

every new addition, until we are provided with more ample accommodations.

One class of works has sprung into existence within the past few years that is becoming quite numerous—county histories. Though generally prepared with too much haste, yet it must be said to their credit that they snatch many a fragment of local history and genealogy from neglectfulness, and add not a little to the general sum of local historical literature. We are taking much pains to secure copies of these county histories, for unless secured on their issue, it is difficult to obtain them. In 1878, we obtained 24 county histories; in 1879, 45; in 1880, 43; in 1881, 76.

### Progressive Library Increase

The past and present condition of the Library is shown in the following table:

DATE.	Volumes added.	Documents and pamphlets.	Both together.	Total in Library.
1854, January 1	50	.....	50	50
1855, January 2	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,050
1856, January 1	1,065	2,000	3,065	5,115
1857, January 6	1,005	300	1,305	6,420
1858, January 1	1,024	959	1,983	8,403
1859, January 4	1,107	500	1,607	10,010
1860, January 3	1,800	723	2,523	12,533
1861, January 2	837	1,134	1,971	14,504
1862, January 2	610	711	1,321	15,825
1863, January 2	544	2,373	2,917	18,742
1864, January 2	248	356	604	19,346
1865, January 3	520	226	746	20,092
1866, January 2	368	806	1,174	21,266
1867, January 3	923	2,811	3,734	25,000
1868, January 4	5,462	1,043	6,405	31,505
1869, January 1	2,838	682	3,520	35,035
1870, January 4	923	6,240	7,163	42,188
1871, January 3	1,970	1,372	3,342	45,530
1872, January 2	1,211	3,789	5,000	50,530
1873, January 2	2,166	1,528	3,694	54,224
1874, January 2	1,852	1,178	3,030	57,254
1875, January 2	1,945	1,186	3,131	60,385
1876, January 4	2,851	1,764	4,615	65,000
1877, January 2	2,820	2,336	5,156	70,156
1878, January 2	1,818	5,090	6,908	77,064
1879, January 3	2,214	1,827	4,041	81,105
1880, January 6	2,050	3,027	5,077	86,182
1881, January 3	1,884	2,707	4,591	90,773
1882, January 3	2,741	1,486	4,227	95,000
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