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THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE
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Report of Board of Library Commissioners.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 15, 1896.

To His Excellency, ASA S. BUSHNELL, Governor of Ohio.

SIR:—In their first annual report, the Board of Library Commissioners have thought best to make a statement showing the condition of the library at the time of the change of management, what has been done and what it is hoped to accomplish the coming year.

The first work undertaken was the cleaning of the books and shelves of the library. This took nearly a month and gave time to prepare plans for the arrangement of the books. The 1,840 volumes of newspapers were arranged in chronological order and thus immediately made available.

The work of arranging and numbering the U. S. Government publications occupied nearly three months. These publications were in almost daily use during the presidential campaign. The new classification was thoroughly tested and the results are entirely satisfactory.

The classification of the general library was next undertaken and is now almost completed. The publications of other states have not yet been arranged.

A collection comprising all the works in the library relating to the state of Ohio was at once made and it is the desire of the Commissioners to add to this collection as rapidly as possible.

By actual count of the volumes in the library, there has been found a total of 47,115. This does not include duplicate volumes accessioned, and pamphlets unbound. The volumes included in this count may be roughly grouped as follows:

U. S. Government publications.....	4,505
Ohio State Publications.....	1,212
Books relating to Ohio.....	650
State publications of other States.....	7,125
Newspapers.....	1,840
Periodicals.....	5,361
General Library.....	26,422

47,115

This count of books has not yet been verified but it will not vary materially from the result as given above. The Commissioners have not found any record of a previous count of the books in the library. The accession catalog shows that 70,122 books and pamphlets have been placed in the library since it was founded.

The difference between the number actually found in the library and the number shown on the accession register may be accounted for in pamphlets numbered, and books lost, missing or worn out of which no account has been made in the estimate of those now in the library.

The classification and subsequent re-arrangement of the books has shown that the library is deficient in many lines. The collection of U. S. Government publications, newspapers and periodicals is fairly good, but in American History and Political and Social Science the library is very weak. Volumes of fiction are disproportionately numerous.

It is our purpose to complete the work already begun, to add, as appropriations will admit, to the departments of History and Science, to increase the number of exchanges, to aid, within the limits of the law, other libraries throughout Ohio, and gradually to extend the privileges of the state library to the end that it may be in fact as well as in name, a state institution.

We transmit herewith the report of the State Librarian for the year ending November 15, 1896.

CHARLES A. REYNOLDS, Pres.

J. F. MCGREW.

RUTHERFORD P. HAYES.

State Librarian's Report.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 15, 1896.

To the Library Commissioners of Ohio:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit to you the 51st annual report of the Ohio State Library. Since the last report some changes have been made in the management of the library to accord with the library law enacted by the General Assembly at its last session.

In the Appendix to this report will be found a copy of the State Library Law of 1896. Following are the new regulations adopted in accordance with its provisions:

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 over twenty-one years of age 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 book may be kept for two weeks from the date of the 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 or 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.

These regulations open the circulating department of the state library on equal terms to all citizens of the state. This department is not large, but thus far the public demand has been fairly well met.

The charge for transportation limits the circulation in distant parts of the state. Three other excellent libraries supply the people of Columbus. The patronage of the state library is increasing, however, and many citizens avail themselves of the privilege to draw books.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

Traveling libraries, recently introduced with satisfactory results into other states, have been provided for. Public libraries and organized literary clubs may borrow books in accordance with the provisions set forth in the form on another page of this report.

Traveling libraries have been tested in the state of New York. The system has passed beyond the stage of experiment. No recent report is at hand, but the following extract from an article in *The Forum* is of interest in this connection.

"We may say that 25,000 books have been read as a result of these traveling libraries. They have been good books and have left their mark on a multitude of minds. These libraries have everywhere promoted an interest in good reading, and have already led to the establishment of some important local libraries. They have been cordially received and are more in demand now than ever before. As a public investment they have fully vindicated the wisdom of their projectors and have proved worthy of the continued interest of the state. The system admits, too, of indefinite enlargement. Special subject libraries may be multiplied as fast as they are wanted; and the addition of general libraries can keep pace with the publication of good books.

The state of New York can well afford this offer of books to her citizens, which is at once generous and, in the highest sense, profitable; and the plan is confidently commended to the consideration of other states.

"REV. WILLIAM R. EASTMAN,

"Public Library Inspector, N. Y."

A few traveling libraries have already been sent out. Our experience leads us to believe that a plan which has worked successfully in other states would work equally well in Ohio.

With present appropriations, however, the state library will soon reach the limit of its ability to meet the public demand for books. The best that can be done under existing conditions, is to supplement the work of libraries already established and encourage library organization where none exists. The correspondence of this office is full of evidence that a revival of library interest is at hand and warrants the belief that state aid would accelerate library extension and be productive of good results.

STATE PUBLICATIONS.

With this revival of interest in the establishment of public libraries, there has been an increasing demand for Ohio state publications. Some provision should be made to meet this demand. The state libraries are depositories of the U. S. Government publications. They are supplied with the publications of the different states by a system of exchanges. A law that would make the public libraries of the state depositories for all state publications would greatly facilitate the distribution of these documents, and place them where they would be well preserved and at all times accessible to the public. The law should clearly define what constitutes a public library and require ample guaranty for the safe keeping of all books supplied by the state. Such a law, it is confidently believed, would not only greatly aid libraries already established, but encourage as well the establishment of libraries where they do not now exist. The Ohio state publications are increasing in number and value every year. Legal provisions for their proper distribution and use would be in keeping with the liberal policy that has made it possible to issue them.

CHECK-LIST OF STATE PUBLICATIONS.

No check list of these publications has ever been printed. The fact that the preparation of such a list has not been attempted and that the reports of some of the state departments have been irregular, makes the completion of this work somewhat difficult. Hon. Rutherford P. Hayes, who has for years been interested in the classification of Ohio state publications, is preparing a check-list. Considerable progress has been made, and it is hoped that the result of his labors may form a part of the next annual report.

A suggestion in regard to the arrangement and binding of the state executive documents may not be entirely out of place here. In some other states such documents are made to include all state publications and are bound in volumes of convenient size, with the reports included in each indicated on the label. These features are recommended.

The Ohio executive documents contain a portion only of the state publications, are issued in volumes inconveniently large, and the labels bear no intimation of the contents of each. The better arrangement suggested would involve but slight additional expense.

"HOWE'S HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS."

