

REPORT
OF THE
STATE LIBRARIAN,

TO THE
SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE
State of Iowa,

NOVEMBER 1, 1875.

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REPORT OF STATE LIBRARIAN.

IOWA STATE LIBRARY, NOVEMBER 1, 1875.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The following biennial report of the State Librarian is respectfully submitted:

The annual appropriation for the state library has been expended, as required by law, for standard works in law, science, and miscellaneous literature. The copies of the Iowa Reports, which are, by section 159 of the code, given to the library, have been exchanged as rapidly as possible for law books.

At the date of my last report the whole number of books and pamphlets, exclusive of duplicates, amounted to.....	12,004
The number of books since added by purchase is..	1,321
By donation or exchange.....	1,199
Whole number received.....	2,520
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Total number now in the state library.....	14,524

To accommodate these additional volumes several new cases have been placed in the library and these are already filled.

Through the system of state and national exchanges, many valuable works have been supplied the library. I would suggest the importance of extending this privilege by an act authorizing an exchange with the governments of the Dominion of Canada and of Newfoundland.

The library has continued to receive from the general government the Specifications and Drawings of Patents, issued in quarto form, since June 30, 1869. There are now in the library 92 volumes, commencing with May, 1871, and including May, 1875. It is expected that the work will be carried back from 1871, as rapidly as circumstances will permit. These volumes are frequently consulted and form, with their indexes, a very valuable series.

About forty of the leading legal and miscellaneous periodicals of our own country and of Great Britain are filed in the library.

The hitherto imperfect sets of the North American and Edinburgh Reviews, the law journals, Iowa Daily State Register, and Congressional Globe have been completed to the present time. For many of the latter the library is indebted to the Hon. George G. Wright and the Hon. John A. Kasson.

I have made, with considerable labor and difficulty, and many days of search among the dusty piles of documents stowed away in the state warehouse and elsewhere, a collection of the messages of the governors of Iowa, and of the reports of state officers, and the various State institutions. These are complete in most cases, and have been bound in separate volumes for convenience of reference. They form an interesting collection, will grow more valuable as the years go by, and will, by their availability for ready reference, amply repay the time and effort expended in bringing them together. I intend indexing them whenever the time can be spared from the other duties of the office, as a good index would add greatly to their usefulness. They are as follows:

Messages and Inaugurals of Iowa Governors, 1846-1874.

Reports of the Secretary of State, of Criminal Statistics, 1848-1873 (except 1854, 1856, and 1859).

Reports of the Treasurer of State, 1854-1873.

Reports of the Auditor of State, 1846-1873.

Reports of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1850-1873.

Reports of the the Register of State Land Office, 1855-1873.

Reports of the State Librarian, 1855, 1862-1874.

Reports of the Penitentiary at Fort Madison, 1854-1873.

Reports of the Iowa State University, 1850-1873, except 1859.

Reports of the Iowa State Historical Society, 1857-1873.

Reports of the Iowa State Agricultural College, 1860-1873.

Reports of the Iowa Insane Hospital, Mt. Pleasant, 1856-1873.

Reports of the Iowa Insane Hospital, Independence, 1869-1873.

Reports of the Institution for the Blind, Iowa City and Vinton, 1850-1874.

Reports of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Iowa City and Council Bluffs, 1850-1873.

Reports of the Soldiers' Orphans' Homes, 1866-1874.

Reports of the Reform School, 1869-1873.

A large number of unbound volumes having accumulated in the library, together with others whose bindings were much damaged, I have, at intervals, during the past two years, collected and sent them to the state binder, and had them substantially bound for their better preservation. These volumes consist, principally, of certain of the laws, journals, and documents of the different States, a series of papers received for many years from the Catholic University of Louvain, from the Geological Society of Berlin, and from the Royal Lombardo Institute, at Milan; some old files of Niles' Weekly Register; Schoolcraft's Archives of Aboriginal Knowledge; and the volumes of periodicals constantly accruing,—amounting in all to over 800 volumes. The improvement in the appearance of the library by the substitution of these well-bound books in the place of ragged pamphlets is very decided.

