

SENATE....No. 13.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—

In compliance with the provisions of the Act of April 28, 1849, I have the honor to transmit to you, to be laid before the Legislature, the Annual Report on the State Library, for the year 1849.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obt. serv't,

BARNAS SEARS, *Librarian,*

STATE LIBRARY,

Jan. 15th, 1850.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.



To the Honorable Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts :

By an Act passed April 28, 1849, it is made the duty of the Librarian of the State Library, to "Report to the Legislature annually, in the month of January, the receipts and expenditures on account of the library, with a list of all books, maps, and charts, acquired since the last report, specifying those obtained by exchange, donation, or purchase; and those, if any, which have been lost or are missing; and make such suggestions, in relation to the library, as may lead to its improvement."

In pursuance of the above statute the librarian presents the following as his

ANNUAL REPORT:

During the past year, (1849,) no books have been purchased for the library, and consequently the annual appropriation made by the Legislature to increase the library, has not been called for. Unfinished works and periodical publications, in continuation of previous volumes or numbers,—a subscription for which was authorized by former committees, are all the additions to the library that have been made by purchase. These facts will explain why the amounts received and expended on account of the library for the year, are so small as they appear in the following account:

DR. *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts in account with the Library Committee.*

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Jan'y 6,	To cash paid for Daily Advertiser, from July, 1848, to January, 1849, 1 vol., - - - - -	January 1.	By balance from the account of 1849, \$33 12
do	To cash paid Geo. E. French, for 1000 book labels, - 6 00		
Feb'y 2,	To cash paid Otis, Broaders & Co. for Foreign Reviews, from Nos. 225 to 240, - - - - -		
Aug. 10,	To cash paid for Niles's National Register, from July 1, 1848, to July 1, 1849, vols. 74 and 75, - - - 5 00		
Oct. 29,	To cash paid Crosby & Nichols, for Foreign Reviews, from No. 241 to No. 256, inclusive, - - - - -		
Dec. 31,	Balance to 1850, - - - - -		
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ADDITIONS TO THE STATE LIBRARY IN THE YEAR 1849.

RECEIVED BY PURCHASE.

	VOLS.
North American Review, 4 numbers,	2
Silliman's Amer. Journal of Science and Arts, 7 numbers,	2
Magazine of Horticulture, 4 numbers,	
Edinburgh Review, 4 numbers,	2
London Quarterly Review, 4 numbers,	2
Westminster Review, 4 numbers,	2
North British Review, 4 numbers,	2
Fruits of America, 2 numbers,	
Gray's Genera of Plants of the United States, Vol. 2, .	1
Nile's National Register, Vols. 74 and 75,	2
Journal of Agriculture, 1843-5; 1845-7; 1847-9, . . .	3
Prize Essays and Transactions of the Highland, Agricultural Society of Scotland, 1843-5; 1845-7; 1847-9, .	3
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RECEIVED BY EXCHANGE THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

LAWS, &c., OF THE UNITED STATES.

	VOLS.
Senate Documents, United States, Vols. 4, 5, and 6, 2d session, 28th Congress, 2 copies,	6
Acts and Resolutions, U. S., 1st sess. 30th Cong., 4 copies,	4
House Journal, do. do. 5 do.	5
Senate do. do. do. 2 do.	2
Reports of Committees, do. do. 2 do.	8
House Documents, Miscellaneous, do. 2 do.	2
Senate Reports, U. S., do. 2 do.	2
Senate Documents, do. do. 2 do.	16
Senate Documents, Miscellaneous, do. 2 do.	2
Executive Documents, U. S. do. 2 do.	18
House Journal, U. S., 2d session, 30th Congress, 2 do. .	2
Official Register,	9
American Archives, 5th series, Vol. 1, 2 copies,	2
Wilke's Exploring Expedition, Vol. 8, and Atlas to Vol. 7,	2

LAWS, &c., OF THE STATES.

