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## Report of State Librarian.

*Hon. Edward C. Stokes, Governor of New Jersey:*

DEAR SIR—The following report on the condition of the State Library is respectfully submitted for transmission to the Legislature.

By the last annual report of the Librarian, the number of books and pamphlets in the library on October 31st, 1904, was shown to be 67,640. There have been added during the year just closed 3,417, which make the total at this date 71,057. The accessions during the year were:

From the United States Government, .....	964
From other States and Territories, in exchange, .....	793
Through donations, .....	505
Bought for the Law Library, .....	386
Bought for the Reference Library, .....	633
Daily and weekly newspapers donated, .....	56
Received from the Custodian of the Capitol, .....	80
Total, .....	3,417

Of the \$4,500 made available for the purchase and binding of books during the year, \$1,830.28 was spent for the 386 volumes added to the law library, \$1,178.95 for binding and repairs, about \$1,350 for books, magazines and newspapers bought for the reference library, and \$139.76 lapsed into the State Fund. Included in the amount spent on the reference library is \$361.15 for books and pamphlets relating especially to New Jersey. The sale of the library of a collector brought to light more than one hundred and fifty pamphlets, some of them exceedingly scarce, which were not in the State Library.

Of the purchases made for the reference library, 239 were books and pamphlets relating to the history of New Jersey and

municipalities, institutions and families of the State; and of the contributions made. 396 were of material of the same character. Besides, there were 322 duplicates donated, which were exchanged for other books that are included in the figures already given.

Early in the present calendar year all of the alterations and improvements which were under way at the time the last report was made were completed, and the State Library is now in better condition in every respect than at any time in its history. The increased shelf room has made it possible to re-arrange and make more readily accessible the books in the law department, and to classify by the decimal system and re-arrange those in the reference department.

A new and complete manuscript catalogue of the law library has been made, and during the year the dictionary card catalogue of the reference department has been practically completed. The latter includes about 38,000 separate cards. In the report of 1899 it was stated that it would cost \$4,000 to introduce the card system, but by extending the work over a period of years it has been possible to complete it at a trifling cost above the price of the blank cards and the subscription to such of the printed cards made by the Library of Congress as were of use.

The books in the library are now in good condition. During the year many volumes which were damaged by the double moving when the alterations were made a year ago have been rebound or repaired, as have those which were badly worn by use. The cost of binding and rebinding and repairing books during the year has been \$1,178.95. to meet which a special appropriation of \$1,000 was made by the Legislature at its last session.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the State Library, held on February 28th, the Librarian was authorized to have rebound in separate sets one set of the Legislative Documents, in order that they might be rendered more accessible for use. These documents, which consist of the messages of the Governors and the reports of the various State departments and insti-



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tutions, were printed in the Assembly Minutes and the Senate Journal during the early days of the government; but about 1840 they were collected together and bound separately under various names, such as New Jersey Reports, Legislative Reports, Legislative Pamphlets, Appendix to House Journal, Appendix to Assembly Minutes and Appendix to Senate Journal, until 1862, when they were designated as Legislative Documents, and by that title have since been known.

For several years the Legislative Documents have comprised five large volumes annually, and until five years ago there was nothing on the outside to direct one to the particular document for which he was searching. In 1900 the State Printing Board directed that the contents of each volume be printed on the "back-title," and while that proved to be a great help and time-saver, it did not meet the requirements.

In compliance with the instructions of the Commissioners, a set of documents covering the period between 1847 and 1904 was broken up and the messages and reports gathered together and re-bound, so that one seeking information concerning a department or institution has before him, in a few volumes, all of the official publications that have been made. There still remains in the library a complete set of the documents, in their original form, covering the same period of time.

The important works added to the library by purchase during the year include the Encyclopedia of Forms and Precedents, of which eight volumes have at this time been published; a set of Sadler's Pennsylvania Reports and Digest; a Digest of the American State Reports; the Federal Statutes Annotated; Murray's New English Dictionary, which will comprise twelve large volumes, of which five have been printed; eleven volumes of the supplement to the Encyclopedia Britannica; Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychology; Dictionary of Painters and Engravers; Hart's American Nation, first and second series; the new State Atlas of New Jersey; Evans' American Bibliography; Historic Dress in America; Native Flowers and Ferns of the United States; Sergeant's Manual of Trees in the United States; the Pioneers of Massachusetts, and the Plymouth Records; be-

sides, the various sets of periodicals and newspapers, which are so useful in a reference library, have been kept up to date.

Mrs. Emma M. Chambers has contributed to the State Library two large folio volumes containing Paterson's and Allinson's Revision of the New Jersey Laws, and Rev. T. S. Griffiths, of Hightstown, donated his valuable collection of more than six hundred pamphlets relating to the history of the Baptist Church in New Jersey. Dr. John E. Stillwell, of New York, contributed Volume 1 of his Historical and Genealogical Miscellany, which is full of information relating to New Jersey families.

Others who have made important contributions to the library during the year are: William Nelson, Paterson; Ira K. Morris, Freehold; Ethan Allen Weaver, Philadelphia; Colonel John Jacob Astor, New York; Mrs. Daniel Manning, Albany, N. Y.; Albert C. Wall, Mark M. Fagan and George M. McCarthy, Jersey City; Rev. Dr. Walter A. Brooks, Harry B. Salter, Francis B. Lee, C. E. Godfrey, A. L. Clark, Lewis Parker, Hon. Frank O. Briggs, E. P. Southwick, S. R. Morse, Prof. H. B. Kummel, Thomas B. Usher, C. J. Baxter and Hon. E. C. Hutchinson, Trenton; Isaac R. Pierson and Francis E. Woodruff, Morristown; Oscar Straus, New York; Miss Farrar Smith, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; H. E. Deats, Flemington; W. B. R. Mason, Bound Brook; A. M. Heston, Atlantic City; J. C. Dana, Newark; John P. Wall, New Brunswick; Hon. J. Willard Morgan and Dr. E. L. B. Godfrey, Camden; Oliver B. Leonard, Plainfield; General R. Heber Breintnall, Hon. John F. Dryden, Winton C. Garrison, Henry M. Doremus and Major William W. Morris, Newark; Thomas H. R. Redway, Trenton; William Churchill Houston and Henry Leffman, Philadelphia; Francis B. Reeves, Germantown; and the Bergen County Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. BUCHANAN,

*State Librarian.*

Trenton, November 1, 1905.