

printed by order of that body, are appended: For the first school year books were furnished by the publishers at what is termed introductory prices, being in some instances less than half the trade price. For the second year at an average of 20 per cent. discount on wholesale prices.

The following statement is in answer to that part of the order calling for the names of the various parties to whom the money has been paid, with the respective sums received by them:

John L. Shorey, \$5,105.44; Mason Brothers, \$3,119.68; Harper & Brothers, \$15,313.46; Cushings & Bailey, \$12,045.76; D. Appleton & Co., \$14,316.25; E. H. Butler & Co., \$7,276.75; J. B. Lippincott & Co., \$2,872.90; Ivison & Phinney, \$1,552.50; Taggard & Thompson, \$240; A. S. Barnes & Co., \$11,219.16; J. W. Bond & Co., \$3,080.22; Charles Desilver, \$416; H. Cowperthwaite, \$45; G. & C. Merriam, \$223.20; Sheldon & Co., \$68.25; for A. S. Barnes & Co.'s books, to Cushings & Bailey, \$2,856.88; Crosby & Ainsworth, \$560.19; Brewer & Tileston, \$76.48; Biddle, \$41.50; Gould & Lincoln, \$31.85; S. J. Martenet's maps of Maryland, \$84; total, \$82,149.47.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, it was

*Ordered*, That the committee on corporations be requested to inquire into the expediency of levying a tax upon the receipts of all corporations transacting business in this State, which are incorporated in other States, the proceeds of such tax to be appropriated to the use of the public schools, or such other use as the Convention may decide.

Mr. Wilkinson said there were numbers of corporations now doing business in the State, and in receipt of large revenues from our people, which only now paid a beggarly license tax, and they should be made to contribute towards the support of the government.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, it was

*Ordered*, That the committee on the executive department be requested to consider the propriety of incorporating a provision in the constitution precluding all preachers of the Gospel and teachers of religious creeds or de-