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Report of the State Librarian.

Hon. Leon R. Taylor, Speaker of the Assembly, as Acting Governor of New Jersey:

Dear Sir:—In compliance with the law, this report of the condition of the State Library is submitted, for transmission to the Legislature.

There were in the Library at date of last report, 87,477 books and pamphlets. During the year there have been added 3,691, making the total on November 1st, 91,168. The books purchased, received in exchange from the United States Government and other states, and by gift, numbered:

Bought for the Law Library.....	337
Bought for the Reference Library	521
Received from the United States Government.....	1,566
From other States in exchange	897
By gift	240
From the Custodian of the Capitol	130
Total	3,691

Of the appropriation of \$3,500 made for the purchase of books, and for binding and repairs, \$427.25 was spent for binding and repairs, \$1,620.16 for law books and periodicals, and the remainder for books, magazines, newspapers and pamphlets bought for the Reference Department. The average cost of the 337 law books and volumes of periodicals was \$4.80, and of the 521 purchases made for the Reference Department the average cost was \$2.78.

Many books have been rebound and repaired, and the State's collection is in good condition.

Important additions made to the Library during the year include a record of the life-work of Everett Hosmer Barney, of Springfield, Mass., a gift from the family, and probably as fine an example of printing and binding as has ever been made;

Specimens of notes issued by the Confederate States of America, a gift from the Secretary of the Treasury; Keasbey's Courts and Lawyers of New Jersey; Sargent's Silva of North America, 14 volumes; Keith's Provincial Councillors; Sharpe's English Peerage, and Peerage of Scotland, 2 volumes each; Colonial Families of the United States, 3 volumes; Register of Pedigrees; Morse's Encyclopedia of Education, 4 volumes; American Glossary, 2 volumes; Journals of the Presbyterian Historical Society, volumes 1 to 6; Atlases of Newark, The Oranges and Morristown; Amundsen's South Pole; Hayden's Furniture Designs of Chippendale; new editions of Wharton's Criminal Law; Seton's Judgments and Orders; Bailey's Habeas Corpus; Bishop's Criminal Procedure, and Labatt's Master and Servant. Besides, the Reporter System, the English Reprint, and the files of the various magazines have been kept up to date.

Contributions of books and pamphlets have been received from the following, among others: Prudential Insurance Company, Charles J. Allen, Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, Public Service Corporation, Soney & Sage, of Newark; Department of Charities and Correction, Mrs. J. M. Middleton, Warren M. Johnson, F. W. Donnelly, Dr. Calvin N. Kendall, Colonel John M. Rogers, Frank Thompson, State Board of Equalization of Taxes, Benjamin F. Wakefield, Leslie C. Pierson, and Frank R. Jummel, of Trenton; William J. Field, Hon. James F. Fielder and Job H. Lippincott, Jersey City; Sidney P. McCord and William J. Kraft, of Camden; Princeton University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Harry Clemons, Princeton; Thomas Wiling Balch, George L. H. Carpenter, Society of Colonial Wars of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Philadelphia; H. E. Deats, Flemington; West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minn.; M. P. Brown and New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick; William Nelson, Paterson; Lewis Historical Publishing Company, Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, Samuel Sloan and Henry Russell Drowne, New York; Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, Pittsburgh; Hon. Woodrow Wilson, Hon. Franklin MacVeagh, Washington, D. C.; J. A. Anderson, Lambertville; Everett Hosmer Barney, Springfield, Mass.;

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Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Walter W. Marrs, Burlington; Gen. Lewis T. Bryant, Atlantic City; William Z. Flitcraft, Woodstown; William J. Davis, Harrison, N. J.; National Educational Association, Ann Arbor, Mich.; William S. Hills, Boston, Mass.; Gilbert Cope, West Chester, Pa.; Vine-land Historical Association.

The overcrowded condition of the Law Library will soon be relieved. The State House Commission has assigned to the State Library the rooms on the third and fourth floors in the new westerly extension to the Capitol, and a contract for furnishing these rooms with book-stacks has been awarded. The work will be completed by the opening of the new year and the law books rearranged. Better facilities will then be afforded to lawyers and others who have occasion to use the books. The Reference Department, which is partly shared by the Public Library Commission, is badly overcrowded and lacks proper accommodations for the many who frequently desire to avail themselves of its advantages. The subject was considered by the Commissioners of the Library and a request made that the whole of the third-story front of the Capitol be devoted exclusively to the uses of the State Library and the Public Library Commission. At this time no response has been made to the request by the State House Commission.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE WORK.

During the year the Library has continued to serve members of the Legislature and others who were interested in investigating special subjects. An abundance of material has been acquired, but the congested conditions already referred to, not only interferes with its use but prevents its proper display.

A number of the State Libraries acting in co-operation have formed a "Bureau of Legislative and Administrative Information," so that work will not have to be duplicated. This bureau has been established at Indianapolis, as a central point, and it sends out at frequent intervals lists of material available on

various public questions, furnishes bibliographies and digests upon demand, and agrees to keep the States informed as to legislation pending in other States. The Library of Congress is also co-operating with the States in legislative reference work, and will furnish bibliographies upon any subject submitted, in addition to sending out from time to time bibliographies and digests upon subjects known to be before the Legislatures of various States.

The Library is prepared to furnish, on short notice, material that is available on any phase of social or political economy.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. BUCHANAN,

State Librarian.