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Report of the State Librarian.

Hon. Woodrow Wilson, Governor of New Jersey:

DEAR SIR—Complying with the law, I respectfully submit the following report of the condition of the State Library.

At the date of the last report there were in the Library 83,441 books and pamphlets. There have been added during the year 4,036, bringing the total to 87,477. The additions came from the sources named below:

By purchase for the Law Library.....	436
By purchase for the Reference Library.....	682
From the United States Government.....	1,587
From other States, in exchange.....	759
From the Custodian of the Capitol.....	360
By gifts.....	212
Total.....	<u>4,036</u>

Of the \$3,500 appropriated by the Legislature for "the repair, preservation and purchase of useful books for the State Library," \$1,656.79 was spent for law books and periodicals, \$297.95 for binding and repairs, and the remainder for books, magazines, pamphlets and newspapers for the Reference department. The average cost of the 436 law books purchased was \$3.80, and of the 682 items bought for the Reference department, \$2.26.

During the recess of the Courts, many books in both branches of the Library were rebound or repaired; and pamphlets having more than a present interest or value were covered, catalogued, and given permanent place in the State's collections.

Among the important additions made to the Library by purchase during the year were 23 volumes of Halsbury's "Complete Statement of the Whole Law of England;" 13 volumes of English Workmen's Compensation Cases; all but two volumes of a complete set of the New England Historical and Genealogical

Register, and Index; a copy of the Registry of Heraldry in Germany and Austria (1630); Dictionary of Electrical Engineering; Lippincott's Gazetteer; nineteen volumes of the American Monthly Magazine; Colonial Families of Philadelphia, and numerous family histories.

Contributions of books and pamphlets have been received during the year from the following: Hon. Frank O. Briggs, Rev. Dr. Walter A. Brooks, Francis B. Lee, Dr. Ebenezer Mackey, Hon. D. S. Crater, Frank D. Schroth, F. W. Donnelly, Dr. Calvin N. Kendall and Rev. Dr. George B. Wight, Trenton; J. Wilmer Kennedy, Prudential Insurance Company, Public Service Corporation, Board of Education, Board of Street and Water Commissioners, Shade Tree Commission and Wilton R. Capp, Newark; John H. Bonsall, Morristown; William J. Field and W. R. Barricklo, Jersey City; Colonel Edwin A. Stevens, Hoboken; Fred Clare Baldwin, East Orange; William Z. Flitcraft, Woodstown; Frank Tantum, Ocean Grove; Miss Edna B. Pratt, Asbury Park; William Nelson, Paterson; John Dryden Kuser, Bernardsville; Dr. D. F. Weeks, Skillman; William H. Benedict, New Brunswick; Elias D. Smith, Elizabeth; Hon. S. W. Pennypacker, Philadelphia; William M. MacBean, 11 Wall St., New York; Rev. C. H. B. Turner, Lewes, Del.; Princeton University Press; Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York; Adam J. Strohm, Detroit, Mich.; Samuel Sloan, Secretary, 20 William St., New York; Rutgers College, New Brunswick; West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn.; Arthur Adams, Hartford, Conn.; Oliver Hough, Bristol, Pa.; American Bar Association, Philadelphia; Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; New Jersey Forest Commission, Tenement House Commission, Water Supply Commission, Civil Service Commission, State Board of Health, Conference of Charities and Corrections, Board of Equalization of Taxes.

Through oversight the last Legislature neglected to make an appropriation to pay the cost of replacing the collection of New Jersey laws, journals, reports and documents that was destroyed by fire in the New York State Capitol. In 1911 the State Librarian was, by joint resolution, directed to contribute such volumes of documents, journals, and minutes as can be spared. Notice has been received that the new Educational Building at Albany has been completed, and that the New York State Library is ready to install a New Jersey collection.

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE WORK.

While the New Jersey State Library has made no attempt to carry on what is popularly known as "legislative reference work" as extensively as is done in many States, it has, nevertheless, for several years been serving Senators, members of the General Assembly and others who were engaged in investigating the important questions that have been under consideration. The library owns nearly complete sets of the statutes of all the States, and the decisions of the highest courts. These are received on exchange account. Besides, it has gathered together many of the pamphlets issued on the various topics of popular interest. By co-operation with the Library of Congress, New York State, complete bibliographies can be furnished on short notice and the material listed in the bibliographies put at the disposal of any member of the Legislature.

Material has been furnished during the past few years on all of the important topics that have been up for discussion before the Legislature. The library has anticipated as far as possible the needs of the members and has gathered together a comprehensive collection of books on all phases of political science and economy. Practically everything worth while in these lines has been bought and catalogued, and is ready for use. The State Library maintains friendly relations with the librarians of the other States and cities, and will be able, on reasonable notice, to collect all material that may be available on any subject of present or future interest.

HENRY C. BUCHANAN,

State Librarian.