	VOLs.
Laws of Maine, 3 copies,	3
Laws of New Hampshire, November session, 1848, 3 copies, June session, 1849, 3 copies,	6
Journals of the Legislature of New Hampshire, 2 copies,	2
Laws of Vermont, 3 copies,	3
Revised Statutes of Connecticut,	1
Public Acts of Connecticut, 3 copies,	3
Private Acts and Resolutions of Connecticut, 3 copies, .	3
Journal of House of Representatives of Connecticut, .	1
Senate Journal of Connecticut,	1
Laws of New York, 3 copies,	3
Laws of New Jersey, 2 copies,	2
Laws of Pennsylvania,	1
Laws of Michigan,	1
General Laws of Indiana, 2 copies,	2
Local Laws of Indiana, 2 copies,	2
Public Laws of Illinois, 3 copies,	3
Laws of Ohio,	1
Laws of Kentucky, 2 copies,	2
Senate Journal of Kentucky,	1
House Journal of Kentucky,	1
Legislative Documents of Kentucky,	1
Laws of Delaware, 3 copies,	3
Laws of North Carolina,	1
Acts, Journals, Reports, and Resolutions of South Caro- lina, 2 copies,	2
Laws of Missouri, 3 copies,	3
Laws of Louisiana,	1
Digest of the Statutes of Arkansas, 2 copies,	2
Acts and Resolutions of Florida,	1
Journals of the General Assembly of Florida,	3
Journal of the Senate of Iowa, 3 copies,	3
Acts and Resolves of Wisconsin, 3 copies,	3
Acts of Arkansas, 2 copies,	2

LAW REPORTS.

Maine Reports, Vol. 26,	1
Washburn's Vermont Reports, Vol. 4,	1

	VOLS.
Barbour's New York Reports, Law and Equity, Supreme Court, 1st, 2d, and 3d vols.,	3
Comstock's New York Reports; Court of Appeals, Vol. 1,	1
New Jersey Reports, Supreme Court, 2 copies,	2
Halsted's New Jersey Chancery Reports, Vol. 1,	1
Zabriskie's New Jersey Reports, Supreme Court, Vol. 1, 2 copies,	2
Griswold's Ohio Reports, Vol. 17,	1
Gill's Maryland Reports, Court of Appeals, Vols. 1 and 2,	2
Humphrey's Tennessee Reports, Supreme Court,	1
Iredell's North Carolina Reports, Law, Vol. 8,	1
Iredell's North Carolina Reports, Equity, Vol. 5,	1
Monson's Kentucky Reports, Vol. 8,	1
Stringfellow's Missouri Reports, Vol. 11,	1
Smedes's and Marshall's Mississippi Reports, Vol. 11,	1
Stobart's South Carolina Reports, Vol. 2,	1
Hague's Florida Reports, Supreme Court, 1849,	1
Archer's Florida Reports, Supreme Court, 1848,	1
English's Arkansas Reports, at Law and in Equity, 3d Vol.,	1
Webb and Duval's Texas Reports, Vol. 1,	1
Harrington's Delaware Reports, Supreme Court, and Court of Error and Appeals, Vol. 5,	1
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PAMPHLETS BY EXCHANGE.

PAMPHLETS.

Annual Reports (30th and 31st) of the Controllers of the Public Schools of the City and County of Philadelphia,	2
Report of the Illinois Deaf and Dumb Asylum,	1
Report of the Regents of the University of New York,	1
International Exchanges, &c., published by order of Legislature of New Hampshire,	1
Report of the Bank Commissioners of New Hampshire,	1
Reports of the Warden, Physician, and Chaplain of State Prison, New Hampshire,	1
Reports of Visitors, Trustees, and Superintendent of New Hampshire Asylum for Insane,	1
Report of Ohio Lunatic Asylum,	1

PAMPHLETS.

