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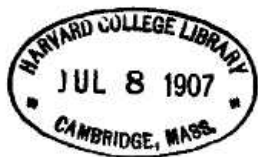


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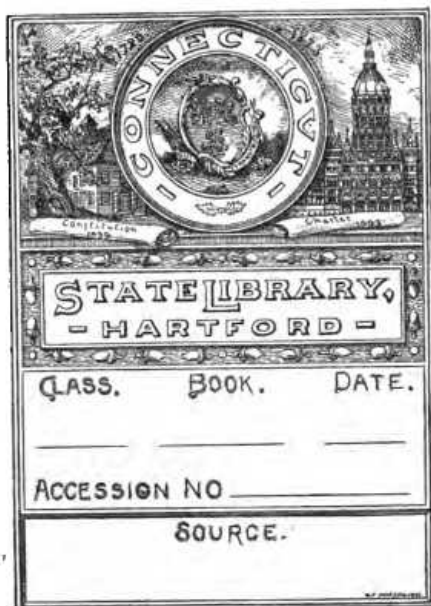
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CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

HARTFORD, December 27, 1906.

To His Excellency

HENRY ROBERTS

Governor

Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith my report as State Librarian of Connecticut for the two fiscal years ended September 30, 1906. As heretofore, I have endeavored to have this report of such a character as to serve as an official report to the state upon the life and progress of the Connecticut State Library, and at the same time to be an item of some interest to the citizens of the state.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. S. Godard

State Librarian.

INTRODUCTION



TWO years have passed since my last report was made. It is a pleasure to again be able to report continued progress in the several departments of the Connecticut State Library.

The several branches of work undertaken six years ago are being continued along standard lines as rapidly as possible with the assistance at my disposal. Although much has been accomplished, there remains a great deal more to be done; and while the work has been hastened it has not been hurried. As heretofore, thoughtfulness, thoroughness, correctness, and neatness have not been sacrificed for speed.

The Connecticut State Library is more and more being recognized by the several departments in the Capitol and by the people throughout the state as a library having a practical value for them and an institution in which they have a personal interest and to which they have a personal welcome. This is evidenced by the increasing number of readers, our numerous gifts, and the large number of visitors.

USE OF LIBRARY

That the State Library is appreciated by the people of Connecticut and sister states is easily seen from the number who consult its volumes and manuscripts. Every day may be seen at our tables the attorney who is no longer the "man of one book." Practically all of the printed opinions of the English speaking higher courts of the world are here at his disposal and he uses them. Here also is found the college student and pupils of the city schools gathering data needed for theses and debates; the town official seeking to get more light on the

location of town lines and the layout of early highways and turnpikes in his section, and the national and local historian and genealogist, eager to gather and make available reliable information along their lines oftentimes to be found only in the official papers in our custody.

Several departments in the Capitol and commissions also have found that the State Library is a library for their service and use it. Accordingly the Railroad Commissioners have recently transferred to the State Library their set of railroad law reports, where the same are here supplemented and made accessible to the public also.

Probably at no time in its history has the State Library had so many interested in its welfare, and endeavoring to add to its usefulness by sending to it, as opportunity offers, books, pamphlets, and manuscripts relating either to the state as a whole or to their particular town and section.

GIFTS.

I regret that the limit placed upon our reports precludes publishing a list of the large number of friends within and without the state who have remembered our State Library during the past two years. There is hardly a town in the state which would not be represented. I cannot refrain, however, from mentioning our "Platt Collection," presented by Mrs. O. H. Platt. These volumes were the Senator's working library along his special lines. Many of them are special collections made by himself. All are substantially bound.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

Among the gifts which have been made to the library are miscellaneous collections of manuscripts, rolls, lists, and pamphlets. In assembling and indexing these it has seemed very desirable and just that those which have been rescued and protected by a Smith family, for instance, and have been presented to the state by them, should be labeled and known as the "Smith Collection," and be so cited. These several collections are being thus arranged.