?

IN NAME OF THE COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM WILSON, *Convener*.

## “ APPENDIX.

## “ LIBRARIAN’S REPORT.

“ TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

“ MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

“ In submitting the following Report on the work of the Library during 1881, the fourth complete year of its existence, I have the pleasure to state that the activity and progress which characterised its earlier years were fully maintained, and that the same large degree of appreciation of its advantages was manifested by the public. The additions made to the Library were both numerous and valuable, and the issue of books, for the use of readers, was larger than in any former year.

“ The number of volumes in the Library at 31st December, 1880, was (including some books transferred from the Duplicate Room to the Library since the last Report was made up) ... 33,107

“ There were added during 1881—

Books, ... ..	5,357	
Pamphlets, ... ..	1,662	
	—	7,019

Which were acquired—

By purchase, ... ..	2,328	
„ gift, ... ..	1,324	
„ bequest, ... ..	3,367	
	—	7,019

And which are classified as follows—

Theology, Philosophy, and Ec- clesiastical History, ...	774	
History, Biography, Voyages and Travels, ... ..	1,471	
Law, Politics, Sociology, Com- merce, ... ..	1,695	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	1,046	
Poetry and the Drama, ...	792	
Linguistics, ... ..	33	
Prose Fiction, ... ..	76	
Miscellaneous Literature (a), ...	1,132	
	—	7,019

<i>Carry forward,</i> ... ..		7,019	33,107
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“ (a) The class described as “Miscellaneous” consists chiefly of works which include two or more of the other classes, such as encyclopædias, collected works of general writers, essayists, sets of periodicals, etc.

<i>Brought forward,</i> ... ..	7,109	33,107
From this number must be deducted—		
Books worn out, ... ..	9	
Books stolen or mutilated, ...	12	
Duplicates, etc., withdrawn, ...	9	
	30	
Showing a net addition of ... ..		6,989
And in the Library at 31st December, 1881 ( <i>a</i> ), ...		40,096

“ A table giving the classification of the books in the Library will be found at p. 28, and a list of some of the works added at pp. 24-28.

“ The most important acquisitions of the year were the library of the late Bailie Moir; the Burns collection, purchased from Mr. James Gibson; and the valuable donations received from the Secretary of State for India, and from the Trustees of the British Museum. The titles of the more important works included in these donations will be found at pp. 33-5.

“ The Library formed by the late Bailie Moir, and by him bequeathed, with the residue of his estate, to the Mitchell Library, may be described as a large and excellent collection of standard modern works in general literature. Like the collection bequeathed by Mr. Chalmers in 1880, the books are in admirable condition, many of them being handsomely bound. Most classes of literature are represented, the classification showing 398 books and pamphlets in Theology and Philosophy; 899 in History and Biography; 1,241 in Political, Legal, and Social subjects; 406 in Science, principally Natural History and Botany; 105 in Poetry; 19 in Linguistics; 40 in Prose Fiction; and 259 Miscellaneous. The whole number added to the Library by this bequest is 2,420 books and 947 pamphlets, besides which there are about 850 duplicates, by the sale or exchange of which the Library will be still further enriched. The books will be kept together with such others as may be from time to time acquired from the fund left by Bailie Moir for that purpose, and in exchange for the duplicates, and will be known as the ‘Moir Collection.’

“ To the Poets’ Corner has been added the large collection of books relating to Robert Burns, consisting of editions of his writings, and works illustrating his life, times, and genius, which was formed by Mr. James Gibson, during many years of patient labour, directed and sustained by the most appreciative regard for the poet. This collection—which, with the Burns books previously acquired, is one of the most considerable in existence—is described

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“ (*a*) Not including about 1,500 duplicates available for sale or exchange



in the circular of the Treasurer of the Poets' Corner Fund, printed as an Appendix to the present Report, to which I may be permitted to refer. There have also been added 101 volumes, including the works of 59 poets not previously in the collection. The total number of volumes now in the Poets' Corner is 3641, and the number of Scottish poets and verse writers represented 1,454.

“ The collection of books, etc., relating to the city of Glasgow, has been increased during the year by 491 volumes and pamphlets, and now contains about 1,600 items.

“ To the department devoted to early Glasgow printing have been added 31 specimens, making the present contents of this interesting section of the Library 421 volumes.

