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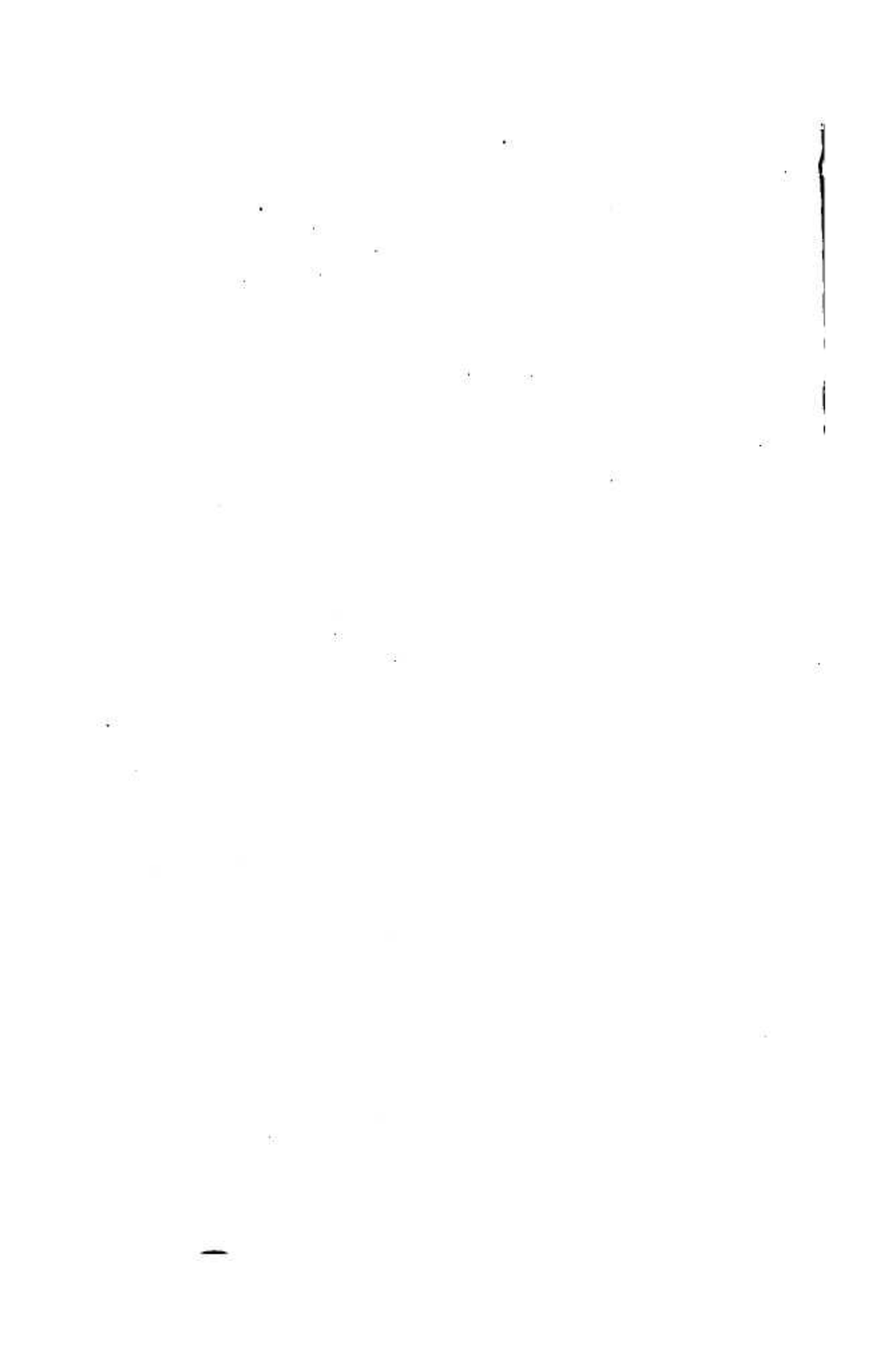
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REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE
NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN,
TRENTON, N. J., January, 1899. }

*To His Excellency Foster M. Voorhees, Governor and ex-officio
President of the Board of Commissioners of the State Library
of New Jersey :*

SIR—Permit me to submit the following report of the condition of the State Library for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1898.

The number of books, pamphlets, magazines and newspapers on file in the State Library at the time of my last annual report was 48,986.

During the past year the following additions have been made by exchanges with the General Government, the States and Territories, Honolulu and Canada, donations and purchase, as more particularly specified in the Appendix :

By exchange from other States, Territories, Honolulu and Canada.....	472
By exchange from the United States.....	602
By individual donations, books, pamphlets, &c.....	209
By individual donations, newspapers.....	93
By subscription, papers and magazines.....	41
By purchase, miscellaneous books.....	290
By purchase, law books.....	317
From the State, bound volumes.....	220
Total additions.....	2,284

Making the whole number of books, &c., now in the Library 51,270, which is an increase during the last fifteen years of

22,409, without exceeding the annual appropriation of \$3,000 for "the purchase and care of books," and which is within 6,000 volumes of the whole number accumulated during the previous sixty-two years of the existence of the Library. It will be understood, also, that this is a *solid* increase, as it consists of the best of law books and standard literature and is entirely devoid of works of fiction or brash speculative theories. Several State Libraries boast of more volumes, but none can exceed ours in quality and completeness, either of law or literature, the excess generally arising from duplication. In fact, but for the avoidance of unnecessary duplicates, and ridding the Library of undesirable works, the Library would contain 4,954 more volumes than at present, as in 1879 the Commissioners, under the power conferred upon them by the Legislature, transferred 3,000 volumes of light literature to the State Prison and the Soldiers' Home, and within two years 1,954 duplicates have been returned to the United States and the State governments.

