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In Common Council, Oct. 30, 1856.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library be, and they are hereby authorized to present their annual report to the City Council in print.

Ordered, That one thousand additional copies be printed.

Sent up for concurrence.

OLIVER STEVENS, *President.*

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 31, 1856.

Concurred.

PELHAM BONNEY, *Chairman.*

Approved, Nov. 1st, 1856.

ALEXANDER H. RICE, *Mayor.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

In Board of Trustees, Oct. 31, 1856.

Ordered, That the Report of the President be accepted and signed by the members of the Board; and that the same be transmitted to the City Council, agreeably to the requisitions of the city ordinances.

Attest:

EDWARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

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TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In obedience to the fourth section of the ordinance of the 14th of October, 1852, in relation to the Public Library, the Trustees ask leave to submit to the City Council their fourth Annual Report.

In conformity to the provisions of the ordinance, the report of the Committee of Examination, marked A, is hereunto annexed. This Committee consists — besides a member of the Board of Trustees acting as Chairman — of five members appointed by the Trustees from the citizens at large. The members of the Committee the present year are J. T. Stevenson, Esq., Rev. Dr. Blagden, F. W. Lincoln, Jr. Esq., Joseph Story, Esq., and S. J. Thomas, Esq. The Trustees, on behalf of the public, return their thanks to these gentlemen for the readiness with which they have attended to the discharge of the duty devolving upon them as members of the Committee.

The Annual Report of the Librarian, marked B, made in pursuance of Chapter III., Art. 12th, of the Rules and By-Laws of the Library, is also submitted.

From these two reports a full knowledge may be obtained of the present state of the Library, and of its operations during the past year. In connection with the reports of former years, they will enable the City Council and the public to trace the progress of the Library, from its feeble com-

mencement, in 1852, to its present highly prosperous condition.

The Trustees feel warranted, on this occasion, in repeating the remark made in their last Report, that the institution is, in all its relations, in a highly satisfactory state. The resort of the public, both for the purpose of borrowing books and of using them in the reading room, has continued undiminished during the year. The books borrowed continue to be punctually returned, with as little injury as is consistent with their use. In the purchase of new books the Trustees have more and more abstained from buying works of mere amusement, aiming to confine themselves to those of a higher order; and they have no reason to suppose that this course is disapproved by the public. In the first years of its existence, the additions made to the Library by purchase were almost exclusively of works in the English language. During the past year a considerable number of books in the French language, and a few in the German, have been bought, to satisfy an earnest call for them on the part of readers. It is obvious that in a free public library this call ought to be met to a reasonable extent, inasmuch as books in the foreign languages are less likely than others to be within the reach of many persons entitled to the benefits of the institution. The number of volumes, however, in French and German which have been purchased for this reason, does not exceed a few hundred.

The increase of the library continues to fulfil the anticipations of the Trustees. In their first Annual Report the whole number of volumes was stated to be about ten thousand; in the second Annual Report, 16,221 volumes, and about 4,000 tracts; in the third Report, 22,617 volumes, and 6,507 tracts. At the present time the whole number of volumes, exclusive of those already received from the last liberal donation of Mr. Bates, is 28,080, and of tracts, 12,386. In addition to the volumes standing upon their shelves, not

less than two thousand have been purchased by Mr. Ticknor, who is now in Europe, out of the means at the disposal of the Trustees for the current year. These figures show that the Trustees were not over sanguine in calculating, from their ordinary resources, upon an annual increase of about 6,000 volumes, which they have no reason to think will fall off in future. Of the additions made to the library the past year, 1,865 volumes and 5,330 pamphlets have been donations from 126 individuals and institutions, whose names are given in the Appendix to this Report. Among these the donation of Dr. Walter Channing, of 786 volumes and many pamphlets, deserves especial acknowledgment. Valuable donations have also been received from Dr. H. I. Bowditch, Rev. Caleb D. Bradlee, Edward Gassett, Esq., J. Francis Kimball, Esq., Dr. C. G. Putnam, Edward A. Snelling, Esq., Dr. S. D. Townsend, and Monsieur Alexander Vattemare. The Trustees regard these donations with great satisfaction, not merely on account of the value of the books presented, but for the widely extended interest which they evince in the library on the part of the community.

The rooms in Mason street having become filled in 1855, it was necessary to remove a portion of the books, which could best be spared for that purpose, to a place of temporary deposit in the Quincy Schoolhouse. The same operation has been repeated during the present year, and may again become necessary in 1857. This and other inconveniences, resulting from the limited capacity of the apartments at present occupied by the library, will terminate, in all probability, by the end of the ensuing year. The spacious building in Boylston street will be completed in the course of the coming year, and will afford the amplest accommodation for the library, and for any probable increase to it, that may be made for many years.

