

REPORT.

The Senate Committee appointed to examine the accounts, disbursements, &c., of the State Librarian, and also the existing condition of the Library, report that they have performed that duty, and herewith submit the report of that officer, with the request that it may be entered upon the Journal.

An examination of the vouchers for the disbursements of the contingent fund proved entirely satisfactory to your Committee.

The supplementary catalogue herewith furnished will show the number and character of the books purchased out of the augmentation fund, which we have every reason to believe has been judiciously expended.

The last annual appropriation has been found wholly inadequate to meet the demands of the Library, and the Librarian has at this time unpaid bills in his hands amounting to nearly six thousand dollars.

For this large expenditure the Librarian is not responsible; indeed, when we consider the *number* and character of the various articles annually distributed by that officer, in accordance with orders from this body, and the unlimited amount of stationery proper, which it is assumed to be his duty to furnish, and which he does actually furnish, we are only surprised that larger appropriations are not required to meet the drain, which only can be arrested by prompt and appropriate legislation, which your Committee recommend to your early consideration.

An appropriation of at least six thousand five hundred dollars will be required to meet the expenses of the present session, and in view of this fact your Committee decline to recommend any improvements in the Library at this time.