

REPORT

OF THE

New Jersey State Library,

TO THE LEGISLATURE,

FOR THE YEAR 1871.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To His Excellency, Theodore F. Randolph, Governor of the State of New Jersey :

SIR:—I have the honor to submit the usual annual report of the operations of the department placed under my superintendence, and shall endeavor to be as brief and concise as possible.

The business of the Library is rapidly increasing every year. The correspondence, together with the accounts of persons having permits to take books, being fully sufficient to keep one employed, though at a cursory glance it would appear insignificant. There is a vast amount of miscellaneous work incident to an office of this kind, of which no account could very well be kept, to say nothing of the time devoted to visitors and applicants for books.

At the date of my last report the Library numbered 17,612 volumes. At the present date, October 31, 1871, the enumeration shows a total of 18,143 volumes. Of this aggregate, 13,839 volumes belong to the Law Department.

The number of volumes added during the year is 531—from the following sources:

By Exchange	260 vols.
“ Purchase	121 “
“ Donation	45 “
“ State Treasurer	80 “
“ Secretary of State, (Census of N. J., 1870.)	25 “
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The number of permits granted during the year is 172.

DONATIONS.

The following donations are duly acknowledged:

From E. W. Leavenworth, Esq., Syracuse, N. Y. “The authorship of the poem, ‘Rock Me to Sleep.’” 1 volume.

From Ralph Voorhees, Esq., Middlebush, N. J. “Historical Discourse, Millstone Centennial, 1866.” 1 volume.

From O. P. Fitzgerald, Esq., California. “Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1868-69.” 1 volume.

From G. D. W. Vroom, Esq., Trenton, N. J. "Votes of Assembly—1703 to 1710." 1 volume.

From Hon. J. W. Wall, Elizabeth, N. J. "American Bastille, (John A. Marshall) 1871." 1 volume.

From C. F. Austin, Esq., Closter, N. J. "Musci Appalachian, (Mosses collected in North America.) 1 volume.

From Henry Stevens, Esq., resident of London. "Historical and Geographical Notes on Earliest Discoveries in America—1453-1530." 1 volume. "Bibliotheca Historica, (Stevens) 1870." 1 volume. "Stevens' American Nuggets, 1862." 2 volumes. "My English Library, (Stevens) 1853." 1 volume.

From Board of Trustees of Rutgers' College, New Brunswick. "Rutgers' Centennial, 1870." 1 volume.

From Hon. John P. Stockton, United States Senator from N. J. "Land Office Report, 1868." 2 volumes. "Congressional Globe, 1869-70." 7 volumes. "Report of Total Eclipse, of August 7, 1869." 1 volume. "Patent Office Reports, 1868." 4 volumes. "Report of Chief of Bureau of Statistics, (Commerce and Navigation) 1870." 2 volumes. "Report of Department of Agriculture, 1869." 1 volume. "Mining Statistics West of Rocky Mountains, 1870." 1 volume. "Messages and Documents of the War Department, 1869-70." 2 volumes. "Messages and Documents of the Interior Department, 1869-70." 1 volume. "Messages and Documents of the Navy and Post Office Department, 1869-70." 1 volume. "Smithsonian Report, 1869." 1 volume. "Reports of the Paris Exposition, 1867." 6 volumes. "Acts and Resolutions of the United States," (3d Session, 41st Congress.) 1 volume.

From Joseph Henry, Esq., Secretary of Smithsonian Institute. "Smithsonian Contributions. Volume 17." 1 volume.

From Judge E. W. Scudder, of Trenton, N. J. "Laws of New Jersey, from 1822 to 1828." 1 volume.

From C. C. Haven, Esq., Trenton, N. J. "A New Historic Manual, concerning the Three Battles of Trenton and Princeton." 1 volume.

Some of the States have sent us no books the past year, in exchange for books sent them. This is to be regretted, as we have not failed to send to all, a copy each of the laws, reports and legislative documents of New Jersey.

The Joint Committee on State Library, at the last session of the Legislature, recommended the printing of the following early original manuscript records of the Colonial and Revolutionary History of this State, viz.:

"Journal of the Governor and Council of the Province of East New Jersey," from December 1, 1682, to April 29, 1703.

"The First Assembly Journal," from November 10, 1703, to January 31, 1709.

"The Journal of the New Jersey Council of Safety," from March 18, 1777, to October 18, 1778.

It was also recommended that a printed copy be placed in the State Libraries of every State in the Union; also, in such other public libraries as the commissioners might suggest. The said recommendation becoming a law, the work was begun at once, and the following progress is reported:

"The Journal of the Council of Safety" has been copied, compared, and is now ready for the printer.

"The First Assembly Journal" is copied, and being compared by the Hon. William A. Whitehead, of Newark.

"The Journal of the Governor and Council of East New Jersey" is now being copied.

Your Librarian finds many broken sets among valuable miscellaneous works. An appropriation sufficient to perfect this department is a necessity, which, it is hoped, the Legislature will fully appreciate.

On account of the enlargement of the Library room, I have had to move a great number of books and place them on the floor of the alcoves; consequently, they are not in proper places, and cannot be arranged until the extension is finished. The alterations now going on, when completed, will certainly reflect great credit upon all concerned in their execution.

In conclusion I beg leave to remark that I have, without regard to working hours, endeavored faithfully to keep the office entrusted to my care in the best condition possible. I have devoted my time, early and late, to the interest of the Library, Sundays not excepted, when it was necessary for the safety of the books; and I believe that an examination of its affairs, at any time, will prove entirely satisfactory.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JEREMIAH DALLY,

State Librarian.

Trenton, N. J., October 31, 1871.