The erection of this building being entrusted to another Board, whose reports are regularly made to the City Coun-

cil, it may be proper only for the Trustees to state that, it will, when completed— they are well persuaded— fully justify the City Council for the liberal appropriations which have been made for it, and be regarded as a noble monument to the wisdom and public spirit of the municipal government of the City of Boston.

In the mean time, the Trustees have been actively and diligently employed, under the authority conferred upon them by the City Council for that purpose, in preparing for the completion of the building and the public opening of the library. The most important step to be taken, toward that end, was to give effect to the munificent purpose of Mr. Bates, made known to the city government the last year, and recorded in the last Annual Report of the Trustees. His original donation of fifty thousand dollars, for the endowment of the library, was, as is well known, established as a fund, the interest of which only is to be annually appropriated for the purchase of books. In addition to this act of distinguished liberality, as soon as Mr. Bates was informed that the City Council had determined to erect a spacious fireproof building, he communicated to the Mayor his intention to present to the city such a number of books, in the various departments of science and literature, as would enable the library to commence its operations in the most satisfactory manner, as soon as the new building should be completed.

It has been the pleasing duty of the Trustees, in their appropriate sphere, to give effect to this munificent intention of Mr. Bates, by preparing, at his request, lists of books suitable for the library. It is scarcely necessary to observe that the task of selecting, from the almost boundless mass of literature, ancient and modern, in our own and foreign tongues, those works which it would be expedient to recommend to our liberal benefactor for immediate purchase, was not to be performed without reflection and labor. The

Trustees, through their committee for the purchase of books, have given much time, and devoted their best efforts to this subject. In executing the work in all its branches, they have had the good fortune to be able to avail themselves of the services of Professor C. C. Jewett, formerly librarian of Brown University, and more recently of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington; a gentleman whose bibliographical pursuits, both in this country and Europe, have been conducted with equal intelligence and success.

The rooms in Mason street not affording sufficient accommodation even for the current operations and daily use of the library, a house has been hired by the Trustees in Boylston place, under authority from the City Council, for the reception of the books presented by Mr. Bates, and their preparation for the shelves in the new building. This preparation requires a comparison of the volumes received with the invoice; the collation of each volume, that is, such an examination of it as is necessary to ascertain whether it is perfect in all its parts, and to note the defects, if any; its entry in the accessions catalogue, that is, the list of books daily added to the library in the order in which they are received; and the copying of the title at length upon a card, which takes its place alphabetically in the card catalogue. About eleven thousand volumes have already been received in Boylston place, and prepared in this way for the shelves, and others are constantly arriving from Europe.* Steady employment in this way, and in other occupations connected with the library and its catalogues, has been given to Professor Jewett, and his intelligent and industrious assistants in Boylston place, by whom a great amount of labor has been diligently and skillfully performed.

The Trustees suppose that the new building will be completed in less than a twelvemonth from the present time.

* The books received in Boylston place, with those in the rooms in Mason street, and in the Quincy Schoolhouse, form an aggregate of nearly FORTY THOUSAND volumes.

They are aware that this may seem a long time since it was commenced; but they have reason to believe that it has been carried forward as rapidly as is consistent with the solidity of the work. Composed almost wholly of bricks and stone, and intended for the reception of books, which suffer greatly from dampness, it is of especial importance that reasonable time should be allowed for the gradual absorption of the moisture inseparable from such a mass of recent masonry. It may be added that it would not be possible to get ready for their places on the shelves of the new building the works already purchased, or in course of being purchased, by Mr. Bates, at a much earlier period than that assigned for its completion.

When the library, greatly augmented in size, shall be opened to the public in the new edifice, a large increase may be anticipated in the number of persons resorting to it. A proportionate enlargement of its operations in all its departments will take place; its administration will become more arduous; and a re-organization of the plan on which it is conducted will be necessary. Some amendments of the ordinance of the 14th of October, 1852, will be required for this purpose, and will form the subject of a separate communication to the City Council.

The regular operations of the institution in Mason street have been carried on with the usual success during the past year, under the librarian, Mr. Edward Capen, and his assistants, to whose diligence in the performance of their respective duties, and to whose assiduous endeavors to promote the convenience of those resorting to the library, the Trustees willingly bear renewed testimony. The number of new accounts for borrowing books during the past year is 2,371, making a total of 11,518. The number of names entered in the reading room in the course of the year is 2,361, making a total since the opening of the library of 12,856. The number of books borrowed during the year is 82,661, making a

daily average of 291 volumes for the working days of the year. As five hours daily are assigned to the borrowing and returning of books, it results from these figures, that but a small fraction over one minute has been required for waiting upon each individual applicant.

