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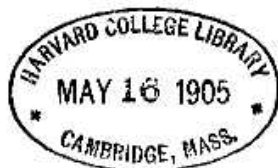


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Connecticut State Library

HARTFORD, December 27, 1904.

To His Excellency

ABIRAM CHAMBERLAIN,

Governor.

Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith my report as State Librarian of Connecticut for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1904. In the preparation of this report I have aimed to make it a book of practical use as well as a report upon the life and progress of the Connecticut State Library for the period covered.

Encouraged by the reception accorded to my report for 1901-1902, which among other things contained a working catalogue of the law section, and by the fact that the edition of that report was by no means large enough to meet the requests for it, I have included this same feature again, making it to include all books in these lines received at the library up to and including December 27, 1904, even though this may make the report a few days overdue.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. GODARD,

State Librarian.

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INTRODUCTION



It is a pleasure to be able to report continued progress in the several departments of the library. The several lines of work undertaken four years ago are being continued along standard lines. Although much has been accomplished, there remains a great deal more to be done, and while the work has been hurried, it has not been rushed. Thoughtfulness, correctness, and neatness are not being sacrificed for speed. Moreover, the Connecticut State Library is being recognized by the several departments in the Capitol and the people of the state as an institution in which they have a personal interest and to which they have a personal welcome. Already many official and semi-official documents and publications which have heretofore been carefully hoarded as family heirlooms have been placed in the State Library where they form additional links in the chain of documents and publications which we already had. As the several towns and counties of Connecticut are represented in our General Assembly, so they are also coming to be fittingly represented upon the shelves of our State Library.

PRINTED CATALOG CARDS

In cataloging the library advantage has been taken of securing such printed catalog cards as have been published by the Library of Congress, the Superintendent of Documents, the Department of Agriculture, and the Publishing Section of the American Library Association as are suited to our needs.

INDEX TO STATE ARCHIVES

The growing interest in historical, genealogical, and legislative research has resulted in ever increasing demands being

made upon our volumes of archives. While each of the one hundred and twenty-two volumes of manuscripts has an index, it requires the handling and consulting of each volume in turn which results in much wear upon the volumes and loss of time for the investigator. To minimize this wear upon the volumes and loss of time, a card index based upon the present indexes with cross references is being prepared as time permits. Thus far cards covering the ten volumes of *Towns and Lands* have been made.

These volumes of about forty thousand documents — and mostly before 1790 — are arranged as follows:

1. Civil Officers, etc. 1669-1754. 3 volumes.
2. College and Schools. 1661-1789. 2 volumes.
3. Colonial Boundaries. 1662-1827. 3 volumes.
4. Court Papers. 1696-1705. 1 volume.
5. Crimes and Misdemeanors. 1663-1788. 6 volumes.
6. Ecclesiastical. 1659-1789. 15 volumes.
7. Finance and Currency. 1677-1789. 5 volumes.
8. Finances. 1709-1752. 2 volumes.
9. Foreign Correspondence. 1661-1748. 2 volumes.
10. Indians. 1647-1789. 2 volumes.
11. Industry. 1708-1789. 2 volumes.
12. Insolvent Debtors. 1762-1787. 1 volume.
13. Lotteries and Divorces. 1755-1789. 1 volume.
14. Militia. 1678-1757. 5 volumes.
15. Miscellaneous. 1662-1789. 3 volumes.
16. Private Controversies. 1642-1716. 6 volumes.
17. Revolutionary War. 1763-1789. 37 volumes.
18. Susquehanna Settlers. 1775-1796. 1 volume.
19. Towns and Lands. 1629-1790. 10 volumes.
20. Trade and Maritime Affairs. 1668-1789. 2 volumes.
21. Travel. 1670-1788. 3 volumes.
22. War. 1675-1774. 10 volumes.

PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

Nearly all of the French and Indian War Rolls and Lists now in the Connecticut State Library came from the old Seymour house on Governor Street in this city. They were purchased, with other papers, by the State Library from the late Sherman W. Adams, who had secured them from the second-hand dealer who had gathered these valuable records with other "truck" when that house passed out of the possession of the