

REPORT.

The committee on the Library beg leave to report that they have received from the Librarian his report, and herewith submit the same to the House, with the request that it be entered upon the Journal.

Your committee have carefully examined the vouchers for the disbursements of the contingent funds, and find them all correct, leaving a balance still on hand of one hundred and seventy-one dollars and sixty-four cents.

The supplementary catalogue herewith furnished, will exhibit the number and character of the books purchased by the Librarian out of the augmentation fund, which we take pleasure in saying has been judiciously and economically expended, a deduction of from twenty to thirty per cent. on all except very small bills has been obtained by the Librarian, and duly credited to the State, thereby saving several hundred dollars, and leaving a balance unapplied of one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents, which will probably be absorbed, however, by the purchase of some books not yet received.

The last appropriations of three thousand dollars for stationery has been found insufficient and falls far short of the object contemplated.

The reasons for this deficiency are mainly attributable to the great advance in the price of stationery of all kinds, requiring about nine thousand dollars to buy as much as three thousand dollars would some years back; the expenditures for the present session of the Legislature and other purposes have exceeded the appropriations in the sum of \$5,349.35.

We, therefore, recommend suitable Legislation to cover this deficiency, as well as to leave at the disposal of the Librarian a sum sufficient to meet contingencies during the recess of the Legislature, which in our judgment should be not less than 6,500 dollars.

Your committee would further suggest that the mode by which the Library is now warmed is highly detrimental to