In the course of the year the public has been deprived of the services of Thomas G. Appleton, Esq., who resigned his place as a Trustee on his departure for Europe. Mr. Appleton has been a member of the Board since its first organization; and, besides the value of his services in that capacity, he is entitled to the grateful acknowledgements of the community for one of the most valuable presents of books which have been made to the institution, viz: a copy of Audubon's Birds of America, in the original edition, in four volumes, of Atlantic size, substantially and handsomely bound.

The name of Mr. Ticknor not being subscribed to this Report with those of the other Trustees, it is proper to state that the omission is caused by his absence from the country. The library, however, has not been deprived, by this circumstance, of the benefit of his services, which, from its foundation have been most assiduously rendered, and of the highest value. He has, during his absence, been able, in concert with Mr. Bates, to make arrangements for the purchase of books, from which great benefit will accrue to the library. Indeed, the presence in Europe at this time of a person possessing the entire confidence both of Mr. Bates and the Trustees, and otherwise so eminently qualified for the duty, was a piece of good fortune not easily to be overrated.

In closing their report, the Trustees feel warranted in expressing the opinion that the library is in all respects in a sound and prosperous condition. They acknowledge with gratitude the liberality manifested by the city government in the erection of the new building, and in the provision made to defray the current expenses of the institution. They

have endeavored, by personal attention to its administration, to give effect to this enlightened policy and to the munificence of individual benefactors. Considering the library as the completion of the system of public education to which Boston is indebted for so much of her prosperity, they confidently anticipate for it a future of great public utility, and corresponding favor on the part of the community, and they earnestly commend it to the continued protection and patronage of the City Council.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

EDWARD EVERETT,
JOHN P. BIGELOW,
NATH'L B. SHURTLEFF,
FARNHAM PLUMMER,
OLIVER FROST,
W. W. GREENOUGH.

City Library, 31st Oct. 1856.

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The Examining Committee appointed under the provisions of the seventh section of the ordinance in relation to the Public Library,

R E P O R T :

The section referred to provides that "the Trustees shall annually appoint a Committee of five citizens at large, who, together with a Trustee as Chairman, shall examine the library, and make report of its condition to the Trustees. Agreeably to the requirements of this section, it appears that three annual examinations, previously to the present one, have been made by three several Committees, each composed of different individuals, as respects those selected at large. Their reports are on record, and indicate that the method of examination was alike in the several cases in regard to the subjects to be specially reported upon. It seems proper and convenient, that the course of the previous committees in this matter should be adhered to, because the results of similar investigations, presented in a similar manner, render it easy to compare, from year to year, the state and progress of the institution. The Committee, therefore, have examined and report in the usual order :

First, as to the Books : The whole number of volumes in the library, as reported by the Committee at the last annual examination was 22,617, and the whole number of pamphlets, or tracts, was 6,507. There have since been added 5,463 volumes and 5,879 pamphlets, making the present total 28,080 volumes, and 12,386 tracts. Nearly all the tracts and 1,865 of the volumes were presented by individuals or institutions. Many of the tracts have been classed and bound into volumes, or so arranged in cases as to be convenient for consultation. The books, in general, are in good condi-

tion, and even most of those which have been taken out many times for home perusal are in as good order as those in frequent use in private libraries — a fact highly creditable to the reading habits of our fellow citizens. All the books are in the English language (with the exception of less than a thousand volumes, mainly donations,) and seem to have been selected with especial reference to the literary wants of the great body of the people. Of many of the books which are in frequent demand there are not only several copies, but in all cases of new works concerning which a strong interest is felt on the part of the public, copies have been procured to such an extent that many persons have been enabled to peruse the same work at one and the same point of time. In this manner the institution is carrying out a principle, prominently set forth in one of its earliest documents — “to render the pleasant and healthy literature of the day accessible, as far as practicable, to the whole people at the time they care most for it, viz: when it is living, and new.” This practice, it is hoped, will be continued, even to a more generous extent, when the means of the institution shall be more ample, and the accommodations more convenient for the taking out of books. During the annual period of closing the library, its volumes appear to have been carefully and thoroughly examined and counted by the librarian and his assistants, and their statement has been verified, as in previous years, by a subsequent examination on the part of intelligent and competent young ladies connected with the Normal School. It appears that 149 volumes are missing; being rather more than were missing at the last annual examination. Measures for getting in the absent volumes, as provided for in the rules of the institution, under the authority of the city, are in active progress. Among the missing books are none of rare or costly kind, or which cannot easily be replaced. Books of that description may be freely consulted at the rooms, but are not

allowed to go into circulation, except by special permission of the Trustees, and with such conditions as insure their safe keeping and return. Although the library has been open for circulation less than two years and a half, the amount of the circulation during that time has exceeded two hundred thousand (200,000): that is, books have been taken out at least that number of times. Considering the necessary exposure to accident in such an extensive circulation, the losses of the library have been very small, and the cost of all the missing volumes is more than equalled by the fines received for keeping out books over the regulation time.

