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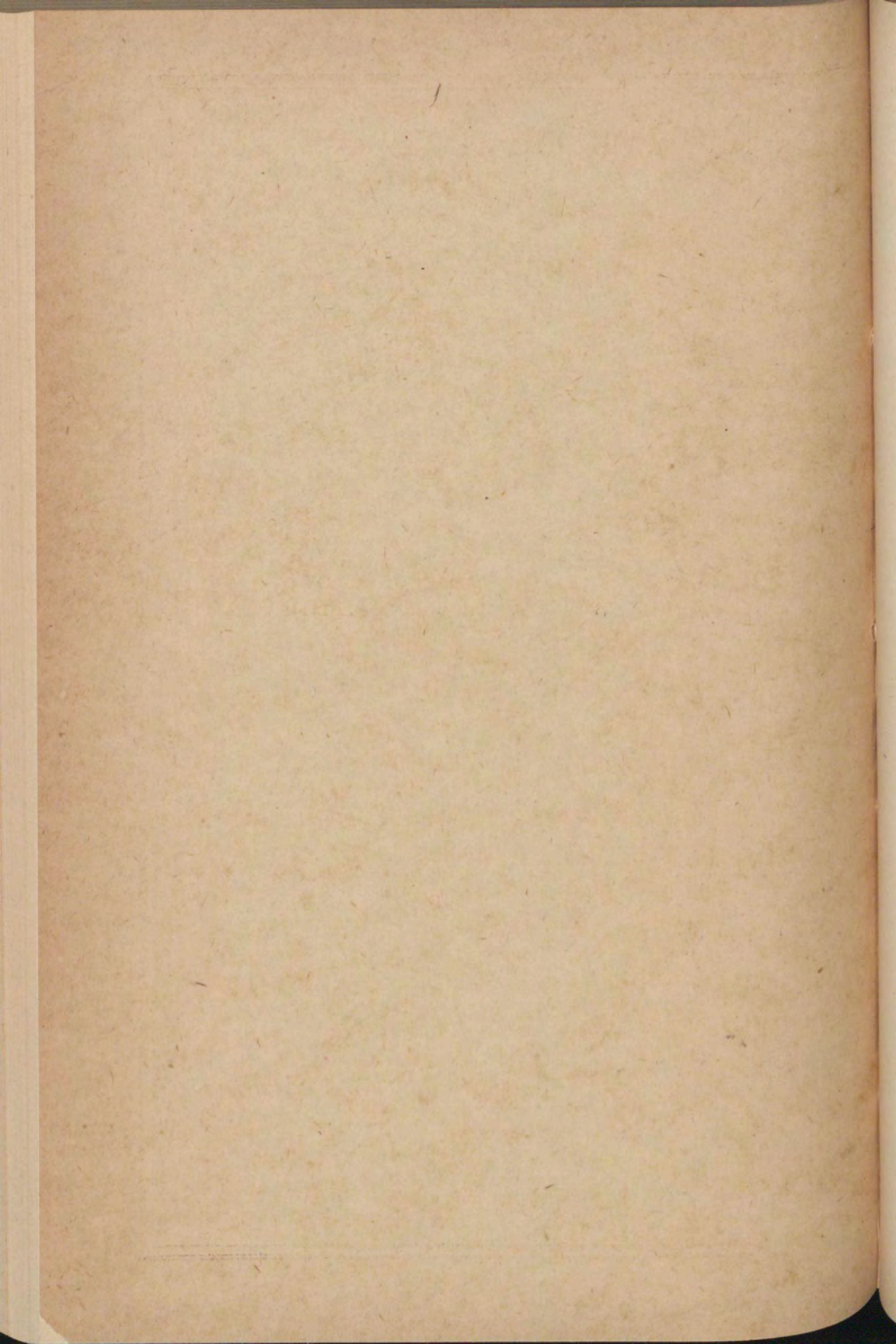
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## REPORT OF BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

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COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 15, 1899.

To His Excellency, Asa S. Bushnell, Governor of Ohio :

SIR : We have the honor herewith to submit the fifty-fourth annual report of the Board of Library Commissioners. The past year has been one of unusual activity in the library field. The Ohio State Library has held its place in this progressive movement. In no previous year have more books been added or more loaned. In 1896, 3,400 books were issued; in 1899, 25,216 volumes in the traveling and general library departments. Four hundred and forty-five traveling libraries have been distributed as follows: Schools, 176; women's clubs, 73; granges, 47; libraries, 11; Sunday schools and other religious organizations, 33; independent study clubs and other organizations, 105. That these libraries are highly appreciated is attested by the action of the following representative bodies :

"Be it resolved, That the State Grange urgently recommend that the subordinate granges make use of the excellent educational facilities offered by the traveling library, and recommend a liberal appropriation for the same." (Submitted by the committee on education and adopted at the last session of the State Grange.)

"Resolved, That we approve the liberal policy that has opened the Ohio State Library on equal terms to all citizens of the State; that we earnestly commend the devotion of State Librarian, C. B. Galbreath, to his work, and that we heartily endorse the action of the last General Assembly in appropriating \$4,000 for the maintenance of a system of traveling libraries." (Resolution adopted at the last annual session of the Ohio State Teachers' Association.)

To this commendation we wish to join our own. From the day that the present librarian assumed the office he has been tireless in his efforts to make the library a State institution in fact as well as in theory. His close relations with the common schools and his thorough acquaintance and sympathy with rural communities that do not enjoy library privileges have thoroughly qualified him for the work he has done. We wish also to commend those in subordinate positions in the State Library who have labored faithfully to carry out the work planned by the librarian and the Board.

In conclusion, we wish to urge that more room be provided for the library. The substantial growth of the past year might have been materially augmented at practically no additional cost had shelf room been available. We wish also to recommend that an appropriation be made for the publication in book form, with appropriate illustrations, of the history and condition of the libraries in Ohio to the close of the century. Such publications have been issued in other states where they have greatly aided the work of library extension.

(Signed)

J. F. McGREW, *President*,

O. E. NILES,

CHAS. ORR.



## STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 15, 1899.

To the Library Commissioners of Ohio:

GENTLEMEN: In my last annual report I drew attention to the fact that additional room was needed in the State Library. That need has grown more pressing. From reliable sources it is learned that practically all the space in the new building now in process of erection on the State house grounds has already been assigned. The offices to be vacated in the present Capitol will not be available for library purposes, and it is even intimated that the rooms now occupied by the State Library will be needed for committees of the State senate.

When the books in the library were classified and arranged by the decimal system three years ago, the erection of two large wings to the State house was contemplated, and the plans provided ample room for a State Library of 600,000 volumes. It seemed reasonable then to assume that by this time new quarters would be provided. The books were arranged with that end in view. The small space then available has already been occupied. A part of the floor of the main room has been taken for book stacks, but these have not been sufficient to accommodate the growth of the library.

Figures from the register show steadily increasing accessions, for which shelf room must be provided. Books have been added as follows:

Fiscal year ending November 15, 1896.....	1,049
"                    "          1897.....	2,412
"                    "          1898.....	5,238
"                    "          1899.....	7,200
Total.....	15,899

By actual count there were on the shelves of the library on September 15, 1896, 47,115 volumes. As will be seen from the foregoing statement, there have been added since 14,850 volumes, making a total in the library of 61,965 volumes. These figures show the rapid growth of the library and the imperative necessity that provision be made for a proportionate increase in the years to come.

There are reasons other than lack of space that make it desirable that new quarters be provided for the library. The present rooms were adapted to the ideas and ideals of their day, but the gradual evolution of



library work into a profession has wrought changes in library furniture and architecture. The modern library is not simply a store room for books. The librarian and assistants are expected to be something more than mere custodians. It is not enough that they stand guard over the books and frown away every one, who by a stretch of the imagination, might be considered an object of suspicion. Gloom and austerity are no longer regarded as the necessary concomitants of learning and wisdom. Assistants must not only be well qualified, but what is quite as important, they must find pleasure in serving the public. Rooms must be well lighted and ventilated, and an air of comfort and cheer should reign within. Specialists who patronize the library should be provided with facilities to pursue their studies unmolested. Separate rooms should be equipped for reference and traveling library work. Organizations, such as women's clubs and professional associations, should be recognized in the allotment of space and the collection of books. The capital city of our State is a central point for the meeting of such associations. Many of those that meet elsewhere are identified with the State. Each has its literature, and much of this may be had for the asking. Take for example, the Ohio Medical Society, which began the publication of its transactions as early as 1846. The literature of this society and the works it might secure through a system of exchanges with kindred organizations in other states, would soon make in themselves a collection of great interest to the medical profession. The expense necessarily incurred in collecting, cataloguing and arranging would be small. This would also be true of the publications of many other societies.

It seems entirely proper that the State Library should do this work in addition to that which is regarded as falling strictly within its province. With the room now at its disposal this, of course, is practically impossible.

The present rooms, even if they were ample and suited to State Library purposes, are not easily accessible. The Capitol building has no elevators. Lady patrons find the three flights of stairs wearisome. On days when large crowds are attracted to the State house there is necessarily more or less confusion that interferes with work. The carrying of traveling libraries up and down the stairways adds to the inconvenience of patrons, to say nothing of the hard work that it makes for the men handling the boxes.

The publications sent in exchange to other states are collected and shipped by the State Library. No suitable room has been found for this work. The one assigned in the basement of the State house is entirely inadequate. It provides practically no room for the accumulation of duplicate State publications so necessary in furnishing documents for new libraries.



These needs, with others not named, may be successfully met only by the erection of a modern library building that will be to Ohio what the congressional library building is to the United States. The State Library must have more room or soon cease to grow.