During the past two years, the library has been daily and largely consulted, being constantly sought by attorneys and others, who come from all parts of the state to avail themselves of its gathered treasures. Probably no western state, except California, has a law library equal to ours.

No thorough cataloguing of the library has yet been attempted, except in the card catalogue referred to in a former report. In the catalogue of 1872, the books were arranged under a few general heads, the law books, only, being more carefully indexed. It is desirable that a new catalogue be ordered.

The library has been uniformly kept open during the hours required by the regulations governing it, and frequently much beyond the time, for the accommodation of those consulting the books.

A sketch of the library, from its inception to the present time, has been prepared, and is appended to this report, with the financial statement, and the usual catalogue of additions to the law and general library.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Mrs. ADA NORTH,

State Librarian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DATE.	DR.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
1873.			
Nov. 1.	To balance unexpended.....	\$ 386.88	
1874.			
Jan. 1.	To appropriation for 1874.....	1,000.00	
1875.			
Jan. 1.	To appropriation for 1875.....	1,000.00	\$2,386.88
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1873.			
Dec. 9.	By payment as per vouchers.....	\$ 385.00	
1874.			
Jan. 9.	By statement as per vouchers.....	31.00	
23.	" "	32.17	
Feb. 4.	" "	6.00	
Feb. 16.	" "	16.75	
May 21.	" "	35.47	
June 15.	" "	19.71	
July 28.	" "	92.45	
Aug. 4.	" "	700.00	
10.	" "	6.00	
Oct. 2.	" "	13.50	
30.	" "	47.05	
Nov. 9.	" "	10.00	
1875.			
Jan. 4.	" "	38.50	
20.	" "	99.40	
Feb. 27.	" "	12.50	
Feb. 10.	" "	700.00	
20.	" "	16.50	
Apr. 5.	" "	21.96	
23.	" "	6.30	
28.	" "	1.75	
May 12.	" "	68.15	
22.	" "	26.72	\$2,386.88

APPENDIX TO THE REPORT.

SKETCH OF IOWA STATE LIBRARY.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LAW LIBRARY SINCE NOV. 1,
1873.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE GENERAL LIBRARY SINCE NOV.
1, 1873.

LIST OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED BY DONATIONS OR EX-
CHANGE SINCE NOV. 1, 1873.

RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE LIBRARY.

HISTORICAL SKETCH
OF THE
IOWA STATE LIBRARY.

In the course of certain researches among the yellow leaves of the journals of the first territorial assembly of Iowa, I found that the initiatory step taken toward the foundation of our State Library, was the appropriation by congress, at the time the territory was created, of \$5,000 for the purchase of books. Section 18, of an act "To divide the territory of Wisconsin, and to establish the territorial government of Iowa," approved June 12, 1838, is as follows :

"And be it further enacted, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by and under the direction of the governor of said territory of Iowa, in the purchase of a library to be kept at the seat of government for the accommodation of the governor, legislative assembly, judges, secretary, marshal, and attorney of said territory, and such other persons as the governor and legislative assembly shall direct."

This money was accordingly expended by Governor Lucas in the purchase of several hundred volumes, selected, as he says in his first message, by himself with the assistance of some literary friends.

The catalogue of this original collection, prepared by Judge McLean, cannot be found, although one hundred copies were ordered, by the second legislative assembly, to be printed. I learn from other sources that the selection was of standard historical, biographical, poetical, legal, and miscellaneous works, such as were deemed most important as the foundation of a public library. Among them were Irving's Columbus, Tucker's Jefferson, Wirt's Life of Patrick Henry, the lives of Arthur Lee, Commodore Barney, and Paul Jones, the National Portrait Gallery, Catlin's Indian Portraits, Plutarch's Lives, Lieber's America,

Lingard's England, Gibbon's Rome, Hallam's Middle Ages, Rollin's Ancient History, Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy, the works of Addison, Bacon, Franklin, Washington, Scott, Hannah More, Lady Montague, and Mrs. Sherwood, the British Poets, Bentham's Rationale of Reward, Angell and Ames on Corporations, Bacon's Abridgement, Blackstone's and Kent's Commentaries, the works of Chitty, Story, Puffendorf, and Vattel, and many others. These books are still to be found on the shelves, and are, generally, in a good state of preservation. To this embryo library was added a collection of maps, presented by Dr. O. Fairchild, of Cincinnati, which were then considered valuable, and are now also interesting by reason of their age.