The following joint resolution was passed at the last session of the legislature:

"Be it resolved by the general assembly of the state of Ohio, That the supervisor of public printing be and he is hereby authorized to contract for and have printed from said plates, engravings, etc., six thousand (6000) copies and bound in sets of two volumes each at a cost not to exceed \$1 and 30-100 per set; and that such printing and binding shall be done under the direction of the supervisor of public printing.

"Resolved, That when said history is printed and bound as aforesaid, the same shall be delivered to the secretary of state and the following disposition and distribution made thereof: To the state library for exchange, fifty sets; to each state institution, one set; to each member of the seventy-second general assembly of Ohio, twenty sets, and the remainder to be deposited with the secretary of state and be by him sold at two dollars per set and the proceeds thereof paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund."

This law placed no copies of the work at the disposal of the state library for other purposes than that stated in this act. Anticipating a demand for the work, this office sent the following circular letters to the public libraries of the state and the members of the state legislature:

CIRCULAR TO LIBRARIANS.

Columbus, Ohio.....

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The Ohio state publications are supplied by your state senator and state representative for free distribution. By applying to them early you may get "Howe's Historical Collections" and such of the other state publications as you may desire.

We should be pleased to send you copies of these, but our meager supply is wholly insufficient to meet the requests that will come to us from all parts of the state.

By complying with certain regulations public libraries may now borrow a limited number of books from the state library.

By order of the commissioners.

C. B. GALBREATH, Librarian.

CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Columbus, Ohio,.....

Dear Sir:—The library commissioners are receiving many requests for the state publications, which they are unable to fill from the meager supply which the law provides for the state library.

Many of these requests come from the public libraries of the state. This is especially true of "Howe's Historical Collections" which has recently been issued.

If you have not already done so, will you kindly supply, as far as possible, the libraries in your district with these publications?

In doing this you will place the general public under obligations to you and aid us in meeting a demand for which our supply is wholly inadequate.

Very truly yours,

By request of Library Commissioners.

Librarian.

Many responses were received to these communications. They lead us to conclude that the libraries of the state have been generally supplied with the "Historical Collections." For the information of those who desire to secure the work attention is directed to the law which provides that sets may be purchased of the secretary of state at the nominal price of \$2.00 each.

If the state library had at its disposal additional copies of this work and the St. Clair Papers, good use could be made of them in supplying new libraries as they are established.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

The library is strong in periodical literature. The complete files of magazines, scientific journals and newspapers on its shelves constitute in themselves a valuable library of reference.

Arrangements have recently been made to add to this department newspapers covering important periods in the earlier half century of our national history. My predecessor had many of the older periodicals rebound. It is the policy of the present management to extend and complete this work.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

The library contains the best collection of government publications in the state. Missing numbers of the U. S. executive documents have been supplied and this department is now practically complete.

It has been classified in accordance with the check-list prepared by Hon. F. A. Crandall, superintendent of public documents, Washington, D. C. A serial number is given to each volume. The entire documentary history of our government is thus made accessible to the public.

This check-list has been of inestimable value in the practical arrangement of this treasury of information.

In answer to many inquiries I desire to say to librarians who wish to secure the U. S. government publications that they should apply to their congressman who has at his disposal a supply usually equal to the demands of the libraries of his district.

CLASSIFICATION.

The classification of the library was commenced in October and is still in progress. The Dewey Decimal System is used. For years no subject arrangement has been seriously attempted. The different classes had outgrown their original bounds and the position assigned to books added to the library within the past fifteen years has necessarily been somewhat irregular. A re-classification seemed absolutely necessary. No appropriation has been made for this purpose. It was decided, however, to attempt the work with the present library force. This has required of each person in this office much additional labor.

I am pleased to report, however, that the work has so far progressed that I can assure its completion without exceeding present appropriations.

NEW CATALOG.

No complete catalog of the library has been issued since 1875. Supplementary catalogs were issued in 1882 and 1890. These with a card catalog to date, constitute the "finding list" of the library.

The state librarian in his report of 1890 drew attention to the need of an "up-to-date" catalog in the following statement:

"Patrons of the library from the general assembly and all others interested in the success and progress of the library regard a complete and thorough catalog as indispensable, and the time is fast approaching if not already here when the successful and satisfactory management of the library to a greater extent will depend on what has long ago been regarded as so essential—a new and complete index to every publication and paper in the library."

The classification now in progress is the preparatory step for the issue of such a catalog.

LIBRARY MEETINGS.

The American Library Association held its annual meeting in Cleveland, Sept. 1-4, 1896. The Ohio Library Association met in the

same city Sept. 4. These meetings were well attended and there can be no doubt that they contributed much to the library interest throughout the state. The friends of library extension will find these associations potent agencies through which to make their influence felt. Those interested may correspond with Rutherford P. Hayes, secretary of the American Library Association, Columbus, Ohio, or Miss Electra C. Doran, secretary of the Ohio Library Association, Dayton, O.

RECENT LEGISLATION.

Recent library legislation in Ohio has been of a permissive character. For the information of those interested, I append to this report the laws under which library organization may be effected and a brief address of Senator James R. Garfield on the subject of "Village Library Management."

FORMER INTEREST IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

There was a time when Ohio gave liberal support to public libraries. In the years of 1854-55-56 and '59, \$300,000 was spent for these libraries. The books were well bound and carefully selected. Many of them were of permanent value. They were not circulated in accordance with any definite plan. The system lacked an authoritative head. The responsibility and power of the state commissioner of common schools ended with the shipment of the books. Some of the volumes were lost. Some found their way into different families. Some were lodged in the "lofts where the mice and rats held high carnival among the printed lore." But in spite of all this waste, the money expended brought good results. The influence of these libraries is still felt. These books were a treasure and inspiration to many a country boy and girl. The libraries were brought to an untimely end by those whom they were intended especially to benefit.

The cry of economy was raised and the law that made it possible to distribute over 400,000 volumes of the best literature of the time to the schools of the state was repealed. What was the result? Was taxation reduced? No. The money went for other purposes, and the opportunity to put an excellent library within easy reach of every family of the state was lost.

The interest of the early friends of the library movement in the state was so marked, and their conception of its objects and purposes so just and comprehensive, that extracts from their opinions are included in the appendix of this report.

CONCLUDING SUGGESTIONS.