“ To turn from the Library itself to the use which has been made of it :—

“ The number of volumes given out for the use of readers during the year was 403,713, being 12,981 more than during 1880, and the largest annual total since the Library was opened. The average number daily was 1,315, against 1,269 in 1880. The number of volumes issued to ladies was 3,603 ; in 1880, 1,398. The detailed table which follows shows that the issue was much more regular throughout the year. In 1880 the difference between the largest (winter) and smallest (summer) monthly total was 20,174, whereas in 1881 it was no more than 16,900. From this the inference may be drawn that the known crowded condition of the rooms in the winter months has deterred some readers from coming. The largest daily issue yet recorded was 2,202 on 19th Nov., 1881 ; but there was no weekly or monthly total so large as those of 1880 mentioned in the last Report. The proportions of issues in the several classes remain very similar to those of former Reports. Poetry and the Drama, and Miscellaneous Literature may be said to be in the same proportions as last year ; Prose Fiction has declined from 10·32 to 8·57 per cent. of the whole issue, the consequence being a slight relative increase in Theology, History, Sociology, Art and Science, and Linguistics. The lessened proportion in Fiction is no doubt due to the smallness of the collection of works in that class which the Library possesses.

“ As in former Reports, the statistics of issue do not include the very large use made of the current numbers of magazines and other periodicals, which, to the number of 180, are placed on the tables in the upper room. Of this reading no regular account is kept, but, with a view to obtain some idea as to its amount, some occasional counts have been made. These show that, of the total number of readers who enter the Library, more than a third do not make any application for books, but read only the magazines and reviews. Many of those who take out books read also some of the magazines, so that it will be seen that these form a very important part of the provision made by the Library for the

use of its readers. Probably the reading of the current numbers of the periodicals is not much less in amount than the reading of books issued over the counter.

“Owing to the greater regularity of the attendance during the year, the inconvenience arising from overcrowding has not, perhaps, been felt in so great a degree as during some former periods; but it has been sufficiently serious at many times to interfere much with the comfort of readers, and consequently to reduce their number and so restrict the usefulness of the Library.

“With regard to the general arrangements for the convenience of readers, the occupations and ages of the frequenters, the large amount of reading evidently for purposes of education and self-improvement, and the generally admirable conduct (though with a few grievous exceptions) of the readers, the circumstances of the past year do not differ from those of former years, and so do not call for special remark.

“It has been said that the public Library of any city or town should contain as many volumes as there are inhabitants. Whether that be so or not, I may be permitted to point out that the Mitchell Library is, notwithstanding the good progress made, still far from being what the Reference Library of such a city as Glasgow is should be, and to say respectfully that every effort should still be made both to increase its store of books, and to provide it with a home of greater permanence and security than the present rooms, where its useful and beneficent work may be carried forward under better and pleasanter conditions.

“I remain, very respectfully,

“My Lord Provost and Gentlemen,

“Your obedient servant,

“F. T. BARRETT.

“GLASGOW, 18th March, 1882.”

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1881.

(Not including the reading of current numbers of Magazines and Periodicals.)

Days Open.	MONTH.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History.	History, Biography, Voyages and Travels.	Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce.	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History.	Poetry and the Drama.	Linguistics.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	TOTAL.	Daily Average, 1881.	Daily Average, 1880.
25	January, .....	3,437	8,749	1,251	7,154	2,989	1,290	3,339	11,654	39,863	1,595	1,667
24	February, .....	2,982	8,489	1,244	7,170	2,897	1,220	3,280	11,023	38,305	1,596	1,599
27	March, .....	3,337	8,806	1,252	8,359	3,447	1,332	3,483	12,511	42,527	1,575	1,355
25	April, .....	2,779	6,926	841	6,623	2,735	992	2,744	9,376	33,016	1,321	1,174
25	May, .....	2,993	5,454	796	5,513	1,951	854	2,139	7,429	27,129	1,085	930
26	June, .....	2,672	5,306	769	5,779	1,840	794	2,245	7,935	27,340	1,052	934
25	July, .....	2,344	5,309	742	4,963	1,691	668	2,366	7,544	25,627	1,025	891
26	August, .....	2,766	6,475	1,054	5,625	2,001	834	2,917	7,544	29,722	1,143	1,060
26	September, .....	3,447	7,399	1,140	7,302	2,336	1,186	3,551	8,050	36,003	1,385	1,341
25	October, .....	3,077	6,711	1,117	6,483	2,277	1,123	2,878	9,642	32,740	1,310	1,407
26	November, .....	3,682	7,329	1,332	7,526	2,547	1,265	2,994	10,595	37,270	1,433	1,479
27	December, .....	3,462	6,497	1,156	6,909	2,270	1,074	2,653	10,150	34,171	1,266	1,397
307	Total in each Class, 1881,	36,978	83,450	12,694	79,406	28,981	12,632	34,589	114,983	403,713	1,315	1,269
308	Total in each Class, 1880,	34,788	79,395	10,269	75,160	28,195	10,969	40,345	111,611	390,732	1,269	...
	Class Percentage of whole Issue, .....	9.16	20.67	3.14	19.67	7.18	3.13	8.57	28.48	100.00	...	...
	Daily Average Issue in each Class, .....	120	272	41	259	94	41	113	375	1,315	...	...
	Turnover (a), .....	7.23	10.67	4.14	12.55	5.65	19.26	149.74	18.27	11.66	...	...