The first legislative assembly failed to pass an act providing for the care of these books, owing, doubtless, in part, to the fact that the books having been frozen up at St. Louis, on their passage, did not arrive until after the adjournment. The governor, therefore, caused a room to be fitted up temporarily, in a frame building on Jefferson street, belonging to Mr. John S. David, in the city of Burlington, the seat of government, and in April, 1839, commissioned Mr. T. S. Parvin, the governor's private secretary, as librarian. This gentleman soon resigned the position. In October, the library was put in charge of Charles Weston, who remained librarian *pro tem.* until the passage, by the second legislative assembly, of an act to provide for the appointment of a librarian and the care of the library, when Morgan Reno, treasurer of the territory, was commissioned as librarian, with a salary of \$210. By this act the librarian was appointed on the nomination of the Governor, with the consent of the council; he was required to give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, and to provide a proper room as convenient as possible to the house occupied by the legislative assembly. No persons except the members and officers of the legislature, the governor, and secretary of the territory, judges, clerks and attorneys of the supreme court, United States attorney, and marshal of the territory were permitted to remove books from the library. These persons were permitted "to introduce citizens or strangers into the library, who should have the privilege, during all reasonable hours, to read any of the books therein not required for the use of such privileged persons." The library was to be kept open during the sessions of the legislature and of the supreme court and, at other times, every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons for four hours each.

The first report of the library was made by Morgan Reno to the third legislative assembly, but is not preserved. An effort was made at that

session to pass a resolution for an appropriation for the territorial library. This resolution was indefinitely postponed.

The seat of government was now fixed at Iowa City, and as the capitol was not ready rooms were fitted up temporarily for the accommodation of the legislature, state officers, and library, preparatory to the meeting of the fourth legislative assembly.

Mr. Reno's second report as librarian, referred to in council journal 1841-42, page 173, is also lost. No appropriation was granted, though an allowance was made of the sum of eleven dollars and fifty cents for the purchase of a copy of Niles' Register for 1840 and 1841.

In the appendix to the council journal of the fifth legislative assembly, 1842-43, the third report of the librarian, and the earliest now existing, may be found. It is very brief, merely stating that the library sets of reports were very defective, and urging the importance of increasing the library. Still no money was applied by the legislature to this purpose. For several years following no reports seem to have been made.

In 1845, by authority of the judges of the supreme court, a catalogue of the library was prepared by Mr. A. P. Woods, and payment asked of the eighth legislative assembly. This, however, was not granted. A copy of this catalogue is now in the hands of Mr. T. S. Parvin, of Iowa City; it contains the titles of 1618 books and about twenty maps, probably but few over the original number purchased by Governor Lucas.

In January, 1846, a joint resolution was passed by the legislature, authorizing the librarian to procure by purchase, or otherwise, five copies of the journals of each House of all the past sessions of the legislature, and to put and keep the same in the library, and directing the deposit of the same number of the journals of each House thereafter. If this was done, most of these journals have been lost, as, for many years back, not a single complete set was to be found in the library; the set which we now have upon the shelves having been donated within a short period by Judge Rorer, of Burlington, and Prof. T. S. Parvin, of Iowa City.

In 1846, the first general assembly of the state repealed the act of 1840, regulating the library, and passed an act directly appointing Mr. Lemuel B. Patterson as librarian for two years, with a salary of \$150, and directing a catalogue to be made and kept in the library. The bond was reduced to \$2,000, but no other material changes were made. The catalogue ordered was possibly made and kept in manuscript form. It cannot now be found.