In conclusion permit me to say that I shall be pleased if the institution through you temporarily committed to my care, without losing

sight of the object for which it was established, shall extend substantial aid to other libraries of the state and loan books to organized clubs of the cultured and refined; but I shall be more than pleased if corresponding aid can be extended to those who need it most. If your librarian has any ambition in the line of official service beyond earning his salary and drawing it, it is to see the Ohio state library the center of a system of traveling libraries that shall reach every village and school district in the state where good books are desired and conditions warrant the belief that a taste for healthful reading may be encouraged. It is understood, of course, that such a system must be of gradual growth and that it must be attended with small additional expense to the state.

In closing this report, I cheerfully acknowledge my obligations to the assistant librarian and other members of the library staff for efficient and faithful aid, and extend to you, gentlemen of the library commission, my sincere thanks for valuable assistance, helpful suggestions, and cordial support.

C. B. GALBREATH, Librarian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FUND FOR BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

RECEIPTS.

Date.		Amount.
1895.		
Nov. 16	Balance.....	\$41 86
1896.		
Feb. 12	Appropriation	1,250 00
April 20	Appropriation.....	1,750 00
	Total.....	\$3,041 86

EXPENDITURES.

Date.	To whom paid.	Amount.
1895.		
Dec. 3	J. B. Wheatley, book.....	\$10 00
26	Williams & Co., book.....	5 00
28	C. L. Powell, book.....	6 00
24	Kensington Publishing Co., book.....	1 25
1896.		
Feb. 18	Houghton, Mifflin & Co, book.....	25 00
18	Francis A. Niccolls, book.....	20 00
18	D. Appleton & Co., book.....	5 00
18	Caie & Montgomery, book.....	53 00
18	E. Cook & Bro., newspaper.....	23 40
19	Pfeifer & Beoshams, newspaper.....	10 80
21	The Robert Clarke Co, books.....	157 97
22	Flood & Vincent, books.....	43 95
24	Baker & Taylor Co., books.....	226 82
24	Boston Book Co., books.....	33 75
28	H. Williams, books.....	62 91
28	H. P. Ward, books.....	3 00
March 4	Squire & Carothers, books.....	29 65
10	James T. White & Co., books.....	10 00
10	Publisher's Weekly, books.....	11 00
11	C. W. Raines, books.....	3 20
11	A. A. E. Taylor, D. D., books.....	15 00
12	Mrs. E. J. Thompson, books.....	1 25
13	A. B. Humphreys, books.....	3 00
16	Macmillan & Co., subscription.....	7 50
20	The Robert Clarke Co., books.....	137 29
24	H. Williams, books.....	12 40
24	Joel Munsell's Sons, books.....	5 00
24	Geo. Brumder, books.....	1 00
24	J. B. Lippincott Co., books.....	4 00
26	The Robert Clarke Co., books.....	22 45
April 2	Boston Book Co., books.....	7 00
3	The Robert Clarke Co., books.....	50 24
3	Z. B. Campbell, books.....	7 50
3	Houghton, Mifflin Co., books.....	25 00
3	Francis A. Niccolls, books.....	10 00
9	The Robert Clarke Co., books.....	2 50
9	Lenytype Co., books.....	1 12
14	H. Williams, books.....	37 75
14	Braddford, Rhodes & Co., subscription.....	5 00
18	L. Carroll Root, books.....	3 75

FUND FOR BOOKS AND PAPERS—Concluded.

Date.	To whom paid.	Amount.
1896.		
April 21	The Robert Clarke Co., books.....	\$21 17
21	C. C. Smith, books.....	4 92
21	A. H. Smythe, books.....	1 75
28	D. Appleton & Co., books.....	17 50
June 25	The Robert Clarke Co., books.....	59 50
25	Boston Book Co., books.....	307 00
25	The Dial, subscription.....	2 00
25	Virginia Historical Magazine, subscription.....	5 00
25	Publisher's Weekly, subscription.....	12 50
25	New England Magazine, subscription.....	3 00
25	The Economist, subscription.....	5 00
25	Francis A. Niccolls, books.....	5 00
25	Chas. Scribner's Sons, books.....	15 00
Aug. 29	The Robert Clarke Co., books.....	2 30
29	Francis A. Niccolls, books.....	20 00
29	D. Appleton & Co., books.....	6 00
29	W. H. Moore, books.....	7 40
29	Richard Rowland, books.....	5 00
29	New England Magazine, books.....	3 00
29	Geo. Brumder, books.....	1 00
29	The Macmillen Co., books.....	16 00
29	Library Bureau, books.....	6 75
29	Albert C. Smith, books.....	9 00
29	R. L. Polk & Co., books.....	5 00
Sept. 17	C. B. Galbreath, books.....	1 18
Oct. 17	Francis A. Niccolls, books.....	15 00
17	Library Bureau.....	25 00
17	The Tribune Association, subscription.....	2 50
17	Outing Publishing Co., subscription.....	1 25
17	Review of Reviews, subscription.....	1 25
17	The Robert Clarke Co., subscription.....	9 55
Nov. 5	The Macmillen Co., books.....	4 01
5	Library Bureau, books.....	5 00
5	Press-Post, subscription.....	2 60
5	W. C. Godfrey, books.....	1 00
13	D. Appleton & Co., subscription.....	2 50
13	Popular Science News, subscription.....	75
13	The Taylor-Austin Co., books.....	21 41
		\$1,734 24
	Balance.....	\$1,307 62

OHIO STATE LIBRARY.

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FUND FOR LIBRARIAN.

RECEIPTS.

Date.		Amount.
1895. Nov. 16	Balance	\$375 00
1896. Feb. 12	Appropriation.....	1500 00
	Total.....	\$1,875 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	To whom paid.	Amount.
1895. Nov. 30	J. P. Smith.....	\$62 50
Dec. 13	"	62 50
26	"	62 50
1896. Jan. 15	"	62 50
31	"	62 50
Feb. 15	"	62 50
29	"	62 50
Mch. 11	"	62 50
31	"	62 50
April 15	"	62 50
30	"	62 50
May 15	"	62 50
25	"	62 50
June 15	C. B. Galbreath.....	41 67
30	"	83 33
July 15	"	62 50
Aug. 1	"	62 50
15	"	62 50
Sept. 1	"	62 50
15	"	62 50
Oct. 1	"	62 50
15	"	62 50
31	"	62 50
Nov. 14	"	62 50
		\$1,500 00
	Balance November 15th.....	\$375 00

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FUND FOR ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

RECEIPTS.

