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*January 12, 1882.*

To the Hon. GEORGE G. HOSKINS,

*President of the Senate of the State of New York:*

SIR— I have the honor herewith to transmit to the Legislature  
the Annual Report of the Trustees of the State Library as required  
by law.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

H. R. PIERSON,

*Chancellor.*

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in the context of public administration and government operations. The text notes that without reliable records, it becomes difficult to track expenditures, assess performance, and ensure that resources are being used effectively and efficiently.

2. The second part of the document addresses the challenges associated with data collection and analysis. It highlights that while modern technology offers powerful tools for data management, the quality and consistency of the data itself can be a significant barrier. Incomplete or outdated information can lead to flawed conclusions and poor decision-making. The document suggests that organizations should invest in training and infrastructure to ensure that data is collected systematically and analyzed using appropriate methods.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the role of leadership in driving organizational success. It argues that effective leaders are those who can inspire and motivate their teams, set a clear vision, and make strategic decisions. Leadership is not just a position but a set of behaviors and attitudes that influence the entire organization. The text provides several examples of successful leaders and their impact on their respective organizations, illustrating how strong leadership can overcome adversity and achieve long-term goals.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of innovation and continuous improvement. In a rapidly changing world, organizations must be able to adapt and innovate to stay competitive. This requires a culture of experimentation and learning from failure. The document encourages organizations to embrace change and seek out new opportunities for growth and development. It also emphasizes the need for ongoing evaluation and improvement of processes and systems to ensure that the organization remains relevant and effective in the long run.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes by summarizing the key points discussed and offering final thoughts on the future of the organization. It reiterates the importance of transparency, data-driven decision-making, strong leadership, and a commitment to innovation. The document ends with a call to action, urging all stakeholders to work together to achieve the organization's mission and vision.

## REPORT.

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*To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York :*

The Regents of the University, as Trustees of the State Library, respectfully submit their Sixty-fourth Annual Report.

The general growth and prosperity of the library have continued uninterruptedly during the past year. Increasing embarrassment has been felt in finding space in the present quarters for the proper display or even disposal of the books and pamphlets of the library. Some immediate relief is absolutely necessary, which for the present may best be afforded by a room for storage of duplicates and unclassified library material. This, it is hoped, may be obtained in the new capitol, so that when the permanent halls for the library shall be completed, the transfer thither may be easy. The policy of making the general library more distinctively, but by no means exclusively, a library of American history, has been pursued carefully during the past year. Care is taken to gather up the material which may furnish the original sources of history in the future. All local histories and biographies and genealogies which may supply facts for the future historian, are, as far as possible, secured. An extensive system of exchanges for obtaining such material is carried on both in this country and in Europe.

The subject-index catalogue of the general library, which has been in course of preparation for a number of years, is essentially complete and is now in course of being printed. Its completion and publication will aid greatly in the ready and effective use of the books in this collection.

The law library is enriched each year by the addition of all important reports and by the documents and session laws of nearly every state in the Union. Its use by the courts of the state and the lawyers and legislators in the performance of their duties has been greater during the past year than at any preceding period. For important information as to this department of the library reference is made to the statement by the librarian in charge. The work on the subject-index for this library is in progress, but will require a considerable time for its proper completion. It is believed by the trustees that this will be, especially to the members of the legislature, of great service in facilitating inquiry into the various subjects which require investigation in legislation.

The accessions and present condition of the library are shown in the following statement :

At the close of the year 1880, the volumes contained in the general library were as follows.....	81, 708
In the law library.....	32, 309

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114, 012

During the year 1881, there were added :

To the general library.....	1, 771
To the law library.....	917

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2, 688

At the close of the year 1881 :

In the general library.....	83, 474
In the law library.....	83, 226

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116, 700

Of the additions made to the library there were :

Acquired by purchase.....	1, 278
Acquired by donation or exchange.....	1, 410

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Total..... 2, 688

The legislature of 1881 authorized the trustees of the library to procure the arranging and indexing of the Clinton papers and other historical papers in the library. They were fortunate in being able to appoint for this interesting and important work a gentleman who by learning, experience and family traditions, is especially qualified for the task. George W. Clinton, the son of the second Governor Clinton and a grand-nephew of the first, has entered upon the work of studying and arranging these papers with patriotic as well as filial zeal. The report of his progress and of the scope and prospects of the work is appended to this report. There are twenty-three volumes of the Clinton papers. Judge Clinton has undertaken as a first step of his work to go over these volumes and make entry of every name and important fact for the purposes of a general index. In this preliminary task he has gone over eight of these volumes. Besides the index which he thus has under way, he proposed to make extended annotations from other sources explanatory of the facts referred to more or less obscurely in the text. This careful and intelligent study of these original documents cannot fail to throw an important light on many of the events in the early history of the state.

By chapter 120 of the Laws of 1881, certain enumerated documents in the custody of the Secretary of State and of the Comptroller, are transferred to the charge of the trustees of the State Library. The legislature not having made provision for the expense of the transfer and the care of these documents they have been suffered to remain up to the present in charge of the former officers,