(a) Or, number of times the whole of each class, and of the Library, was issued. Calculated upon the number of Volumes in the Library at 30th June.

## COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND BY  
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

1. The residue of the estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with the interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to, and form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such way and manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of "The Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, and submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such time and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library" such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library, by such distinctive names as they think proper; provided always that, in the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish so to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are duly returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, may also authorise any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION AND CHARACTER OF THE LIBRARY, DRAWN UP IN 1876 BY DR. MARWICK, THE TOWN-CLERK, IS REPRINTED HERE FOR THE INFORMATION OF PERSONS WHO MAY NOT HAVE SEEN FORMER ANNUAL REPORTS, AND AS A RECORD OF THE EARLIER HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY.

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MR. MITCHELL bequeathed the residue of his estate to the City of Glasgow, to "form the nucleus of a fund for the establishment and endowment of a large Public Library in Glasgow, with all the modern accessories connected therewith," and he provided that the residue "should be allowed to accumulate until, by its own natural increase, or by contributions from others, the fund should amount to £70,000, or even a larger sum, should that be considered necessary by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being, before the formation of the library is begun."

Mr. Mitchell directed that "books on all subjects not immoral" should be "freely admitted to the library," and he explained that the word "immoral," as so used by him, should "not mean books which simply controvert present opinions on political or religious questions."

He further directed "that, in order that the library may be conducted on the principle above indicated, which will carry out his wishes," the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being should "prepare a Constitution for it, and submit the same" to his Trustees "for their approval or amendment:" and he appointed the Constitution to include the conditions and purposes above referred to, which he declared to be "essential and necessary parts of it."

Mr. Mitchell died on 21st April, 1874, and on 6th May thereafter the agents of his Trustees intimated the bequest, and its probable amount, to the Town Council, by whom it was accepted on 16th July, 1874. On the 30th October, 1874, the Council approved of a Constitution for the Library, which was also approved of by Mr. Mitchell's Trustees on 20th November, 1874.

By this Constitution, which was framed after consultation with the testator's professional adviser, who prepared the settlement, and was intimately acquainted with his wishes, it is declared (1) That the residue of the estate, with the interest and profits which may accrue upon it, shall hereafter be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY FUND"; and that the fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, to be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY," with all the modern accessories connected therewith; (6) That the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time add to, or incorporate with, the library such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to its utility and value; and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to or incorporated with the Mitchell Library by such distinctive names as they think proper, provided that, in the exercise of this power, they do not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest; and (7) That the Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours and subject to such conditions as the Town Council may from time to time prescribe.

The Council may also authorise any of the books in the library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

The testator's settlement, and the constitution prepared in strict accordance with it, and with the views and feelings of Mr. Mitchell himself, as expressed to his agent, Mr. Boyd, thus define, to a considerable extent, what must be the character of the library. It must be *one* large Public Library, with all the modern accessories. All books, not immoral in the broad sense explained by the testator, must be freely admitted to and form part of it; other libraries and collections of books, and such collections of objects of vertu, or science and art, as in the opinion of the Town Council will increase the utility and value of the library, may also be added to it and form part of it. It must be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation—that is to say, its primary purpose must be that of reference and consultation; but the Town Council may authorise any of the books to be lent out under such conditions as they may prescribe.

