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MRS. E. L. DAVIDSON, *State Librarian.*

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TO THE GOVERNOR.

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1896.

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 ensuring transparency and accountability in financial operations. This section also highlights the role of internal controls in preventing fraud and errors.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It covers both qualitative and quantitative research approaches, providing a comprehensive overview of the research process. The text discusses the importance of selecting appropriate methods and ensuring the reliability and validity of the data collected.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the analysis and interpretation of the collected data. It discusses various statistical and analytical techniques used to identify patterns, trends, and relationships within the data. This section also addresses the challenges of data interpretation and the importance of providing clear and concise conclusions based on the findings.

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5. The fifth part of the document discusses the ethical considerations and responsibilities associated with research. It emphasizes the need for researchers to adhere to ethical guidelines and ensure that their work is conducted in a fair and unbiased manner. This section also addresses the importance of protecting the privacy and confidentiality of the data collected.

6. The sixth part of the document discusses the future directions and challenges in the field of research. It identifies emerging trends and areas for further exploration, as well as the potential impact of technological advancements on research practices. This section also discusses the importance of ongoing education and professional development for researchers.

7. The seventh part of the document discusses the role of research in advancing knowledge and understanding in various fields. It highlights the contributions of research to the development of new theories, the discovery of new phenomena, and the improvement of existing knowledge. This section also discusses the importance of interdisciplinary research and collaboration between different disciplines.

8. The eighth part of the document discusses the impact of research on society and the economy. It explores how research findings can be used to address social issues, improve public health, and drive economic growth. This section also discusses the importance of funding research and the role of government and industry in supporting research efforts.

9. The ninth part of the document discusses the challenges and limitations of research. It identifies common pitfalls and biases that can affect the quality of research, as well as the limitations of various research methods. This section also discusses the importance of critical thinking and the need to evaluate research findings carefully.

10. The tenth part of the document discusses the importance of research in the context of the current global environment. It highlights the need for research to address pressing issues such as climate change, public health, and social inequality. This section also discusses the role of research in shaping public policy and the importance of research-based decision-making.

THE STATE OF INDIANA,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
INDIANAPOLIS, November 7, 1896. }

Received by the Governor, examined and referred to the Auditor of State for verification of the financial statement.

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OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE,  
INDIANAPOLIS, November 7, 1896. }

The within report, so far as the same relates to moneys drawn from the State Treasury, has been examined and found correct.

A. C. DAILY,  
*Auditor of State.*

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November 7, 1896.

Returned by the Auditor of State, with above certificate, and transmitted to Secretary of State for publication, upon the order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Printing and Binding.

MYRON D. KING,  
*Private Secretary.*

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Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Indiana, November 7, 1896.

WILLIAM D. OWEN,  
*Secretary of State.*

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Received the within report and delivered to the printer November 7, 1896.

THOMAS J. CARTER,  
*Clerk Printing Bureau.*

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*To the Honorable CLAUDE MATTHEWS,  
Governor of the State of Indiana:*

SIR—I have the honor to submit to you, and through you to the General Assembly, my report ending October 31, 1896.

Very respectfully,

EMMA L. DAVIDSON,

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 7, 1896.



OFFICE OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN, }  
INDIANAPOLIS, NOV. 6, 1896. }

*To the Honorable the General Assembly of Indiana:*

The State Library under the control of the State Library Board, has made decided advancement along its special lines. There has been added a very valuable collection to the different departments of reference, history, biography, political, social and economic science, and quite an addition to Indiana history and literature, besides completing a file of the early laws of the State. Among these books may be mentioned the following important volumes:

Standard Dictionary.  
Johnson's Universal Encyclopedia.  
Harper's Book of Facts.  
Nicolay and Hay's History of Lincoln, 10 vols.  
Spofford's Historic Characters, 10 vols.  
Grosvenor's Constantinople, 2 vols.  
Shaw's Municipal Government in Great Britain.  
Shaw's Municipal Government in Continental Europe.  
Gross' Guild Merchant, 2 vols.  
Eidersheim's Life of Christ, 2 vols.

An entire set of the Century Magazine has been added to the Library, and when other sets are completed, especially the North American Review, the Library will contain a rich store, the annuals being readily referred to through Poole's Index. The purchase of some very early laws of the State of Indiana and the binding of 100 volumes of State Papers consumed a very large part of the annual appropriation.

There have been added to the Library since the last report, 1,583 volumes and 520 pamphlets. The number of volumes bound in the past two years is—

Half Russia.....	2
Half Morocco.....	240
Law.....	12
Rebound in the Library.....	75
Number of newspaper readers in Reading Room	7,352
Number of volumes used in Reading Room.....	6,954

The Academy of Science has deposited its report for 1895 and 1896 in the Library. It is the hope of the Librarian to be able to purchase a complete set of the Proceedings of the Academy of Science of Philadelphia before another year, which will be a very valuable addition to the Library.

The new shelving, for which my predecessors worked so earnestly, was placed in the Library one year ago, and has greatly improved the facilities for placing and caring for the books and increased the facility of access. The United States Government publications have all been catalogued so that they are much more accessible. A cordial, earnest spirit of helpfulness has been extended to all departments of the Library and to all parts of the State wherever calls have been made (which have been very frequent). From the number of calls from different colleges and clubs, Indiana would improve a system of traveling libraries which have been introduced into other States, whereby any literary body could enjoy, for a limited time, some of the rich stores gathered in the State Library.

It is pleasant to state that the number of persons consulting the Library is constantly increasing, and the number will continue, doubtless, when the general public come to realize what a privilege is theirs. It affords me pleasure to acknowledge the co-operation and hearty support of the State Library Board and the faithful and earnest efforts of those associated with me in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA L. DAVIDSON.

*Statement of Expenditures for Books and Binding for the Fiscal  
Years Ending October 31, 1894, and October 31, 1895.*

1894.			
Nov.	1.	E. J. Shea .....	\$46 00
"	1.	Bowen-Merrill Company .....	35 50
"	3.	C. A. Nichols .....	16 00
"	7.	Bowen-Merrill Company .....	1 13
"	14.	Bowen-Merrill Company .....	3 00
"	30.	I. J. Griffin .....	1 00
Oct.	27.	Boston Book Company, carried over.....	75 00
		Voucher.....	\$145 63
Dec.			
	4.	Bancroft Publishing Company.....	\$25 00
"	5.	Bowen-Merrill Company .....	1 63
"	5.	Christian Literature Company .....	1 50
"	6.	Bowen-Merrill Company .....	4 75
"	15.	Indianapolis Journal .....	10 00
"	20.	W. A. Hartpence .....	2 50
"	21.	C. A. Nichols & Co .....	5 00
"	31.	J. W. Bowlus .....	2 00
"	31.	Botanical Gazette .....	3 00
"	31.	Geo. S. Barrie.....	2 00
"	31.	Indianapolis Sentinel.....	24 00
"	31.	Ginn & Co.....	2 40
		Voucher.....	\$83 78
1895.			
Jan.	3.	Bowen-Merrill Company .....	\$8 65
"	3.	Mooney-Russell Co .....	2 00
"	3.	Publishers' Weekly .....	5 00
"	8.	Bowen-Merrill Company .....	22 05
"	8.	Bowen-Merrill Company .....	6 29
"	15.	Virginia Historical Society .....	5 00
"	21.	Westerman & Co .....	3 00
"	22.	American Statistical Association .....	2 00
"	23.	W. S. Houghton.....	33 25
"	28.	Bowen-Merrill Company .....	1 54
"	29.	R. S. Polk & Co.....	5 40
		Voucher.....	\$83 75