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To the Trustees of Indiana University.

Your Committee on Library respectfully report that since its last report in Nov. 1891 there have been 1328 volumes added to the library, whose catalogue now numbers 15572 volumes.

Upon this increase there has been paid \$2637.¹⁵ and warrants will be now issued upon bills allowed, in the sum of \$3309.⁷⁵ making a total of bills paid and approved to the amount of \$5946.⁹⁰

This will leave to the credit of the fund about \$2141. but there are outstanding orders for books amounting to \$920.⁵⁰

Of these, we can safely estimate that some \$400.⁰⁰ will not be called for, by reason of the list containing a number of rare and out of print books which will not be found, so that about \$1600. remains in the fund, for the balance of the year.

If this balance is not absolutely necessary to use in some other

department, it will doubtless be fully exhausted in this, for the demand for books does not seem to diminish, and in some departments more books are really necessary.

Your Committee is opposed to changing the manner of procuring books which has so long been adhered to with good results, and declines to recommend that specific allowances be made to the department except in one instance. The department of American History is deficient in material, and some necessary works can only be found in second hand stores, and must be secured at once when found. For the purpose of procuring such rare books, we recommend a specific appropriation of One Hundred dollars to Prof. Woodburn, to be expended at his discretion.

Several of the faculty request a duplication of portions of the Library for the greater convenience

of their departments, but, although there will doubtless be some inconvenience in many cases, your Committee does not think the present condition of our funds would authorize such duplication.

The report of the Librarian is submitted herewith, and attention called to its recommendations. The Committee endorses his suggestions for the relief of the Library rooms from their present occupancy as class rooms, but cannot at present see how such change can be made until additional rooms can be provided in other buildings.

We commend the management and thorough work of the Librarian and his assistants during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted
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