Report of the Inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary of Pennsylvania,	1
An Inquiry into the alleged tendency of the separation of Convicts,	1
Annual Report of the House of Refuge of Philadelphia, .	1
Report of the Ohio State Auditor,	1
Pennsylvania Journal of Prison Discipline, &c., 4 numbers,	4
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RECEIVED BY DONATION.

VOLS.

Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge, Vol. 1, presented by the Smithsonian Institute,	1
Pioneer History, by S. P. Hildreth, presented by C. Gayton Pickman, Esq.,	1
Banks and Banking, by R. Hildreth, presented by the author,	1
Patent Office Report, 1847, presented by Hon. John Davis,	1
The Napoleon Medals, presented by C. Gayton Pickman, Esq.,	1
Cushing's Manual, presented by L. S. Cushing, Esq., .	1
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PAMPHLETS.

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Address on Ventilating Buildings, by Luther G. Bell, M. D.,	1
Celebration of the Introduction of Water into the City of Boston, 2 copies,	2
Prison Discipline in America, by Francis C. Gray, . . .	1
A letter to the President of Harvard College, by a member of the Corporation,	1
Oration before the New England Society of Louisiana, by J. S. B. Thatcher,	1
Annual Report of the Mercantile Library Association, . .	1
Reports of the Smithsonian Institution,	1
Inaugural Address of J. Sparks, LL. D., as President of Harvard University,	1
Catalogue of the Social Law Library in Boston, 2d ed., .	1
Address before the Maine Historical Society, in Bowdoin College, by Robert C. Winthrop,	1
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RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

	VOLS.
Duplicate Journal of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, 1848, Vol. 70, received from Clerk of the House,	1
Duplicate Journal of the Senate of Massachusetts, vols. 26 to 31 inclusive, and from 1805 to 1811 inclusive, received from Clerk of the Senate,	6
Duplicate Journal of the Senate of Massachusetts, Vols. 15 to 25 inclusive, from 1794-5, to 1804-5, inclusive, received from Clerk of the Senate,	11
Bacon's Abridgement of the Law, received from the Senate chamber,	5
Report of the Commissioners to revise the Statutes, 3 copies, received from the Senate chamber,	3
Journals of Committees on the Revised Statutes, 6 copies, received from the Senate chamber,	6
Journals of each Provincial Congress of Massachusetts in 1774 and 1775, and of the Committee of Safety, 9 copies, received from the Senate chamber,	9
The Statutes of Connecticut, 1838,	1
Legislative Documents of the Senate of Massachusetts, 6 copies,	6
Legislative Documents of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, 6 copies,	6
State Record of Massachusetts, received from Sergeant-at-Arms,	1
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RAILROAD PLANS FROM RAILROAD COMMITTEES,

PURSUANT TO AN ACT, APRIL 21, 1848.

- Plan and Profile for a Railroad from Woonsocket to the Norfolk County Road, 1849.
- Plan and Profile from Plympton to Middleborough, 1849.
- Plan and Profile from Blackstone to Southbridge, 1849.
- Mount Pleasant Branch, from Roxbury to Boston, 1849.
- Merchandise track of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, 1849.
- Charles River Railroad from Cambridge to Woonsocket, 1849.

- Junction of Cape Cod Branch Railroad with the Fall River Railroad, 1849.
 Halifax Branch Railroad, 1848.
 Plan of a Railroad from Fitchburg to West Townsend, 1849.
 Plan of a Railroad from Milford to Woonsocket.
 Extension of the Newburyport Railroad to the Essex Railroad at North Andover, 1848.
 Extension of the Dorchester and Milton Branch Railroad, 1849
 Eastern Railroad extension from the Grand Junction Railroad to Boston.
 Part of the Route surveyed for the New London, Willimantic, and Springfield Railroad, Massachusetts division, 1848.
 Plan of a Railroad from Fairhaven to the Cape Cod Branch Railroad.
 Plan of a Railroad from New Haven to Northampton.