To make the "Mitchell Library" a great public library—primarily of reference—worthy of Glasgow, must necessarily be the work of many years, during which it is to be hoped the liberality of public-spirited citizens will largely supplement the existing bequest, munificent as it is. Such aid, however, it appears to the Committee, will be best secured by the distinct avowal on the part of the Magistrates and Council of their desire and aim to make it for Glasgow, though on a necessarily more limited scale, what the British Museum is for the nation. The committee see no reason why, under proper management, the Mitchell Library may not become, as one of the highest authorities on such matters in England has said it *should* become, second only, as a public library, to that of the British Museum. But if it is to become this, every idea must be banished of limiting its scope or making it the library of any class. At first, no doubt, the object of those intrusted with the management must be to collect works of standard literature in every department, taking care that no branch is unduly represented. But in the subsequent additions the same harmony and universality must be observed; and care must specially be taken that no opportunities are lost of enriching the library, from time to time, with the rarer and more costly works which are only to be found in great libraries. It will be for consideration whether, in view of the fact that the University Library, and other special libraries within the city, are in possession of many rare and costly works, to which the student may, under suitable regulations, have access, the earlier purchases of that class of works for the Mitchell Library should not, in the first instance, be directed rather to providing for Glasgow what none of these special libraries already contain, than to multiplying copies of the same work. This, however, is a matter of detail, the very mention of which may serve every necessary purpose at present; and the committee cannot doubt that in this, and indeed in every department of their work, they will receive the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Senatus, and of every citizen whose knowledge and taste qualify him for giving advice in such a matter.

Meanwhile the committee desire to express their concurrence in the following passages of the Report on "Free Town Libraries and Museums," prepared by Lord Provost Blackie, and adopted by the Magistrates and Council on 18th February, 1864:—

"3. A free public library implies two indispensable things. It must be, in the fullest sense, the property of the public, and it must be suited to the tastes and necessities of every rank and condition of the public. By many the institution of public libraries is regarded merely as a benevolent project for providing instructive reading to the poor and the working-classes. No idea, it may be confidently affirmed, was further from the minds of those who first directed public attention to our national deficiency in this matter; or of the committee of the House of Commons when they investigated into

the nature and extent of the want, and recommended the readiest and most efficient remedy; or of the Legislature when it adopted and embodied the committee's proposal of a small rate to be levied for the creation and support of town libraries. Established on any other principle than that of meeting a great social want by a great public effort, in a spirit of the most perfect catholicity and comprehensiveness, the whole system would be false in principle and erroneous in policy; and not even the advantage of a rate levied under legislative enactment would prevent it from hastening into inutility and decay. The working-classes, who, by reason of their superior numbers, would be the chief contributors to the foundation and support of a town library, would also share the most largely in its benefits; but as the library would be the property of no class in particular, and the books would be chosen with a view to the requirements of a diversified population, so the professional man, the scholar, the merchant, the manufacturer, the mechanic, the chemist, the student of nature or of art, would each, in his own place and proportion, and according to his tastes and pursuits, share freely and of right in the literary treasures accumulated at the common expense.

“4. A public library, in order to its being adapted to a great community, should be eminently distinguished by the character of *generality*; and its true and permanent value, apart from its fully meeting the demands of ordinary readers, will consist in its being in possession of all that is most useful and interesting in every branch of knowledge. Not only should it embrace the best books in every department of human inquiry, so as to be of value to men of every profession; but the ornamental ought to blend with the useful, and—as in the case of the free public libraries of Manchester and Liverpool, and of many libraries in the United States—those works should be acquired which, owing to the cost of their production, the splendour of their illustrations, their sumptuous typography, their antiquity or rarity, are only to be found at present in possession of a few academic and other institutions, and are virtually excluded from the inspection of the common people.”

A library thus formed, it is true, will not serve the purposes of District Libraries, the books in which may be lent out to the inhabitants and read in suitable reading-rooms attached to the libraries. The value of such libraries and reading-rooms can scarcely be over-estimated in a community like that of Glasgow. But, though district libraries may be provided by other means, which will be afterwards noticed, they cannot be procured under the Mitchell Bequest, the object and purpose of which are different. Let it not be said, however, that the Mitchell Library so constituted would be a library for the rich. To say so is to ignore the fact that many of those who have most distinguished themselves and benefited the world by their researches and discoveries, and by their contributions to literature in every department, have sprung from the humblest ranks. To such men, and to men of like spirit and sympathies, the command of such appliances of knowledge as the Mitchell Library will offer to every person in Glasgow, is a boon which cannot be regarded as in any sense limited to a class.

