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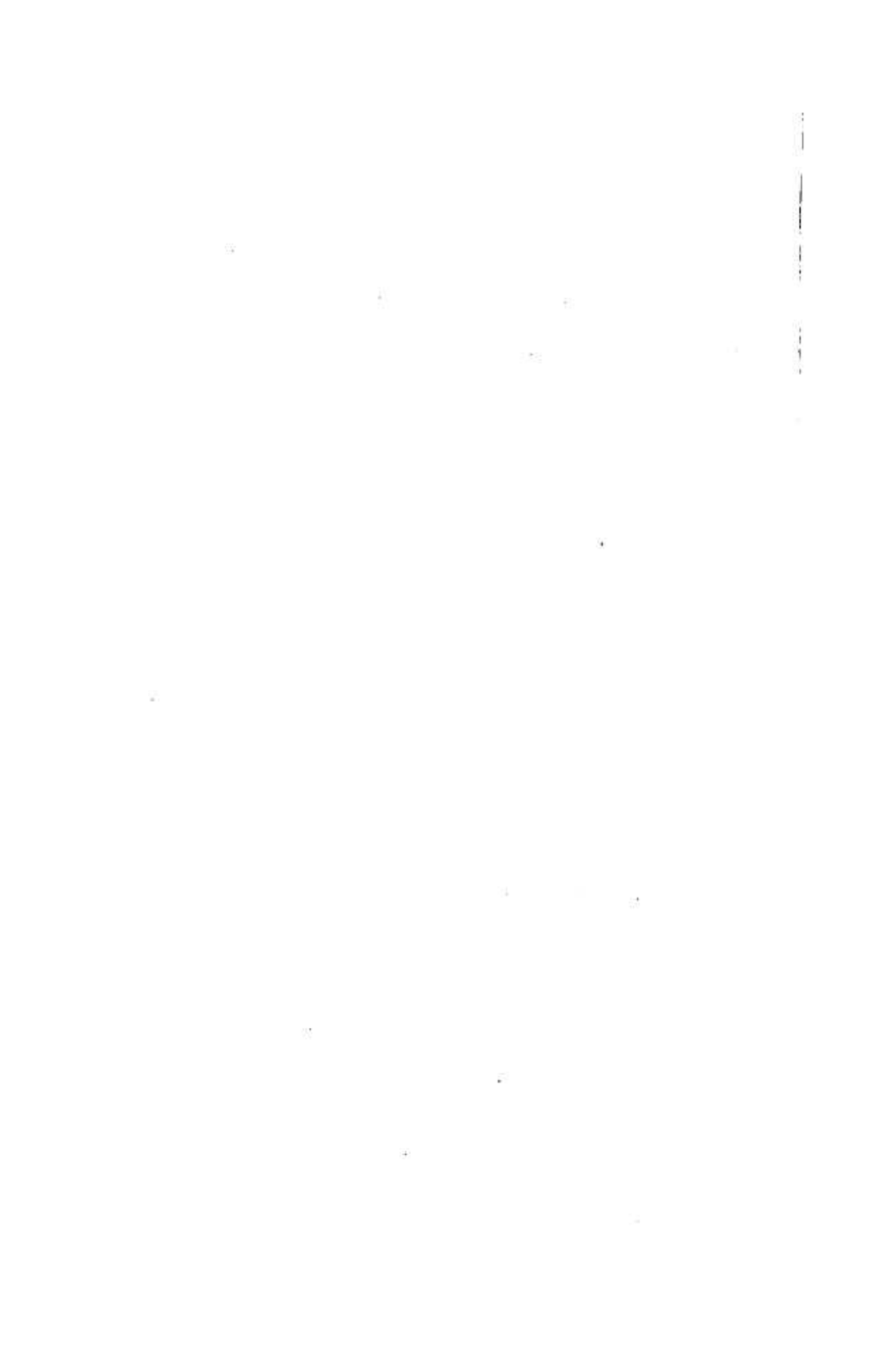
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HUBBARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY, BOWDOIN COLLEGE.



## REPORT.

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine:*

In obedience to the requirements of the laws of the State, it becomes my duty and pleasure to lay before you a report of the Maine State Library for the years 1901-1902.

### GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

It seems fitting and proper at this time to lay before you such facts concerning the State Library as may enable you to understand and fully realize its true condition and immediate needs and wants, and to comprehend more fully the extent and value of its educational work to the people of Maine. The rapidity with which the library has been extended and developed, in all its departments, during the last two years is little known by any one outside its walls, and is scarcely realized and comprehended even by those who carry on its work. Even at this time, in reviewing the work of the last two years, I have been startled and surprised beyond measure at the rapid growth of the library.

### THE TRAVELING LIBRARY.

The section of our work which is evidently of the most interest to the public, though not most valuable and enduring, is that connected with the traveling libraries. When the last Legislature met there were 40 of these libraries containing 50 books each, or a total of 2,000 volumes. There are now 80 of these libraries in active use, or 4,000 volumes. These books afford entertainment and instruction to about 60,000 readers annually, as indicated by records returned to this office. Their use is increasing in the small towns, neighborhoods, and even in the lumber camps of Northern Maine. They are sought after by