

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**JOINT COMMITTEE**  
ON THE  
**STATE LIBRARY.**

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The Joint Committee on the Library, beg leave to submit the following report:—

The Librarian having, in his report, given so full and satisfactory a detail of the proceedings of the Committee, and concerns of the Library, little else is left for the Committee, than to present his report to the Legislature.

The Committee, however, deem it necessary to account more particularly for the manner in which the expenditures have been made. It will be recollected by those members of the Legislature who served the last Session, that, at the suggestion of the Court of Appeals, a number of law books were directed to be purchased by the Committee, and we are gratified to inform you that, under that authority, 210 volumes, constituting the nucleus of a very valuable law library, have been purchased. This portion of the Library was indispensable to the satisfactory transaction of business by the Court, and, as your Committee believe, is, in itself, of greatly more value to the interest of the citizens of the State, than the whole amount of money expended during the year.

In addition to these law books, there have been received into the Library, in the course of the year, 484 volumes on miscellaneous subjects, most of them works of interest to the general reader, and calculated to exercise a favorable influence on the literary character of the State.

The Librarian, as appears by his report, forwarded, by order of Mr. Teackle, chairman of the Committee, on the part of the House, to Messrs. Coal & Littell, books belonging to the State, to the amount of \$279, to be exchanged for other books, for the use of the Library.