It will be observed that Mr. Mitchell's Bequest is appointed by himself to accumulate till it amounts to £70,000 at least before the formation of the library is begun. The net sum received from his trustees was £66,998 10s. 6d.; and the interest which has since accrued makes the sum now available about £70,360. This sum comprehends the value of books purchased, including the library of the late Professor Cosmo Innes, and purchases made at the sale of the valuable library of the late Professor Stevenson. In making these purchases, under the authority of the Magistrates and Council, the Committee mainly desired to secure many works which are not often to be met with. But it must not be assumed that the collection already made indicates in any way the composition of the future library, which, as has already been said, should be of the widest and most universal character.

Such a library, as it is to be hoped the Mitchell Library is destined to be, should, in the opinion of the committee, be placed in a building constructed for the purpose on the most approved principles, and with all the requisites of a great library, including a consulting-room suitably furnished with reading desks, and with every facility for research. In preparing the plan of such a building, every advantage should be taken of the experience suggested by the British Museum and other important libraries in the country. Adequate provision should also be made at the first for indefinite future extension. The situation of such a building should be central, and the building itself worthy of Glasgow.

It being quite clear that the Mitchell Library Fund cannot be applied to the establishment of District Lending Libraries and Reading-Rooms, it will be for the citizens of Glasgow, should they desire to establish these, to do so by adopting "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland), 1867," as amended by "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland, 1867) Amendment Act, 1871," to the provisions of which it may not be out of place to refer here.

By these Acts—copies of which, annotated for the use of the Magistrates and Council, accompany this Report—the Lord Provost, or, in his absence, the Senior Magistrate for the time being, is required within ten days after receipt of a requisition in writing by the Magistrates and Council, or by ten householders—*i.e.*, parliamentary and municipal electors—to convene a meeting of householders, in any convenient place, on a day not less than twenty-one days nor more than thirty days after the receipt of such requisition, for the purpose of considering whether the Act of 1867 shall be adopted. The Meeting so convened must be presided over by the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate; and if a majority of the householders present determine that the provisions of the Act shall be adopted, then the same comes into immediate operation in the burgh, and the chairman of the meeting must cause a minute to be made of the resolutions of the meeting, and sign the same.

If the meeting of householders determine against the adoption of the Act, no meeting for a similar purpose can be held for two years at least thereafter. The expenses of calling and holding the meeting, whether the Act is adopted or not, and the expenses of carrying the Act into execution when adopted, may be paid out of the police rate, or by a separate rate not exceeding one penny in the pound of yearly rent levied for the purpose, in conformity with the provisions of the local Police Act in force for the time.

When the Act is adopted, the Magistrates and Council may, from time to time, appropriate for its purposes any lands or buildings vested in them; and may also purchase, feu, or rent any land, or any suitable building, and may upon such land erect any buildings suitable for public libraries, art galleries, or museums, or each respectively, and may alter and extend any buildings for such purposes, and may repair and improve, and fit up, furnish, and supply the same respectively with all the requisite furniture, fittings, and conveniences.

The general management of the libraries, art galleries, and museums, provided under the Act, is appointed to be vested in a committee, of not more than twenty members, annually elected by the Magistrates and Council, one half from among themselves, and the remaining half from amongst the householders, *not* members of the Council. The committee must meet once in every three months, or oftener if necessary; and the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate is *ex officio* chairman of the committee.

The Magistrates and Council are further empowered by the Amendment Act of 1871 to borrow at interest on mortgage or bond, on the security of the rates to be levied for the purposes of the Acts of 1867 and 1871, a sum "not exceeding the capital sum represented by one-fourth part of the library rate of one penny per pound, capitalized at the rate of twenty years' purchase of such sum." One penny per pound on the present rental of



Glasgow would yield about £11,000 per annum ; and under the power thus conferred, a capital sum of £55,000 might at once be borrowed with which to commence operations.

Besides meeting the interest of the sum so borrowed, and the cost of borrowing, which, at say  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per annum, would absorb, say, ... .. £2,475

The Magistrates and Council would, under the provisions of the Act of 1871, have to set aside as a sinking fund for the redemption of debt, not less than one-fiftieth part of the money borrowed, say, ... .. 1,100

£3,575

This amount of annual expenditure being deducted from the net proceeds of the Library Rate, would leave about £7,425 available every year for the support of the libraries, art galleries, and museums under their control.

The Public Libraries' account connected with the execution of these Acts must be open to inspection by the ratepayers ; must be annually audited by one or more competent auditors not members of the committee of management ; must, when audited, be signed by two of the Magistrates and Council ; and must be printed and inserted in one or more newspapers published or circulated in the burgh.

