During all these years in the fluctuations in the prosperity of the town, perhaps no other institution in the place can show such a marked improvement. Although the membership is not so large as in 1848, the number of books has steadily increased. The Library is particularly rich in the departments of History and Science, also what may be called the classics of English Literature. The works of Fiction are not of the trashy nature found on many Library shelves, but mostly standard works of a good moral tendency. The chief want at the present time is a room which will be at the same time both easily accessible and safe, the present airy, lofty room being in the upper story of the Court House.

An interesting discovery has lately been made of the existence of a valuable Library in the town from 1800 to 1820, numbering one thousand, which then passed into private hands, and it is hoped that some of these books may yet be obtained to add to the present Library, as relics of the past.

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