The library is particularly rich, (probably more so than any other in the country,) in periodical literature. Upon the tables of the reading-room are to be found the latest numbers of all the prominent American, and many foreign, periodical journals. The number of these, regularly received, amounts to one hundred and thirty-eight, (their cost averaging about \$600 per year), and they appertain to all branches of art, science, and polite literature. They are in constant use by citizens resorting to the reading-room, and furnish to the mechanic, merchant and professional man, the latest information, or the newest lights, in regard to subjects connected with their several pursuits, to say nothing of wholesome and entertaining reading for all classes.

As to the Catalogues. These are found to be in good order, and well adapted to the objects in view. They consist of—*Catalogue of Accessions; Alphabetical Card Catalogue; Alcove, or Shelf, Catalogue; and Printed Alphabetical Catalogue.* The *Catalogue of Accessions* contains the name of every book received into the library, from its beginning, in the order of reception, with its condition at the time, its cost, if purchased, and the name of the giver, if presented. The *Alphabetical Card Catalogue* contains the full title, or transcript of the title page, of every book, on a separate card, with brief references on other cards, to all the names or words of the

title under which it is deemed at all likely that the book will be inquired for. The *Alcove Catalogue*, attached to each alcove or range of shelves, contains the names of all the books in the order in which they belong on each shelf; thereby furnishing ready means of knowing, at any time, the exact condition of the library, in regard to books missing, &c. Copies of the *Printed Alphabetical Catalogue*, with abbreviated titles of books, are on the tables of the reading-room. They are interleaved, and include the name of every book which has been added to the library since the catalogue was printed. Besides these catalogues of *books*, there are two folio volumes containing the names (autographs) of all persons who have claimed to avail themselves of the privileges of the institution. The names are attached or subscribed to an obligation to observe the rules and regulations of the library, and their number amounts to 12,856. The books used for charging and crediting the volumes delivered or received, are arranged on a decimal plan, new and peculiar to this library, which greatly facilitates rapid and correct delivery and reception. At the re-opening of the library, on the first instant, more than five hundred volumes were charged, and given out to as many different individuals, within the space of five hours, and as many more could have been given out within the same time, if applied for. There can be no doubt that with a proper number of assistants, rightly accommodated, the plan will admit of giving out thousands of volumes in a day, if occasion therefor should ever occur. For the invention, and practical application, of this admirable plan, the community is indebted to Dr. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, whose zealous and efficient endeavors to promote the interests of the institution cannot be too highly estimated.

As to the Library Rooms. The books occupy the same rooms as those specified in the report of last year, viz: the lower story of the Normal schoolhouse, and the two cham-

bers in the Quincy schoolhouse. These latter are used as store-rooms for a portion of the books, (about 6,000 in number,) which do not go into circulation, and for consulting which there are no adequate facilities. Indeed, the inadequacy of accommodations, and the inconveniences attending the operations of the library, so fully set forth in the reports of our predecessors, have seriously increased—in view of which it is highly creditable to the librarian and his assistants, that the varied, extensive, and constantly augmenting business of the library has been carried on with promptness and efficiency. But the evils and embarrassments which have hitherto surrounded the institution in regard to locality and narrowness of its borders, are, thanks to the judicious and munificent provision of the municipal government, soon to pass away. Upon the completion of the edifice designed for its use, its operations will be conducted on an enlarged scale, and its privileges be enjoyed by great numbers of citizens, to whom, thus far, they have been practically denied. The institution has accomplished much good under many difficulties; from small beginnings it has become, within a brief space of time, one of the principal libraries in the land; and, if continued to be wisely managed, it is safe to predict for it a long and prosperous career, extending its blessings to remote generations of our descendants.

JOHN P. BIGELOW,
J. THOMAS STEVENSON,
G. W. BLAGDEN,
F. W. LINCOLN, JR.,
JOSEPH STORY,
SETH J. THOMAS.

Boston, November 5, 1856.

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To the Trustees of the Public Library :

GENTLEMEN, — In accordance with Chapter III. Article 12, of the Rules and Regulations, I hereby respectfully submit a report on the condition and increase of the library for the period that has elapsed since the 30th of October, 1855, being my third annual report.