Assuming then, that the householders of Glasgow adopt these Acts, and resolve to establish, say four district libraries, besides supporting and extending the Museum in Kelvin Park, the funds obtainable under these Acts will be available for these purposes. To each library would probably have to be attached a commodious reading-room, suitably furnished with other conveniences. Each library would have to be provided with two separate good selections of books in all departments of literature and science, one for the purpose of being lent out under suitable conditions, and the other for use in the reading-room. These district libraries would meet the requirements of the great masses of ordinary readers and students, and the Mitchell Library would always be accessible to those who might wish to consult such works as the district libraries did not contain. The Mitchell Library would thus fulfil the important function of a high-class library, available specially for students in every department of knowledge.

The committee do not consider it desirable to enter more into detail. They venture to hope they have said enough to indicate what, in their view, should be the general character of the Mitchell Library, and the principles on which it should be conducted, and so to exhaust the remit to them on this subject.

#### PROVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and for all the property belonging thereto. He shall keep such Books of Account and Registers as the Library Committee may require, and shall comply with all the lawful directions of the Committee, applicable to his office.

2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.

3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee may, from time to time, prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain any book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations, or any others which may, from time to time, be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, or shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

10. No person shall be allowed to pass within any of the enclosures, or to take any book from the shelves, and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Library.

11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing, on printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written, with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.

12. Every reader, before leaving the room, shall return the book or books which he may have got into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant. No one shall exchange books with another, or hand them over to another reader.

13. The Librarian or his Assistant shall carefully examine each book returned, and if the same be found to have sustained any injury, or to have been rendered of less value by being soiled or written in, he shall require the person to whom the same was delivered to pay the amount of damage or injury done, or otherwise to procure a new copy of equal value.

14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by any reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not redeliver the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, or refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury, or to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the fact of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held to be admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found

necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

16. When damage or injury is done to any other property in the Library, the person by whom such damage is done shall be bound to make good the same, and the depreciation in value of such property shall be recoverable in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, subject to the provision expressed in the preceding article ; and such person shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

17. The Librarian shall have a discretionary power to refuse books to any applicant who, in his judgment, may not be safely entrusted with the books, or to any reader who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Library. But any person so refused shall have liberty of appeal to the Library Committee.

18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which, in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. This book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at their Meetings.

GLASGOW, *October*, 1877.

#### ADDITIONAL RULE.

20. Persons reading any magazine, or other periodical, must surrender the same within fifteen minutes after it has been asked for by another reader.

By Order.

J. D. MARWICK,  
*Town-Clerk.*

GLASGOW, *2nd June*, 1881.

## THE "POETS' CORNER."

*A Library of the Poetry of Scotland.*

OBJECTS —(a). The acquirement of (1) copies of the Works of Burns, and all Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, and, as far as possible, of their different editions; (2) Selections or Collections of Scottish Poetry; (3) Historical and Critical Dissertations on the Poetry of Scotland; (4) Biographies of Scottish Poets.

(b). The preparation of a Catalogue, giving the names, birth and death dates, and localities of the various Authors, the titles of their Works, with particulars of Editions, and such other information as may be obtainable.

At the opening of the Mitchell Library in 1877, the desire was expressed that there should be formed, as a special department of the Library, a collection of the Works of Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, under the name of the "Poets' Corner." The proposal was warmly adopted by the "Western Burns Club," in the hope that it might result in the acquisition of a collection of the Editions of the Works of Burns to be permanently

placed in the City of Glasgow, freely accessible to all students and lovers of our National Bard.

It was proposed to obtain One Hundred Subscribers of Five Pounds each, to be payable in yearly instalments of One Pound, and donations of Books were invited.

Although the hoped-for number of Subscribers has not been reached, a considerable amount of success has attended the movement. There has been formed in the City, as public property, a collection of Scottish Poetry, which is believed to be one of the most extensive in existence. It contained, at 31st December, 1881, 3,041 volumes, embracing the writings of 1,454 Authors.

The principal event of the year 1881 was the acquisition of the extensive and valuable collection of editions of the Works of Burns, and books illustrative of his life and writings, formed during many years by Mr. James Gibson, of Liverpool, the Editor of the Bibliography of Burns published last year. This collection, including the Burns books which had been previously acquired, contains about 830 volumes, and comprises 330 separate editions of the Works of Burns, in from one to eight volumes each. It is felt that the City may be justly congratulated on the acquisition of this collection, forming as it does a memorial of the Poet, more significant, perhaps, of his greatness, and of the honour and regard in which he is held by his countrymen and the world, than any other that could be devised.

