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Report of the State Librarian.

Hon. James F. Fielder, Governor of New Jersey:

Sir:—In accordance with the statutory requirement a report of the condition of the New Jersey State Library and of its operation for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1914, is herewith submitted for your information and for transmission by you to the Legislature.

The general scope of the work of the Library except for the installation of a new department—a Legislative Reference Department as provided for under Chapter 29 of the Laws of 1914—has been mostly along usual lines.

During the past year there were added to the Library's equipment through purchase, exchange and gift about 3,500 volumes, bringing the total number of books, pamphlets and bound periodicals and newspapers on our shelves up to approximately 95,000. That the Library was able to grow in such goodly proportion, despite a relatively small appropriation, is in the main due to the large number of publications received from the National Government gratis and from the various States in exchange for the publications of our own State.

The publications received from the National Government during the year numbered 1,183 and those received on exchange account from the several States totalled 913. The number of volumes purchased during the year was 948, of which 335 were for the Law Library and 613 for the General Library. These, with 173 volumes received from the Custodian of the State House, and 176 donated by friends of the Library, bring the total accessions for the year up to 3,393, which, added to the total of a year ago of 91,168, gives a present total of 94,561 volumes in the State Library.

Of the \$3,500 appropriated for the purchase and binding of books, etc., expenditures were made as follows:

Law Library accessions.....	\$1,487.09
General Library accessions.....	1,399.20
Binding	602.85
Total	\$3,489.14

In addition, but \$1.70 remained unexpended of an appropriation of \$500 for incidental expenses, which consisted principally of outlay for stationery, printing, postage and expressage.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The task of installing a Legislative Reference Department was made the easier because of three things. One of these is that the State Library is splendidly equipped in its law section. New Jersey is conceded as having an unusually fine working law library and without such, effective Legislative reference work would be next to impossible. Another thing that contributes to the hopefulness upon the part of the State Librarian and his staff that the Legislative Reference Department may fully realize expectations is that the General Reference Library was already quite well supplied with literature showing the results of investigations and the study by experts of the various sociological and other questions likely to engage legislative attention.

Supplementing the very considerable amount of this material already on hand, the Library during the past year enlarged upon its list of current publications devoted to subjects involving or likely to involve Legislative attention. Among the periodicals added to a preceding long list on file are the following: American Economic Review, American City, American Labor Legislation Review, American Political Science Review, Child Labor Bulletin, Landscape Architecture, Journal of Political Economy, Municipal Journal, National Municipal Review, Political Quarterly (English), Public Service, Public Service Regulation, Nation, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Scientific American and Survey.

The Library also has enlarged upon its list of national organizations whose annual proceedings are deemed worthy of preservation. Among the organizations whose proceedings now supplement those of other organizations formerly carried by the Library on its shelves are the following: American Association of Railway Commissioners, American Highways Association, American Road Builders' Association, American Federation of Labor, Minnesota Academy of Social Science, National Conservation Congress, National Conference on City Planning, National Tax Association, National Housing Asso-

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ciation, National Municipal League, National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

In many instances both as to periodicals and proceedings newly added, the Library has been able to install back numbers as well as current issues.

A third circumstance that has facilitated the inauguration of a Legislative Reference Department is the fact that the State libraries of the country, or at least most of them, and Legislative Reference Libraries, where operated separately, have organized and through subscription are maintaining a central bureau, known as the Public Affairs Information Service, for the purpose of gathering, with the co-operation of all the libraries, such information as to legislation, court decisions, publications and discussions as would seem of unusual usefulness to Legislative Reference Libraries. This information is disseminated in properly indexed weekly bulletins. The value of this service already has been demonstrated to be inestimable.

THE LIBRARY GENERALLY.

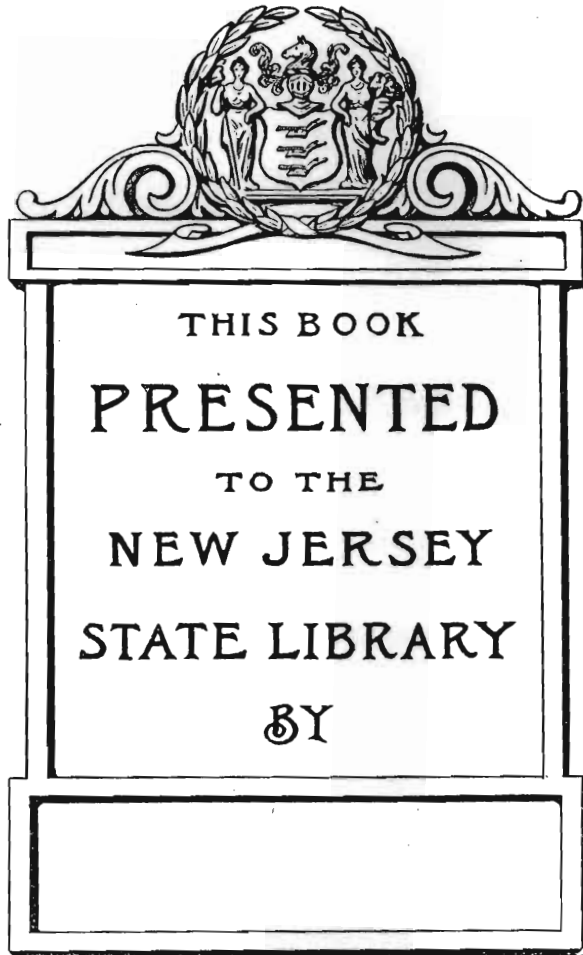
While what has been said relative to branching out in the work of the State Library has been treated under the caption of Legislative Reference Department, it should not be assumed that only those who naturally would be expected to make use of a Legislative Reference Department will be benefited by this innovation. Already there have been many proofs that the material obtained primarily for the Legislative Reference Department also has added greatly to the efficiency not only of the General Reference Library but even of the Law Library.