#### THE MISSION OF THE STATE LIBRARY.

The modern library movement, of which we read and hear so much, has reached the state library and made it an object of popular interest. Many questions are asked in regard to its work and its mission. I shall not attempt here to answer these in full. The sphere of its activities and influence has, perhaps, not yet been definitely determined. Different states present different conditions. What can properly be done in one, may be inexpedient or unnecessary in another. I shall briefly direct attention to the trend of sentiment and policy in a few other states.

Mr. Johnson Brigham, state librarian of Iowa, in a recent address said:

"The state librarian who is really interested in his work, and who really appreciates his opportunities for public service, must see before him a vast missionary field. That field is awaiting—not yet the harvest, but, in most states—first the breaking, then the grading, then the sowing, then the cultivating, and after that the harvest.

"The state librarian who sees in the duties and opportunities of his position only an endless chain of detail work—of buying, and checking, and accessioning, and cataloguing, and shelving, and finding, and replenishing, and so on round and round from year to year—is only a modern exemplification of the watch-dog theory of the medieval librarian, and as far behind the spirit of the new library movement as the 15th century was behind the 19th." \* \* \*

"The state must not let the popular demand for librarians die out for want of sustenance. It must not let the traveling library movement fritter away in a vain though well meaning attempts on the part of clubs to perform educational functions which properly belong to the state. We must show the partially convinced majority in the traveling library states, and the skeptical majority in the other states, that the maintenance of the connection, desired by some and already established by others, between the state and the individual scholar and reader and seeker after knowledge is as much a part of the duty of the state toward its citizens as is the maintenance of the relation which has long been sustained between the state and the common schools."

"In all our plans for the more intimate relation between the individual reader and the state we should regard the State Library as the storm-center of library activity."

Somewhat in contrast with this conception of the mission of the State Library, I quote from a paper by W. E. Henry, state librarian, Indiana:

"The chief end of the public library is to serve the people individually, the chief end of the state library is to serve the state as an institution. One by its nature becomes a reference library in matters of state and the other becomes a circulating library



of popular interest on miscellaneous matters. \* \* \* A popular interest within a state may be conducted from a central state office and should be, as is our public and popular education, but it is not the duty of the state to minister to the individual as such, and when the state attempts to reach and satisfy the personal wants of its individual citizens it is reaching beyond the province of the state and is attempting an end, which not only by its nature, but by its extent can never be accomplished."

We are not to understand, however, that Mr. Henry would have "the popular demand for libraries die out," for a system of traveling libraries has been established in Indiana under his direction.

In the whole library field there is, perhaps, no higher authority on this subject than Melvil Dewey, director of the New York State Library. In a recent report he says:

"The State Library, founded for the benefit of the people of the whole state, contains many books not readily accessible elsewhere and not so much used at Albany as to make their brief absence from the shelves a serious consideration. Many teachers in university institutions and others eligible to borrow books from the State Library find it of great advantage to have access to these books without incurring the serious expense and loss of time for the journey to Albany."

He further states that books will be sent outside of Albany to:

- "1. Any institution in the university.
- "2. Any registered free or public library.
- "3. Responsible heads of state institutions, departments or courts, or to those connected with the state government and needing books for use in their official work.
- "4. Registered study clubs, extension centers, summer schools or other recognized educational agencies.
- "5. Any resident of the state making studies or investigations in which he needs the assistance of the state library, provided that his responsibility is known to the library or that he give satisfactory references or makes a deposit covering the value of the books."

Mr. Dewey further says:

"It is usually the most convenient method for readers not known to the state library to have books sent to them through the local libraries or school authorities. The state library recognizes this lending of books to distant points as a very important part of its work and is anxious to be of service to the largest number possible of those needing its assistance not alone in lending but in recommending the best books and in furnishing, through its home education department devoted especially to such work, printed or manuscript aids to those pursuing studies or courses of reading without a teacher."

However widely opinions may differ in regard to the mission of the State Library, all will agree that organization and missionary work can be most successfully effected through some central authority. In some



states this work is done by a commission that sends out agents to organize new libraries and distribute traveling libraries. In others the work is done by the executive head of the State Library. In our own the Board of Library Commissioners carries on this work through the agency of the State Library.

#### STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY.

After collecting, as far as possible, the official documents of the State and the general government, one of the first duties of the State Library is to place on its shelves books, periodicals and newspapers relating to the State. In previous reports I have called attention to the weakness of the Ohio State Library along these lines. A number of valuable additions have been made, but the work has been only fairly begun. The scarcity of early and valuable works and the lack of appropriations to make personal research for this material makes the task of collection tedious and difficult. Very little can be purchased through second-hand book-dealers. The chief sources of supply are in private collections made by pioneer families and still found within the borders of the State. These little libraries of rare books are, for the most part, in buildings that afford little or no protection against fire—the element that has swept away so many valuable collections. Owners in a number of instances seem eager to make provision for the preservation of these collections. If they could feel assured that these would be safe in the custody of the State, it would be comparatively easy to secure valuable donations. Results extending over a number of years, when rigid rules were prescribed to limit circulation to State officials, seemed to prove that the State Library was not a very secure depository, as the following statistics will show.

On the 15th of November, 1896, the accession register showed 71,172 books and pamphlets in the library. By actual count there were found to be on the shelves 47,115, a difference of 24,057. The count was made by the Board of Library Commissioners, under the personal direction of one of their number, and signed by the entire Board. It was afterward verified and the report of the Board found correct in every particular except in the number of additions as shown in the accession register. The Board made the mistake by taking the register number for November 15, 1895, instead of 1896—a clerical error easily rectified by reference to the permanent records of this office. The publication of these facts, while not a matter of general interest, attracted the attention of library people, including those having private libraries rich in early state history. It is needless to say that they were not disposed promptly to ship their collections to the State Library for safe keeping.



## WORK OF LIBRARY COMMISSION—INCREASED CIRCULATION.

The Board of Library Commissioners was organized May 25, 1896. A review of its work might be timely, but I will not dwell upon it at length. The record will be found in the annual reports published since 1895. The first improvements undertaken were the classification and rearrangement of the library. The traveling library system was established a little later. At first the public was slow to take advantage of the opportunity to draw books. - A few figures will show the increase in circulation :

Books issued year ending October 1, 1883.....	3,438
“ “ 1886.....	4,728
“ “ 1892.....	4,400
“ “ 1896.....	3,400
“ November 15, 1898.....	6,019
“ “ 1899.....	12,399

In the general library the number of works consulted for reference shows a corresponding increase. The character of books loaned and read compares most favorably with those issued in former years.

## TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The traveling library department has steadily grown, and difficulty is experienced in furnishing books to meet the rapidly increasing demand. The department was organized in 1896. Libraries have been sent out as follows :

Prior to November 15, 1896.....	2 traveling libraries.....	50 volumes.
November 15, 1896, to November 15, 1897.....	62 “.....	1,331 “
“ 15, 1897, to “ 15, 1898.....	379 “.....	9,887 “
“ 15, 1898, to “ 15, 1899.....	445 “.....	12,817 “
Totals.....	888	24,085 “

Reports received indicate that each book sent out is issued about 10 times. Taking this as a basis, the circulation of books issued through the traveling libraries within the past year would reach about 128,170. The success of this department continues to surpass the most sanguine expectations of its friends and promoters. The New York traveling library was pioneer in the movement. Last year it loaned 14,017 volumes. It is gratifying to report that our own department, organized much later, within the year just ended has sent out 12,718 volumes.

More than three-fourths of these libraries have been sent to rural communities and small villages that have no libraries. Many have gone to schools and granges remote from city or town. Nothing that the State Library has undertaken has brought to it a larger measure of public



favor. The selection, accessioning and cataloguing of books and the administration of the system have made much additional labor for the library staff, but reports of good results and appreciative words from many patrons are a most gratifying return for the additional expenditure of effort and money. We have space for a few only of hundreds of appreciative letters on file in this office.

JACKSON, OHIO, April 26, 1899.

\* \* \* The traveling library has been of much benefit to the club women, and we hope to procure books from the same source for our work next year. \* \* \*

BERTHA STERNBERGER,  
*Secretary Woman's Literary Club.*

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WESTLAND, OHIO, December 21, 1898.

\* \* \* The plan you suggest is a most excellent one and can not fail to be appreciated by the agriculturists of the State. \* \* \*

S. E. STRODE,  
*Lecturer, Ohio State Grange.*

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NEW PLYMOUTH, OHIO, May 27, 1899.

\* \* \* The books gave excellent satisfaction. I hope to be able to select others in September. Have talked up several clubs for the purpose. \* \* \*

MRS. MARY LEE.

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HURON, OHIO, October 2, 1899.

\* \* \* The traveling library arrived in good condition. We are delighted at the prospect of the use of so many standard books on history and literature. They will be of great assistance. \* \* \*

EDWIN S. COLLIER.

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UNIONVILLE CENTER, December 6, 1898.

\* \* \* My high school students read the books and then write a review which is read before the school. The books greatly augment my success here. \* \* \*

J. M. MARTIN,  
*Superintendent Township Schools.*

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BIDWELL, OHIO, June 10, 1899.

\* \* \* Permit me to say that the use of the books has been highly profitable to our school and community. We are thankful to you for your promptness, and to the great State of Ohio for her interest in liberal education. \* \* \*

G. E. NEAL.

SHELDON, OHIO, March 20, 1899.

\* \* \* The society extends its thanks to you for promptness in sending books. It may interest you to know that since our organization a little over a month ago, we have made a collection of over 150 volumes—mostly books of reference. \* \* \*

FRANK L. JARVIS, *Teacher.*

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POWELL, OHIO, June 14, 1899.

