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Report of the State Librarian.

TRENTON, N. J., November 1st, 1911.

Hon. Woodrow Wilson, Governor of New Jersey:

DEAR SIR—The following report of the condition of the State Library is respectfully submitted for transmittal to the Legislature, as required by law.

The last annual report submitted showed that the Library contained 79,922 books and pamphlets. There were added during the year :

By purchase for the Law Library,	311
By purchase for the Reference Library,	837
From the United States Government,	1,112
From other States, in exchange,	722
From the Custodian of the Capitol,	200
By gifts,	337
	3,519

This brings the total, at the date of this report, up to 83,441, and includes several thousand public documents received from other States which are not likely to be of the slightest use here, and should be returned to the States from which they were received, or otherwise disposed of.

During the summer vacation season such books as were in need of rebinding or repairs received attention, and the books are now in good condition. The average cost of the law books bought was \$4.73, and of the books for the reference library, \$2.00. Of the \$3,500 appropriated for the improvement of the Library, \$346.25 was spent for binding periodicals and for rebinding and repairs to books.

Among the important additions made to the Library by purchase during the year were an almost complete set of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register; the New York "Monitor" (1799), containing Governor Livingston's "The Choice of a Rural Life;" Encyclopaedia of the Bible, 4 vols.; New Jersey Genealogical History, 4 vols.; Burke's Extinct Peerages and Extinct Baronetcies; County Families of the United Kingdom; a set of the Outlook Magazine from 1897 to date; Bright's History of England; Legg's English Coronation Records; Annals of the American Academy, 4 vols.; Stone Age in North America, 2 vols.; Record of the Federal Convention, 3 vols.; Ross' History of Long Island, 4 vols.; American Pioneers of the Revolution; Black's series of "Color Books," 17 vols.; American Monthly Magazine, vols. 6 to 15; Rhead's History of the Fan; Bigelow's Campaign of Chancellorville; Bussell's Roman Empire; Foster's Cyclopædia of Quotations.

The sets of the Reporter system and of the official reports and laws of the various States have been kept up, with the regular files of newspapers and magazines, and all law text-books of general interest, or likely to be of use to the courts or to members of the bar, have been acquired as soon as published.

Acknowledgment is here made for valuable contributions of books and pamphlets from the following: Hon. E. R. Ackerman, Plainfield; Francis B. Lee, Frederick W. Donnelly, General Wilbur F. Sadler, Hon. John Rellstab, Frank Thompson, C. J. Baxter, Thomas Maddock's Sons Co., Frank R. Jummel and Benjamin F. Wakefield, Trenton; Municipal Library and Newark Shade Tree Commission, Newark; Leslie R. Fort, Lakewood; Mrs. F. R. Brace, Blackwood; Hon. D. S. Voorhees, Morristown; Frank Tantum, Ocean Grove; Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society; Silas R. Morse, Atlantic City; William J. Kraft, Camden; John L. Merrill, East Orange; Hon. Dyneley Prince, Ringwood; General Bird W. Spencer, Passaic; William Nelson, Paterson; A. M. Stackhouse, Moorestown; Prof. William C. Armstrong, New Brunswick; Elberon Public Library, Long Branch; New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, Arlington, N. J.; Thomas Little, Hartford, Conn.;

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Dr. Arthur Sargent Field, Hanover, N. H.; Mrs. Frederic W. Huidekoper, Washington, D. C.; E. B. Weitzel and Hon. John Wanamaker, Philadelphia; American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee, Mrs. Adolphus J. Outerbridge and Samuel Sloan, New York; Duncan C. Scott, Ottawa, Canada; Ida M. Nungasser, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Norman Penny, Devonshire House, Bishopsgate, London, Eng.; the New Jersey Public Library Commission.

By Joint Resolution No. 7, approved April 24th, 1911, the State Librarian was directed to contribute from the duplicate volumes of New Jersey legislative documents, Senate Journals and House Minutes in possession of the Library, towards replacing the sets lost in the fire that destroyed the New York State Capitol, at Albany. Nothing has been done toward carrying out this instruction, as I was advised that the New York State Librarian preferred that the shipment of the books should be delayed until June 1st, 1912.

Since the installation of steel book-stacks, in 1904, the Law Library has been over-crowded and poorly lighted. The extension now being made to the Capitol will greatly relieve the conditions, concerning which a great deal of complaint has been made. When the State Library took possession of its present quarters it contained 37,046 books and pamphlets; now it has about 83,000. With this more than doubling in growth, there has been no increase in space; in fact, there has been a curtailment, as the Public Library Commission, with its 16,000 volumes, now shares the rooms that were formerly monopolized by the State Library.

HENRY C. BUCHANAN,
State Librarian.