Date.		Amount.
1895.		
Nov. 16	Balance	\$300 00
1896.		
Feb. 12	Appropriation	1,200 00
		<u>\$1,500 00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	To whom paid.	Amount.
1895.		
Nov. 30	Alice Boardman	\$50 00
Dec. 13	"	50 00
26	"	50 00
1896.		
Jan. 16	"	50 00
31	"	50 00
Feb. 15	"	50 00
29	"	50 00
Mar. 11	"	50 00
31	"	50 00
April 15	"	50 00
30	"	50 00
May 15	"	50 00
25	"	33 33
June 15	"	66 67
30	"	50 00
July 15	"	50 00
Aug. 1	"	50 00
15	"	50 00
Sept. 1	"	50 00
15	"	50 00
Oct. 1	"	50 00
15	"	50 00
31	"	50 00
Nov. 14	"	50 00
		<u>\$1,200 00</u>
16	Balance	\$300 00

FUND FOR JANITOR.

RECEIPTS.

Date.		Amount.
1895.		
Nov. 16	Balance	\$225 00
1896.		
Feb. 12	Appropriation	900 00
		<u>\$1,125 00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	To whom paid.	Amount.
1895.		
Nov. 30	J. Cavanagh	\$37 50
Dec. 13	"	37 50
26	"	37 50
1896.		
Jan. 15	"	37 50
31	"	37 50
Feb. 15	"	37 50
29	"	37 50
Mar. 11	"	37 50
31	"	37 50
April 15	"	37 50
30	"	37 50
May 15	"	37 50
25	"	25 00
June 15	"	50 00
30	"	37 50
July 15	W. C. Godfrey	37 50
Aug. 1	"	37 50
15	"	37 50
Sept. 1	"	37 50
15	"	37 50
Oct. 1	"	37 50
15	"	37 50
31	"	37 50
Nov. 14	"	37 50
		<u>\$900 00</u>
16	Balance	\$225 00

FUND FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.

Date.		Amount.
1895.		
Nov. 16	Balance	\$23 11
1896.		
Feb. 12	Appropriation.....	300 00
Apr. 20	Appropriation.....	900 00
		\$1,223 11

CONTINGENT EXPENSE FUND—DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	To whom paid.	Amount.
1895.		
Nov. 30	News Herald Co.,.....	\$2 00
Dec. 26	Mitchell Advertising Co., time cards.....	3 00
31	E. H. Gilkey, book-keeping.....	10 00
31	J. Cavanagh, postage.....	2 00
Jan. 16	P. D. Darling, expressage.....	1 25
1896.		
Jan. 15	J. Cavanagh, P. O. box rent.....	3 00
Feb. 15	J. Cavanagh, postage.....	1 86
18	Alum Creek Ice Co., ice.....	24 00
18	Central Union Telephone Co., service.....	30 45
18	American Express Co., service.....	2 60
20	J. Cavanagh, postage.....	3 10
25	Adams Express Co., service.....	7 75
28	Baker Art Gallery, pictures.....	4 00
29	C. C. Smith, sundries.....	3 25
29	J. Cavanagh, postage.....	2 00
Mar. 5	W. T. Borah, picture of Thomas Ewing.....	5 00
2	A. W. Jackson & Sons, binding books.....	4 50
12	J. Cavanagh, supplies.....	1 75
19	Lawrence Cavanagh, labor.....	25 00
23	S. P. Ewing, labor.....	6 00
24	Columbus Transfer Co., freight.....	68
26	J. Cavanagh, mops.....	1 20
31	J. Cavanagh, postage.....	2 00
April 1	Adams Express Co., service.....	1 90
2	Perry P. Smythe, picture frame.....	28 65
3	J. Cavanagh, P. O. box rent.....	3 00
4	Wells Fargo Express Co., service.....	5 35
8	J. Cavanagh, postage.....	2 00
8	American Express Co., service.....	1 15
11	Central Union Telephone Co., service.....	15 00
15	Freeman Thorpe, portrait.....	60 00
21	Spahr & Glen, printing.....	11 00
30	J. Cavanagh, extra labor and postage.....	7 00
30	American Express Co., service.....	1 80
June 25	Columbus Awning Co., care of awnings.....	2 00
25	Library Bureau, card case.....	2 75
25	Ohio Penitentiary, boxes.....	18 00
25	R. P. Hayes, traveling expenses.....	7 00

CONTINGENT EXPENSE FUND—DISBURSEMENTS—Continued.

Date.	To whom paid.	Amount.
1896.		
June 25	J. G. McGrew, traveling expenses.....	\$20 00
25	C. A. Reynolds, traveling expenses.....	15 00
25	C. B. Galbreath, freight, drayage, postage.....	17 60
July 15	J. Cavanagh, labor.....	12 50
16	C. B. Galbreath, P. O. box rent, postage, and rubber stamp...	6 15
16	Central Union Telephone Co., service.....	15 00
Aug. 1	J. Cavanagh, labor.....	12 50
15	J. Cavanagh, labor.....	12 50
Sept. 1	J. Cavanagh, labor.....	12 50
Aug. 29	C. B. Galbreath, traveling expenses and postage.....	14 45
29	Wm. Taylor, scouring material.....	1 60
29	Troy Laundering Co., laundering.....	2 63
29	J. S. Abbott & Co., saw, nail puller and repair material.....	2 60
29	C. A. Reynolds, traveling expenses	15 00
29	J. F. McGrew, ".....	8 00
29	W. C. Godfrey, cleaning material.....	3 00
Sept. 17	Alice Boardman, traveling expenses	8 15
17	C. B. Galbreath, traveling expenses.....	5 00
17	J. F. McGrew, traveling expenses	4 00
17	C. A. Reynolds, traveling expenses	5 00
17	R. P. Hayes, traveling expenses	5 00
17	American Express Co., service.....	2 00
Oct. 10	Wm. Loewer, labor	3 00
17	C. B. Galbreath, case keys, removal of awnings, postage and express	7 20
17	Central Union Telephone Co., service.....	15 00
17	Spahr & Glenn, printing	1 75
22	Troy Laundering Co., laundering.....	3 00
Nov. 5	Linda A. Eastman, classifying books.....	50 00
5	Adams Express Co., service.....	3 95
5	W. F. Savage, cleaning clock.....	2 00
5	F. M. Senter, P. O. box rent.....	3 00
5	Isaac Stroude, labor.....	33 75
5	R. P. Hayes, traveling expenses	10 25
13	W. C. Godfrey, expressage, postage and freight.....	4 36
14	The Columbus Paint Manufacturing Co., paint and brush.....	3 45
14	Isaac Stroude, labor.....	12 00
14	W. C. Godfrey, postage for circulars.....	6 50
14	J. F. McGrew, traveling expenses	4 00
	C. A. Reynolds, traveling expenses	5 00
		\$681 38
	Balance	\$541 73

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FUNDS FOR REPAIRS AND FURNITURE.