\* \* \* After the books once got a "start" they wore well—in short, there have been about 600 readings of the 50 volumes. \* \* \*

BURTON MCCORMIC.

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GAMBIER, OHIO, April 11, 1899.

\* \* \* All the different works were quite satisfactory. We only hope that the next shipment we receive from you may do as much good. \* \* \*

A. C. BEGGS,  
*Librarian, Union Reading Club.*

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ROOTSTOWN, OHIO, September 29, 1899.

\* \* \* We certainly enjoyed this lot of books very much. We would like another consignment at your earliest convenience. \* \* \*

M. L. STAHL, *Librarian.*

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GROVE CITY, OHIO, October 25, 1899.

\* \* \* It gives me pleasure to note and report to you the great good the State Circulating Library is doing in this community. There has been a steadily increasing desire for reading good books since the first library came among us a year ago. Some volumes in the traveling library we now have on hand have been drawn 20 times. About 650 issues of books have been made in the past five months. \* \* \*

WILL C. MERRITT,  
*Superintendent of Schools.*

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ROOTSTOWN, OHIO, September 25, 1899.

\* \* \* I wish to express my appreciation of the plan by which we are enabled in this small town to reap the advantages of your splendid library. The books received have been circulated in connection with our Sunday school work. \* \* \* I wish to thank you for your evident care in sending us good, fresh books—not "back numbers" of "poor stock." \* \* \*

H. O. REED,  
*Proprietor Maple Lawn Farm.*



VAN WERT, OHIO, April 3, 1899.

\* \* \* We tried to get all the good things that the books contained, and in looking over my register, I see that there have been about 600 issues made since we received the books in November. The books were valuable in many ways, and the subject matter in general is of such high order in this assortment that I feel glad of the opportunity we have enjoyed of raising the standard of culture in this school. The benefits accruing from this venture will grow with time, and I, in behalf of my school, desire to thank you again for your kindness. \* \* \*

JOHN I. MILLER,

*Clerk of Board of County School Examiners.*

The following correspondence relative to a library sent to North Bass Island, in Lake Erie, is of interest:

ISLE ST. GEORGE, OHIO, October 17, 1899.

\* \* \* The business of this island (North Bass) is almost exclusively grape raising and fisheries. Now, if I could choose, I would ask for some works along those lines—say two or three volumes—and the remainder books of the pupils' and teachers' reading courses as prescribed by the Ohio Teachers' Reading Circle—good literature for pupils, ages 6 to 20. This we need very much, as we have no school library or any public library of any kind. \* \* \*

F. E. TUCKER, *Teacher.*

Early in November Mr. Tucker wrote:

After the 24th inst., we cannot depend upon transportation from Sandusky, so I am quite anxious to receive the library before that time.

A little later the traveling library reached its destination as stated in the following note:

\* \* \* Library came all right on boat Wednesday evening. I checked the list of books and found it correct. I am very sure it will be appreciated by the people here.

One can readily imagine how eagerly these books will be read in the lake-girt isle through the long winter evenings. An interesting report is expected when this traveling library returns.

While the traveling library has extended to many states, and is essentially the same in all, in details the Ohio system differs from others. It is due in part to the peculiar conditions that confronted the commission at the beginning of the work. The law establishing the commission carried with it the power to establish a traveling library department, but no appropriation was made for this purpose. The patronage of the State Library was then quite limited and it was found possible to make a selection of books from the shelves to furnish lists for a few traveling libraries.



When books were sent back they were returned to their places on the shelves. Books are now purchased especially for this department, and kept in a separate room of the library, but the original plan of making up the libraries was found so satisfactory that it has been continued. It has the advantage of great flexibility. Libraries can be made up to suit, in a measure, the preferences of patrons. New books can be added as they are published, and the libraries thus be kept up to date.

The number of books accessioned in this department is 7,138. It is still found necessary to draw from the circulating department of the general library, but this is not permitted to interfere with the proper work of that department. As the traveling library system grows, it is the policy of the State Library to make that the only department from which books circulate, while the appropriations for the general library are devoted to the purchase of books to be used for reference only.

While the plan now followed has obvious advantages, it means great additional labor for the library staff. Much less time would be required to handle libraries which are kept intact. Such libraries could be made up with advantage for certain classes of patrons, granges and public schools for example. The main part of each traveling library could be kept intact, and a few volumes could be added to meet special demands and bring the library up to date in matters of current interest.

It is gratifying to note the high character of the literature generally asked for in application from traveling library patrons. In two or three instances where requests were sent in for "25 or 30 volumes of the latest fiction," of course the order could not be filled, but the patrons consented to a compromise selection that included volumes of more substantial literature.

In the selection of books we have been guided to a great extent by recognized authority. Large purchases have been made from lists recommended by the Board of Control of the Ohio State Teachers' Reading Circle. Many agricultural books have been selected on the approval of the lecturer of the State Grange. The calendars of Women's Clubs that were received early in the year were used as guides in purchases for that class of patrons. Catalogues and supplemental lists of other libraries have been consulted in making selections for the consideration of the Board of Library Commissioners, who pass final judgment.

From the issue of the first traveling library the importance of keeping a complete and accurate record of all books issued, has been fully realized. The serial number of each traveling library, the name of the organization and librarian to whom it was sent, postoffice address, express office, county, number of volumes, date of issue and return, have all been made matters of permanent record. Duplicate lists of books properly



indexed have been kept for reference, so that a complete history of the system, including a full account of what has been issued to every patronizing organization, is constantly at hand for reference. The books sent out over the State have been, as a rule, carefully handled. The entire loss to the State has been only five volumes. It is expected that the price of these will be recovered in due time.

#### COUNTY AND OTHER LOCAL LIBRARIES.

One year ago I suggested that the friends of the library movement throughout the State should work to secure county and township traveling library systems to be operated from local centers of distribution. In our own State the experiment has been tried with gratifying results. Influential citizens of Columbus, aided by the county school examiners, now have in circulation among the rural schools of Franklin county, a number of traveling libraries. The continued demand for books has greatly encouraged the friends of the movement, and everything points to a steady growth and prosperous future. Those wishing to test the system in other localities will do well to correspond with the officers of the Franklin County Free Traveling Library.

By special act of the General Assembly at its last session, Hamilton county was authorized to levy a tax for library purposes, and the public library of Cincinnati has been opened to all the citizens of the county. Delivery stations have been established, and the county plan has been successfully inaugurated. About two years ago Mr. J. S. Brumback made a bequest of \$50,000 for the erection and equipment of a library in the city of Van Wert on condition that the county commissioners make a levy for its support. To the lasting credit of the county, the required levy was made, and the library will be open to all the people of the county. This action was made possible by a general law passed at the last session of the Legislature.

There are many reasons why the county should be a unit and the county seat a center of library interest and administration. A library located at the "county capital" could be made a depository for the publications of the State and National Government. The documents collected through a number of years, if systematically arranged and classified, would make in themselves a valuable reference library. At the same place could be collected for preservation and reference manuscripts and printed matter relating to the history of the county. Local historical societies, where such organizations exist, would willingly aid in building up such a department. In addition to all this, such a library could be made a point from which traveling libraries could be distributed to different parts of the county.



EXCHANGE OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS—SALE OF DUPLICATE STATE PUBLICATIONS IN 1888.

The exchange of public documents with the general government, the different states and other governments, is a work that all will agree comes strictly within the province of a state library. It is only within recent years that an effort has been made to devise ways and means to facilitate these exchanges. Much remains to be done in this field. From a number of the states the library does not receive complete exchanges. Frequent change of librarians is largely responsible for this. It is notably true that where tenure of office is dependent solely upon efficiency of service librarians send promptly whatever their states publish for distribution.

The files of exchanges in the State Library are by no means complete. Even if the earlier volumes could be secured, there is practically no shelf space left for them. Besides our own State has very few duplicates of early date to offer in exchange. Those bearing earlier date than 1888 are very scarce. Early in the session of that year a member of the House of Representatives introduced the following joint resolution, which became a law without opposition:

WHEREAS, There are several car-loads of old public documents and department reports in the vaults of the basement of the State house, which are valuable only as waste paper, therefore

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, That the Secretary of State having said documents and reports in charge, is hereby directed and authorized to sell the same and pay the money arising from said sale into the treasury of the State.*

From the report of the Secretary of State for the same year we learn that this law, the product of the collected wisdom of the time, was promptly carried into effect. He says:

The General Assembly last winter adopted a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to sell certain old public documents then lying in the cellar and valuable only as waste paper. Acting under this resolution 70,120 pounds have been sold, for which \$845.10 has been received. This amount has been paid into the State Treasury.

I have not been able to learn just what was sold, but am reliably informed that there is practically nothing left bearing date prior to 1888. Only those acquainted with the growing demand for early State publications can realize what was lost by this transaction.

BOUND PAMPHLETS.

Many pamphlets have been bound and placed on the shelves within the past year. Experience teaches that this is the best way to make such literature available.



"THE NEW LIBRARY"—PROCEEDINGS OF THE OHIO STATE LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION.

A little hand-book, "The New Library," compiled by the committee of the Ohio Library Association on Library Extension was issued by the Board of Commissioners since my last report. It contains much useful information for those interested in library work. It has had a wide circulation. A few copies remain for distribution.

The proceedings of the Ohio Library Association at its annual meeting in Toledo, August 9-11, were of unusual interest. A copy of Public Libraries, containing the proceedings in full, will be mailed from this office on application.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS IN OHIO LIBRARIES - OHIO NEWSPAPERS IN  
CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY.

