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JOHN D. FAUSSETT.....Law Librarian.

SARAH B. ASKEW.....Reference Librarian.

Report of the State Librarian.

TRENTON, N. J., November 1, 1910.

Hon. John Franklin Fort, Governor of New Jersey:

DEAR SIR:—Complying with the law governing the New Jersey State Library, the following report of the condition of the Library is respectfully submitted for transmittal to the Legislature:

There were in the Library at the date of the last report, 76,003 books and pamphlets. During the past year there have been added:

By purchase for the Law Library.....	397
By purchase for the Reference Library.....	688
From the United States Government.....	1,286
From other States, in exchange.....	913
From the Custodian of the Capitol.....	140
By gifts	495
Total	3,919

The accessions have been greater than for any previous year during the history of the Library, and bring the total up to 79,922. The average yearly increase since 1900 has been 3,407. By the improvements made in 1904 the shelf space in the Library was nearly doubled, but already there are indications that more must soon be provided to meet the rapid growth of the collections.

Of the \$3,500 appropriated for the improvement of the Library, \$339.50 was spent for binding and repairs, and the books are in good condition. For the 397 volumes purchased for the Law section \$1,879.97 was spent, an average of \$4.75 for each. The

balance of the appropriation was used for enlarging the collection in the Reference section.

Of the regular appropriation of \$500 for incidental expenses \$75 was used to purchase 900 copies of the lithographed coat-of-arms of the State; \$38.32 for express charges and carting; \$117 for box rent and postage; \$25.45 for catalogue cards; \$54.30 for stationery; \$60 for an atlas case, and \$90.14 for miscellaneous expenses. An additional appropriation of \$175 was made by the last Legislature for the distribution of the New Jersey Archives; but as no volume was published during the year, the money was not used.

The illustration of the New Jersey coat-of-arms referred to is that prepared by the late Ellis R. Meeker, for use in his "New Jersey: A Historical, Commercial and Industrial Review," published in 1906. It was copied from the original painting in the Executive Department. The plates from which the printing was made have been destroyed, and the copies bought are the remainder of the edition. Numerous requests are made to the various departments for copies of the State seal and coat-of-arms, and it was to meet these demands that the purchase was authorized, and directions given that distribution be made from the State Library.

The important additions made to the Library during the year include 202 volumes of histories of regiments from the different States that took part in the Civil and Spanish-American wars. Many of these were duplicates, and were transferred to the Public Library Commission for use in the traveling libraries. Hon. E. R. Ackerman and Hon. B. B. Hutchinson sent to the library 18 books and pamphlets collected by them as members of the Commission to investigate the subject of capital punishment. Hon. F. W. Gnichtel contributed a number of pamphlets and typewritten reports of important trials and hearings. These were bought: Library of Natural History, 5 volumes; Bailey's Cyclopædia of Agriculture, 4 volumes; Cyclopædia of Commerce, 10 volumes; the Reader's Bible, 21 volumes; the American Men of

Letters Series, 19 volumes; Cyclopædia of Painters and Painting, 4 volumes; History of Modern Architecture, 2 volumes; Encyclopædia of Superstitions, 3 volumes; Life History of Northern Animals; Memoirs of John Bigelow; Cambridge History of English Literature. The latest digests and the legal text-books of general interest have been bought, as they appeared, and the continuing sets in both departments of the Library kept up to date.

Valuable contributions, for which acknowledgment is here made, were received from the following: Hon. John Franklin Fort, Hon. James B. Dill, East Orange; Free Public Library, Board of Trade, and W. K. Devereux, Asbury Park; Rev. Dr. Walter A. Brooks, Trenton Times, State Board of Health, Dr. H. B. Kummel, Miss S. V. Milne, New Jersey Public Library Commission, Trenton Chamber of Commerce, State Board of Equalization of Taxes, General James F. Rusling, Colonel Frederick Gilkyson, Rev. Dr. George B. Wight, George E. Poole, Francis B. Lee, Hon. Ira W. Wood, C. J. Baxter, William Brokaw Bamford, Dr. Carlos E. Godfrey, Public Utilities Commission, and the Geological Survey, Trenton; General E. Burd Grubb, Edgewater Park; Warren Bryant Stout, South Orange; Hon. Vivian M. Lewis, William Nelson, Paterson; Rev. Elias Boudinot Stockton, West Orange; Hon. John F. Dryden, Hon. Richard Wayne Parker, Winton C. Garrison, New Jersey Tenement House Commission, Newark; Hon. S. D. Dickinson, Free Public Library, John C. Payne, Jersey City; Leslie R. Fort, Lakewood; Hon. Henry J. West, Gloucester City; Camden Courier, Samuel Hufty, William J. Kraft, Camden; Princeton University and Dr. Ernest C. Richardson, Princeton; John Lawrence and New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick; Bergen County Democrat, Hackensack; Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society; Grand Division Sons of Temperance of New Jersey; C. W. Clickener, Somerville; William B. Lippincott, Moorestown; Samuel B. Ketcham, Pennington; Forrest Morgan, Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Ashbel Welch, Ethan Allan Weaver, Germantown, Pa.; Madison C. Peters, New York; Henry Russell Drowne,

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The collection of several thousand books for which there seems to be no use, still remains in the loft above the Library. The space occupied can be put to much better use if authority be given to dispose of such part of the accumulation as is not likely to be called for by those in search of information. Many of the books can, no doubt, be returned to the States from which they were received.

HENRY C. BUCHANAN,

State Librarian.