

printing and binding catalogue, &c., are herewith transmitted.

It was impossible to arrange and conduct the Library without the aid of a new catalogue. I have also, adopted new rules and regulations, and by their enforcement, think I shall be able to manage the Library with efficiency and satisfaction.

I earnestly ask your attention to an examination of the old law books in the Library, many of which require rebinding, and are rare and valuable, and if suffered to remain as they now are, will soon be entirely destroyed. You will doubtless see the propriety of recommending to the Legislature at its present session, the passage of An act authorizing the rebinding of the same, and making special and sufficient appropriation therefor.

The Library Contingent Fund.

The only information I have been enabled to obtain in regard to the amount of the Contingent Fund on hand at the time I entered upon the duties of Librarian, I received through the kindness of the Comptroller, and his very efficient clerk, Mr. Levely, who upon a very careful examination of said Fund, reported to me that it was so far exhausted, as to leave an amount insufficient to pay the salary of my assistant, which by Act of Assembly, is fifty dollars per month.

Other expenses, including postage, binding, printing, freight on books and stationery, and menial services, I have partly paid out of my own private funds, while other accounts due by my predecessor, and some of which have necessarily accrued during my administration, have not been paid for want of funds.

The Library Augmentation Fund.

The amount of the augmentation fund as designated by law, for the purchase of law and other books, is five hundred dollars per annum. Law books, as your committee are aware, are very expensive, and as the Library was originally designed and is yet intended to be more especially a Law Library, the amount appropriated is insufficient to purchase the books actually requisite for the augmentation of the Library, which is now deficient in this very particular, which would not have been the case had there been sufficient funds to purchase the requisite volumes—at least the almost indispensable standard law works.

The regular appropriation of five hundred dollars has been expended by my predecessor. I respectfully suggest that a liberal appropriation should be made by the Legislature to put the Library in possession of the standard law books, which