



IN HOUSE—Feb. 1, 1847.

STATE LIBRARY, FEB. 1, 1847.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House :

You will please present to the General Assembly, through the honorable body over which you preside, the accompanying report of the Commissioners of the Library.

WILLIAM BEBB,
SAMUEL GALLOWAY,
JOHN GREINER.

STATE LIBRARY, Feb. 1, 1847.

To the Hon. General Assembly of the State of Ohio :

The undersigned, Commissioners of the State Library, present, in accordance with the provisions of the 5th section of "an act to regulate the State Library," passed March 6, 1845, the following report :

Amounts received—

From Whiting & Huntington, for Reports,	-	\$240 00
J. H. Riley & Co., do	-	200 00
Ells & Claffin, do	-	28 80
Hayden & Elliott, and Sloane, Reports and Statutes, - - -	-	245 00
Desilver & Burr, - - -	-	142 76
For Report, Statutes, &c., sold at the Library, to Mc-		
Millen, Hart, Finch, Goddard, &c., - - -	-	35 82½
T. W. H. Mosely, Statutes, - - -	-	176 25

E. L. Smith, Statutes,	-	-	-	\$ 7 25
Gen. J. Medary, for a table,	-	-	-	2 00
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				\$1,077 88½
Balance in the hands of Comm'rs, as per last report,	-			130 68
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				\$1,208 56½
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Statement of Moneys Expended.

G. Vandemark, for enlarging Library room, making stairs, shelves, &c.,	-	-	-	\$120 00
Amount paid for books,	-	-	-	695 16
Freight and drayage,	-	-	-	22 75
C. Mattoon, for binding 177 copies of 11th vol. O. R.,	-	-	-	70 80
Maps for Library,	-	-	-	4 50
For work done in Library, by Frucas, Mack & Co.,	-	-	-	5 00
W. H. Protsman, for glazing, painting, &c.,	-	-	-	22 75
Osborn & Stewart, for carpet,	-	-	-	51 75
For chairs, and making carpet,	-	-	-	9 00
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				\$1,001 71
Amount received,	-	-	-	\$1,208 56½
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Balance in the hands of Comm'rs, and on deposit,	-	-	-	\$206 85½
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There has been received from Whiting & Huntington, Riley and others, in exchange for Reports and Statutes, books to the amount of \$192 06, which, added to the amount above specified (\$695 16) as purchased, makes the whole sum appropriated for books, \$887 22.

Of the amount stated as due, in last report, there is still a balance of \$39 50, which is well secured.

There is now due from Whiting & Huntington,	-	\$106 50
J. H. Riley & Co.,	-	126 74
David Heaton,	-	5 00
Samuel Thompson,	-	37 50
H. W. Derby & Co.,	-	48 00
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		\$323 74
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The amount due is entirely safe: \$233 74 can be obtained at any time; and the remainder will, most probably, be realized before the 1st of April.

With the balance in our hands, (\$170 of which has been recently received,) the amount due, and the funds anticipated from the sale of Reports, your commissioners expect to purchase between ten and twelve hundred dollars' worth of books during the present year.

The additions made to the various departments of the Library, during this and the preceding year, have met the approval of the judicious; and the hope is entertained that, in a few years, by the increased amount of means which may reasonably be anticipated, the Library will become an ornament to the State.

The sums of money received and due are the proceeds arising from the sale of 420 copies of vol. 14 O. R., 50 copies vol. 13, 60 copies Mills' Index, and Revised and unbound Statutes.

There are yet a large number of Revised Statutes distributed for sale under the care of agents, in different sections of the State. From all who, as agents, have received books, we have taken bonds, with sufficient security, for all moneys received by them, and for the re-delivery of all books which may, after a time specified, remain unsold.

Many of the books have been returned, and it is probable, from the representations of agents, that three-fourths of those now in their possession will be re-delivered, as there exists, in consequence of the large supply originally given to the counties, and the number sold since 1841, at present very little demand.

By the enlargement of the Library-room ample accommodations have been provided for the preservation of Reports, Documents, &c., belonging to the State, which had, hitherto, for want of a suitable repository, been exposed to loss and injury.

The geological and other specimens, property of the Ohio Historical Society, have been transferred to the care of the Librarian, and it is contemplated, during the present year, to obtain as large a collection as possible of the various specimens of art and science, and thus lay the foundation for a cabinet of curiosities, which may, by proper patronage, become a valuable accession and ornament to the State. Measures have already been instituted to accomplish this purpose, and the co-operation of all who can aid this design by the contribution of specimens, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BEBB,
SAMUEL GALLOWAY,
JOHN GREINER,

Commissioners of Library.

REPORT

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LIBRARY.



STATE LIBRARY,

FEBRUARY 2, 1847.

To the Hon. the Speaker of the Senate:

You will be pleased to present to the General Assembly, through the honorable body over which you preside, the accompanying report on the State Library.

WM. BEBB,
SAM'L GALLOWAY,
JOHN GREINER,
Commissioners of Library.

To the Honorable the General Assembly:

The Commissioners of the Library, in accordance with "an act to regulate the State Library," passed March 6, 1845, present the following annual report:

STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED.