The number of volumes then belonging to the library was 22,617, and the number of pamphlets 6,507. There have been added, during the past year, 5,463 volumes, 5,879 pamphlets, two maps, a large number of unbound newspapers, and several manuscripts. Of these 1,865 volumes, 5,330 pamphlets, and all the maps, newspapers, and manuscripts have been received from the donations of one hundred and twenty-six persons, whose names are printed at the end of this report, and 3,598 volumes and 549 pamphlets have been purchased by the Trustees. By referring to the list, it will be seen that the donation of Dr. Walter Channing, is conspicuous in the number of volumes, and it certainly is a very valuable addition to the department to which it mostly relates.

The number of volumes in the library, as exhibited in the accessions catalogue, to this date, is 28,080, and the number of pamphlets is 12,386.

The library has been open to the public 284 days. During this period, 2,361 inhabitants of Boston registered their names, — and thus bound themselves to observe the rules and regulations prescribed by the Trustees, — and 2,371 acquired the right to borrow books. The whole number of signers is now 12,856, and the whole number of borrowers, 11,518. To the latter, as the record shows, 82,661 volumes have been delivered and charged in their respective accounts. The average number of books issued daily has been 291. The highest number in one day was 647, on the 23d of Feb-

ruary. The greatest average per day for one week was 385, in February. The smallest was 194, in October. The Reading Room has furnished about the same list of periodicals to those who have made it a place of resort, and it is believed that there has been no material increase or diminution in the number of readers.

Should it occasion remark that, while the number of subscribers has increased by two thousand three hundred, there has been no corresponding increase in the daily issue of books, two reasons may with candor be offered;—First, and chief, the failure of applicants to procure books repeatedly sought for in a favorite department; second, the limited accommodations furnished in the rooms now occupied by the library for the large numbers in attendance.

In the report of last year, it was said that “the books had been used with remarkable care, cases of accidental injury only, and these of rare occurrence, having come to our notice.” After the experience of another year, I see no occasion to qualify this statement. Not a fine has been exacted or called for on account of damage to a book caused by abuse or carelessness. In two or three instances, one has been tendered in payment for loss or accidental damage. There are thirty-six volumes laid aside as worthless or imperfect, most of them as imperfect. It is probable that some of our losses may be attributable to the fact that the borrower, having lost or injured a book, is deterred by the penalty from returning it, or making his loss known,—a statement based upon an examination of the binder’s schedules, which show the titles of several books that are still charged on our loan books to the borrower, and, having been returned in an irregular way, have not been duly accredited. We hope, for the credit of all concerned, that the fear of no penalty whatever will deter a subscriber upon our list from pursuing the straight-forward and manly course of accounting in some way for every borrowed book. The course

adopted by the Trustees has not been one of exaction. The good of the institution, prudent management of its business, the comfort even of the borrowers themselves, demand that some method shall be adopted that shall prove a motive of sufficient power to induce the borrower, within a given, reasonable period, to return his book. Having broken a rule which in the beginning he promised to observe, it is salutary that he should suffer the consequences, or give a sufficient reason in extenuation of the offence. He will thus have put himself right with the Trustees, and, in all probability, any fine incurred would be remitted.

The binders schedules show that 1,561 volumes have been bound at an expense of \$701.64; and \$26.87 have been paid for binding catalogues. A large part of this has been incurred for binding the periodicals regularly received and used in the reading room, and in making the condition of all volumes received by gift or purchase suitable for general use and circulation. Eight hundred and sixteen volumes have been bound after use in the library, and thirty-five have been twice upon the list.

The examination of the shelves with the alcove catalogue shows that the number of losses has been materially increased. But this subject will be carefully considered by the Examining Committee, and it is not possible to make a full statement until all the returns have been received.

The amount collected for fines is \$262.13, which will cover the expense of binding in the circulating department, and leave something as an offset to damage and loss.

Appended to this Report will be found the amount received from the invested funds of the institution, the list of donors, with the number of volumes presented by each, and the financial statement for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD CAPEN, *Librarian.*

Public Library, Oct. 31, 1856.

B E N E F A C T O R S
 TO THE
 P U B L I C L I B R A R Y,
 FOR THE YEAR 1855-56.

And the number of Volumes, Pamphlets, Maps, &c., received from each.

