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COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE LIBRARY,

FOR THE YEAR 1851.

OHIO STATE LIBRARY,
COLUMBUS, January 10, 1852.

To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives :

The accompanying Report is transmitted with the request that you will present it to the General Assembly through the honorable body over which you preside.

R. WOOD,
H. W. KING,
ELIJAH HAYWARD,
Commissioners of State Library.

OHIO STATE LIBRARY,

JANUARY 10th, 1852.

To the General Assembly :

The Commissioners of the State Library respectfully submit the following Report :

RECEIPTS.

1850.—	From Samuel Galloway, former Commissioner	\$407 00
"	J. H. Riley & Co.	608 89
"	Joseph Brooks	5 00
"	J. F. Desilver	40 50
"	H. W. Derby & Co.	77 13
1851.—	Whiting & Huntington	191 21
"	J. H. Riley & Co.	59 30
"	F. Harris & Co.	56 40
"	J. H. Riley & Co.	306 75
"	State Treasury—appropriation of 1850-51	600 00
"	H. W. Derby & Co.	306 00
"	State Treasury—on former appropriation	23 15
		<u>\$2,681 33</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

1850.—	Paid John Greiner	\$100 00
"	Bartlett & Welford, New York, for books	357 85
"	George P. Putnam, " " " "	314 42
"	Exchanges	4 09
"	Expenses	25 00
"	Little & Brown, Boston, for law books	229 27
1851.—	Whiting & Huntington, " " "	151 88
"	J. H. Riley & Co., " " "	59 30
"	J. H. Riley & Co., for books	215 25
"	Mason & Law, New York, for books	228 04
"	Thomas Bonsall, for books	44 00
"	S. G. Drake, Boston, for books	160 81
"	Little & Brown, " " "	101 75
"	New York Tribune	10 00
"	William Gowan, New York, for books	130 28
"	Edward Dunigan, " " " "	22 85
"	Mason & Law, " " " "	47 03
"	Miscellaneous books	8 75
"	Sundry expenses	64 03
"	Exchanges	10 50
"	Columbus Gas Company, for gas fixtures	74 81
"	Little & Brown, Boston, for law books	13 00
"	Scott & Bascom, for binding books, &c.	23 15
"	Henry Mack and others, for services in Library	16 50
		<u>\$2,412 56</u>
Amount on hand		268 77
		<u>\$2,681 33</u>

In a few instances, it will be perceived by the foregoing, that where dues to the Library have been paid in books for the Library, the amounts have been entered as received in money, and paid out again for the Library. Generally speaking, the amounts entered as received have been received in cash.

Beside the above amount in the hands of the Commissioners, there appears to be due to the Library, on its books, from different individuals, the following sums :

From J. H. Riley & Co., Columbus	-----	\$676 80
" I. N. Whiting, "	-----	31 20
" Huntington & MacIntire "	-----	482 40
" J. F. Desilver, Cincinnati	-----	785 25
" H. W. Derby & Co., "	-----	45 00
" F. Harris & Co., Xenia	-----	43 20
" Parsons & Co., Elyria	-----	290 40
	-----	<u>\$2,354 25</u>

There is supposed, also, to be a small balance due from Mr. Greiner, late Librarian. Amount unknown, and dependent on the settlement of his account on the Library books.

The above sum of \$2,354 25, added to the funds in the hands of the Commissioners, would make a total of \$2,623 02 due to the Library.

But much of the amount due from others cannot be regarded as available for present purposes, inasmuch as the Reports for which the charges have been made have not all been sold, and the booksellers decline accounting for them any faster than they make sales. A considerable portion of the amount may therefore be treated as suspended upon the contingency of sales being made.

Cash purchases have been made since the date of the last report, (Feb. 9, 1850,) in books to the amount of \$1,658 05. This is exclusive of the books which, in a few instances, as above stated, have been taken of booksellers, in exchange for Reports sold them.

The whole number of volumes added to the Library, since the date of the last report, is above 850. Of this number, some 125 volumes have been added to the Law Department, the remainder are miscellaneous works, embracing a great range of topics. Most of them are standard works, which add greatly to the value of the Library. These additions do not include works which have been received, by way of exchange, from other States. Considerable additions have also been made to the periodical literature of the Library, as also some engravings of much value.

The extent of the additions which have been made during the time covered by this Report, certainly warrants the hope that the current revenues of the Library, aided by moderate appropriations from year to year, will, at no distant day, secure such a collection of works in every department of science and literature as shall be an honor to the State and an invaluable resource to all who may have occasion to avail themselves of its aid.

Great inconvenience is experienced from the want of sufficient room for the proper display and arrangement of the books. This will necessarily be the case, to some extent, until more ample accommodations are provided by the completion of the new capitol. It is, however, suggested, that it would be well, in the meantime, to procure some other place for the storage of the Ohio Reports, and other works which are kept for sale, where they can be properly preserved and protected. There is already a great accumulation of volumes of this description. Their removal would allow more space for the use of the Library proper, and relieve it of the sales-room appearance which it now presents. A room could be procured, at a small annual rent, which would be a much more suitable place for the storage of such works than the rooms of a public library.

Respectfully submitted,

R. WOOD,
H. W. KING,
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Commissioners of State Library.

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42 " Cover "
122 " Envelope "
3 " Fine Book "

It will be observed that the foregoing Report embraces all stationery purchased by this office for the State, as well as the expenditure of the same; and, although the latter is not required by law, it would seem to be contemplated by the constitution.

WILLIAM TREVITT.