While it has been difficult to add many early newspapers to those on file in the library, I have undertaken, with the approval of the Board of Library Commissioners, a compilation of lists of newspapers in other libraries of the State. The material for this publication is practically all collected and it will be ready for the public printer in the near future. I take this opportunity to acknowledge my obligations to the librarians who so generously responded to my request for assistance in this work. The publication will also contain a list of newspapers in the State Library and a list of Ohio newspapers in the Congressional Library.

NEWSPAPERS REMOVED FROM STATE LIBRARY.

On strictly reliable authority, I have learned that about the year 1876 several volumes of bound newspapers, amounting, it is estimated, to "a number of wagon-loads," were taken from the library and sold for waste paper. Many of these were local Ohio papers that could not now be replaced at any price. This loss to the State Library was most unfortunate.

OHIO'S RANK IN LIBRARY WORK.

A general survey of the library interests of Ohio and other states shows that while the past year has been one of substantial progress along many lines there is still much to be done to bring our State up to the high standard of others earlier in the field of aggressive professional library work. At the last meeting of the State Library Association, Mr. M. L. Crowell, one of the trustees of the Toledo Public Library, made some interesting comparisons. He said in part:



"Tracing the modern library movement geographically it is noticeable that for the last half-century the North Atlantic states, i. e., New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, have been the originators and active instigators of it. From one or another of these states have emanated successively the first laws which have set in motion library legislation elsewhere.

"Next to these in library activity are those states which have risen out of the old Northwest territory, Wisconsin leading the van in aggressive missionary spirit." \* \* \*

"When we come to compare Ohio with the other states in this general movement, it appears that she is a good follower, being in no case the first to organize or the last to adopt any good measure.

"Having, as has been stated, 7 per cent. of the public libraries of the country, she stands with nine libraries, tenth in order on the list of the 22 states which have the 100 largest libraries in the United States. She is also in a list of 20 states, from Maine to California, tenth in order in respect to the number of free volumes per thousand of population, Massachusetts having the largest number, i. e., 1,233, and Colorado the smallest, three volumes per one thousand of population. Ohio has 127 volumes per thousand of population.

"In a list of the 21 states to adopt school library laws she stands ninth in order.

"In the list of the 10 states that have library commissions she comes sixth; she is one of the six states which support a traveling library system by state aid, and she has followed closely in the footsteps of New Hampshire in the matter of enacting compulsory library laws, though the law differs very greatly from the New Hampshire law. In the list of the 23 states having state library associations she is fifteenth to fall in line.

"She is not, however, forward in the matter of private bequests for the endowment of public libraries, but one such being on record up to 1896. That the number of these is increasing is a gratifying sign. She does not, as nine other states do, afford state aid in money for the encouragement of new libraries in struggling communities; nor does she, as two other states have done, officially encourage the professional training of librarians and assistants."

On the same subject, Hon. W. F. Burdell, in an address before the Ohio Bankers' Association, says:

"A comparison with the State of Massachusetts ought to make the complacent Ohioan blush for shame. The total number of libraries in Massachusetts is 2,028—Ohio's total is about 146, located in 104 places. Massachusetts has 7,367,764 volumes valued at \$9,872,700—Ohio has so many less that if I knew the exact number I would be ashamed to state it. All but seven towns in Massachusetts have libraries and four of these have access to books in near-by towns. The towns in Ohio that have libraries are the exception, not the rule; in fact, but 48 have what might fairly be called public libraries. Massachusetts has 125 libraries that are gifts—many of them erected as memorials. She has up to date received upwards of \$8,000,000 not including the value of books, furniture, etc., for library purposes, from her citizens. She has three volumes to each inhabitant of the state, and in the free libraries one and one-half volumes to each person. Ohio has certainly less than one-fifth as many, and Ohio's population is nearly a million and a half greater than that of Massachusetts."



Not only have the older states of the east surpassed our own in the library movement, but a number of the newer states of the west are leaving us behind. Prominent among these is the State of Wisconsin, which is now erecting a magnificent library building at a cost of \$620,000; which is supplying books for libraries in its public schools; which is maintaining in addition a free library commission that is devoting its attention to the traveling library movement and aiding in the establishment of free libraries throughout the state.

The revival of interest now manifest among influential citizens is a hopeful sign. Ohio should not be merely a good follower, she should be well to the front in the educational movement that means so much for the comfort, culture and moral well-being of her citizenship.

Andrew Carnegie, the great iron king, has shown what intelligent philanthropy can do for the library movement. Three cities and one village in Ohio have been the objects of his favor. It is to be hoped that this example will be followed by men of means within the borders of the State.

Good books are endowed with a wonderful vitality. Such have made authors, humble and obscure in their generation, heirs to immortality.

"Sculptors of old in marble wrought—  
Here are the chiseled shapes of thought  
Peopling these chambers and these nooks,  
For statues of men's souls are books."

A measure of enduring fame assuredly awaits those who are instrumental in handing down these statues to the generation that is and those that shall follow—the builders of libraries and all who aid in extending the republic of books in which the greatest and the humblest may share alike the companionship of the master minds of all time.

C. B. GALBREATH,

*State Librarian.*





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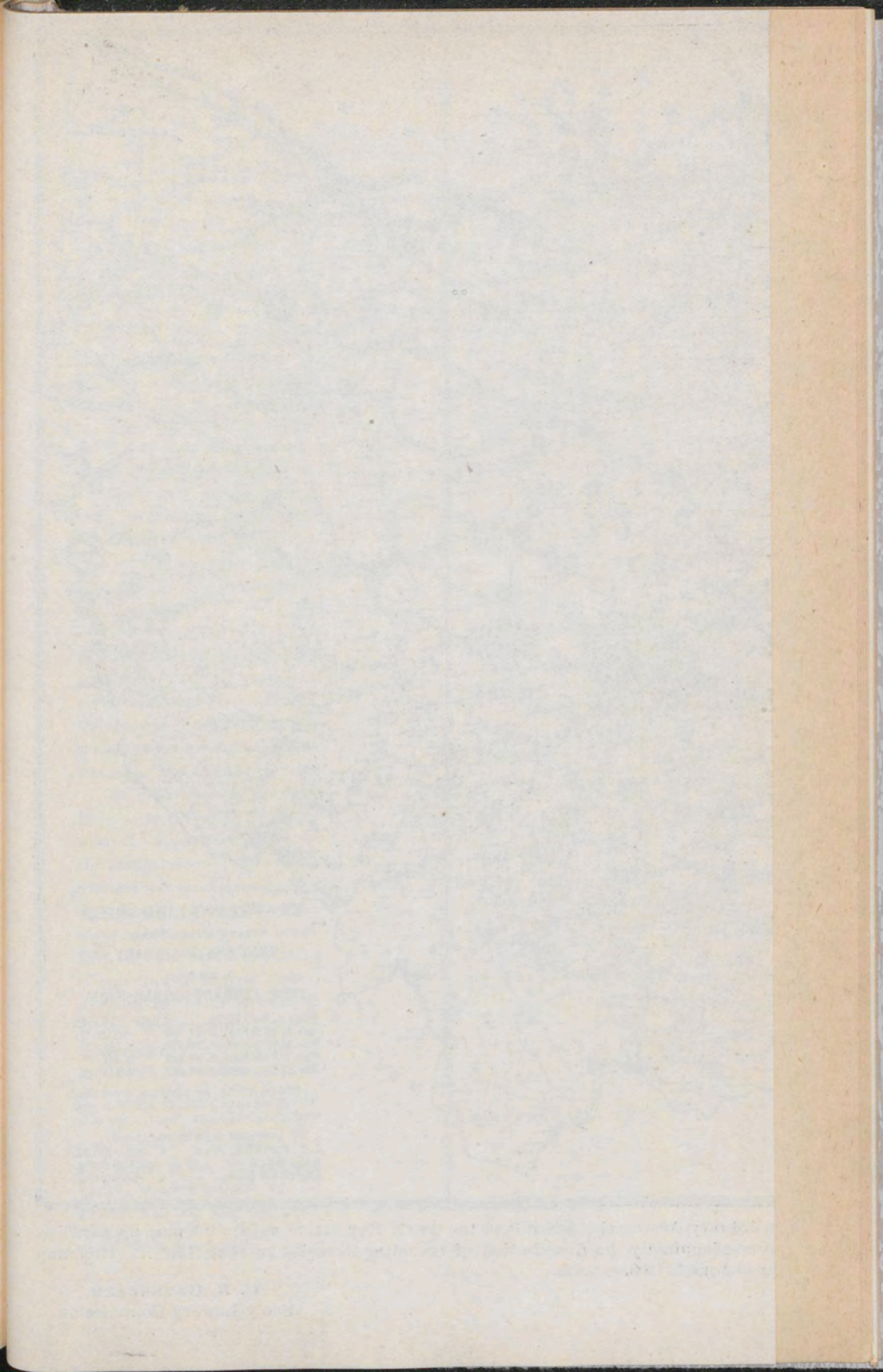
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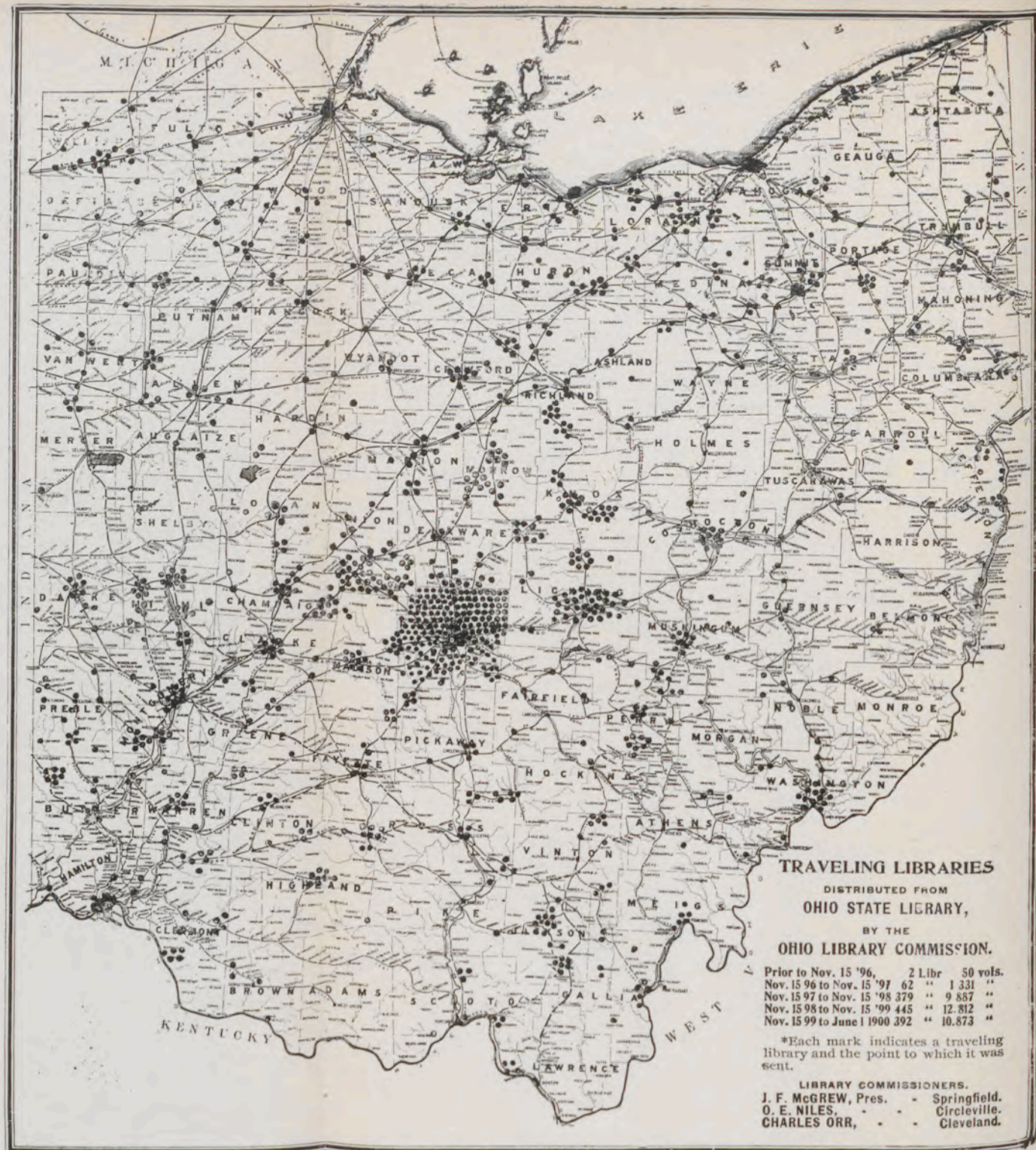
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 Sec'y Library Commission.



