

LAWRENCE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.**Report of the Secretary.**

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lawrence Library Association, it was moved and passed that the Secretary prepare for publication, a condensed report of the proceedings of the Board up to the present time, setting forth the condition, and showing the provisions that have been made for its future sustenance and success. The following report is respectfully submitted to the public: During the winter a paper was circulated for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of money that could be raised for the purpose of organizing a Library Association, and \$1,500 was subscribed by 150 persons, each promising to pay \$10. Having secured, as was supposed, sufficient funds to start a project of that kind, a primary organization of the Lawrence Library Association was formed, which, after framing a constitution, calling an election of officers, &c., was dissolved, and the officers of the present permanent organization entered upon the discharge of their duties. Obviously the first thing to be thought of was the collection of the money due on the capital stock subscribed, and after devoting several weeks to that work, a little less than one half of the money subscribed was raised. This certainly was not a very good beginning. The next step was to procure rooms and books, it being important that a Library Association should have these things at least, and after due consideration, the Circulating Library of Mr. J. S. Boughton was purchased, together with a lease of rooms, fixtures &c., for the sum of \$600, and the services of Mr. Boughton as Librarian was secured for one month, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of revenue that could be expected from the use of the Library property by non-members. At the expiration of one month, the receipts not being enough to warrant the expense of hiring a Librarian, it was found necessary to devise a new scheme to keep the room open at least half of the time, and upon Mr. Boughton agreeing to open the room one half of each day, taking for his salary the receipts of the Association from non-members, an agreement to that effect was entered into and continues in force at present. The lecture of Bayard Taylor, delivered under the auspices of the Association, resulted in a gain of over \$200, which amount will be expended in the purchase of books. The Corresponding Secretary will also be in communication with publishing houses in the East, and contributions will be solicited from all available sources. What is now required is, that those persons who have subscribed to the capital stock of the Association pay their dues, and if this is done, the Officers and Board of Directors will pledge themselves to have the Library well filled, and everything in good running order by the time it will be most needed, viz., in the Fall and Winter.

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Secretary.