

Mr. Barcroft, chairman of the Committee on Corporations, presented the following report :

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 36, entitled " A further supplement to the act entitled ' an act to incorporate the Warren Railroad Company,' " approved February twelfth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one ;

Also, Senate bill No. 41, entitled " An act to incorporate The New Jersey Publishing Company ; "

Report the same without amendment.

AMBROSE BARCROFT, *Chairman*.

Which was read and accepted, and the bills severally ordered to have a second reading.

Mr. Yard, Chairman of the Committee on Education, presented the following report :

The Committee on Education to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 93, entitled " An act relative to the purchase of Mitchell's New General Atlas for the use of public Schools ; "

Also, Assembly bill No. 99, entitled " An act to authorize the trustees of Saint Mark's School District, in the town of Orange, in the county of Essex, to sell and convey real estate ; "

Report the same without amendment.

WM. S. YARD,

J. M. LANG,

ORLANDO PERRINE,

D. OAKES.

} Committee.

Was read and accepted, and the bills severally ordered to have a second reading.

Mr. Bennett, from the Joint Committee on the Library, presented the report of the State Librarian, as follows :

*To the Honorable the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey.*

By reference to my report of last year, you will have an exposition of the State Library very pertinent to the condition as it then was, now is, and seemingly to continue for the future. Suffice it to state that transactions of the past year are circumstances of a further usefulness and importance, strongly marked by facts ; that the institution of a library

goes far to extend general information not to be derived from any other source; and that while the exertion and influence of the past bears witness to an increased value as property of the State, it is gratifying that an institution of this character claims the attention of all classes—giving details by agricultural reports of different states, their product of farming, value of stock, with price of lands—in like manner will furnish much for the mechanic, materially aid any research on the science of geology, mineralogy, etc., enlightens the historian, provides general statistics of railroad operations, navigation, commerce, both of export and import, schools, academies and colleges, laws of states and territories, with statutes of the general government, altogether affording the accommodation incalculable in the proper estimate of its present and increasing prosperity.

The number of books received in the past year, show the aggregate of eight hundred and fifteen volumes, imposing upon us the necessity of an additional erection of shelves, consequently creating disadvantages which no public library should be subject to. Making the necessity of an urgent request, "give us more room," give us, as recommended by his Excellency the Governor, a fire proof apartment, of dimensions adequate to and serving a general convenience, and suggested by the modern improvements of the same; doing so and allowing the necessary appropriations. There is no wrong at stake when the principle and policy of enlarging barns and warehouses are necessary by an increase beyond the capacity of the existing edifice, and more especially as by the building now contemplated an important improvement will at the same time be consummated for the use, purpose and convenience of Senators and Representatives.

C. J. IHRIE.

Mr. Lamb moved that the reading of the report be dispensed with.

Which motion was not agreed to.

The report was then read, when

Mr. Lamb moved that the usual number of copies thereof be printed for the use of the House.

Which motion was agreed to.