Number of volumes added to the Library during the year	
by purchase,	21
Do. do., by exchange,	172
Do. do., by donation,	6
Do. do., by other means,	55
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Whole number added during the year 1849,	254
Number of pamphlets received in 1849,	28
Number of Railroad Plans received in 1849,	16
Duplicate volumes of Statutes, Public Documents, &c., deposited during the year 1849, in the Law Library of Harvard University, pursuant to a resolve passed March 31st, 1836,	75
Whole number of volumes deposited in the Law Library of Harvard University,	1080

BOOKS LOST OR MISSING.

- Back's Narrative of the Arctic Land Expedition.
 Drake's Old Indian Chronicle.
 History of Oregon and California, by Greenhow.
 First volume of Franklin's Works.

Eleventh volume of the American Journal of Science and the Arts.

Story on the Law of Bailments.

Life of Sir Walter Raleigh.

Third volume of Wilson's American Ornithology.

The Federalist.

Snow's History of Boston.

Reports on Contested Elections, (one copy.)

Washington and Adam's Administration, 1st vol.

These volumes were not found in the library on the 1st of June, 1849.

WHOLE NUMBER OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY.

The library now contains, including the books deposited in the Law Library of Harvard University, 8053 volumes, 88 maps and charts, and 53 plans.

MEDALS.

The medals, thirteen in number, presented to the Commonwealth by the French government, and the medals, six in number, presented to the same by His Holiness the Pope, through Mr. Alexander Vattermare, have been placed, under the direction of the former librarian, in beautiful cases, which have been permanently fixed in the library.

The statute of April 28, 1849, already quoted, invites "such suggestions in relation to the library as may lead to its improvement." The present librarian received charge of the library on the first of June last, and found it kept with care and in good condition. Its present order and arrangement, are to be ascribed mainly to the taste and judgment of his predecessor, who has had the continued charge of it from its establishment in 1826.

The only intimation contained in the enactments of the Legislature, respecting the particular character of the works which are to constitute the State library, is found in the act by which it was instituted. By the second section of this act, an annual appropriation is made "to procure such books, manuscripts,

and charts, works of science and the arts, as tend to illustrate the resources and means of improvement of this Commonwealth and of the United States." The nature of most of the additions made by the successive library committees, with the approval of the General Court, and the legal provisions for procuring the statutes, legislative documents, and law reports of the federal and state governments, sufficiently indicate a purpose to render the library special in its character, or particularly adapted to the wants and convenience of the General Court, and of the various officers and agents of the State government. As extensive general libraries exist in the immediate vicinity, comparatively little would probably be accomplished for the public benefit by forming another library of similar character. It is, therefore, suggested, that, in the additions hereafter made by purchase, reference be had exclusively to the particular object for which the State library was established, and has received the annual appropriations of the Legislature. It must be obvious, that more important public ends would be gained, and that even the private convenience, not only of the members of the Legislature, but of professional men, and especially those of the legal profession, would be more effectually subserved, by augmenting and perfecting a library, thus distinguished from other libraries in character, and complete in kind, though limited in size, than by gathering a much larger number of books of a popular and miscellaneous character, of less value and more easy of access. In the judgment of the librarian, special efforts should be made to obtain books of reference, that may be useful to legislators and public officers, such as legal, political, historical, statistical, economic, and scientific works, which tend to illustrate the history, and exhibit the resources of our country, also, complete collections of the statute laws of the several states, and of the United States.

In order to secure the desired unity and completeness of character and design, it must be important that those entrusted with the responsible control of the library, should have a settled policy, to be governed by similar views from year to year.

An inconvenience, already considerable, and constantly increasing, is occasioned by insufficient room for the suitable disposal and arrangement of the books. Accommodations for a few years, may perhaps be obtained, by a removal from the

library rooms, of some articles of curiosity and works of art that now attract company, to the interruption of business; and by a transfer of some volumes of little importance to the special purposes of the library, to some other institutions or other suitable places, subject to be recalled at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

BARNAS SEARS, *Librarian.*