Notwithstanding every effort has been put forth to make the Legislative Reference Department meet proper requirements, no pains have been spared to keep the other departments up to the past standard of efficiency and, if possible, to improve upon the same.

One step undertaken a short time since to add to the efficiency and usefulness of the Library as a whole has produced most gratifying results. An invitation to the heads of the various State departments to visit the State Library and learn of the publications therein that might be useful to their departments in the prosecution of State work and a further invitation, with this same end in view, to sug-

gest for purchase books not found in the Library, have met with cordial approval and hearty co-operation.

As noted earlier in this report, the Library during the past year



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received donations of 176 publications. The thanks of the State are due these contributors to the Library's stock of valuable publications.

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Many of the donations relate to New Jersey people and doings and are of State historical interest. The receipt of these publications is often the more prized because they are not purchasable through the regular channels of trade and their existence otherwise might not become known in Library circles. It is hoped there may develop a greater appreciation of the importance of having on file in the State Library all publications of a State or local nature and that the Library may be favored with copies of the same for preservation for future reference. It is the purpose of the Library hereafter to place in the front of each book donated a plate containing the donor's name. A plate specially designed for the purpose is reproduced on the preceding page.

DONORS OF THE PAST YEAR.

The following is a list of the persons who contributed books and publications to the State Library during the past year :

Governor James F. Fielder ; Mr. James Truslow Adams, Summit ; American Bar Association ; American Law Book Company, New York City ; American Telegraph & Telephone Company ; American Wood Preservers' Association ; Mr. Herbert Backes, Trenton ; Hon. Charles S. Boyer, Camden ; Mr. Daniel M. Brady ; Brown University ; Bureau of Railway News & Statistics ; California Society of the Sons of American Revolution ; Carnegie Endowment for International Peace ; Citer-Digest Company, Detroit, Michigan ; Copper Country Commercial Club of Michigan ; Rev. John A. Dillon, Newark ; Duffield & Company, New York City ; Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago ; Family of Mr. Frank J. Firth ; Rt. Rev. John H. Fox, Trenton ; Mr. Alden Freeman, East Orange ; Mr. Howard B. French, Philadelphia ; General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen ; Dr. Carlos E. Godfrey ; Harvard University ; Henry Berg Foundation ; Indiana State Bar Association ; Investment Bankers Association, John Hopkins University ; Mr. Jacob B. Jones, Bridgeton ; Lake Mohawk Conference ; Mr. E. W. Lee, Trenton ; Library of Congress ; The Los Angeles Celebration Commission, Massachusetts Institute of Technology ; Mr. G. C. Martin, Asbury Park ; Mr. Emerson McMillan, New York City ; National Tax Association ; Nebraska

State Bar Association; New England Historic Genealogical Society; New Jersey Archives Commission; New Jersey State Bar Association; New Haven Historical Society, New Haven, Conn.; New York (N. Y.) Public Library; New York Stock Exchange; Newark Board of Education; Newark City Planning Commission; Ninth Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers; Mr. James R. Nugent, Newark; Ohio State Bar Association; Mr. Edward Bunnell Phelps, New York City; Mr. John D. Prince; Princeton University; Dr. Watson S. Rankin, Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. Oscar H. Regensburg, Sec'y., Los Angeles, California; Mr. A. L. Roberts; Russell Sage Foundation; San Diego (Calif.) Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Samuel S. Shaw, Sec'y, Boston, Mass.; Mr. George B. Somerville, Pleasantville; Mrs. Henry C. Swords, New York City; Tennessee Bar Association; Mr. Charles Tomlin; U. S. Brewers' Association; University of Minnesota; Mr. Samuel Untermeyer, New York City; Mr. Edward Huntington Williams; Yale University.

CONCLUSION.

The State Librarian feels he cannot conclude this report without expressing appreciation of the valuable assistance and cordial and cheerful support he at all times has received from every member of his staff.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. DULLARD,

State Librarian.