

Canterbury Public Library: Circulating Department.—Stock-sheet for Year ending the 31st December, 1899.

	History and Politics.	Biography.	Travels, &c.	Architecture.	Fiction.	Classics and Literature.	Poetry and Drama.	Geology, Natural History, Science, and Botany.	Magazines.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
In stock, 1st January, 1899 ..	1,344	1,459	1,595	324	8,862	981	363	829	1,066	1,102	17,925
New books and renewals added during year ..	66	63	54	1	783	32	3	17	53	27	1,099
Total ..	1,410	1,522	1,649	325	9,645	1,013	366	846	1,119	1,129	19,024
Taken off, unfit for issue ..	..	..	..	..	435	..	..	..	7	1	443
Placed in reference library ..	2	2	37	..	..	..	8	..	22	4	75
Books, &c., lost ..	..	..	1	..	6	..	1	2	..	..	10
Books missing ..	2	1	3	..	52	..	1	3	..	3	65
Total ..	4	3	41	..	493	..	10	5	29	8	593
In stock, 1st January, 1900 ..	1,406	1,519	1,608	325	9,152	1,013	356	841	1,090	1,121	18,481

Canterbury Public Library: Circulating Department.—Particulars of the Issue of Books for Twelve Months.

History ...	1,980	Miscellaneous ...	768
Biography ...	2,112	Magazines (bound) ...	3,468
Travels ...	3,276		
Architecture ...	72		106,872*
Fiction ...	93,024	Magazines (monthly numbers) ...	8,940†
Literature ...	1,068		
Poetry and drama ...	528		115,812‡
Science ...	576		

* Daily average, 352.

† Daily average, 29.

‡ Total daily average, 381.

Reference Department.—Total of Books in each Section.

	1898.	New Books added 1899.	Total.	Books lost.	Total Volumes 31st December, 1899.
History ...	1,077	61	1,138	...	1,138
" constitutional ...	47	2	49	1	48
Travels ...	395	197	592	...	592
Literature—					
English ...	520	4	524	1	523
Poetry and drama ...	278	3	281	...	281
Foreign ...	399	1	400	1	399
Biography ...	538	31	569	...	569
Mineralogy ...	18	3	21	...	21
Astronomy ...	90	...	90	...	90
Biology ...	26	1	27	...	27
Geology ...	169	4	173	2	171
Zoology ...	287	6	293	...	293
Natural science generally ...	221	7	228	...	228
Fine arts ...	355	12	367	...	367
Society of musicians ...					
Almanacs ...	956	77	1,033	...	1,033
Calendars ...					
Legal ...	70	...	70	...	70
Mathematics ...	121	2	123	1	122
Architecture ...	569	56	625	2	623
Dictionaries ...	338	10	348	2*	345
Political ...	2,188	163	2,351	...	2,329†
Newspapers ...	336	38	374	...	374
Chemistry and physics ...	72	2	74	...	74
Divinity ...	752	6	758	...	758
Educational ...	166	14	180	...	180
Miscellaneous ...	264	44	308	...	308
Botany ...	107	5	112	...	112
Agriculture and farming ...	278	18	296	2	294
Learned societies ...	171	4	175	...	197†
Philosophy ...	625	70	695	...	695
Anatomy ...	104	3	107	...	107
Medicine and surgery ...					
	11,537	844	12,381	12	12,368

* And one taken off.

† Twenty-two books transferred from political to learned societies.