Bates, Joshua, London, interest, - - -	\$3,000	00
Bigelow, John P., Hon. " - - -	60	00
Phillips, Jonathan, Hon. - - -	600	00
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	Vols.	Pamph.
Adams, Nehemiah, D. D. - - -	1	
Allen, Edward, London, - - -	1	
Amer. Antiquarian Society, Worcester, -	1	
Amer. Tract Society, - - -	1	
Andrews, Joseph, - - -	1	
Anonymous, - - - 1 Map,	19	9
Appleton, Thomas G. - - -	1	
Appleton, William, Hon. - - -	1	
Balfour, David M. - - -	4	
Ball, William T. W. - - -	2	11
Ballou, Maturin M. - - -	4	
Barker, James M. - - -	1	
Batchelder S., Cambridge, - - -		1
Bates, Isaac C. - - -	1	2
Bishop, Nathan, - - -	1	
Bond, William C., Cambridge, - - -	1	

	Vols.	Pamph.
Boston, City of, - - - - -	3	
Boston Prison Discipline Society, - - -	6	
Boston Young Men's Christian Union, -		3
Boutwell George S., Hon. - - - - -		1
Bowditch Library Proprietors, - - - -	7	
Bowditch, Henry I., M. D. - - - - -	14	469
Bradford, Thomas G. - - - - -	1	
Bradlee, Caleb Davis, Rev., North Cambridge,	59	142
Bradlee, Samuel, - - - - -	7	
Brown, William S. - - - - -	1	
Buck, Ephraim, M. D. - - - - -	2	
Buckley, Joseph, - - - - -	4	
Bulfinch, Thomas, - - - - -	1	
Cary, Thomas G., Hon. - - - - -	1	
Chandler, George, M. D., Worcester, -	1	
Channing, Walter, M. D. - - - - -	786	3089
Channing, W. F., M. D. - - - - -		1
Chesbrough E. Sylvester, - - - - -	7	101
Chickering, C. F. - - - - -	2	
Christern, F. W., New York, - - - - -	6	1
Clark, John, - - - - -	1	
Cogswell, Joseph G. - - - - -		1
Colman, Henry, - - - - -	1	
Consolations of Solitude, Author of, -	1	
Cummings, A. I., Roxbury, - - - - -		1
Curtis, Josiah, M. D. - - - - -	3	1
Danforth, Hannah G., Mrs. - - - - -	3	
Derby, E. Hasket, - - - - -	1	
Dudley, Dean, - - - - -	2	
Dupee and Perkins, - - - - -	1 Map	
Durkee, Silas, M. D. - - - - -	14	
Eliot, Samuel A., Hon. - - - - -	33	
Endicott, Charles M., Salem, - - - -		1
Everett, Edward, Hon.		
A large collection of Papers, -	97	77

	Vols.	Pamph.
Fernald, Woodbury M., Rev. - - -		1
Flint, Charles L. - - - - -	13	2
Foster, E. B. - - - - -	2	
Fox, William L., Dorchester, - - -	4	14
Frothingham, Nathaniel L., D. D. - - -	10	
Gassett, Edward, - - - - -	79	76
197 papers and several MSS.,		
Gray, John C., Hon. - - - - -	1	
Green, Samuel A., M. D. - - - - -	1	13
Hewins, James M. - - - - -	1	
Hooper, Samuel, - - - - -	1	
Hunt, Harriot K., M. D., Miss, - - -	1	
Jackson, Samuel C., Rev. - - - - -	1	8
Keyes, Frederic J. - - - - -	1	
Kimball, J. Francis, - - - - -	59	2
Lee, Thomas J. - - - - -	1	
Library Company of Philadelphia, - - -	1	
Longfellow, Henry W., Prof. - - - - -	7	
Loring, James S. - - - - -	4	32
Lothrop, Samuel K., D. D. - - - - -	1	
Lowell, Charles, D. D. - - - - -	2	
Lyman, George H., M. D. - - - - -	1	
McMullen, John, New York, - - - - -	1	
Means, James, Rev. - - - - -	1	
Medford, Selectmen, - - - - -	1	
Merriam, Joseph W. - - - - -	1	
New Bedford Free Library, Trustees of, -		1
New York Mercantile Library Association, -		1
New York University, Regents of, - - -	7	
Norwood, Samuel, - - - - -	5	19
N. P. G. - - - - -	6	58
Odiorne, James C. - - - - -	1	
Peabody Institute, Danvers, - - - - -	1	
Perabcau, H. - - - - -		3
Prescott, William H. - - - - -	2	

