

REPORT.

The Committee on the Library prays leave to report :

That the affairs of the Library appears to this Committee to have been conducted in a judicious and satisfactory manner.

The Committee has examined the Librarian's accounts. It appears that he had received in the year, 1853, from the late Comptroller,

From the annual appropriation for 1853,	\$ 73 21
From the sale of surplus copies of books, &c.,	500 00
	70 78

And that he has expended for books,

\$643 99
360 00

\$283 99

Leaving a balance in the Librarian's hands of \$283 99, to be applied to the payment of books ordered but not received.

The Librarian complains that accommodation is wanted for further supplies of books. And the Committee saw that this deficiency already exists to some extent, and is certain to be more and more manifested as the Library increases.

In considering how this deficiency could be supplied and further accommodations be provided, the committee examined the basement under the Library. It there ascertained that ample space wholly unused and perfectly suitable could be obtained. Two bins for coal could be arranged, leaving a large space for shelves, on which a very large quantity in boxes of sets of books not required, and all duplicates might be placed with safety. Thus numerous shelves in the Library would be relieved of these surplus and duplicate volumes.