From Whiting & Huntington, on account -----	\$124 00
Scroggs and Riley, do -----	125 00
Derby, Bradley & Co. -----	159 00
Desilver & Burr -----	136 15
T. W. Mosely -----	56 75
R. Redington -----	256 70
Gen. Goddard, D. Groff, &c., for statutes and indexes -----	19 07
W. B. Gilleland, Nash, Dowdy, &c., for Reports -----	37 00

From Kurtz & Lewbocker -----	7 20
Jonathan Phillips -----	20 00
Samuel Thompson -----	37 50
Walter Thrall -----	8 25
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Balance on hand as per last report -----	206 85½
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	<u>\$1,193 47½</u>

AMOUNTS PAID OUT.

For books purchased in Philadelphia, \$530.66; and expenses, \$30 -----	\$560 66
Discount on drafts, and freight -----	24 25
Amount paid J. H. Riley -----	25 00
Amount paid Derby, Bradley & Co., of Cincinnati -----	486 00
Expenses, freight and drayage on books, purchased in Cincinnati -----	15 25
Expenses Alger and Farnham -----	4 50
Expenses Howe, Swayne and Prescott -----	23 50
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	1,139 16
Amount received -----	1,193 47
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Balance in the hands of Commissioners and on deposit,	<u>\$54 31</u>

Of the amounts reported as due last year, all are paid, except \$5 due from D. Heaton, and \$1 74 on the account of Riley & Co., which is transferred to the account of the present year. Of the \$39 50, reported as due from 1846, twenty dollars have been paid by Jonathan Phillips, as specified in the enumeration of receipts. The balance due, \$19 50, is deemed safe.

There is now due from—

Whiting & Huntington -----	\$133 98
Riley & Co. -----	107 38
R. Redington -----	50 00
J. R. Scroggs & Co. -----	229 46
D. Heaton -----	5 00
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	<u>\$525 82</u>

If from this amount be deducted the sum due Derby, Bradley & Co., \$130, as a balance on the purchase of this year, there will remain \$395 82, to be hereafter appropriated for books. There are, also, on commission with J. F. Desilver, of Cincinnati, Reports and Indexes amounting to \$360 77, and 12 copies of Reports with Mr. Frazier, of Steubenville.

There have been received from Riley & Co., Scroggs, and Whiting & Huntington, in exchange for Reports, 52 volumes of books, amounting to \$138 52. The whole number of volumes purchased this year, is 600; of these, 189 are works on jurisprudence, consisting, principally, of American Reports; the remainder, 411, embrace every variety of topic. The entire cost of the purchases since Feb. 1, 1847, is \$1,362 87, of which all, excepting \$130 due Derby, Bradley & Co., has been discharged. The purchases for this year exceed those of any previous year, more than \$300. In the purchases for this year, special attention has been given to an increase of the law department of the Library, and especially to a fuller supply of American Reports, of which all that were obtainable in the western market have been procured. It was deemed expedient, owing to the frequency of applications for books on law which were not in the Library, and to the importance of having a full collection of standard works in this department, to apply to that object a larger amount of funds than has hitherto usually been appropriated.

The miscellaneous works have been chosen with a view to meet the various tastes and pursuits of those who have the use of the Library, and to secure the most recent and meritorious publications in each department of literature, science, and the arts. In making selections it has been our practice to avail ourselves of the intelligence of those most familiar with the different departments of knowledge, and we would be gratified to receive from the members of the Legislature, any instruction or advice as to the policy which has been pursued, or in regard to any other mode by which the character and interests of the library may be efficiently advanced.

There are more than 10,000 books in the Library; of these, nearly 2,000 have been added within the last three years. It is believed that with our present and prospective means, that in a few years our State will be supplied with a library which will fully meet the necessities of the advancing intelligence of her people, and be an ornament to her character.

It has been suggested that a different classification of the books should be made. This will be done in the spring, and would have been effected before this time, but as a great many new works had been purchased during the last three years, it was deemed expedient to keep them separate from the others, so that those interested might see what amount, and the character of the accessions which had been made. We have commenced a correspondence with the Librarians of two of the most celebrated libraries of our country, for the purpose of ascertaining their mode of arrangement, and we contemplate making the best classification possible, and to arrange our catalogue to suit the change.

It has also been suggested that it would be better to complete the standard works in each branch of literature or science in order, without attempting, as is the present policy, a gradual and uniform, although comparatively imperfect supply of all. It is doubted whether such a plan would be acceptable, as those devoted to the investi-

gation of a specific branch might deem its immediate and full supply to be more important than that of any other, and might consider any additions injudicious in which they did not equally participate. We have followed this suggestion in the law department, because of the almost unanimous expression in favor of its enlargement to meet present necessities.

We have commenced, as was intimated in our last report, to form, in common with the library, a cabinet, which shall embrace curious and interesting specimens in nature, art and science. But a few contributions have been received. As we have no funds to appropriate for the purpose, our exclusive dependence for success rests upon the liberality of those interested in the project. Several individuals have promised their aid and co-operation in the attempt, and we entertain the hope that many more will yet appreciate the importance of the enterprise, and give us efficient assistance.

WM. BEBB,
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Commissioners of the Library.