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Report of the State Librarian.

TRENTON, November 1, 1907.

Hon. Edward C. Stokes, Governor of New Jersey:

DEAR SIR—In compliance with the requirements of “An act to regulate the State Library,” the following report on the condition of the library and of “the manner in which moneys appropriated for the improvement of the library shall be expended,” is respectfully submitted for transmission to the Legislature.

By the last report, the number of books and pamphlets in the library on November 1st, 1906, was shown to be 73,558. There have been added during the past year 3,347, as follows:

From the United States Government,	1,186
From other States and Territories, in exchange.	712
Through gifts,	318
Purchased for the Law Library,	336
Purchased for the Reference Library,	670
Received from the Custodian of the Capitol,	120
Daily and weekly papers contributed,	46
Total,	3,338

This will bring the contents of the library up to 76,896 books and pamphlets, at least one quarter of which consist of duplicates, 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 session laws and court reports of the various States are received regularly in exchange, and, with the exception of two or three volumes that are out of print, our sets of the reports are complete. Besides these valuable accessions, public documents are received varying in number from 106 from Pennsylvania, 98 from Michigan, and 64 from Canada last year, down to nothing from

Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Montana, Tennessee, Texas and two or three other States.

Of the \$3,500 appropriated for the extension of the library and for binding and repairing books, \$1,545.63 was spent for law books and periodicals, 336 volumes; \$1,758.91 for additions to the reference department, which numbered 670; and \$195.25 for binding and repairs; a total of \$3,499.79.

Of the \$600 appropriated for incidental expenses, but \$476.21 was used. No volume of the New Jersey Archives was published during the year. The Archives are distributed from the State Library, under the direction of the Commissioners, to nearly nine hundred persons and institutions, and the balance of \$123.79 represents nearly the cost for delivering a single volume.

The books in the State Library are in excellent condition. The additions made by purchase during the year include the Annotated Digests for Massachusetts, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia, and Missouri, twenty-eight volumes; the first thirty-six volumes of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, for which many calls have been made; the East Hampton Records, five volumes; Baker's Itinerary of General Washington; the Campaigns of the Civil War, eighteen volumes; the American State series of histories, seven volumes; the Jewish Encyclopædia, twelve volumes; Hubbard's Little Journeys; the American Catholic Historical Society Publications, twelve volumes; and Davis' New History of Bucks county, Pa., three volumes.

More books have been bought for the reference library than in any previous year, the greater number having been ordered in September, after all the new text-books and sets for the law library had been purchased and an estimate could be made of the balance available for extending the other departments. The selections were generally made from the new A. L. A. Catalogue of best books for a library, compiled by the American Library Association and published by the Library of Congress.

Among the contributions to the library during the year was one from Hon. William H. Corbin, of Jersey City, of 64 books, pamphlets and manuscripts gathered by the Senate Committee that investigated the subject of life insurance, in 1906. Others who made valuable contributions, generally of books relating to

New Jersey, were: The late Cortlandt Parker, of Newark, a volume of photographic views along the Morris canal; Rt. Rev. James A. McFaul, Hon. Frank O. Briggs, Hon. Ira W. Wood, Dr. Charles Conrad Abbott, Hon. George E. Poole, Miss Anna M. North, T. H. R. Redway, Maj. Harry B. Salter, Hon. E. C. Hutchinson, Rev. Dr. Walter A. Brooks, the late Rev. Dr. John Bodine Thompson, Hon. F. W. Gnichtel, C. J. Baxter, William H. Miers, Dr. C. E. Godfrey, Colonel W. E. Pedrick, Mrs. Isaac Weatherby, S. R. Morse and General James F. Rusling, of Trenton; Hon. John F. Dryden, the Newark Board of Trade, Fred R. Lehlbach, Winton C. Garrison, General R. Heber Breintnall, Free Public Library, and Amzi Dodd, of Newark; Rev. Dr. W. W. Youngson and James C. Connolly, Elizabeth; Prof. John B. Smith and W. C. Armstrong, New Brunswick; James Steen, Eatontown; Mrs. James Stuart Brown, Nutley; E. M. Walsh, Janvier; W. B. R. Mason, Bound Brook; Princeton University; W. L. Dill, Paterson; Rev. Dr. William Aikman, Atlantic City; Arthur Van Buskirk, Hackensack; Stephen S. Day, Morristown; Drew Theological Seminary, Madison; New Jersey Charities Aid and Prison Reform Association; W. J. Kraft and Dr. E. L. B. Godfrey, of Camden; Hon. S. D. Dickinson, Jersey City; Mrs. Sarah K. Bolton, Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Helen K. Morton, Thomas Willing Balch, and Ethan Allen Weaver, Philadelphia; Andrew Carnegie, Carman F. Randolph, Barr Ferree and Francis R. Appleton, New York; Gilbert Cope, West Chester, Pa.; Frederick Rowland Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; David R. Francis, St. Louis, Mo.

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