The year 1882 is the last of the five years for which the original subscription of £1 a year was promised.

It is found that the work of collecting the Writings of Scottish Poets, if it is to be at all exhaustive, must be continued for some time. It is therefore proposed to keep the fund open, and to accept any donations or subscriptions, regular or occasional, which may be offered by those who sympathise with the project of completing, as far as possible, the collection, of which so encouraging a commencement has been made.

I may be permitted to point out that the Poetical Literature of Scotland has long been recognised to be of quite exceptional extent and richness; and that, in particular, probably no country is more rich, possibly so rich, in local, or rural, or, as it is sometimes called, peasant poetry. The writings of these local Poets over all the country, in addition to their literary value, preserve, in many cases, local dialects, and local customs, and local memories, which are fast passing away. It is surely worth while that in one public Library in the country there should be set apart a storehouse for these treasures, where they will be carefully kept, and preserved for future generations of readers. The hope is cherished that in this section the "Mitchell Library" will render a real service to students of our National Literature, by placing within their reach means so ample for the study of what is, perhaps, its most distinctive and characteristic feature.

As in former circulars, my best thanks are due to the Press for the encouragement it has given to this movement: may I hope that influential Journals in different localities will again give it their support?

Appended is a list of Gentlemen who have subscribed, both in money and in books. I shall be most happy to receive the names of any others who would wish to assist.

Donations, either in money or books, will be taken charge of by Mr. Barrett, at the Library, 7 East Ingram Street, and all will be thankfully acknowledged by me.

WILLIAM WILSON,

*Treasurer of the "Poets' Corner" Fund and  
Convener of the Committee of the "Mitchell Library."*

42 Glassford Street,  
Glasgow, 25th January, 1882.

“ POETS’ CORNER ”—*Continued.*

DONORS OF £5 EACH.—The Hon. The Lord Provost, Sir William Collins, Ex-Lord Provost, Sir James Bain, W. Rae Arthur, Esq., The late A. B. Stewart, Esq., of Bute, James King, Esq., Jas. A. Campbell, Esq., LL.D., M.P., J. D. Marwick, Esq., LL.D., Ex-Bailie John Craig, Bailie MacBean, Bailie Colquhoun, Bailie Finlay, Preceptor Mathieson, Treasurer Hamilton, Bailie Mowat, Campbell Douglas, Esq., W.B.C., Bailie M’Onie, Provost Sandeman, Dr. Anderson Kirkwood, Archd. Crombie, Esq., John Burnet, Esq., George Paterson, Esq., James Salmon, Esq., William Clark, Esq., Bailie Watson, Councillor Bertram, Councillor Lamberton, Bailie W. Wilson, W.B.C., R. A. Bogue, Esq., Walter Alexander, Esq., W.B.C., Geo. Buchanan, Esq., W.B.C., Walter Easton, Esq., W.B.C., The late G. Fyffe Christie, Esq., W.B.C., The late Councillor James Wallace, A. H. M’Lean, Esq., J. Jex Long, Esq., Messrs. Farquhar & Roxburgh, Messrs. Middleton & Kilpatrick, Alexander Drew, Esq., David S. Cargill, Esq., Councillor James Reid, £10, James Richardson, Esq., W.B.C., P. Comyn Macgregor, Esq., W.B.C., Dr. Muirhead, Cambuslang, Henry Leck, Esq., Charles Tennant, Esq., M.P., J. B. Mirrlees, Esq., Ex-Lord Dean of Guild, Alex. Whitelaw, Esq., T. Clavering, Esq., a Donation, W. Fife, Esq., a Donation, John Wilson, Esq., a Donation, three Anonymous Donations.

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LIST OF SOME OF THE WORKS ADDED TO THE  
LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR, 1881. (*See also*  
LIST OF DONATIONS, pp. 33-42; and LIST OF PERIODICALS  
IN PROGRESS, pp. 29-32.

GLASGOW BOOKS.—Curiosities of Glasgow Citizenship, by Stewart; History of Glasgow, by Macgregor, 1881; Glasgow Art Club, Black and White Sketches; Among the Rocks around Glasgow, by Bell; The River Clyde, by Deas.