RECEIPTS.

Date.		Amount.
1895.		
Nov. 16	Balance	\$1 00
1896.		
April 20	Appropriation	500 00
		<hr/> \$501 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	To whom paid.	Amount.
1896.		
Aug. 29	Library Bureau, furniture.....	\$8 00
Nov. 5	Columbus Ware & Iron Wks., iron railing.....	35 00
5	Library Bureau, card case, book supporters, etc.....	23 05
14	Oscar S. Lear, No. 6 Remington typewriter.....	100 00
		<hr/> \$166 05
	Balance Nov. 15, 1896.....	<hr/> \$334 95

FUND FOR CARPET.

RECEIPTS.

Date.		Amount.
1895.		
Nov. 16	Balance	\$0 35
1896.		
April 20	Appropriation	375 00
		<hr/> \$375 35
Nov. 16	Balance	<hr/> \$375 35

FUND FOR STENOGRAPHER.

RECEIPTS.

Date.		Amount.
1896.		
Feb. 12	Appropriation	\$180 00
April 20	"	540 00
		<hr/> \$720 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	To whom paid.	Amount.
1896.		
Mar. 11	Vina P. Deems, stenography.....	\$15 00
11	J. H. Weirick, "	5 00
July 26	Albert C. Smith, "	25 00
Aug. 1	" "	25 00
15	" "	25 00
Sept. 1	" "	25 00
15	" "	25 00
Oct. 1	" "	25 00
15	" "	25 00
31	" "	25 00
Nov. 14	" "	25 00
		<hr/> \$245 00
Nov. 16	Balance	<hr/> \$475 00

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APPENDIX I.

STATE LIBRARY LAW OF 1896.

An act to amend sections 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352 and 353 of the Revised Statutes of Ohio.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, That sections 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352 and 353 of the Revised Statutes be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 342. The governor with the advice and consent of the senate shall appoint three persons, residents of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. One member of said board shall be appointed for two years, one for four years and one for six years. and thereafter the term of office shall be six years. All vacancies on said board to be filled by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The members of the board shall receive no compensation for their services.

Second 343. The board may expend a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars annually, for clerical assistance and incidental and necessary expenses, including traveling expenses in the discharge of its duties; and all sums expended under the provisions of this act shall be paid by the state treasurer on the warrant of the auditor of state, after the bills therefor have been approved by the board.

Section 344. The board of library commissioners shall have the management of the state library, appoint and remove the librarian with the consent of the governor, and said library commissioners with the consent of the librarian shall appoint the assistants in the library during their pleasure. Make such rules for the government of the library and the use of the books and other property of the library as they deem necessary.

Section 345. The librarian shall give bonds to the state in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with sureties approved by the board of library commissioners, for the faithful discharge of his duties and the delivery over to his successor of all the property of the state in his possession. The assistants in the library shall be required to give bond to the state in the sum of one thousand dollars. These bonds shall be deposited with the treasurer of the state.

Section 346. The librarian shall be secretary of the board of library commissioners and shall perform all the duties belonging to that position.

Section 347. The librarian shall have charge of the state library, giving his personal attention and attendance to it and carrying out and enforcing the rules and regulations made therefor by the general assembly and the board of library commissioners.

Section 348. The librarian or trustees of any free public library, may ask said board of library commissioners for advice as to all matters pertaining to the organization, maintenance or administration of the library, and the board shall give such advice and personal attention as it shall find practicable.

Section 349. The supervisor of public printing shall deliver to the board of library commissioners, as many copies of each report and other documents, as may be provided by law. These copies are to be bound in the best style of binding that may be ordered by the state in each case.

Section 350. The board of library commissioners shall arrange for the exchange of the Ohio publications with as many of the states as possible, with the general government, and with other governments; with societies and others as they see fit, placing all exchanges received in the state library, except that all statutes received, not already in the law library, are to be transferred to the law library.

Section 351. The board of library commissioners may send to any university, college, public library, society or individual, copies of state publications, at their discretion.

Section 352. The board of library commissioners shall superintend and direct all expenditures of appropriations made for the library.

Section 353. The board of library commissioners shall annually make a report to the governor of all receipts and expenditures and of the condition of the library, and all other matters in relation thereto, that they deem expedient for the information of the general assembly; and their report shall be transmitted, by the governor, to the general assembly.

Section 2. That said original sections 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352 and 353 of the Revised Statutes be and the same are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect on its passage.

CHARLES H. BOSLER,

Speaker pro tem. of the House of Representatives.

ASAHEL W. JONES,

President of the Senate.

Passed April 22, 1896.

APPENDIX II.

LIBRARY LAWS.

An act providing for the creation of library boards for certain cities and villages and prescribing the duties of such boards.

Public libraries
and reading
rooms.

Library fund.

How expended.

Directors: ap-
pointment.

Term.

Cla-ses.

Vacancies.

Compensation.

Organization of
Directors.

By-laws, rules,
and regulations.
Control of ex-
penditures.

Custody of
building; how
money drawn
from treasury.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, That the common council of every city not exceeding in population thirty thousand inhabitants, and of every incorporated village shall have power to establish and maintain a public library and reading room, and for such purpose may annually levy and cause to be collected, as other general taxes are, a tax not exceeding one mill on a dollar of the taxable property of such city or village, to constitute a library fund, which shall be kept by the treasurer separate and apart from other money of the city or village and be used exclusively for the purchase of books, periodicals, necessary furniture and fixtures, and whatever is required for the proper maintenance of such library and reading room.

Section 2. For the government of such library and reading room there shall be a board of six directors appointed by the council of such city or village from among the citizens thereof at large, and not more than one member of the council of such city or village shall at any one time be member of said board. Such directors shall hold their office for three years from the date of appointment, and until their successors are appointed, but upon their first appointment they shall divide themselves at their first meeting by lot, into three classes, one-third for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and their term shall expire accordingly. All vacancies shall be immediately reported by the directors to the proper council, and be filled by appointment in like manner; and if an unexpired term, for the residue of the term only. No compensation whatever shall be paid or allowed to any director.

