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To the General Assembly:

The Commissioners of the State Library respectfully report that during the first and second weeks of May last, the Library was removed from the rooms over the State offices, in the well-known building on High street, to the rooms temporarily assigned it in the State House.

The miscellaneous department was arranged in two rooms, in the south-east wing, opposite the Treasury. The laws, documents, journals, &c., of other States and of the United States, with the library duplicates of the laws, journals, reports, statutes, &c., of our own State, and also such books of a general character as are rarely called for, were deposited in the south room over the east entrance. The law department was arranged in a room opposite the hall for the supreme court, immediately adjoining the judges' consulting room.

Because of the unsettled condition of the library, the Commissioners have made only such purchases of books as peculiar circumstances required; but have endeavored to put the various departments in such order as would be appropriate for the permanent library rooms.

The appropriations were—

For purchase of law books .....	\$1,500 00
For purchase of books, magazines, &c. ....	1,000 00
For removing and binding .....	1,000 00
For paying debts .....	150 00
To pay porter, postage, &c. ....	200 00
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	\$3,850 00

Of this sum there have been expended—

For books .....	\$454 71
For periodicals and newspapers, for past and current years .....	222 49
For Binding .....	610 93
For moving, putting up shelving, assorting and arranging .....	282 07
For porter .....	76 00
For postage .....	38 72
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	\$1,684 92

The appropriation (\$150) for paying bills for newspapers and magazines, which had been accumulating for several years, and for paying for books ordered by former Librarians was not adequate, so that the general appropriation had to be drawn upon for nearly \$300.



On account of Ohio reports the transactions have been small:	
There was due from H. W. Derby & Co. on that account Nov. 15, '56	\$158 97
Since sold them 20 copies, vol. 20 -----	48 00
	<hr/> \$206 97
This account has been settled by the purchase of law books -----	\$98 00
Miscellaneous -----	28 60
Binding -----	93 55
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There have also been received from the sale of Ohio Reports \$75 80—out of this fund \$77 32 have been expended.

For the purpose of preserving a contrast between the Library in its permanent room in the State House, and as it was in the old building on High street, the Commissioners procured a series of photographic views—one of the old building and eight inside the Library. The expense was \$50.

The number of volumes in the Library at the time of the last report was 18,123 There are now 19,031 volumes. The additions have been—

By purchase and by the binding of laws, documents, &c. -----	\$557 00
In exchange -----	247 00
Donations -----	4 00
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An important addition to the exchange list was made this year.

The Canadian Parliament sent Hon. P. H. Moore, a member of the legislative council of Canada, to the United States as an agent to establish a system of international exchanges. He made application in due form for an exchange of laws, documents, &c., with Ohio, and the Commissioners sent to the Canadian library, our laws, journals and documents since 1852. They have received in exchange 61 volumes, comprising not only laws and documents, but reports and surveys of much interest and value.

A valuable contribution was also received from Pennsylvania, consisting of twelve volumes of Archives and sixteen volumes of Colonial Records.

When clearing out the old rooms of the Library and the garret over them, many valuable pamphlets and odd volumes of laws and documents of other States were found, which were needed to complete sets. All such, so far as they could be arranged, have been appropriately bound.

Much care has been bestowed upon the arrangement and preservation of ancient Reports, Laws, Documents, &c., which had not before been properly recognized in the Library.

The Secretary of State presented to the Library a number of valuable school reports and educational books, which had been sent to that office while the school department was connected with it.

There have been seven hundred and fifty-nine volumes bound since the Library was moved—a large proportion of which were laws, documents and reports of other States, periodicals, pamphlets, newspapers, catalogues, &c., of historical interest, which had been for several years in the Library.

All the books bound have been stamped "OHIO STATE LIBRARY," at the lower edge of the back. All the old books in the Law Department, (2,033 volumes,) have also been thus stamped, and all the new ones in both the Law and Miscellaneous departments, as well as 306 volumes of general character on which are permanent bindings. One complete set of Ohio Documents, in classified volumes, has been made. As soon as there is room on the shelves for more, another set will



be completed. It is the design of the Librarian, if the General Assembly deems it proper to make an appropriation for such a purpose, to arrange in appropriate styles of binding six sets of the Ohio Laws, Journals and Documents. There is now but one complete set of Laws in the Library, and one set of Journals, (excepting Senate Journal for 1802-3,) but we have six sets of Documents. We have one set of the Territorial Laws, but none of the Journals. These will be obtained the coming year, if possible.

Of United States Documents, Laws, Journals, Annuals and Reports, we have of some years many duplicates; of other years incomplete sets. Many volumes of interest, published by the Federal Government, have never been sent to the Library. It is designed to make a complete list of what is on our shelves and make application to our Senators and Representatives and to the proper Federal officers for the volumes which we have not. A small appropriation will be necessary to enable the Librarian to carry out this plan. When it is completed, it is proposed to put such duplicates of Federal Laws, &c., as are now in the Library, in charge of the Secretary of State, for distribution to the counties. Many of those which will be needed in the Library must be re-bound. Besides for re-binding for such a purpose, an appropriation is needed to complete the plans begun for re-binding and stamping books in the Miscellaneous department, which are too valuable to be left in an insecure condition.

We recommend for the purchase of books and to pay subscriptions for periodicals and newspapers-----	\$1,000 00
For binding, completing sets of Ohio Documents, procuring Federal and State Documents, Laws, &c-----	1,000 00
For contingent expenses-----	500 00
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	\$2,500 00

The appropriation for the Law department has not been expended.

The Legislature of last winter authorized the Commissioners to appoint a Janitor of the State House. In pursuance of that resolution, P. Winchester was appointed. The post is one of importance, and the salary is insufficient. The Commissioners would recommend the passage of a law defining the duties of the Janitor and affixing an adequate salary.

The Legislature of last winter required the Librarian to make an index of the Laws and Resolutions from 1845-6 to 1857, inclusive, and of the Documents in the Journals of the House and Senate from 1802 to 1836. That duty is discharged. A volume, containing the Indexes, has been published.

The Library is now in the temporary rooms that have been described. The permanent room is nearly ready for occupancy. As soon as the workmen have left it, the books, with the casings and shelves which now hold them, will be moved into it.

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