## APPENDIX.

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### LEA TO BUSINESS MEN—WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR THE TRAVELING LIBRARY.

[Extract from an Address, "After Business Hours," by Wm. F. Burdell, before Ohio Bankers' Association, at Columbus, Ohio, October 11, 1899.]

And now for my second investment of "after business hours," and while the dividends may seem to be deferred they will come, and if you don't enjoy them your children will; and your country will be better and happier, and farther along on the splendid highway of progress and civilization. Prior to 1860 the State of Ohio did something for free libraries throughout the State. The State recognized that free schools and free libraries went together—that learning to read made reading matter imperative; that when it taught reading it was a part of wisdom to have good books at hand, rather than trust to the chance of perverting the minds of the youth with vicious and dangerous literature.

The war of the rebellion diverted the public thought; the State found it necessary to economize, and the free library act was repealed. Even the State Library located in the Capitol building was not free until 1896. Think of locking up 60,000 volumes and permitting only State officers the use of them outside the library! A small number of the cities of the State have public and school libraries, but the smaller towns and rural communities are almost entirely without free books. In June, 1896, the State Library was made free, and the traveling libraries were inaugurated.

So great has been the demand for these traveling boxes of books that the available force of employes at the library is taxed beyond the possibility of further demands upon it. More than 850 libraries averaging 25 volumes each, have been sent out since the inauguration of the system. There has been no advertisement to take books. The demand was spontaneous—is now enormous, and seems to be growing. In one instance 31 volumes in a traveling library at one point had over 600 issues in a little more than three months. It proves beyond a doubt our poverty in the matter of books. It proves that our rural and small town populations have leisure that can be profitably employed if opportunity is given them. It proves that thousands of our people in Ohio are thirsting for books to read, thirsting to go on with the education begun in the public schools, eager to commune with the wisdom of the past, and know the best of the world's contemporaneous thought. Let me tell you what has been done here by some county school teachers and our probate judge, with but \$500.

These gentlemen inaugurated the system of free traveling libraries, first started by Senator Stout for the farmers of Dunn county, Wisconsin. They began with 21 cases, each containing 35 books. The case is a neat wooden box that costs about three dollars, and is sent to the district school teacher, to a member of the Township Board of Education, or some reliable and interested farmer. The case is sent to a place for a period of two months, and frequently every book is drawn within an hour after the case



arrives. It is simply astonishing how these books go out, how eagerly they are sought, how greedily devoured. There are instances of farmers driving 15 miles to town and back that the library might be in the neighborhood on the day promised.

This Franklin County Free Traveling Library was especially designed to interest the school youth, but the interest cannot be limited to age. I want to recommend this traveling library as a diversion that will bring profitable returns. If you have a free public library at home suggest to the trustees this traveling library feature for your farmer communities, and take a hand in the work of inaugurating it yourself. If you have a library in your town go into it and look about. Is it attractive, and clean, and inviting? Is the librarian courteous? Are the books modern as well as ancient? See by all means that you have a reading room for boys and girls supplied with the best periodicals of the day for the youth; books of adventure that go to a boy's heart and satisfy it, that rivet his mind; healthy, sturdy, manly books, heroic history and interesting biography. Don't forget that in a republic like ours every man is a king and every boy a prince who will one day have the sovereign power (a ballot), put into his hand. It is our duty to do whatever we can to make him worthy of that great responsibility, and good books help to teach good citizenship and fearless patriotism.

My plea is for the simplest and plainest form of library service. Not imposing buildings and tall counters behind which books are hidden on dark shelves. These conditions awe the modest. The books should be companions and friends—accessible and familiar. They should be as free as the water of the town pump, and like it, should seem to invite indulgence. James Russell Lowell once said that the librarian usually regarded himself as the watch-dog to keep people away from the books; to hand them over to his successor as little worn by use as possible. We want now a custodian who keeps the books *out* of his custody, and *in* the homes of the people.

Library books should be selected not because of their antiquity or their profound learning. These, too, often shoot over the heads of the youth. They should be the modern, up-to-date thoughts of the best authors, those that portray the human sympathy of to-day. The books of reference and general information should be of the useful practical kind that brighten the mind and brush away the cobwebs of prejudice. I tell you, gentlemen, the library is the antidote for the anarchy that comes into the human breast and gnaws away charity. It is the salve that heals trouble, and mollifies disaster. Through the clouds and mists of ignorance it is the lighthouse of intelligence and truth and humanity. The library has been called the granary of the world's brains, and since the first Ptolemy established the first library at Alexandria, it has been the gauge of the world's advancement in learning. The early libraries were almost priceless, and only the very rich were able to afford themselves the luxury of using them. With cheap books came universal enlightenment. To-day in the United States there are perhaps thirty-five million volumes available for use in one way and another. Double the number; make seventy, eighty, or one hundred million free and easily available to the people's use; keep up the magnificent free schools of America and the problematic, the experimental element of our republican form of government is eliminated. The republic will be safe.

The little, inexpensive rural traveling library that I recommend especially, will facilitate vastly the education of your farmer boys and girls. A library case in the school district arouses the whole neighborhood, and one good book interests a family. It makes clearer to the father the need of sparing his boy from the farm work for the necessary hours at the school house. It brings an atmosphere at once elevating and



diverting from the monotony of farm life. It kindles the spark of ambition in the boy, and breeds the spirit of sacrifice in the parent. It makes the girl more aesthetic. It lightens labor and adds a charm to the fireside on wintry evenings. The modest walls stretch away and sordid, contracted views give place to broader, kindlier feelings. The world is re-peopled with the inmates of the library. The brow of trouble is smoothed in peace. The standard of life is raised, patriotism revived, and the best and purest instincts prevail.

And you yourself will find in one of these "after business hours" that just off the bustling, crowded thoroughfares of daily life are the little quiet by-streets of helpful sympathy and thoughtful brotherly pride and interest in your fellow-men.

These little by-ways are not hard to find if we look for them, and the finding is sweeter for the seeker than the found. They are there, and they serve to fan the sometimes feeble flame of divinity, that is said to be in us which materializes charity, and makes religion more than a mere "rhapsody of words."

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#### EDITORIAL IN GRANGE DEPARTMENT OF OHIO FARMER.