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Quincy, Eliza S. - - - - -	2	
Quincy, Josiah, Hon. - - - - -		16
Randall, John W. - - - - -	4	
Raymond, Samuel M. - - - - -	7	
Rich. Brothers, London, - - - - -	20	1
Richardson, James B. - - - - -	2	
Robbins, Chandler, D. D. - - - - -	3	
Shattuck, George C., Jr., M. D. - - - - -	7	
Shurtleff, Nathaniel B., M. D. - - - - -	2	
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, - - - - -	7	
Snelling, Edward A. - - - - -	77	9
Spencer, William V. - - - - -	1	
Spurr, Oliver H. - - - - -		22
Stevens, Benjamin F. - - - - -	4	
Stone, James W., M. D. - - - - -	13	834
Stuart, G. Okill, Mrs., Quebec, - - - - -	1	
Sumner, William H., General, Roxbury, - - - - -		1
Thorington, J., M. C. - - - - -		1
Thornton, J. Wingate, - - - - -	2	1
Thwing, Thomas, - - - - -		2
Ticknor, George, - - - - -	48	155
Townsend, Solomon D., M. D. - - - - -	24	109
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United States, Bureau of Indian Affairs, George W. Manypenny, - - - - -	1	
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Walley, S. H., Hon. - - - - -	2	
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Willis, Nathaniel, - - - - -	1	
Wilson, John, - - - - -	2	
Winthrop, Robert C., Hon. - - - - -	22	6
Wise, John, Lancaster, Pa. - - - - -	1	
	2 Maps, 1865	5330

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For One Year, from November 1, 1855, to October 31, 1856.

Binding books, - - - - -	\$728 51
Blank books, stationery, &c., - - - - -	169 95
Books, - - - - -	5,529 24
Construction, repairs, &c., - - - - -	16 71
Expenses, cartage, &c., - - - - -	103 25
Freight, customs, wharfage, &c., - - - - -	41 44
Fuel, - - - - -	271 90
Furniture, tools, &c., - - - - -	222 43½
Gas, - - - - -	253 19
Insurance, - - - - -	383 25
Periodicals, - - - - -	630 62
Porter, for fires, cleaning, &c., - - - - -	58 20
Postage, - - - - -	61 02
Printing and paper, - - - - -	155 60
Salaries and extra help, - - - - -	3,034 27½
	\$11,659 59

DONORS AND DONATIONS.

Appleton, Samuel, - - - - -	\$1,000 00
Bates, Joshua, Fund, - - - - -	50,000 00
Bigelow, John P., Fund, - - - - -	1,000 00
Bowditch, J. Ingersoll, - - - - -	300 00
Bowditch, N. I. Services valued at - -	200 00
Brown, James, - - - - -	500 00
Nightingale, James, - - - - -	100 00
Phillips, Jonathan, Fund, - - - - -	10,000 00
Shepard, Mrs. Sally Inman Kast, - - -	1,000 00

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Adams, George, - - - - -	22	3
Adams, Nehemiah, D. D. - - - - -	5	
Albany Young Men's Association, - - -	1	
Allen, Edward, London, - - - - -	1	
Allen, John Fiske, Salem, - - - - -	1	
Allen, William, D. D., Northampton, -		1
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, -	1	
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, by Prudential Committee,	32	
American Tract Society, - - - - -	74	
Anderson, Paul, Cincinnati, - - - - -		3
Andrews, Joseph, - - - - -	1	
Anonymous, - - - - - 1 Map,	55	26
Athenæum Club, London, - - - - -	2	
Appleton, John W. M. - - - - -	2	
Appleton, Samuel, - - - - -	1	
Appleton, Thomas G. - - - - -	10	

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Austin, Edward, - - - - -	23	
Austin, James T. - - - - -	2	
Balch, Thomas, Philadelphia, - - - - -	1	
Balfour, David M. - - - - -	86	6
Ball, William T. W. - - - - -	2	11
Ballard and Prince, - - - - -	1	
Ballou, Maturin M. - - - - -	10	
Barker, James M. - - - - -	1	
Barnard, Henry, Connecticut, - - - - -	1	
Batchelder, S., Cambridge, - - - - -		1
Bates, Isaac C. - - - - -	1	2
Bates, Joshua, Mrs., London, - - - - -	2	
Bigelow, Henry J., M. D. - - - - -	6	
Bigelow, Jacob, M. D. - - - - -	1	
Bigelow, John P., Hon. - - - - -	534	625
Binney, C. J. F. - - - - -	1	
Binney, Horace, Hon., Philadelphia, - - - - -		2
Bishop, Nathan, - - - - -	4	12
Bolles, John A. - - - - -	24	
Boltwood, Lucius M., Amherst, - - - - -	3	
Bond, William C., Cambridge, - - - - -	2	
Boston, England, - - - - -	1	
Boston, City of, - - - - -	343	40
Boston Mercantile Library Association, - - - - -	1	
Boston Prison Discipline Society, - - - - -	6	
Boston Society for Medical Observation, - - - - -	4	12
Boston Society of Natural History, - - - - -	4	1
Boston Young Men's Christian Union, - - - - -		4
Boutwell, George S., Hon., Groton, - - - - -		1
Bowditch Library Proprietors, - - - - -	7	
Bowditch, Henry I., M. D. - - - - -	20	470
Bowditch, J. I. - - - - -	4	
Bowditch, N. I. - - - - -	1	

