

Owing to the above-mentioned purchases, and to the fact that there has been a cessation of activity among publishers, the purchases for the general Library during the year have not been profuse.

But all the books of any value, concerning the war, have been obtained, generally in duplicate, as promptly as the disturbance of transportation and the occasional delay of mails permitted.

More use than usual has been made of the mails, as waiting for freight transportation caused inevitable delay.

Many volumes of the Congressional Documents of the United States having been destroyed or injured by water, application was made to the Department of the Public Printer at Washington, and permission was obtained to supply the Library with the necessary numbers. In due time, a large assortment of volumes was sent us. As many of these volumes were among the rarest and most valuable of the Congressional Documents, the donation was most welcome and deserves to be gratefully acknowledged.

A list of these documents is given in order to show the number and value of the gift, and the trouble that was taken by the officials of Departments to collect and forward them.

	Number of vols.
Reports of Committees, 1st Sess., 29th Cong., 1845-46.	2
Executive Documents, 1st Sess., 30th Cong., 1847-48.	8
Senate Documents, 1st Sess., 31st Cong., 1849-50.	14
Executive Documents, 1st Sess., 31st Cong., 1849-50.	11
Senate Special Session 1849.	1
Senate Documents, 2nd Sess., 31st Cong., 1850-51.	5
Executive Documents, 2nd Sess., 31st Cong., 1850-51.	9
House Miscellaneous, 2nd Sess., 31st Cong., 1850-51.	1
Senate Documents, 1st Sess., 32nd Cong., 1851-52.	16
Executive Documents, 1st Sess., 32nd Cong., 1851-52.	2
House Miscellaneous, 1st and 2nd Sess., 34th Cong., 1855-56.	3
Senate Documents, 3rd Sess., 34th Cong., 1856-57.	15
Senate Miscellaneous, 3rd Sess., 34th Cong., 1856-57.	1
Executive Document, 3rd Sess., 34th Cong., 1856-57.	9
Senate Documents, 1st Sess., 35th Cong., 1857-58.	14
Senate Miscellaneous, 1st Sess., 35th Cong., 1857-58.	3
Executive Documents, 1st Sess., 35th Cong., 1857-58.	18
House Miscellaneous, 1st Sess., 35th Cong., 1857-58.	1
Senate Documents, 2nd Sess., 35th Cong., 1858-59.	18
Senate Miscellaneous, 2nd Sess., 35th Cong., 1858-59.	1
Executive Documents, 2nd Sess., 35th Cong., 1858-59.	12
Senate Documents, 1st Sess., 36th Cong., 1859-60.	15
Senate Miscellaneous, 1st Sess., 36th Cong., 1859-60.	1
Executive Documents, 1st Sess., 36th Cong., 1859-60.	16
House Miscellaneous, 1st Sess., 36th Cong., 1860-61.	5
Senate Documents, 2nd Sess., 36th Cong., 1860-61.	8
Senate Miscellaneous, 2nd Sess., 36th Cong., 1860-61.	1
Executive Documents, 2nd Sess., 37th Cong., 1862-63.	6

The whole series of volumes of the Reports of the Royal Colonial Institute since the year 1869 were also among the losses. Application was made to the officers of the Institute, and the Librarians have reason to believe that the application has been favourably received, but no final reply has been received in time for this report.