A number of inquiries are at hand which show that the above subject is not as well understood in grange circles as it should be. The State Librarian at Columbus will furnish application forms to those who ask for them, which may be filled out by the secretary or members of any club, grange, association of citizens or school board. Thus a list of desired books to the number of 35 may be made up and sent to the State Librarian, who will ship the goods as soon as practicable. The club association pays the transportation both ways. This is the only charge. The books can be retained three months, with privilege of renewal.

It is to be hoped that members of our order are availing themselves of this splendid opportunity for self-improvement. To the young who for any reason can not get a liberal education or have ready access to books at home or in the community, it is a priceless boon. The farmers' season of leisure is at hand and it is surprising how much one can read, if he reads, and does not indulge in mental laziness. It was said a long time ago that "we must educate," and that cry has been growing in volume through all the years since. Education is one of the sure foundation stones upon which our order rests. It does not profit us, however, though our foundation be secure, if we do not build thereon. Orators tell us that "we are the heirs of all the ages," and it is true, but only to the extent that we invite and appropriate the princely heritage. It will not come to us at the corner grocery nor while dozing by a winter's fire. It will not come to us anywhere, but like everything of value, it must be taken, and happily it is within the reach of all. The world's great storehouse of thought and wisdom is ours through the medium of books. Faithful instructors, loyal friends, and almost without money and without price!

The papers report that upon the mention of General Garfield's name in Congress yesterday a wave of sentiment and feeling swept over the great hall. Why, after 20 years have passed since his services there? It was because of his pure life, remarkable personality and his great learning and mental power. It was said of General Garfield that he was never surprised, no matter how sudden the call to action. He rose



to the occasion while other men were hunting for facts and information. He wore spurs, but he had "buckled them on beforehand," as all must who wear spurs at all. General Garfield was great because of what he had read and thought. All cannot reach the exalted plane upon which he stood, but to the extent of our ability we can, with him, be the heirs of all ages.

### TRAVELING LIBRARIES AND THE GRANGE.

[Extract from article in Ohio Farmer by Mrs. Mary E. Lee.]

In 1897 the Ohio State Legislature made an experiment which entitles it to lasting honor and praise, viz., an appropriation of \$4,000 for the establishment of a system of traveling libraries. The result has far exceeded the hopes of the most sanguine. Under the judicious management of the State Librarian hundreds of libraries, composed of the best books, have been sent to rural communities. In this way the remotest corner of our State has equal advantages with the greatest social center, in being able to read the choicest works of literature. A double blessing has resulted, one for those whose far-seeing patriotism prompted them to make this appropriation; the other, for those whose lives were made brighter, outlook broader, sympathies deeper and whose ambitions were quickened and intensified.

Surely no money was ever spent more wisely. No \$4,000 ever purchased for so many people in so many different parts of the State, so many opportunities for mental self-culture. No matter how complete the isolation from the great outside world, any one with the energy to obtain and the intellect to enjoy, can, for the mere express charge on the 25 to 40 books sent out, enjoy a feast of wit and wisdom. As an example of the value of books, I would say that our grange secured over \$75 worth at a total cost of \$1.04 for postage and expressage. At the end of six months these books were returned and others secured, thus giving us at a trifling expense, opportunities we could not otherwise have had.

I had the pleasure of being at a town when the traveling library was opened. A grange had ordered it and the members were on hand to see the new books. One dear old lady whose hair was silvered, whose hands bore the marks of toil, whose eyes had that wistful, hungry look which indicates a craving for the higher things of life, but who had been denied them, stood anxiously by as the key was turned in the lock. She had the appearance of one who longs for, yet dares not hope that some of her yearnings are to be satisfied. As the lid was raised, eager hands lifted the books. Strong voices called out the titles, "Holmes' Poems," "Little Minister," "The Great Conversers," "Words, their Use and Abuse," "Idylls of the King," and so on through a long line of choice works by the world's great authors. \* \* \*

I can but believe that wherever those books go their mission will be blessed tenfold. I can but believe that many hundreds of voices were lifted in thanksgiving for similar favors, all over this great State of ours. Our experiences are similar, our joys and sorrows one.

There was a chastened joy in that room that day; each had found something that pleased him. One bright young man carried the first volume of Storer's "Agriculture," Robert's "Fertility of the Soil" was peeping from the pocket of another. An orchardist had captured two of Bailey's works, while a school boy was radiant with his prize, "Nansen's Farthest North." What did our old lady take? "Beside the Bonnie



"Brier Bush." No doubt she wept with Marget Howe. Like Domsie, she could "detect a scholar in the egg and propesied Latinity from a boy that seemed fit only to be a cow herd." She could understand the "heart gold" of those homely folk.

I wish I could tell you what they said and what they looked. Let every lover of books, who has been shut away from the sunlight they shed; whose life has been a long one of toil and self-denial; who often would hear and read, as in a fairy tale, of the writers who had wrested from nature her secrets, and laid them bare in some royal volume, let them tell you what was felt! How many of our mothers have spent years in acquiring an education, what dreams they have dreamed you and I know. What disappointments they have experienced you and I may know, sometime. How they have bravely struggled to make a home, and later, when the little ones came, how they longed to be able to train them wisely; to feed them the crumbs of knowledge, wit and wisdom of centuries, but could not. The children must be fed and clothed, and somehow, when the taxes were paid, the church dues kept up, and the occasional doctor's bill settled there was not much left for the buying of books. But the longing was there; the heartache, the despair as a loved son or daughter left the home nest to try their fortune under a more genial sky. "Could I have given them books and pictures they would have staid," cries the mother. Perchance the boy is irresolute; maybe the girl is weak. Alas! over how many homes sorrow settles down like a black pall, that only death can remove.

[After quoting from Miss L. E. Stearns, and Dr. Josiah Strong in regard to the evils of the bad literature circulated in cities, the writer continues:]

These fearful conditions are not confined to the city. As a pupil I knew of the vile stuff circulated in the schools and as a teacher I sought to counteract its influences by the use of good reading. One school which was notorious became so interested in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" that it called for more books. We got up an exhibition and bought more, one of which was "Winning his Way," written, I think, by Coffin. Parents and children were alike eager to read the story and it was promised far ahead. What is the result? Two boys who had never before dreamed of anything higher than a dog and gun, became successful teachers and spent several terms in college. Oh! the power of good books! Read the history of those upon whose brow time has placed the laurel wreath and you will find that their inspiration came from the books they read.

Do you think your boy and girl are ignorant of vicious trash? The sad fact is that a large per cent of our rural communities have one or more boys who take a delight in furnishing this kind of matter. Evil men with shrewd minds furnish much of it free, knowing that the youthful mind is easily influenced. They expect to reap their reward in an increased saloon business, or in selling more and more of this vile trash. This stuff seldom crosses the threshold of the home. It is hidden away to be feasted on in private. Not all become vicious, but many have lower ideals. Happily, the home influences and the natural tendencies of a child's mind, counteract to some extent this disease. But why have such a festering sore? Why not supply your boys and girls with reading matter of a pure, noble kind? Why not feast them on deeds of heroism, chivalry, nobility, self-sacrifice? Children respond with ready sympathy to the predominant influence surrounding them; their emotions are easily aroused; they are ready imitators; ardent in their impulses, steadfast in their friendships. Why not take these natural qualities of the mind and use them for the betterment of the human race? How better can you do this than by surrounding them with entertaining books? Al-



most unlimited is the wealth of juvenile literature. It embraces science and art, history, biography, religion; wherever there is an interesting topic, there is a mind ready to simplify it, and make it fascinating for the child. With such a vast fund to draw from, it seems almost criminal to deprive the child of its advantages. Will they read the books? There are very few, if properly encouraged, that will refuse. One child speaks of a book to another, he to a third. Curiosity and the love of knowing as much as another leads others to read this work. So interested do they become that they will make sacrifices to get in touch with what interests others. Thus the good work goes on, and many a child that could be reached in no other way is helped to a better way of living through his love of knowing what others know.

Our order seeks to develop a "higher and nobler manhood and womanhood." Its most telling and most permanent work is with the little ones. The traveling library makes it possible for every grange in the State to secure for its neighborhood the advantages offered by our towns. This is a purely rural affair. The cities and large towns have their free libraries. It is the country and small towns, the area from which our kings of finance, of thought, of action, come, that have not these advantages. The future of our country is wrapped up in the brain cells of the boy and girl trudging sturdily to school. If their aims are high; their ideals noble; if by reading of the achievements of great minds they may be led to emulate their example—then will we, as a State, advance to yet higher deeds of greatness. The problem of the city will be solved when the country contingent goes to it with zeal and determination to solve it—when the young man who has noble, pure thoughts, a well balanced mind, and a strong will to withstand the many temptations to swerve just a little from right. If his early surroundings, if his reading teaches him that justice is always triumphant; that while a dishonest or unmanly act may succeed for a time, yet retribution is sure, then will he have the courage to stand true and steadfast. His observation of passing events is too narrow to teach this lesson.

Where then can he find the confirmation except in good books? And how better can the parent supply these books than through the traveling library? The farmer pays the taxes that support the library; he ought to reap the benefit. During the coming Legislature many bills will be introduced asking for appropriations that will not benefit the farmer. Let us demand our share. Brothers and sisters, the question is before you. How will you answer?—Mary E. Lee.

(We publish the above lengthy article entire, because it advocates a grand educational means within the reach of all, but neglected by many. We trust it will awaken every grange and rural center reached by the Farmer.—Editor.)

## THE LIBRARY MOVEMENT—WHAT OHIO HAS DONE AND IS DOING.

[By C. B. Galbreath, in The Ohio Educational Monthly, September, 1899.]

