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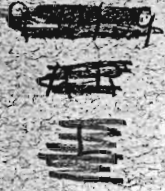
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Commissioners of the State Library.

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Report of the State Librarian.

TRENTON, N. J., November 1st, 1909.

Hon. John Franklin Fort, Governor of New Jersey:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with the requirement of the law that the State Librarian shall report annually to the Legislature a statement of the condition of the Library, the following is respectfully submitted:

At the date of the last report there were in the State Library 72,954 books and pamphlets, not including the copies of the volumes of the Archives, which are merely held for distribution. There have been added during the year:

By purchase for the Law Library.....	394
By purchase for the Reference Library.....	466
Received from the Custodian of the Capitol.....	100
From the United States Government.....	1,066
From other States and Territories, in exchange.....	792
By gifts	231
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By these accessions the number of books and pamphlets in the Library is brought up to 76,003. Of these, about 24,500 are in the Law section, about 28,500 in the Reference section, and 23,000 in the loft above the Library and in the vault. During the summer recess of the courts, the books that had become damaged by use were sent to the bindery to be repaired, and all are now in good condition.

The appropriation of \$3,500 "for the repair, preservation and purchase of useful books" was spent—\$1,824.67 for additions to the Law library, \$1,121.73 for additions to the Reference library, and the balance for binding and repairs. Of the \$500 for incidental expenses of the Library, \$180 went to the Library Bureau for a map case and a catalogue case; \$68.90 for stationery and

blanks; \$77.08 for catalogue cards, mainly to the Library of Congress; \$17.40 for book supports; \$42.06 for postage and rent of post office box, and the remainder for express charges, cartage and other minor expenses.

The more important additions made to the Library during the year include a set of the Southampton Records; the New English Dictionary and the Catholic Encyclopædia, so far as published; eighteen volumes relating to the life of Abraham Lincoln, the centennial anniversary of whose birth was celebrated early in the year; twelve volumes of Robert G. Ingersoll's works; nine volumes of James Buchanan's works; the History of India, in nine volumes; the "Descendants of Lewis Morris," one of the early Colonial Governors, and several genealogies of New Jersey families; twenty almanacs published late in the eighteenth and early in the nineteenth centuries, most of them in New Jersey; Evans' American Bibliography, 1639-1820; a set of eight volumes of Great American Lawyers; the Iowa and California Digests, just published, and thirteen volumes of celebrated trials.

Among the gifts to the Library during the year were three valuable manuscript volumes from Miss Elizabeth A. Smith, of Trenton, containing personal reminiscences of her father, the late Charles Perrin Smith, who was for many years connected with the State government and an active participant in political affairs. Hon. Frank O. Briggs contributed a set of eight volumes of Hinds' Precedents of the House of Representatives, and from the executors of the estate of the late Henry B. Howell, of Trenton, were received two volumes of the New Jersey Temperance Advocate, 1851-6; four bound volumes containing Minutes of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of New Jersey, 1844-1901, and a copy of the will of Mr. Howell.

Other interesting and valuable gifts were received from Hon. F. W. Gnichtel, Rev. Dr. Walter A. Brooks, Nelson B. Gaskill, General Wilbur F. Sadler, A. L. Clark, Rt. Rev. James A. McFaul, Hon. Walter Madden, Dr. Charles Conrad Abbott, Rev. Hamilton Schuyler, Dr. H. B. Kummel, H. B. Salter, Frank R. Jummel, Benjamin F. Wakefield, the State Boards of Health, Education and Equalization of Taxes, the Civil Service and Water-Supply Commissions, Trenton; Charles J. Allen, Carl Bannwart, Prudential Insurance Company, Board of Trade, Newark; Hon. John D. Prince, Ringwood, N. J.; William J. Kraft

and Samuel Hufty, Camden; Leslie R. Fort, Lakewood; William H. Fischer, Texas River; John W. Clift, Summit; Hon. Henry J. West, Gloucester City; Hon. Daniel S. Voorhees, Morristown; John P. Wall and the New Jersey Experiment Station, New Brunswick; Mrs. Emily E. Williamson and the New Jersey State Charities and Prison Reform Association, Elizabeth; Princeton University; Free Public Library, Jersey City; Drew Theological Seminary, Madison; Rev. Oscar M. Voorhees, High Bridge; Benjamin B. Bobbitt, Long Branch; Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society; A. M. Stackhouse, Moorestown; the Merchants' Association and Francis R. Appleton, New York; West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minn.; Towle Manufacturing Company, Newburyport, Mass.; Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston; George A. Townsend, Gapland, Md.; Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Philadelphia; Thomas Hughes, Baltimore, Md.; Wisconsin Library Commission, Madison, Wis.

Reference has already been made to the large collection of reports and documents of other States and old editions of law books that are stored above the State Library. It has grown in size during the year. Many of the books are of little value, have never been used, are not likely to be called for, and may with advantage be discarded.

HENRY C. BUCHANAN,
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