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## Report of the State Librarian.

TRENTON, November 1st, 1908.

*Hon. John Franklin Fort, Governor of New Jersey:*

DEAR SIR—The following report on the condition of the State Library is respectfully submitted for transmission to the Legislature.

There have been added to the Library since November 1st last, 3,852 books and pamphlets, the general sources of which were:

From the United States Government, .....	1,428
From other States and Territories, in exchange, .....	808
By gifts, .....	402
Purchased for the Law Library, .....	427
Purchased for the Reference Library, .....	577
Received from the Custodian of the Capitol, .....	210
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	3,852

At the date of the Librarian's last annual report the contents of the Library, as shown by the books, were stated to be 76,896 books and pamphlets, and the accessions of the past year run the total to 80,748. There should be deducted from this number 112 duplicates that were returned to the Superintendent of Documents, at Washington, D. C., and 121 State documents returned to the Minnesota State Library, which will leave the net total 80,515. In the 1898 report the whole number of books in the Library was stated to be 51,270, so that the net gain during the last ten years has been a little more than 59 per cent.

The accessions have varied yearly from 1,688, in 1899, to 3,852, in 1908—the largest number in the history of the State Library.

A count made during the past week shows the actual contents of the Library to be 72,954 books and pamphlets, not including the volumes of New Jersey Archives on hand for distribution. The difference of 7,561 between the book record and the actual contents may be easily accounted for. It has been the custom to include in the accessions the newspapers of the State that were contributed, but not kept in the permanent collection; sets of New Jersey laws and court reports, more or less complete, have been sent to the Chancery Chambers in several cities, while others are temporarily in possession of various departments in the Capitol; single maps, of which there are hundreds, when received have been accessioned separately and later bound into volumes; pamphlets relating to the same subject have been bound together; other pamphlets having but temporary value or interest have been destroyed, and some books have been lost or stolen.

Of the appropriation of \$3,500 "for the repair, preservation and purchase of useful books," about \$1,750 was spent for the 427 volumes added to the Law Library, about \$1,550 for the 577 added to the reference section, and \$194.35 for binding and repairs. There was appropriated for incidental expenses for the year \$950; of this \$533.81 was used in paying for the distribution of volumes 26 and 27 of the first series of the New Jersey Archives, and volume 3 of the second series, copies of which were sent to more than 850 persons whose names appear on the State Library list.

The books in the Library are in good condition. Among the valuable accessions made by purchase during the year were these: The first twenty-five volumes of the Canada Law Journal, completing the set; Revised Statutes of Canada, five volumes; Kerr's Cyclopedic Codes and General Laws of California, five volumes; English Weekly Notes, forty-one volumes; Great American Lawyers, volumes 1 to 4; Digest of English Overruled Cases, three volumes; Sajou's Analytical Cyclopædia of Practical Medicine, seven volumes; plat-books of Camden and vicinity, and of Hudson county, and atlas of Atlantic City and Absecon Island; Holland Society Year-books, seventeen volumes; Bohn's translations of Greek and Latin Classics, thirty-five volumes; Virginia Historical Magazine, fifteen volumes; Exposition of the Bible and

the Religious Library, ten volumes; Works of Henry Clay, ten volumes. The set of the New York Historical Society Collections has been completed, the new English and American textbooks added to the Law section, and the series of periodicals kept up to date.

Hon. Robert H. McCarter sent to the Library twenty books and documents which had been procured for use in the settlement of the New Jersey-Delaware boundary dispute, and other contributions were received during the year from the following: Rev. Dr. Walter A. Brooks, Dr. H. B. Kummel, Francis B. Lee, Hon. Ira W. Wood, Trenton Banking Company, Dr. Charles Conrad Abbott, A. L. Clark, Daniel V. Bower, Hon. George E. Poole, Colonel E. C. Stahl, Dr. Carlos E. Godfrey, E. B. Durham, Rev. Dr. Charles O. Jones and Major H. B. Salter, of Trenton; William Exall, Newark Free Public Library, New Jersey Historical Society, Edward A. Day, Captain Charles J. Allen, Winton C. Garrison, General R. H. Breintnall and Edward W. Gray, of Newark; William J. Kraft, Hon. J. Willard Morgan and William H. Chew, Camden; James Steen, Eatontown; W. Z. Flitcraft and First National Bank, Woodstown; Alden Freeman, East Orange; Hon. William Riker, Orange; John P. Wall and Dr. E. B. Voorhees, New Brunswick; Leslie R. Fort, Lakewood; Drew Theological Seminary, Madison; William Nelson, Paterson; Hon. William M. Johnson, Hackensack; William Roome, Butler; Hon. Charles N. Fowler, Elizabeth; Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society; A. J. Demarest, Hoboken; Harry Carter, Burlington; Hon. Daniel S. Voorhees, Morristown; Barr Ferree, Tenafly; Harry Louderbough, Jersey City; Peter Forman, Manalapan; W. B. R. Mason, Bound Brook; Dr. F. W. Radue, New Durham; Dr. David M. Weeks, Skillman; Colonel Lewis T. Bryant, Atlantic City; Edson Salisbury Jones, Port Chester, N. Y.; Frederick Coudert, Jr., the Merchants' Association, Hugh F. Fox, Francis R. Appleton and Frank Allaben Genealogical Company, New York; Vassar College Library, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Philadelphia, and Old Northwest Genealogical Society, Columbus, Ohio.

In the last annual report it was stated that at least one-quarter of the contents of the State Library consisted of "old editions

of law text-books, annual reports and documents of other States that are never used or likely to be called for, and a lot of equally valueless miscellaneous material that has accumulated during the last half century." The recent inventory made shows that this estimate was close. There are in the loft over the Library 20,598 books and pamphlets, four-fifths of which are practically valueless in New Jersey. The loft is so over-crowded that additional storage room must be provided soon if the policy of collecting the public documents of other States is continued. Their return to the various States from which they were received, or other disposition of them, will give needed relief. Before they can thus be disposed of appropriate action by the Legislature may be necessary.

HENRY C. BUCHANAN,  
*State Librarian.*