

such sample volumes to their private libraries; but, the late Superintendent thought that such a valuable collection should inure to the benefit of the public, and he deemed the State Historical Society a more fitting receptacle than the small library connected with the Superintendent's department, where they would have been consulted only to a limited extent. In the Library of our Society, they will better subserve the purpose of the publishers and donors, prove more accessible to the public, and are still ready for convenient reference to such person or persons as the State may designate to examine and determine the books for school library purposes. The cost of this collection, at ordinary rates, would not have been less than twelve or fifteen hundred dollars.

As these books have been formally conveyed to the Society, and added to its Library, the real increase the past year has been, from ordinary sources 813 volumes, from publishers 987—total, 1800 volumes.

During the year past, 722 unbound documents and pamphlets have been received. And among the most valuable library additions have been forty-two bound newspaper files—eighteen of which relate to the last century, from 1763 to 1800; and many curiosities have been added to the cabinet. The Library now numbers 7,053 volumes, and 5,400 unbound pamphlets and documents, making together 12,453. No additions to the Picture Gallery reported.

A new volume—the fourth of the Society's *Reports and Collections*, has been issued during the past year, containing quite a variety of papers, of permanent value, on historical, antiquarian and scientific subjects, which, it is hoped, may prove as useful and acceptable as its three predecessors.

#### Seventh Annual Report, January 2, 1861

The Annual Reports of the Executive Committee and Treasurer, exhibit the receipts into the Treasury, including the balance at date of the last annual report, \$1,203.19; disbursements, \$1,115.48; leaving a balance on hand of \$87.71. The