

1828, and the entire appropriations for the years 1829-'30 and '31, together with the sum of \$109 57, checked from bank, makes near three thousand dollars; for which books have been procured and introduced into the Library, by exchange and purchase, within the last year; making a valuable addition to the Library, of about 1,600 volumes, comprising many valuable works, in the various branches of law, literature and the arts and sciences, &c. &c. a printed catalogue of which I now present you, and in which you will also find, are comprehended, some of the most popular and common sources of interest and instruction, to wit:—Many works on biography, history, voyages, travels, &c. &c., and which ought to form a large portion of every public library.

The department of the Law Library has much improved by the addition of several hundred volumes of standard authorities, and is a department which should particularly attract the attention, and interest the friendly interposition of the library committee, to enhance its present value, by an annual enlargement of it, and to extend its usefulness, as the necessities and convenience of the several branches of the state government, may demand its aid, in the efficient and faithful discharge of the various duties to be performed; the labour of whose duties can only be lightened, and their business facilitated, by such aids being placed within the reach of those departments, for whose use they are more particularly required.

Notwithstanding the late improvement of the law department, as above stated, the Court of Appeals has yet great inconvenience to contend with, in the absence of many important authorities—which will be obvious to your committee, on examining the list of books accompanying this report.

An entirely new arrangement of the department, and of the books has been made. The shelves are labelled or classified, and the subjects, accordingly corresponding thereto. To assist in carrying this arrangement more fully into effect, the present catalogue should have been also classified, but it is only an alphabetical index of the books, embracing those that have been received since the supplementary catalogue was printed in 1827. When the surplus copies, of which there yet remains a considerable number in the library, are disposed of by exchange or otherwise, it is my intention to make another entire catalogue, arranged in the order of subjects. The number of bound volumes now in the library is about 6000—and yet there is a very