At the extra session of the first general assembly, in 1848, a resolution was passed allowing the judges of the supreme court to take from the state library twenty volumes of law books, "to use in the supreme court of the respective districts, provided they should be returned by the first day of each term of supreme court held at Iowa City, and of each session of the general assembly." In his first report, Mr. Patterson asked a repeal of this resolution as "subversive of the interests and contrary to the purposes of the state library." His report gives the number of volumes in the library as about 1,660, which shows a very small rate of increase. The subscription to Niles's Register had been continued and the papers then received have lain folded and uncut, as they came from the publisher, until the past year, during which they have been collected, and, being found nearly complete, have been bound and added to the set, which now lacks but four volumes.

Mr. Patterson's suggestions in regard to the preservation of the library were unheeded, and the legislature even proceeded to extend the ruinous privilege of allowing the books to be taken away from the seat of government, by conferring the same upon district judges. Mr. Patterson was reappointed for two years.

In his report to the third general assembly he mentioned the addition of ten volumes of Wilkes's Exploring Expedition, donated by congress, and asked that an appropriation of \$1,000, with an annual one of \$200, be made. By an act of February 1, 1851, \$500 were ordered to be expended by the governor for books.

About this period national exchanges began to be made, though at first to a very limited degree.

Mr. Israel Kister, the state treasurer was, in 1851, appointed librarian in place of Mr. Patterson. His report to the succeeding general assembly is not preserved, but a communication from Governor Hempstead, containing a list of the books bought with the \$500, is found on page 310, of the senate journal of 1852-53; they numbered 258 volumes, chiefly of a miscellaneous character, many of which have since been lost from the library. This assembly made an appropriation of \$500 for certain law-books.

In 1852, Martin L. Morris succeeded Mr. Kister as treasurer and librarian. He made a report to the fifth general assembly, 1854-55, giving a list of the law-books purchased by the second state appropriation. They consisted of reports of the United States and state courts, and a few law treatises, in all, 105 volumes. He mentioned the gift of the Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge, and the Natural

History series of New York, urged the repeal of the resolutions granting to judges the liberty of taking books away from the capital, and asked for another appropriation.

The legislature appropriated \$1,000, directing \$500 to be expended for miscellaneous works, \$400 for law-books, and \$100 for binding. An act was also passed and approved January 25th 1855, placing the library in the care and custody of a librarian appointed by the governor, and forbidding the removal of books from the seat of government. By this act, the librarian was, for the first time, directed to paste printed labels in each book, numbering the same, and to write the words "Iowa State Library," at the bottom of the thirtieth page of each volume. He was also required to prepare an alphabetical catalogue of the library before the first day of April 1856, and report the same to the governor, who should cause it to be published. On or about the day that this act was approved, the governor appointed the auditor of state, John Pattee, as librarian. The catalogue ordered to be prepared could not have been published, as an attempt was made again in 1858 to order the printing of a catalogue.

Mr. Pattee seems never to have made any report of the library, and no record is found of the books purchased by the appropriation of \$1,000 except in a brief message from Governor Grimes to the sixth general assembly, 1856-57, in which he states that he expended \$900, in law and miscellany to the number of 404 volumes, which were bought of Daniel Appleton & Co., and of Banks, Gould & Co., of New York city.

A legend of this period survives, to the effect that for several years the sole guardian of the library was the key to the door of the room containing it, which was generally left, hanging conveniently near, for the unrestricted use of any person desiring access to the books. However this may be, it need not be doubted that for the annual salary, as it was called, of one hundred and fifty dollars, very little attention was devoted to the care of the library.

In the fall of 1857, the city of Des Moines was, by proclamation of the governor, declared the capital of the State, and the removal of the state officers, archives, and library from Iowa City, was accomplished with great labor and difficulty, there being at that time no railroad communication with Des Moines.

A few cases were fitted up for the reception of the library in a room which now forms the south half of the space devoted to it.

