

meeting was held to consider the vital subject of ways and means. The receipts for four years previous had been less than the outgo. The result of the meeting was favorable, and new names were placed on the roll. A system of subscriptions was instituted and pledges to the amount of \$6,620 obtained. Less expensive rooms were hired, and the lease of the ones then used annulled by the payment of \$1,000. The sum received by donation cleared up all liabilities and left \$2,000 for the purchase of books. Rooms were taken in the Academy of Music, April, 1872. At that time there were 11,184 volumes on hand, besides the periodical literature. On the 8th day of March, 1878, the association transferred its property to the City of Milwaukee. This plan originated with William W. Wight, who suggested it in his preface to a catalogue issued in the Fall of 1877. Owing to a failure of dues, the association was unable to clear itself of debt, and was involved to the extent of \$1,398.91, when the transfer was accomplished.

Below is a list of Presidents of the Young Men's Association, with the date of their election:—J. H. Van Dyke, 1847; S. O. Putnam, 1849; John P. McGregor, 1850; H. W. Tenney, 1851; R. Menzies, 1852; J. K. Bartlett, 1853; J. R. Brigham, 1854; A. C. May, 1858; I. P. Insley, 1859; C. Caverno, 1860; O. E. Britton, 1861; F. W. Pitkin, 1862; J. C. Montgomery, 1863; F. B. Miles, 1864; DeW. Davis, 1865; L. R. Durand, 1866; John Nazro, 1867; H. H. West, 1868; Jas. G. Jenkins, 1869; John E. Eldred, 1870; Robert Hill, 1871; C. L. Pierce, 1873; H. C. Payne, 1874; Edward Ferguson, 1875; J. M. Bean, 1876; C. H. Haskins, 1877. The following is a list of Librarians, together with the date of assuming office:—Edward Hopkins, 1848; Thomas Hislop, 1849; S. L. Rood, 1853; Geo. Coggswell, 1854; Wm. Bilton, 1857; E. C. Arnold, 1859; S. F. Peacock, 1871; Edwin Upson, 1873; Miss E. Gifford (now Mrs. G. W. Peckham), 1877.

#### FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

In the Winter of 1874-'75, a number of young men who were desirous of forming a society for mutual benefit, met and organized the "Fortnightly Club." The club has as few and as flexible rules as possible, and avoids formality. The only officers are an Executive Committee of three, and a Secretary and Treasurer; the latter being held by one person. There is no regularly appointed place of meeting, but for the last four years the gatherings have been held at the Plankinton House, where sociability, and the presentation and discussion of papers upon every conceivable subject, have passed away many pleasant evenings. As the name implies, the meetings are held fortnightly, the time being Saturday evening. The great feature of the club is its catholicity, discussing freely all topics, without bias or restriction. The number of members is limited to sixty, and the list is full.