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## Report of the State Librarian.

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*Hon. Foster M. Voorhees, Governor of New Jersey :*

DEAR SIR—In compliance with the requirement, the following statement of the condition of the State Library is respectfully submitted :

On November 1st, 1899, the number of books, pamphlets, magazines and newspapers was reported to be 52,171. The additions made during the year ending October 31st, 1900, numbered 2,915, as follows :

From the United States Government .....	987
From other States, the Territories and Canada.....	605
By purchase, for the Law Library.....	365
By purchase, for the General Library.....	357
By donation, books and pamphlets.....	414
By donation, newspapers (daily and weekly).....	73
By purchase, magazines and newspapers.....	44
From the State.....	120
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	2,915

On May 25th there were returned to the Superintendent of Documents, at Washington, seventy-four duplicates of Government publications, making the net gain for the year 2,841, and the number of books and pamphlets in the Library at the date of this report, 55,012. Besides the accessions enumerated there are 2,440 volumes which were purchased for or given to the Traveling Libraries, a statement concerning which is given in this report. The increase during the past year exceeds by 591 the greatest number of accessions heretofore reported—in 1895, when there were 2,322 additions made.

The record of accessions since 1878, as shown by the annual reports of the State Librarian, follows :

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1878.....	1,691	1890.....	1,079
1879.....	2,212	1891.....	1,440
1880.....	817	1892.....	1,555
1881.....	931	1893.....	1,718
1882.....	752	1894.....	1,529
1883.....	725	1895.....	2,322
1884.....	840	1896.....	1,849
1885.....	1,238	1897.....	1,872
1886.....	986	1898.....	2,284
1887.....	1,338	1899.....	1,688
1888.....	1,369	1900.....	2,913
1889.....	1,390		

Of the annual appropriation of \$3,000 for the purchase and care of books, \$1,409.77 was expended for law books and law magazines, and while there was a decrease of nearly \$400 in the expenditures on this account, there is a gain of more than one hundred volumes in the number of law books bought. The expenditures for additions to the General Library amounted to \$1,188.83; for subscriptions to newspapers and magazines, \$104.70, and for binding and repairing, \$296.70.

Notable in the list of additions to the Library during the year is the file of the "New Jersey Gazette," the first newspaper printed in the State. Its publication was begun in Burlington, in December, 1777; and in March, 1778, the printing office was removed to Trenton by Isaac Collins, the publisher, where the "Gazette" was continued, with several interruptions during the Revolutionary War, until November, 1786, when it was discontinued. The State Library owned an incomplete file of the paper. From the two a complete one has been made, and by direction of the Library Commission an advantageous exchange of the duplicates was arranged with Princeton University for books needed in the State Library.

An important gift during the year was made by the late John L. Murphy of twenty-seven bound volumes of the "Trenton Federalist" and the "New Jersey State Gazette," published during the earlier years of the century, and of the "State Gazette" from 1840 to 1861; and Francis B. Lee contributed twelve volumes of the "Trenton True American" from 1801 to 1826. The importance of the contributions lies in the fact that the State Library had no complete newspaper files covering the time up to about 1840, and Mr. Lee's gift nearly completes the Library's file of the "True American,"

while Mr. Murphy's supplements it and covers the missing years. There is still a gap between the time of the suspension of the "New Jersey Gazette," in 1786, to 1801; but as the dealers in old books have an adage that "all missing books and papers turn up once in ten years," there is encouragement for the hope that in time the State may possess an unbroken newspaper record of its history from 1777 to the present time.

Other gifts worthy of special notice were thirty-nine pamphlets containing Cantor Lectures on Science, from the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, &c., London, England; annual reports of the Ocean Grove Association from 1880 to 1899; thirty-five reports of the proceedings of the New Jersey Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., and thirty-two reports of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Patriarchs, from Lewis Parker, of Trenton; and thirteen reports of the proceedings of the New Jersey Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, from H. L. Hartahorn, of Camden, and Capt. E. C. Stahl and E. P. Southwick, of Trenton.

The publishers of seventy-three of the newspapers of the State furnished their journals to the Library, and contributions of valuable books and pamphlets were also made by the following: William Nelson, Paterson; Princeton University; William H. Fulper, Trenton; Rev. Frank R. Symmes, Tennent, N. J.; New Jersey Historical Society, Newark; Mrs. Charles B. Yardley, East Orange; Edward D. Stokes, Mount Holly; Frank Tantum, Ocean Grove; Rev. George Swain, Allentown; H. B. Salter, Kendrick C. Hill and F. W. Gnichtel, Trenton; Hon. W. J. Sewell, of Camden; Forestry Committee of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs; William H. Fisher, Toms River; Rev. A. M. Sherman, Morristown; John F. Dryden, Newark, N. J.; Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, Neb.; J. Ernest Smith, Wilmington, Del.; American Catholic Historical Society, Philadelphia; Henry S. Clark, Newburgh, N. Y.; C. W. Tibbetts, Dover, N. H.; Franklin G. Adams, Topeka, Kan.; E. S. Balch, Philadelphia; Diedrich Willers, Varick, N. Y.; T. W. Balch, Philadelphia; University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.; Thomas Sturgis, 72 Trinity place, New York; Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; Emile Stocquart, Bruxelles, Belgium; James J. Goodwin, Hartford, Conn.; Ethan A. Weaver, Philadelphia; Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; New Haven Colony Historical Society, New Haven, Conn.; Finley Acker, Philadelphia;