At the seventh session of the legislature, in 1858, a committee, reporting on the condition of the library, say that the sets of reports were very defective, rendering them of comparatively little value as books of reference to the judges and attorneys; and they also refer to the extremely inadequate salary of the librarian, recommending an increase of the same, and also an appropriation to the library. Mr. Pattee ceased to act as librarian at this time, and the office was never afterwards attached to that of the treasurer or auditor.

In the general appropriation act of 1858, approved March 23d, six hundred dollars were appropriated for the salary of the librarian for 1858-59.

Mr. J. P. Coulter received the appointment of librarian, but soon thereafter left the office in the care of his son, L. I. Coulter, who remained in charge during the continuation of the term, finding employment in the office of the clerk of the supreme court when not engaged in attending to the duties of the library. Mr. Coulter's report, made to the eighth general assembly, is mentioned in the journals of that session, but is not preserved.

By an act of 1860, the secretary of the board of education was allowed a deputy, provided such deputy should act as librarian; and this was the position occupied for several years by Mr. Coulter, the library being kept open, as formerly, only upon the afternoons of Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, except during the session of the legislature and supreme court. Mr. Coulter's time must have been very much occupied in the office of the secretary of board of education, and he doubtless found that his duties as librarian could scarcely be more than nominal. He, however, reported briefly to the ninth general assembly, estimating the number of volumes then in the library as 6,433, the increase during 1860 and 1861 having been 1,038 volumes.

By the Revision of 1860, one hundred copies of the supreme court reports were given to the library for exchange; subsequently, by section 10, chapter 22, laws of 1864, these were omitted in the distribution directed, but the clause was re-enacted in 1868.

In the message of Governor Kirkwood in 1864, I find the first reference to the affairs of the library made by any executive since 1856. The governor alluded to the absolute necessity of a good law library, and earnestly recommended an appropriation of the sum of \$5,000. The legislature thereupon appropriated \$3,000 for the benefit of the law department of the library, to be expended by the judges of the supreme court. The librarian's report of 1866 gives a list of 744 vol-

umes, chiefly of law reports, which were purchased by the \$3,000 appropriation; these, with the donations and exchanges since 1862, swelled the whole number to 8,216.

By an amendment to section 642, of the Revision of 1860, the deputy of the superintendent was, in 1868, relieved of the care of the library. The twelfth general assembly adjourned without making any provision for librarian. To supply the vacancy caused by this oversight or neglect of the legislature, and to avoid the closing of the library, the census board decided to place some person in charge of the office, as extra janitor, and to pay him, as such, from the contingent fund. Accordingly John C. Merrill was, in the spring of 1868, directed to fill the position. Having no other office to claim his attention, he entered energetically upon his duties as librarian.

During these long years of neglect, the library had very naturally fallen into great disorder; many of the books were lost and injured, and the yearly accessions had overcrowded the shelves and even encumbered the floor.

Mr. Merrill, finding that no proper record had been hitherto kept, re-numbered the whole library, re-arranged and classified the books, and reported in 1869 the whole number as 10,961 volumes.

In the year 1870, Governor Merrill, in his biennial message, earnestly recommended the revision of the law of 1860, relative to it, and the enactment of a law better adapted to the enlarged size of the collection, and the increased duties of the librarian. Judge C. C. Cole, who had been upon the supreme bench since early in 1864, had given much attention to the library, and had endeavored from time to time to draw the attention of the legislature to the importance of increasing it, now made further exertions to awaken an interest in its affairs. Largely through his efforts, an appropriation was made for the purchase of two hundred copies of each volume of the new edition of G. Greene's reports to be exchanged for the benefit of the law department. The judges of the supreme court were created "Commissioners of the State Library, and were to have the management and control thereof in the selection and exchange of books therefor." No provision was made, however, for the salary of the librarian, and he therefore continued to be paid as janitor.

With the proceeds of the sale of these reports, a large number of the English, Irish, and Scotch law reports were purchased, and placed in the library. The American sets of reports were also filled as far as the missing volumes could be found, other law books were added, and

the library began to assume an appearance more creditable to the state.

