

To Jer. Hughes per E. J. Stansbury, see voucher 3,	39 00	
“ Banker’s Magazine, see voucher 4,	9 00	
“ To books, cushions for windows, freight, &c. &c. see vouchers Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17,	52 68	
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Balance on hand,		6 26

The number of volumes added to the Library, since my last Report, has been seventeen hundred and thirty-five.

A donation of “Howison’s History of Virginia,” was made to the Library during the last year, by James R. Howison, Esq., of the Naval School.

I most respectfully invite the attention of the committees, to the expediency of having a new catalogue of the books, &c., of the Library, prepared and published. The latest was published in 1837—since which time, the Library has been augmented by the addition of upwards of 6,000 volumes. Daily calls are made for the catalogue for inspection, and the old ones are almost useless for that purpose.

Annexed to this report, is a communication (marked A.) addressed to me by Alex. Vattemare, Esq., with a list of the works furnished by him, in the name of the minister of the interior of France, for the use of the Library. These works have been furnished in the prosecution of the plan of International Exchanges, as proposed by Mr. Vattemare. In the absence of authority to furnish him with others in return, I have omitted to do so, and await the instruction of the committees on the Library, or the action of the Legislature on this subject.

Annexed, is, also, a catalogue (marked B.) of the names of certain Literary and Scientific Associations of Great Britain, which has been recently placed in my hands by a gentleman, who has suggested the propriety, that the State allow the surplus Histories, Public Documents, &c., on the shelves of the Library, or such of them as might be deemed proper, to be furnished to the associations named, with a request that the donations be reciprocated. In making this suggestion, the gentleman referred to, stated that in this mode, the Library could readily possess itself of valuable works, which cannot be purchased. I respectfully invite your attention to this subject.

Sec. 5, chap. 53, of December session, 1847, charges the Librarian “with the general superintendence and care of the public buildings, and grounds within the State House Circle.” Without some definite system of regulations, to be fixed by the authority of the Legislature, the supervision devolved upon the