Section 3. Said directors shall, immediately after their appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number president, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance, and for the government of the library and reading room, as may be expedient. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditures of all the moneys collected for the library fund, and the supervision, care

and custody of the room or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose, and such money shall be drawn from the treasury by the proper officers, upon the properly authenticated voucher of the board of directors, without otherwise being audited. They may, with the approval of the common council, lease and occupy, or purchase, or erect on purchased ground, an appropriate building, provided that no more than one-half the income in any one year can be set apart in said year for such purchase or building. They may appoint a librarian and assistants, and prescribe rules for their conduct.

Library
building.

Librarian and
assistants; rules

Section 4. Every library and reading room established under this chapter shall be forever free for the use of the inhabitants of the city or village where located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may find necessary to adopt and publish in order to render the use of said library and reading room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number; and they may exclude and cut off from the use of said library and reading room any and all persons who shall wilfully violate such rules.

To whom libraries
and reading
rooms are free;
rules and regulations.

Violation of
rules.

Section 5. The said board of directors shall make an annual report to such council stating the condition of their trust—the various sums of money received from the library fund and from all other sources, and how much has been expended; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of books loaned out and the general kind and character of such books, with other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest.

Annual report of
directors.

Section 6. All persons desirous of making donations of money, personal property or real estate for the benefit of such library shall have right to vest the title of the same in the board of directors created under this law to be held and controlled by said board when accepted according to the terms of the deed of gift, devise or bequest of such property, and as to such property, the said board shall be held and considered to be the special trustees.

Donations for
benefit of li-
brary.

Section 7. In case a free public library has been established in any city or incorporated village and duly incorporated and organized, the council may levy a tax for its support as provided in this act without change in the organization of such library associations, and the sums so raised shall be paid to the officer duly authorized to receive the same, and shall be under the control of the said library association; provided, that if at any time such library association ceases to exist or from any reason fails to provide a free circulating library as required by the provisions of this act, the books and other property accumulated from the proceeds of

Levy for support
of free public
library estab-
lished by asso-
ciations.

Control of pro-
ceeds.
When property
subject to con-
trol of council.

the levy herein authorized shall become the property of the city or village and be subject to the control of the council as herein provided.

Section 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

LEWIS C. LAYLIN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ANDREW L. HARRIS,

President of the Senate.

Passed March 15, 1892.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

Certain Boards may appropriate money for library, etc. See Sup.

Section 3995. In any district the board of education may appropriate money from the contingent fund for the purchase of such books, other than school books, as it may deem suitable for the use and improvement of the scholars and teachers of the district, and in the purchase of philosophical or other apparatus for the demonstration of such branches of education as may be taught in the school of the district, or for either of such purposes; but not more than one-half the amount herein authorized to be appropriated shall be expended in the purchase of such apparatus; such appropriations shall not exceed, in any one year, twelve hundred dollars in city districts containing cities of the first grade of the first class, three hundred dollars in other city districts of the first class, one hundred and fifty dollars in city districts of the second class, and seventy-five dollars in other districts; and the books so purchased shall constitute a school library, the control and management of which shall be vested in the board of education. The board of education of any city of the second class, fourth grade, having a free public library organized, in pursuance of law, may allow such free public library associations the use and control of the public school library, subject however, to such rules, regulations and restrictions as said board of education may prescribe for the use and control thereof.

(April 8, 1881: 78 v. 110.)

Levy for library in cities.

Section 3996. For the purpose of increasing and maintaining the school library of the city districts the board of education may levy, annually, a tax of one-tenth of one mill on the dollar valuation of the taxable property thereof, to be assessed, collected, and paid in the same manner as are other school taxes of such districts.

(64 v. 62, Sec. 1.)

How library tax to be expended.

Section 3997. The amount of such tax, when collected, shall be expended, under the direction of the board, for the purpose of such books as are suitable for the public school libraries, the bill for which, with the attendant expenses, shall be certified to by the president and clerk, and paid by the treasurer of the school funds.

(64 v. 62, Sec. 2.)

Section 3998. The board may appoint a librarian, fix his compensation, and make all needful rules and regulations for the management of the library, to which every family resident in such city districts shall have access.

(64 v. 62, Sec. 3.)

Board may appoint librarian, etc.

Section 3999. In cities not having less than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, the boards of education having custody of any public library therein, may, at any regular meeting, adopt a resolution providing for a board of managers of such library and shall thereupon elect, by ballot, two persons to serve as members of such board for a term of three years, two persons to serve a term of two years, and two persons to serve a term of one year; and annually thereafter two persons shall be elected to serve for a term of three years; all vacancies in such board shall be filled by the board of education by ballot, and the person so elected shall serve during the unexpired term of his predecessor; the president of the board of education shall be a member of the board of managers ex-officio; and the board of managers shall at all times be amenable to and under the control of the board of education, as to tenure of office and authority, and shall serve without compensation; provided, however, that in the cities of the first grade of the first class, the board of managers of the public library therein is hereby abolished, and a board of trustees of such library shall be appointed as follows, viz: the board of education of the school district of such city, the union board of high schools, and the board of directors of the university of such city shall each by ballot appoint two persons to serve for three years each as members of a board of trustees of said public library, and at the expiration of each term of three years, said board shall each likewise make appointments for the succeeding three years. All vacancies in said board of trustees of said library shall be likewise filled, by the board making the appointment vacated, to serve for the remainder of the term thus unexpired. The president of the board of education of such school district, shall be ex-officio member of said library board, and otherwise, no member of any board exercising the appointing powers herein conferred shall be appointed as a member of said library board.

In certain cities board of education may appoint board of managers of library

Board of trustees of library in certain cities (Cincinnati.)

(88 v. 446.)

CITIES AND VILLAGES—ENUMERATION OF POWERS.

Section 1692. In addition to the powers specifically granted in this title, and subject to the exceptions and limitations in other parts of it, cities and villages shall have the general powers enumerated in this section, and the council may provide by ordinance for the exercise and enforcement of the same.

Am. 87 v. 166.
Sup. 87 v. 182.
See Sup.

To establish and maintain free, public libraries and reading rooms, and to purchase books, papers, maps and

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manuscripts therefor, and to receive donations and bequests of money or property for the same in trust or otherwise; and the council may appoint such trustees or officers, and confer on them such authority as may be necessary to render any reading room so established of public utility; and may, also, pass necessary by-laws, and regulations for the protection and government of the same.