In 1871, the old supreme court room, into which the library opened, was relinquished by the judges for the use of the library, to which it was immediately added and fitted up with cases for books. The room was thus nearly doubled in size and greatly improved. The sets of reports were kept up, and many law treatises and law journals were added to the library. During the period that Mr. Merrill acted as librarian the library was kept open during all business days. He introduced the system of card cataloguing, which had been adopted in a number of the eastern public libraries with advantageous results.

In the month of September of this year, John C. Merrill was removed by death. He was a young man of great ability and worth. He had shown indefatigable industry and enterprise in his management of the affairs of the library, admirably seconding the wishes of the commissioners, and proving himself a most efficient librarian.

Upon the 14th day of September, Governor Merrill appointed the present incumbent to fill the vacancy. In his message of 1872, the governor again recommended that the law in reference to the care of the library should be revised; that a reasonable compensation be allowed the librarian; and that certain fees be turned over for the benefit of the library. General Wright, secretary of state, and Judge C. C. Cole, each of whom had long had the interests of the library at heart, also strenuously urged legislation favoring its advancement. The evident necessity for such legislation was now very generally felt. Accordingly, an act, in relation to the library and the duties of the librarian was passed, and approved April 23, 1872. A board of trustees was created, consisting of the governor, judges of the supreme court, secretary of state, and superintendent of public instruction. The librarian was designated as a state officer, with a salary of \$1,200 per annum, and was directed to prepare a catalogue for publication. The library was to be kept open, as formerly, during the sessions of the legislature and supreme court, and upon such other days as the trustees should direct. An annual appropriation of \$1,000 was made, to be expended by the board of trustees, for the purchase of books for the library. By a further act, all of the supreme court reports which should be left after the distribution by the secretary of state was made, were to be turned over to the library, to be disposed of under the direction of the trustees, for the purpose of increasing the law department. The trustees, in framing the rules for the regulation of the

library, directed that the room should be kept open every business day of the year. The librarian was reappointed by Governor Carpenter, May 1, 1872. She proceeded to prepare a catalogue of the library which was printed during that year.

With the appropriation and the proceeds of the sales of the Iowa reports, the English, Irish, and Scotch sets of reports have been filled and other law books rapidly added. The general library has also received numerous additions; this department remains comparatively small, but is a well selected and steadily increasing collection. Although our room is becoming very much crowded, it can probably be made to answer the purpose until the new capitol is ready for occupancy, in which there will be ample space and elegant accommodations devoted to the library. The room designed for the state library, in the new capitol, is in the main front of the edifice, upon the same floor as the legislative halls, and will overlook the city upon the north, west and south. Its dimensions will be 108 by 54 feet, with an altitude of 28 feet, which will admit of a second tier of book-cases, to be reached by a light gallery, whenever the exigencies of the library shall demand it.

Our state library has already attained such magnitude and such a degree of completeness in many of its departments, as to be an honor to the State. That at this early period of its history, so fair an appreciation of its importance has been shown, and such encouragement manifested by generous state appropriations, securing its constant growth, gives hopeful promise for the future. We may, with confidence, look forward to the time, when, amid more fitting and beautiful surroundings, the Iowa State Library shall expand into noble and perfect proportions, and become a sacred repository of the learning and wisdom of the ages.

CATALOGUE

OF

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LAW LIBRARY BY PURCHASE.

Since November 1, 1873.