SCOTTISH BOOKS—HISTORICAL, TOPOGRAPHICAL, ETC.—Sculptured Monuments of Iona, by Drummond; Edinburgh Architectural Sketch Book, 1875-79, 2 vols.; Scotland in Early Christian Times, by Anderson; Loch Etive and the Sons of Uisnach. Past and Present of Aberdeenshire, by Paul; Charters of the Friars Preachers of Ayr; Ordnance Plan of the Parish of Bothwell, 2 vols., 1860; Buchan, by Pratt, 3rd edition; Crieff: Its Traditions, etc.; Inscriptions in Greyfriars Churchyard, Edinburgh, by Brown; Lanarkshire Topographical Collections, compiled by the late James Maidment, 6 vols.; Sketches of Moray, by Rhind; Lichens from an Old Abbey (Paisley); A Summer in Skye, by Smith; History of Stirlingshire, by Nimmo, 3rd edit., 2 vols.; Chronicles of Stratheden.

BIOGRAPHY.—The Book of Eminent Scotsmen, by Irving. Genealogical Chart of the Family of Bain, by Rogers; Genealogical Collections concerning the Sir-name of Baird, 1870; Family of Smollett of Bonhill, edited by Irving. Life of James Bruce of Kinnaird, by Murray, 1808; Life of Colin Campbell, Lord Clyde, by Shadwell; Life of John, Lord Campbell, by Mrs. Hardcastle, 2 vols.; Carlyle's Reminiscences, edited by Froude, 2 vols.; Thomas Carlyle, by Conway; Thomas Carlyle, by H. J. Nicoll; Thomas Carlyle, by W. H. Wylie; George Hope of Fenton Barns; Life of King James the First, by Chambers, 2 vols.; Life of Sir Charles Lyell, by Mrs. Lyell, 2 vols.; Macdonalds and Lords of the Isles, by Mackenzie; Memoir of David Murray, by Murray; Life of Alexander Raleigh; Historical Memoirs of Rob Roy, by Macleay; Memoirs of George Thomson; Life of George Troup.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Ancient Scottish Weapons, by Drummond. Leabhar Comunn nam Fìor Ghaèil, the Book of the Club of True Highlanders, by North, 2 vols., fol. Dictionary of the Scottish Language, vol. 3, by Jamieson. The Scot Abroad, by Burton; The Castes of Edinburgh, by Heiton; Cochrane Correspondence, 1745-46, Maitland Club; A Century of Scottish Life, by Rogers; Highland Legends, by Lauder; Tales of the Highlands, Lauder. Recent and Living Scottish Poets, by Murdoch; Forfar Poets, by Fenton; The Gaberlunzie's Wallet, by Ballantine; Clydesdale, a Poem, by Beveridge.

THEOLOGY.—Septuagint Version of the Old Testament, with Translation; Old Testament in the Jewish Church, by W. R. Smith; Self-Interpreting Bible, by Brown, 2 vols.; Daily Bible Illustrations, by Kitto, 8 vols.; Commentary on the Psalms, by Ewald, 2 vols.; Literal Translation of the Book of Psalms, by Jebb. New Testament in the Original Greek, by Westcott; New Testament, Revised Version, 1881; Greek Text of Revised Translation of New Testament; Gospel according to Matthew, by Nicholson; Gospel accord-

ing to St. Matthew, in Anglo-Saxon; Holy Bible with Commentary, edited by Cook, New Test., vols. 3 and 4; Commentary on Third Chapter of Paul's Epistle to Romans, by Morison; Divarication of the New Testament, by Wirgman. Chief End of Revelation, by Bruce; Natural Elements of Revealed Theology, by Matheson; Fatherhood of God, by Candlish; Theology in the English Poets, by Brooke; Christian Ethics, by Martensen; Essay on the Communion of Saints, by Owen; Lord's Prayer and the Church, by Ruskin; Sunday, by Hessey; Lay Sermons, by Blackie; Mercy and Judgment, by Farrar; The Silence and the Voices of God, by Farrar; Witness of History to Christ, by Farrar; Christian Institutions, Essays on Ecclesiastical Subjects, by Stanley; Tripartite Nature of Man, by Heard; Unbelief in the Eighteenth Century, by Cairns; Morgenröthe: a Book of the Age, for the Children of the Age, by Pulsford. Religions of India, by Barth; Manual of Hindu Pantheism, by Jacob; Relations of Science and Religion, by Calderwood.

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