An important fact, bearing upon the unrivaled excellence of the Law Department, is that in 1849 the old "Lawyers' Library" was presented to the State, upon condition that the members of the bar should have free access to it, and that it should be maintained by the State by proper continuous accessions. "The Lawyers' Library" comprised English, Scotch and Irish Reports, Digests and Statutes, that are now of inestimable value.

The names of the donors, as gathered from a weather-worn paper, pasted upon a board, and deposited in the Library, are the following: Stacy G. Potts, Treasurer and Librarian; Oliver S. Halsted (Chancellor), Henry W. Green (Chief Justice), James S. Nevius (Justice), Ira C. Whitehead (Justice), Joseph F. Randolph (Justice), Thos. P. Carpenter (Justice), Abraham Browning (Attorney-General), Garret D. Wall, Peter D. Vroom, William Pennington, Lucius Q. C. Elmer, William N. Jeffers, William Halsted, Asa Whitehead, James S. Green, Archer Gifford, Jacob W. Miller, Richard S. Field, John Chetwood, E. B. D. Ogden, A. O. Zabriskie, Daniel F. Ryall, Peter I. Clark, Alexander Wurts, John M. Sherrerd, A. C. M. Pennington, Wm. H. Leupp, William L. Dayton, Alphonso L. Eakin, A. S. Hubbell, Elias Vanarsdale, Jr., A. S. Pennington, Jona. D. Miller, Stacy G. Potts,

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The older members of the bar will appreciate the great array of legal talent comprised in this list, while they will be saddened by the knowledge that only three of the eighty-seven remain—Hon. Cortlandt Parker, John Whitehead, Esq., and Hon. John P. Stockton.

This allusion to donors of the past reminds us that one of the younger lawyers of the day (Francis B. Lee, Esq.) is entitled to particular credit, for the presentation, during the last year, of 25 fine old English folio Reports, which filled several blanks upon our shelves. They will be found formally specified in our Appendix. In a note accompanying the presentation, Mr. Lee wonders why many old lawyers do not place some of their valuable surplus works in the Library, for preservation and public benefit. It would be gratifying if the suggestion proved an incentive to produce the desired result.

Among other donations to the Library that deserve especial notice may be mentioned "Memoirs of Lieutenant-Colonel George Arrowsmith," of Monmouth county, by John S. Applegate, the author; a highly illustrated report upon the "New Park System," by the Essex Park Commission; the illustrated "Year Book" of Drew Theological Seminary, by Rev. S. G. Ayres, Librarian; "Statistics of the Cape of Good Hope for

1897," by some unknown donor; the illustrated "Semi-Centennial of Girard College, 1898," by G. P. Rupp, Librarian; an interesting "History of Tulane University, at New Orleans" (the grand institution established by the late Paul Tulane, of Princeton, N. J.), by Colonel W. P. Johnston, President; an important pamphlet upon "Albany's Place in United States History," by Berthold Frenow, the author; an illustrated "Report on Public Roads," 1897, by Colonel H. I. Budd; "The Hawaiian Handbook of Information, 1898," by T. J. Thrum; "The New Princeton Library," illustrated, by Professor E. C. Richardson, Librarian, and "Original Documents Relative to Governor Wm. Burnet, 1720-29," by Wm. Nelson, Esq.

Among our Miscellaneous purchases we desire to call attention to "The Library of the World's Best Literature" (45 vols.); the "Lineage Book of the Daughters of the American Revolution" (7 vols.); "Princeton's Sesqui-Centennial" (ill.); "In the Forbidden Land" (Thibet), by Landor (2 vols.); Sloan's "Life of Napoleon" (4 vols.); General Stryker's "Battles of Trenton and Princeton;" Pearson's "Photo-History of the Spanish-American War;" Ridpath's "Life of Gladstone;" Studer's "Chapters of American Natural History;" Millet's "Japan, Illustrated by Japanese;" "Trial of King Charles 1st of England" (ill. folio, 1684); Rose's "Modern Machine Shop Practice;" Professor Apgar's "Birds of the United States;" "Records of New Amsterdam" (7 vols.); George's "Science of Political Economy;" Wilcox's "Study of City Government;" "Curiosities of Popular Customs;" "Southern Statesmen of the Old Regime," and "Epochs in Church History."

The attendance of the pupils of the State and city schools has averaged 155 per week, with the use of 200 books weekly, during the nine months of the school year. This attendance, although reduced in number from that of last year, by reason of the weeding out of frivolous pleasure-seekers, has been most gratifying, in the evident interest and improvement manifested by the pupils, and the lack of destruction of stationery and injury of books. Last year I was sorely tempted to enforce the old rule, of closing the doors to all minors, on account of the vicious