OFFICERS OF CIVIL TOWNSHIPS—MISCELLANEOUS POWERS.

Question of public library shall be submitted to electors.

Section 1476. The trustees of a township in which is situated a village, having a population of not more than one thousand, on the petition of twenty electors thereof, shall upon four weeks' public notice published in some newspaper of general circulation in the county, submit to the electors of such township, at some general election in April or October, the question whether there shall be a public library established in such township for the use and benefit of the citizens thereof, and those voting at such election in favor of such library, shall put upon their ballots the words, "Public Library—Yes," and those voting thereat against such library, the words, "Public Library—No," and if a majority of electors voting at such election vote in favor thereof, the trustees aforesaid have authority, annually, to levy upon all the taxable property of such township, a tax not exceeding one-tenth of one mill on the dollar valuation thereof, to be applied to the establishment and maintenance of a library, as aforesaid, and the procuring of a suitable room or rooms for the same.

(70 v. 244, Sec. 1.)

Trustees of library: appointment of.

Section 1477. The trustees shall appoint three trustees of said library, and confer upon them such authority as may be necessary to render any library so established of public utility; and said library shall be conducted and cared for under such rules and regulations as such library trustees prescribe.

(70 v. 244, Sec. 2.)

Transfer of books of school libraries to township library.

Section 1478. The library trustees have authority by and with the consent of the local boards of education, or other school officers having the same in charge, to receive and place in said library, the books of the school library, subject at all times to the call of the said boards of education or other school officers.

(70 v. 244, Sec. 3.)

FARM LABORERS' ASSOCIATION.

May maintain libraries, etc.

Section 3848. All such incorporated associations may keep and maintain libraries, and a museum of art consisting of models of such improved instruments and machinery as are best calculated to promote the interests of agriculture,

for the benefit of such associations, under such rules and regulations as its members from time to time adopt, and may make all needful by-laws for the good government and regulation of the same.

(74 v. 204, Sec. 11.)

DESTROYING FILES IN LIBRARY ROOM.

Section 6878. Whoever intentionally defaces, obliterates, tears or destroys, in whole or part, any newspaper, magazine or periodical, on file in any reading room belonging to another person, or cuts therefrom any article or advertisement, shall be fined not more than one hundred nor less than ten dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

Destroying or defacing newspapers, etc., belonging to libraries.

S. & S. 285.

(63 v. 8, Sec. 1.)

APPENDIX III.

INTERESTING OPINIONS IN REGARD TO LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY WORK.

If the state were to furnish annually to each township, a small sum to be expended in books, on condition that the township should provide a suitable place of deposit and furnish a like sum, it would produce in a few years, excellent libraries in every township and would probably lead to more speedy township organizations for educational improvement. This subject cannot be too earnestly pressed upon the early attention of the legislature. The details would be simple, and the amount required small, compared to the benefits to be derived.

SAMUEL LEWIS,
Supt. of Common Schools, 1838.

The mere capacity to read is of but little importance except in connection with the opportunity of receiving proper attention through the medium of suitable books. There are many books and other printed matter now extant, which, if none other could be had, it would, perhaps, be a blessing rather than a misfortune should they never be read; but good books, like virtuous associations, are every thing to the minds and morals of youth. Does not this part of the subject, therefore, appeal with great force to the legislature for assistance? Common schools are not established for the bare purpose of teaching persons to read. That is by far too narrow a view of the subject. Schooling is resorted to for the purpose of giving men an opportunity of becoming wiser and better.

JOHN SLOANE,
Sec'y of State, 1842.

There is another subject, the establishment of school libraries, which has been adverted by the standing committee on "Schools and School Lands of the Senate" and which will soon enlist the activities of our people. Other states have made auspicious and laudable efforts in this enterprise. The state of New York, by her library law of 1838 and '39, appropriated \$53,000 annually for five years to this object, upon condition that a similar sum should be raised in the districts by direct taxation. By this co-operative action, five hundred and thirty thousand dollars have been expended in the purchase of books. There is no act of modern legislation, for educational interests, comparable to this in moral gran-

deur. It towers, in importance, over all her schemes for internal improvement, and plants her upon a basis of moral and intellectual power from which she cannot be dislodged. The legislature of Massachusetts has authorized a liberal expenditure, and her board of education has caused to be authorized and prepared a collection of books, entitled the "School Library" for general distribution. The legislatures of New Jersey and Connecticut have made similar munificent provisions. Shall Ohio, with her teeming resources, her rapidly expanding population, her giant strides in the march of general improvement, and her commanding position in the confederacy, be undistinguished by the success and incalculably beneficent results of such a movement? In those states where this measure has been adopted, popular works upon those branches of knowledge most useful to the people have been published—works completely divested of any partisan, sectarian or sectional feeling, and yet strongly marked with those universally admitted and fundamental principles upon which are based our national and state glory and greatness.

SAMUEL GALLOWAY,

Sec'y of State, 1845.

The great importance which is elsewhere attributed to school libraries as an efficient auxiliary in the promotion of popular education, and the confidence I feel that our own experience as a state would fully confirm the correctness of the views held in other states, must be my apology for again urging this subject upon the consideration of the legislature. The effect of a well selected library, not only upon the children of school age, but upon the older classes of the communities in which they have been established in the state of New York, is said by those who have had opportunities of observing it to have been truly astonishing. In neighborhoods where books were a luxury rarely enjoyed, and where intelligence was at a very low ebb, the establishment of a school district library has, in a few years, created a taste for reading and ultimately changed entirely the intellectual character of the whole community. The book, unlike the living teacher, may be made the constant companion of the child or family; while a sufficient number of them in a district may be made the means of supplying every household, at the same time, with a healthful source of entertainment and instruction.

HENRY W. KING,

Sec'y of State 1851.

No class of our population will have greater cause to welcome and sustain the provision in question, (the law of 1853) than the inhabitants of townships, as distinguished from towns and villages. The winter in Ohio, as in more northern states, brings leisure to those engaged in agricultural pursuits; and unless a taste for intellectual enjoyment prevails, is there not greater danger that the mind will either become sluggish, or seek more ignoble excitement? Thus, access to good books,

and a disposition to read them, become not only a positive blessing to youth, but a safeguard against idleness and dissipation. There is a period, shortly before the active duties of life begin and frequently after attendance upon school has ceased, when the mental, as well as other habits are formed, often for life; it is a period when the gristle of character hardens into bone; a state of transition, and, therefore, of great impressibility; when the struggle may be finally and irrevocably decided between the mere animal impulses, and the higher aspirations of human nature, and in aid of the later, no agency is more powerful or lasting than the salutary influence of books.