The library movement inaugurated within comparatively recent years bears a close relation to modern educational progress. This movement, like its predecessors, originated in the east and touched Ohio in its rapid westward journey. From Boston it spread throughout the Bay state, where in almost every village and city it has reared its monuments of brick and stone to which the humblest citizen may come and enjoy the treasures of the world's collected thought and experience. One has only to read the



recent report of the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts to learn what has been done to bring helpful literature to the homes of that historic commonwealth. According to this report, of the 353 towns of the state, all but seven have access to free libraries, and of these latter, three have subscription libraries. The inhabitants of the towns not enjoying library privileges, number less than one-half of one per cent. of the entire population. The buildings erected for library purposes through gifts and bequests of generous citizens bear testimony to the enlightened philanthropy of the east. Ten thousand dollar library buildings in towns of less than 3,000 population are not uncommon. On the roll of honor concluding the report are the names of 123 "givers of free public library buildings in the State of Massachusetts."

Coming farther west we find New York with its magnificent state library at Albany, its aid for free local libraries, and its traveling library system—pioneer of its kind in the United States.

Passing on to the northwest we come to Wisconsin, pre-eminent in the interest she manifests in the education of her children. At Madison a stately and beautiful library building is nearing completion at a cost of \$620,000. Into this will soon be moved the large and valuable collection of books, papers and documents belonging to the State Historical Society—the growth of years under the efficient administration of Reuben Gold Thwaites. What Wisconsin has done for her library interests at her capital she has grandly supplemented with a system of school libraries that reaches every district in the state. Not satisfied to pause here, she has organized a free library commission and appropriated for its use \$7,500 annually, which is devoted largely to salaries and traveling expenses of eminent representatives of the profession who visit hamlets and rural communities and carry on with the most gratifying results the propaganda of free libraries for all the people. Public meetings are held, free lecturers are given, the stereopticon is used, donations of books and magazines, new and second-hand, are received and utilized for traveling libraries in townships and counties. The farmer lad far out on the plains enjoys the companionship of good books and is made to feel that the state has an interest in his moral and intellectual welfare.

Nor are these states alone in liberal provisions for this important adjunct to the free school system. Others, east and west, are making rapid strides toward the realization of the same ideals.

In the upper Ohio valley, the wealthy manufacturer, Andrew Carnegie, has set a noble example for benevolent millionaires who would be remembered as public benefactors. He has truly declared that the free public library is the university of the common people. And the temples that he has raised where the Allegheny and the Monongahela unite to form our "river beautiful" will be thronged with an ever increasing attendance of citizen students who, like a wise man five and a half centuries ago, shall say of good books:

"These are the masters who instruct us without rods and ferules, without hard words and anger, without clothes or money. If you approach them they are not asleep if investigating you interrogate them, they conceal nothing; if you mistake them, they never grumble; if you are ignorant, they cannot laugh at you.

"You only, O Books, are liberal and independent. You give to all who ask, and enfranchise all who serve you assiduously. Truly you are the ears filled with most palatable grains. You are golden urns in which manna is laid up; rocks flowing with honey, or rather, indeed honeycomb; \* \* \* store rooms ever full; the four-streamed river of Paradise, where the human mind is fed and the arid intellect moistened and



watered; fruitful olives; vines of Engaddi; fig trees knowing no sterility; burning lamps to be ever held in the hand."

Great and wise is the iron king; his name will be cherished by the readers of books when the purchased laurels of fleeting power shall crumble on forgotten graves.

What has Ohio done and what is she doing?

Forty-five years ago no state in the Union could claim precedence over our own in provisions for popular education. It is an old story that has been told more than once in these columns, but in view of present duty and opportunity it is a story that will bear repetition.

The history of the educational movement in our State prior to 1860 is interesting for many reasons. As we reverently turn the pages we learn what problems claimed the attention of our fathers before the tocsin of war echoed through the land. Their ideals were high. They were thoroughly in earnest and to their faith they added liberal contributions to the public treasury. They believed that the free school and the free library should go hand in hand; that the child should not only be taught to read but that the power acquired should be nourished by healthful food and directed to useful ends; that it was the duty of the state to introduce the citizen, through the medium of books, to the master minds of the ages. They believed that wealth was not the only virtue, that opulence was not the only avenue to usefulness and human happiness. They believed that ignorance was bondage, that qualities of heart and brain were the measures of true manhood, that honest toil with a competency and leisure for the companionship of books were conditions favorable to contentment, intellectual progress, manly independence and useful citizenship. As an illustration of their ideal, one of their distinguished representatives was wont to quote George B. Emerson who said of the leather-dresser of Cambridgeport:

"For many years, and many times a year, I have passed by the shop of that diligent, industrious mechanic, whom I have often seen busy at his trade, with his arms bare, hard at work. His industry and steadiness has been successful and he has gained a competency. But he still remains wisely devoted to his trade. During the day, you may see him at work. At night he sits down in his parlor by his quiet fireside, and enjoys, through his choice and beautiful library, the company of the most extraordinary collection of friends that any man in New England can boast of. William H. Prescott goes out from Boston and talks with him about Ferdinand and Isabella. Washington Irving comes from New York, and tells him the story of the wars of Granada, and the adventurous voyage of Columbus, or the legend of Sleepy Hollow, or the tale of the Broken Heart. George Bancroft sits down with him, and points out on a map of colonies the settlements of America, their circumstances and fates, and gives him the early history of liberty. Jared Sparks comes down from Cambridge, and reads to him the letters of Washington, and makes his heart glad with the heroic deeds of that god-like man for the cause of his country. Or, if he is in a mood for poetry, his neighbor, Washington Allston, the great painter steps in and tells him a story—and nobody tells a story so well—or repeats to him lines of poetry. Bryant comes with his sweet wood-notes, which he learned among the green hills of Berkshire. And Richard H. Dana, father and son, come, the one to repeat grave heart-stirring poetry, the other to speak of his *Two Years Before the Mast*. Or, if this mechanic is in a speculative mood, Professor Hitchcock comes to talk to him of all the changes that have befallen the soil of Massachusetts since the flood and before; or Professor Espy tries to show him how to predict a storm. Nor is his acquaintance confined to his own country. In his graver hours, he



sends for John Herschel from across the ocean, and he comes and sits down and discourses eloquently upon the wonders of the vast creation—of all the worlds that are poured upon our sight by the glory of a starry night. Nor is it across the stormy ocean of blue waves alone that his friends come to visit him; but across the darker and wider ocean of time come the wise and good, the eloquent and the witty, and sit down by his table, and discourse with him as long as he wishes to listen."

School Commissioner Barney, in one of his annual reports, voiced the prevailing sentiment of Ohio:

"Enlightened public sentiment is unanimous in the belief that the preservation of our free institutions demands that the sources of useful knowledge should be as numerous and as widely diffused as possible; and that prominent among these sources of valuable information, and second only to our public schools and religious institutions are school district and township libraries."

For these school libraries the state appropriated in round numbers \$300,000 and supplied the schools with 40,000 volumes of the best literature of the times. The *New York Tribune*, under date of March 29, 1859, contains the following interesting notice of the last purchase of books:

"All the free space of the immense sales room at Appleton's is now occupied by great masses of these books, piled solidly like brick, ready for packing and shipment. In bulk, they measure over 25 solid cords, and they weigh 78 tons. Piled on end, on a shelf, and in the usual manner, and as close together as possible, they would extend from the City Hall to Union Square, a distance of two miles. We understand the Messrs. Appleton have made arrangements to transport the entire lot by special freight trains, to be run straight through from this city to Columbus."

Governor Chase in his message of January 5, 1857, said:

"Township libraries may be substituted with advantage for district libraries; and I would further suggest that the library at each county seat should be made a county library and supplied, as far as possible, with the public documents of the State and National Government."

Had this suggestion been carried out and had the law then on the statute books continued in force, excellent circulating and reference libraries would be found in every county and township in the State. The suggestion was not adopted, and to-day there are perhaps not five libraries in Ohio that have anything like a complete set of government publications for the last 10 years. Even at this late day the Legislature of Ohio would do well to consider the recommendation of Governor Chase.

The law authorizing a general levy for library purposes was repealed in 1860. The civil war and its burden of debt directed public attention to other questions. Outside of the cities the free public library disappeared, and for 35 years the rural schools have been dependent upon the home for supplementary reading. It is well understood that this supply is often limited in quantity and sometimes inferior in quality. Frequently parents are not able to send children to higher institutions of learning. Occasionally one bright boy or girl is selected from a family and sent to the high school or to college. Who is concerned about the others who remain on the farm? In the city grand libraries are erected, museums are supplied, laboratories are equipped, and the art gallery stands invitingly open. Who cares for the country boy as he goes to his task under the open sky with vision girt in by waving woods and silent hills? What has been done in recent years to attune his soul to nature's music and interpret to his understanding the mysteries of the mighty amphitheatre in the midst of which he stands? What min-



strel note has touched the heart—what hand has pointed beyond the heights? One summer day Whittier met Robert Burns under a shade tree in the harvest field. The Ayershire poet came on the wings of a humble volume, and the simple message that he brought inspired the Quaker lad to speak words that shall live while the literature of the republic endures. The country lad has not changed. The part that he has played in the history of the State demonstrates that he is "strong to breast the blows of circumstance," and quick to grasp the hand of opportunity. What is the State doing for him?

