

Lawrence Library.

Mr. R. J. Burr loaned, recently, to the Lawrence Library Association, a valuable collection of specimens, curiosities, &c., to place in their cabinet of natural history, among which are a Hindoo fan and slippers, a block of olive wood, a vial of water from the Dead Sea, lava from Vesuvius, minerals, &c. We mention the fact in the hope that his example may be followed by others, and the cabinet thereby be made what its founders intended it to be. Mrs. Griswold, the librarian, is making an effort at present to raise funds, by subscription, for the purchase of the cases of stuffed birds now on exhibition in Drake & Crew's book store, with the intention of adding them to the cabinet collection. The price is thirty-five dollars, of which eighteen dollars has been subscribed. They would form a valuable feature, and we hope the necessary amount may be subscribed without delay. Mrs. Griswold is also attempting to raise one hundred dollars by the sale of life and year memberships, to expend in the purchase of new books for the library shelves. Up to yesterday, she had succeeded in selling memberships to the amount of fifty dollars, and if five more gentlemen will enroll their names, and pay the amount (ten dollars), the fund will be completed. Ten dollars is a very small sum, considering that the entire collection of valuable books is at the service of the subscriber throughout the year. By no other means can such a large amount of valuable reading be obtained at so small an outlay. The names of one hundred and forty members are enrolled at present—a small number, considering that Lawrence professes to be the head center of intelligence, as well as of everything else. We hope the friends of the library will exert themselves to procure the five names required, as one hundred dollars' worth of new works would be a valuable addition, more especially as the long winter nights will soon be here, when a new and entertaining book will not come amiss to any one.