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Bradford, Charles F. - - - - -	1	
Bradford, Thomas G. - - - - -	1	
Bradlee, Caleb Davis, Rev., North Cambridge,	74	175
Bradlee, John N. - - - - -	55	
Bradlee, Samuel, - - - - -	7	
Brooks, Peter C. - - - - -	144	40
Brown, Obadiah, Trustees of, - - - - -	12	
Brown, William S. - - - - -	1	
Buchanan, A., by Munroe and Co. - - - - -	4	
Buck, Ephraim, M. D. - - - - -	2	
Buckley, Joseph, - - - - -	4	
Bulfinch, Thomas, - - - - -	1	
Burnham, Mrs. E. J. - - - - -	3	
Burnham & Brother, - - - - -	1	
Cambridge, City of, - - - - -	1	
Capen, John, - - - - -	4	
Cary, Thomas G., Hon. - - - - -	1	
Cass, Lydia A. Mrs. - - - - -	5	
Chandler, George, M. D., Worcester, - - - - -	1	1
Channing, Walter, M. D. - - - - -	786	3092
Channing, W. F., M. D. - - - - -		1
Chesbrough, E. Sylvester, - - - - -	7	101
Chickering, C. F. - - - - -	2	
Chickering, Jesse, M. D. - - - - -	1	
Christern, F. W., New York, - - - - -	6	1
Cincinnati Young Men's Library Association,	1	
Clapp, David, - - - - -	11	60
Clapp, Otis, - - - - -	5	41
Clapp, W. W. - - - - -	7	
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Curtis, Josiah, M. D. - - - - -	41	4
Dall, William, - - - - -	70	150
Dalton, J. G., - - - - -	5	
Danforth, Hannah G., Mrs. - - - - -	10	
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Dearborn, Nathaniel, - - - - -	21	
Dench, Lawson B. - - - - -	3	
Dennet, C. F. - - - - -		2
Dennet, W. H. - - - - -	1	
Denton, William, - - - - -	23	22
Derby, E. Hasket, - - - - -	1	
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Dixon, B. Homer, - - - - -	11	
Dodd, William, - - - - -	1	8
Dudley, Dean, - - - - -	2	
Dupee, James A. - - - - -	1	
Dupee and Perkins, - - - - -	1	Map.
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Eliot, Samuel A., Hon. - - - - -	118	2
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French, B. F., New Orleans, La. - - - - -	3	
French, James, and Co. - - - - -	2	
Frost, Oliver, - - - - -	10	
Frothingham, Nathaniel L., D. D. - - - - -	10	
Galt, J. M., Virginia, - - - - -		14
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Gasking, Samuel, - - - - -	1	
Gassett, Edward, - - - - -	79	76
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Gray, Asa, M. D. - - - - -	2	
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Gray, John C., Hon. - - - - -	1	
Green, Samuel A., M. D. - - - - -	1	13
Greene, C. W., Greenwich, R. I. - - - - -	33	
Griswold, Almon W. - - - - -	1	
Guild, Albert, M. D. - - - - -	9	
Guild, Benjamin, - - - - -	3	
Guild Hall Library Committee, London, - - - - -	2	
Hale, Nathan and Charles, - - - - -	1	
Hartshorn, Eliphalet P. - - - - -	99	98
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Lamb, Anthony, - - - - -	1	
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Library Company of Philadelphia, - -	1	
Lincoln, Frederic W., Jr. - - - - -	2	2
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Manypenny, George W., U. S. Com. of Indian Affairs, - - - - -	3	
Maryland Historical Society, - - - -		3
Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, 8		2
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Massachusetts, State of, - - - - -	40	
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Medford, Selectmen of, - - - - -	1	
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Quincy, Josiah, Hon. - - - - -		18
Randall, John W. - - - - -	4	
Raymond, Samuel M. - - - - -	7	
Reed, Sampson, - - - - -	33	
Reed, Hiram A. - - - - -		2
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Turner, J. W. - - - -	1	
United States, - - - -	145	
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Wales, George W. - - - -	8	
Walker, Amasa, - - - -	1	
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Ware, John, M. D. - - - -	239	308
Warren, John C., M. D. - - - -	7	
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Warren Street Chapel Library, - - - -	12	
Webb, Thomas H., M. D. - - - -	1	
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Wilkins, John H., Hon. - - - - -	77	
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Williams, Henry W., M. D. - - - - -	1	1
Williams, John D. W., Roxbury, - - - - -	303	26
Willis, Nathaniel, - - - - -	35	
Wilson, John, - - - - -	4	
Winthrop, Robert C., Hon. - - - - -	310	6
Wise, Henry A., Lieut. - - - - -	1	
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