

interest, \$509.90; annual membership dues, \$106—thus showing an increase of \$888.67, and making the total present amount of this important fund, \$8,333.89.

When the Catlin gift of 640 acres of Texas land, and the Taylor bequest of \$1,000, shall become available, they will aid very materially in rendering this fund the perpetual blessing it is destined to prove to this Society and its noble Library.

The annual increase of the binding fund since its inception in 1867, is shown by the following table:

| DATE.                   | Increase. | Total.   |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
| January, 1867 . . . . . | .....     | \$100 00 |
| January, 1868 . . . . . | \$8 10    | 108 10   |
| January, 1869 . . . . . | 64 63     | 172 73   |
| January, 1870 . . . . . | 195 79    | 368 52   |
| January, 1871 . . . . . | 89 55     | 458 07   |
| January, 1872 . . . . . | 198 31    | 656 38   |
| January, 1873 . . . . . | 173 43    | 829 81   |
| January, 1874 . . . . . | 973 78    | 1,803 59 |
| January, 1875 . . . . . | 921 02    | 2,724 61 |
| January, 1876 . . . . . | 1,343 82  | 4,068 43 |
| January, 1877 . . . . . | 731 98    | 4,800 41 |
| January, 1878 . . . . . | 795 10    | 5,595 51 |
| January, 1879 . . . . . | 928 98    | 6,524 49 |
| January, 1880 . . . . . | 920 73    | 7,445 22 |
| January, 1881 . . . . . | 888 67    | 8,333 89 |

When this fund reaches \$15,000, its income devoted to binding purposes will render many books, magazines, pamphlets and manuscripts available that are now tied up, awaiting the good time coming. Meanwhile, let every well wisher of the Society present his offering to the binding fund, be it ever so small, with the assurance that it will for ages do good service to the cause of literature and science.

### Library Additions

The additions to the Library during the past year have been 1,884 volumes; of which 1,382 were by purchase, and 502 by donation and binding of newspaper files; and 2,707 pamphlets and documents, of which 1,382 were obtained by purchase, and of the remainder, 1,283 were by donation, and 42 by mounted