

DAUGHTERS OF HENRY FAILING

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DEBT REDUCED THIS MONTH

Receipts From Membership Dues Far Exceeds the Expense of Furnishing Books—Unfavorable Phases of Student Members.

At the annual meeting of the Portland Library Association, the gift of \$25,050 from the daughters of the late Henry Failing was made public.

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In my last report I ventured to express the hope that during the year the friends of the library might see their way clear to contribute sufficient funds to meet the needs of the library.

JOHN WILSON BEQUEST. John Wilson, a pioneer merchant of Portland, and for many years one of its most respected citizens, died September 15, 1899.

Sec. 6. I give and bequeath to "The Library Association of Portland," of which Henry Failing is now president, my library of printed books, ancient manuscripts on vellum and on paper, books of plates, atlases and maps, etc.

At the beginning of the year the number of books in the library, as shown by the report of the librarian, submitted December 31, 1899, was 27,364.

Total number of books Dec. 31, 1900, 27,652. Six hundred and ninety-eight volumes have been bound or rebound at an expense of \$359.94, and 2961 volumes have been repaired in the library, making a total of 6560 books repaired during the year of 1900.

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Congressional documents 17, Total 1463. BINDER. The cost of binding and rebinding was \$59.94, as follows: Rebound in new cases 114, Bound for the first time 233, Books repaired in the library 3261.

PHENOMENON. The cost of the periodicals for the year was \$449.58. Through the courtesy of the publishers of the Pacific Northwest, we have received 61 files of newspapers and magazines free of charge, in addition to 39 library bulletins and periodicals from other sources.

There were 2419 magazines circulated as books in 1900, 2411 in 1899, and 2366 in 1898. We are still in great need of a complete file of periodicals in "Foot" and "Cumulative" indexes. It was the intention to supply these deficiencies the past year, but extraordinary demands upon the book fund made it impossible.

APPENDIX B. In "appendix B" will be found a list of donors and donations. In comparison, it will be found that the aggregate number of gifts was largely in excess of other years. There were sent us three maps, 222 volumes, 429 pamphlets and 921 issues of periodicals, exclusive of those found under "appendix C."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES. Receipts—Dues \$294.35, Salaries \$219.25, Balance on hand December 31, 1899 \$188.00, Total receipts \$701.60.

EXPENDITURES. Disbursements—Salaries \$219.25, Balance on hand December 31, 1899 \$188.00, Total disbursements \$407.25.

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We accept the limitations tendered us upon the "Citizens Ticket" without having expressed or having been asked our preference for any candidate for the United States Senate.

Unusual and Dangerous Accident to an East Side Woman. Mrs. Caroline Stitt, aged 75 years, living at 21 Union avenue north, mother of William O. Stitt, formerly a policeman, met with a serious accident yesterday.

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Can Depend on Home Market. Oregon Stockraisers Independent of Eastern Buyers. C. H. Baker, a well-known Lane County stockman, who was at the Imperial yesterday, has a message for the drovers.

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