

Twenty-eighth Report, January 3, 1882

During the twenty-eight years of the Society's practical existence, only three of them have shown any unusual additions to its Library. In 1867, Mrs. Tank, of Fort Howard, generously presented the Society with the very valuable collection of ancient and modern classical and historical literature, some 5,000 volumes—the lifetime gathering of her father, a worthy clergyman of Holland. At an earlier period, the late Hon. Charles Durkee donated at one time nearly twelve hundred pamphlets; and a valuable collection of over fourteen hundred pamphlets were bestowed by the heirs of the late Dr. I. A. Lapham. But ordinarily our yearly additions are not swelled by large gifts. They are made up by purchases, donated newspaper files, exchanges, and small donations of books and pamphlets from widely scattered individuals and institutions. The year past has been no exception of the general rule.

Financial Condition—Binding Fund

The receipts the past year into the general fund have been the annual appropriation of \$5,000, and the disbursements the same.

To the binding fund the following additions have been made: Hon. Cyrus Woodman, Hon. Philetus Sawyer, and Samuel Marshall, \$50 each, and \$20 from Hon. J. G. Thorp—total donations, \$170; accrued interest, \$571.66; duplicate books sold, \$175.90; annual membership dues, \$116—thus showing an increase from these several sources of \$1,033.56, and making the present amount of this important fund \$9,367.45. In but a single year have the additions to this fund exceeded those of the past twelve months.

The several donors, with the amounts of their contributions, have been as follows:

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| Hon. Alexander Mitchell | . | . | . | . | \$750 00 |
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