H. H. BARNEY,
State Commissioner of Common Schools.

Libraries for the people are wanted. These libraries must be in the people's hands—in the hands of the women, the girls and the children by each fireside. In their evening hours, in rain, in winter, when out of work, and on Sunday, they must and at home, that center of affection and virtue, the beneficial, high-toned, poetical, historical, political, philosophical, religious, interesting, exciting, and pleasing communion with the minds which, in all ages, have best understood, felt, written, or sung the human heart and human intellect; these books must be the hosts, the visitors, the guests and the friends of the workman's home. They must take up little room; they must cost little; they must adapt themselves to the manners, the fortune, and the simplicity of the family in which they are admitted. They must even enter it gratuitously, like the air, the sunlight, or the sweet perfume of the garden.

LAMARTINE.

The destiny of a child is not determined by the ability to read, but by what use it makes of this ability.

It is the rich inheritance of knowledge and the culture that comes from it that lift us above the savage tribes. The best knowledge of the race and the richest culture we find recorded in books. The great thinkers of every age, those deep and rich souls who have caught the inner meaning of things, to whom the universe has whispered her profoundest secrets—they have embalmed their thoughts and sentiments in language, and it is our privilege to go to the printed page and take into our souls the richness and beauty and truth that came from these gifted sons of genius.

E. A. BROOKS,
Supt. of Schools, Pa., '93.

A VILLAGE LIBRARY SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED.

Address at American Library Association. Cleveland, O., Oct. 2, 1896.

Mentor is a village of about 500 people; therefore we are somewhat limited in our ability to raise funds for carrying on library work. But some six years ago 15 of us got together and began holding a series of meetings every month, something in the nature of the old New England township meeting, for the purpose of stirring up an interest in township affairs, and in doing that we considered it necessary to have some central point of interest around which we could all work, and we chose as that the library. There had never been a library in the village excepting a small circulating library. We all believed that the use of books and the greater knowledge of books would be a common center of interest around which we could all work and toward which we would all be glad to give work. The result of five years work in this way was that we now have a library of about 1,600 volumes, and two years ago, acting under a general law of the state, we became incorporated and requested the village council to levy a tax for the work of the library. We at that time had about 1,000 volumes. The council very readily saw the advantage of this kind of work. They appreciated what was being done for the citizens and schools of the state, and therefore they levied a tax and turned the proceeds of the tax over to the library board. In this way, you will see, the library board is kept entirely aloof from politics. There are no elections by the people, nor is the board appointed by any political party. It is a self constituted body, a corporate body under the laws of the state, and as long as we maintain our corporate existence the village may turn over the funds to the library. We settled this difficulty of women's rights by having an equal number of both men and women on the board, and then in order to avoid the question of disruption of families, we made the other member of the family who was not on, an honorary member of the board. In this way we increased the number of workers and at the same time satisfied the desire of many people to hold office.

But we found that 15, together with the supernumerary and honorary members, were unwieldly, and the work practically devolved upon very few of the members. Therefore when we incorporated, we made an executive board consisting of five members, and they had absolute management of the library proper. They are elected every year from the members of the association, the 15 and these others, and they have absolute control of the library. In this way we have found it very easy to accomplish the work we have set out to do.

I have stated this result of our work to show what can be done. I believe that one of the best and easiest methods of education is through the library; that we reach all classes, all ages and all kinds of people, and

that by making the library an adjunct of the public school system, we add materially to the advantages that may be afforded to the pupils. Although our library is supported by the village, we make it absolutely free to any one who desires to use it. Those outside the village or township are required to put up a nominal deposit, merely for the safe return of the book. We made this the ideal toward which we were working—that the friendship of books is like the friendship of men, it is worth nothing and avails nothing unless it is used constantly and improved constantly.

JAMES R. GARFIELD.

APPENDIX IV.

FORMS.

APPLICATION AND BOND FOR TRAVELING LIBRARY.

C. A. Reynolds, Pres. Zanesville, O.	STATE OF OHIO
J. F. McGrew..... Springfield, O.	BOARD OF
R. P. Hayes..... Columbus, O.	LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.
Commissioners.	
C. B. Galbreath, Secretary.	Dep't of Traveling Libraries.

.....O.,.....1896.

APPLICATION.

Board of Library Commissioners,
Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned citizens of Ohio, members of
the.....
hereby apply to the Board of Library Commissioners of Ohio, for the
loan of books from the Ohio State Library.

.....is hereby appointed Li-
brarian, and is authorized to represent us in all arrangements with the
Board of Library Commissioners.

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Club organized.....

Number of members.....

Number of signers.....

500...10... '96.

AGREEMENT OF LIBRARIAN.

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

As librarian of the
, I hereby agree with the Board of Library Commissioners
 of Ohio to care properly for any and all books sent me by them from
 the Ohio State Library, while under my control, to make any required
 reports and after one month from date of their receipt to return said
 books on five days' notice from said Library Commissioners.

GUARANTOR'S BOND.

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

The undersigned being a resident of the State of Ohio, owning real
 estate therein assessed for not less than \$1,000, hereby endorses the ap-
 plication and agreement of the members of the
and of
, librarian of said.....with the board of
 library commissioners of Ohio for the use of books from the Ohio state
 library, and binds himself, his heirs and assigns to make good any loss
 or injury, beyond reasonable wear, however occurring, from the time the
 books are shipped until they are returned to the Ohio state library, pro-
 vided that the total responsibility shall not exceed \$200.

Dated.....

Witness to Signature,

BORROWER'S CARD.

INDIVIDUAL
 FOR ~~INDIVIDUAL~~ PATRON OF LIBRARY.

No.....

OHIO STATE LIBRARY.

....., Ohio,.....189...

In consideration of the right to use the Ohio state library, I agree
 to comply with all the rules and regulations provided for its government.

Name... ..

Residence Address

Business Address.....

Occupation.....

GUARANTOR'S CARD.

Reverse of Borrower's Card.

OHIO STATE LIBRARY.

....., Ohio,189...

I will make good any loss or injury the Ohio State Library may sustain from lending books to the person making application on this card.

Name,.....

Residence Address,

Business Address,.....

Occupation,.....