So far as library privileges are concerned, since 1860, the State has done practically nothing. We all recognize and appreciate the excellent work of the Teachers' Reading Circle. It has prepared a course of reading which has been extensively studied and with most gratifying results. It deserves the high praise of Superintendent Jones of Massillon, who says, "There has never been anything in the State of Ohio that has worked so much good to the teachers, and consequently to the schools of the State." A course has also been provided for pupils, and a recent report shows that within the past year this has been systematically read by about 10,000 children. It is true, nevertheless, that this work has been done largely in cities and towns where libraries furnish wholly or in part the reading material, and it is also true that the plan does not contemplate the supply of books or the cultivation of a taste for literature outside of the ranks of those actually engaged in school work.

To restore to those who do not have access to libraries some of the privileges that they enjoyed 40 years ago, the State Library Commission has introduced what is known as the traveling library. Its objects are to furnish good literature to the public, to strengthen small libraries, to create an interest in the establishment of new libraries. The system is adapted to the needs of the common school. Teachers are naturally interested, and no class of persons can do more toward the success of the movement.

It is gratifying to know that the rural schools of the State are now manifesting a lively interest in the traveling library. Slow at first to learn of it and avail themselves of its advantages, they are now its most numerous and appreciative patrons. At the risk of repeating what has already been published in these columns, we will state briefly what a traveling library is and how one may be secured.

A traveling library is a collection of from 25 to 35 books sent out by the State Library to a reading club, an association of citizens, a board of education or a public library, to be kept three months, with privilege of renewal.

The State Library will furnish application forms to those wishing to receive a traveling library. On receipt of application, properly filled by the members of the club, the officers of a free public library, board of education, or other association, the books will be shipped. The parties receiving the books must pay transportation both ways. If a list of books desired is sent with the application, they will be furnished as nearly as possible; if only the general subjects are named, books relating to those subjects will be sent.

The libraries are shipped by express in small boxes. The total expense involved in transportation is seldom more than \$1.50. It is usually much less.

The books sent out are for the most part biography, history, travel, and elementary science. This department also contains the latest books on agriculture, a wide range of works on the theory and practice of teaching, and the publications recommended for pupils by the board of control of the Ohio Teachers' Reading Circle.

Boards of education can get these libraries for an entire township. This has been done with very satisfactory results where schools are organized under a township super-



intendent. No complaint has been received from this office from schools to which libraries have been sent.

Franklin county has already inaugurated a traveling library system of its own. About 1,300 books have been purchased and are now circulating among the rural schools. This simply supplements the work of the State Library, which still sends books to the same communities. In this county patrons are manifesting a lively interest in the movement. In many school buildings substantial bookcases have been placed to receive the traveling libraries and any literature that interested parties may choose to donate.

From an experience extending through a number of years the writer knows that the position of "country pedagogue" is one of limited opportunities. He reigns for a brief season and then gives place to "those who in their turn shall follow him." It is possible, however, to leave behind a potent influence that shall work for good after he has departed and make his name a pleasant memory. What better can he do than to interest school officers and patrons in the establishment of a local library? One who has labored successfully along similar lines has told us how this may be done:

"Once persuade the people that they can have a library if they want it and the battle is half won. A collection of 50 books, owned by an association, kept in a private house, and loaned to members on one stated day in the week, is easily within the reach of every neighborhood of a dozen houses in any country district in the State; and such a library is an infinite advance over no library at all. A library of some size is therefore a possibility in any community where the people want better things than they now have. The size of the collection will depend, of course, upon the wealth and the willingness of the people to support it. The starting point, then, is to convince the intelligent people of the place that they can have a library."

Substitute school room for "private house" and the plan is adapted to the opportunity of the teacher. He may send to the State capitol and receive at a trifling expense, a collection of recent books suited to pupils and patrons. He may send these abroad on their mission, and at some hearth while the frost is on the window and the storm is loud without, the face of toil will lighten as the eye peruses the printed page, the youthful heart will glow beneath the spell of the orator and the poet, and

"The night shall be full of music."

A leading educator of our State once said, "Most of the great men of history were so through the inspiration of what they read." Books are our teachers when school days are ended. If inspiration to the great, they are courage and culture and comfort to the millions who shall never hear the trump of fame. The mission of the library is a beneficent one, the service to which it invites is worthy of consecrated effort, and the sure reward is the happy consciousness that comes to men and women who realize that they have been messengers of light and life to kindred spirits.

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No catalogues of books in the circulating department of the State Library are sent to patrons, for the following reasons: 1—We have no appropriation for the publication of a catalogue. 2—We are continually adding new books, and a catalogue would not show what could be furnished. 3—Thousands of books are continually in circulation, and we would rarely be able to furnish the list made from a catalogue.

Where patrons desire it, a list of books can be made in accordance with general directions and submitted for approval before the Traveling Library is shipped.

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The Ohio State Library desires a wider circulation for its Traveling Libraries. Those interested are invited to correspond.

STATE LIBRARIAN.

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### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The State Library will be open, except Sundays and holidays, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. During the months of July and August the library will be closed at 4 P. M. During the sessions of the Legislature the library will be open, except Saturday, till 9 P. M.

All citizens of the State will be permitted to draw books in accordance with the following rules:

All State officers elected by the people or appointed by the Governor may draw books by giving receipt.

Citizens who desire to draw books may do so on furnishing the library board a satisfactory guarantee, or through the public library in their city.

No one shall keep from the library more than two volumes at one time, nor any volume more than two weeks without renewal.



One renewal will be allowed and the books may be kept for two weeks from the date of renewal.

No borrower shall keep a book more than three days after notice has been mailed to his address that it is wanted at the library, or that the book is due.

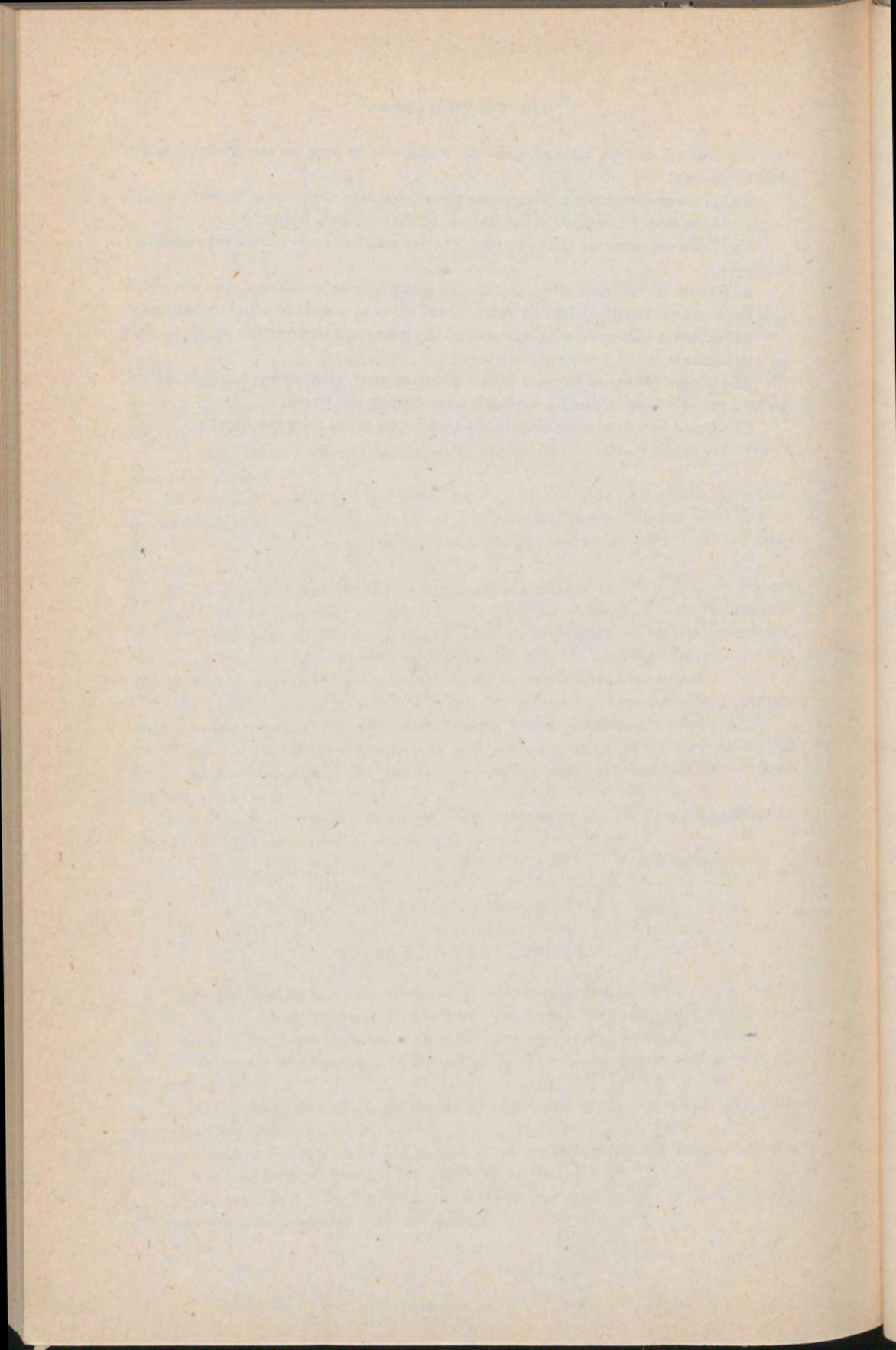
Any book not returned after one week's notice may be sent for at the expense of the borrower.

Any book not returned after one month's notice may be considered lost, in which case the borrower shall pay its full value, or the value of the set to which it belongs.

All expenses connected with the issue of the books and their return shall be paid by the borrower.

Any person failing to return a book within one week, after notice has been mailed, forfeits the privileges of the library until reinstated by the Board.

The Board will determine what books may not be taken from the library.





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