- Abbott, Austin. Reports of Practice Cases in the Courts of the State of New York. New Series. v. 13-15. N. Y.
- See *Beecher, H. W.*, Trial of.
- Abbott, B. V. United States Digest. New Series. v. 4. Annual Digest for 1873. Boston, 1874.
- United States Digest, First Series. v. 1-7. Boston, 1874-75.
- Adams, John. The Doctrine of Equity. 6th Am. ed. Philadelphia, 1873.
- Addison, C. G. The Law of Contracts. v. 1. 3d Am. ed. N. Y., 1875.
- The Law of Torts. 4th ed. N. Y., 1873.
- Albany Law Journal; a Weekly Record of the Law and the Lawyers, conducted by I. G. Thompson. v. 8-12. Albany, 1873-75.
- American Law Register. New Series. v. 12-14. Philadelphia, 1873-75.
- American Law Review. v. 8-10. Boston, 1873-75.
- American Law Times Reports. Ed. by Rowland Cox. New Series. v. 1, 2. Washington, 1874-75.
- American Leading Cases. Hare and Wallace's Notes. 2. v. 5th ed. Philadelphia, 1871.
- American Reports: containing all decisions of general interest in courts of last resort of the several states. By I. G. Thompson. v. 10-14. Albany, 1873-75.
- Digest of v. 1-12, 1870-75, by I. G. Thompson. Albany, 1875.
- Amos, Sheldon. The Science of Jurisprudence. London, 1872.
- Angell, J. K. On Carriers. 4th ed. Boston, 1868.
- On the Limitations of Actions at Law. 5th ed. Boston, 1869.
- Bacon, A. O. Digest of Decisions in the Supreme Court of Georgia. (of v. 1-40.) 2 v. Macon, 1874.
- Bainbridge, Wm. On Law of Mines and Minerals. 1st Am. ed. Philadelphia, 1871.
- Barbour, O. T. Reports in the Supreme Court of New York. v. 62-65. Albany.
- Barclay, Robt. D. Digest of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of Missouri in vols. 23 to 33. v. 2. St. Louis, 1868.

- Beecher, H. W., Trial of. By Austin Abbott. v. 1. N. Y., 1875.
 Benedict, E. C. Admiralty Practice. 2d ed. N. Y., 1870.
 Benedict, Robt. D. Reports in U. S. District Courts, 2d Circuit. v. 5, 6. N. Y., 1874-75.
 Benjamin, J. P. The Law of Sales of Personal Property. 1st Am. ed. N. Y., 1875.
 Best, W. M. The Law of Evidence. v. 1. 1st Am. ed. N. Y., 1875.
 Bigelow, M. M. Index of Cases Overruled, Reversed, &c. Boston, 1873.
 ——— Life and Accident Insurance Reports. v. 3. N. Y., 1874.
 Bishop, J. P. Criminal Procedure. 2d ed. 2 v. Boston, 1872.
 ——— Criminal Law. 5th ed. Boston, 1872.
 Bispham, Geo. T. Principles of Equity. Philadelphia, 1874.
 Bissell, J. H. Cases in the Circuit and District Courts of the United States. v. 2-4. Chicago.
 Blackstone, Sir Wm. Commentaries on the Laws of England. Cooley's ed. 4 v. in 2. Chicago, 1872.
 Blackwell, Robt. S. On Tax Titles, 3d ed. Boston, 1869.
 Blatchford, Sam'l. Reports in Circuit Courts of the United States, 2d Circuit. v. 10, 11. N. Y., 1873.
 Bonvier, John. Law Dictionary. 2 v. 14th ed. Philadelphia, 1875.
 Brickell, R. C. Digest of Decisions in the Supreme Court of Alabama. v. 2. N. Y., 1874.
 Brightley, F. C. Bankrupt Law of the United States. Philadelphia, 1869.
 Brown, S. G. Life of Rufus Choate. 2d ed. Boston, 1870.
 Bump, O. F. Law and Practice of Bankruptcy. 7th ed. N. Y., 1874.
 Burr, Aaron, Trial of, for High Treason. By J. J. Coombs. Washington, 1864.
 Byles, Sir J. B. Law of Bills of Exchange. 6th Am. ed. Philadelphia, 1874.
 Central Law Journal. Ed. by Hon. J. F. Dillon, and S. D. Thompson. v. 1, 2. St. Louis, 1874-5.
 Chicago Legal News; a Journal of Legal Intelligence. Myra Bradwell, editress. v. 6, 7. Chicago.
 Chitty, Joseph. On Law of Contracts. 11th Am. ed. 2 v. N. Y., 1874.
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