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REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE
NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN,
TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 1st, 1897. }

To His Excellency, John W. Griggs, Governor, and ex-officio President of the Board of Commissioners of the State Library of New Jersey:

SIR—Permit me to submit the following report of the condition of the State Library for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1897.

The number of books, pamphlets, magazines and newspapers on file in the State Library at the time of my last annual report, was 47,114.

During the past year the following additions have been made by exchanges with the General Government, the States and Territories, Honolulu and Canada, donations and purchase, as more particularly specified in the Appendix:

By exchange from other States, Territories, Honolulu and Canada	486
By exchange from the United States, - - - - -	320
By individual donations, books, pamphlets, &c., - - - - -	150
By individual donations, newspapers, - - - - -	90
By subscription, papers and magazines, - - - - -	39
By purchase, miscellaneous books, - - - - -	259
By purchase, law books, - - - - -	308
From the State, bound volumes, - - - - -	220
Total additions, - - - - -	1,872

Making the whole number of books, &c., now in the Library 48,986.

On the 15th of last September the following duplicate State books were transferred to the State Custodian of Documents, for the purpose of relieving the shelves of the Library:—613 copies of Legislative Documents, back to 1892; 484 copies of Senate Journals, back to 1893; 412 copies of Assembly Minutes, back to 1894—making 1509 books—reserving to the Library enough for regular use.

Among the most important Law Books added to the Library are the Ontario & New Brunswick, Canada Reports, nearly complete; the Encyclopaedia of English Law; Clark's Mineral Law Digest; Joyce on the Law of Insurance; Clinton's "Remarkable Cases"; Morrell's American Electrical Cases; Short on Railway Bonds and Mortgages; and the Hawaiian Island Law Reports, in 10 volumes complete.

Among the Miscellaneous works are the Encyclopaedia of Electrical Engineering; Broglie's Tallyrand; Poole's Index to Periodical Literature; History of Banking in all Nations; Putnam's "Books and Their Makers" (in two vols.); Nansen's "Farthest North"; Thompson's "New Light on the North West"; Dictionary of Religious Sects; Davis' Manufacture of Bricks, Tiles, &c.; Record of the Esopus Dutch Church; Historic Churches of America; Maspero's "Dawn of Civilization" and "The Struggle of the Nations"; Lady Jackson's Works; Hittell's History of California; Harper's Library of the World's Best Literature; Hawthorne's Literature of All Ages; English Notes and Queries, complete to date; and 46 volumes added to the North American Review.

Among the Donations in the Appendix, it will be found that Adjt. General W. S. Stryker, has added three important monographs to those heretofore given to the Library:—"The Continental Army at the Crossing of the Delaware, 1776"; "New Jersey Continental Line in the Virginia Campaign, 1781", and "The Battle of Trenton, 1776."

It will also be seen that Dr. H. S. Wyckoff, of Philadelphia, has presented the Library a rare work, entitled the "Charter and Documents relating to the Hunterdon Co. N. J. Copper Mining Co., 1859."

Miss Viola V. Holbrook, Secretary, has presented the Library, "the Ancestral Register of the General Society of Daughters of the Revolution" for 1896.

The Library has also received from the office of Foreign Affairs, at Honolulu, an illustrated work descriptive of "The Resources of the Hawaiian Islands in 1896."

The Library is also indebted to Capt. Wm. H. Webb, of New York, for two royal folio books of plates of Ship Building, comprising plans, measurements and drawings of a large number of celebrated wood and iron vessels.

Commander Washington Irving, U. S. S. Portsmouth, Hoboken,

N. J., has supplied the Library with a finely illustrated copy of the "Book of the Naval Reserves of N. J." (Battalion of the East) for 1897.

The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts has favored the Library with a large, square Album of engravings of "Selected Works in its Permanent Collection" which assimilates finely with the other art works of the Library.

It was stated in my last Report, that the opening of the valuable reference books of the Library to the young scholars of the State and City Schools, was an experiment fraught with much perplexity, and we found it so indeed. After the destruction of much paper and considerable injury to several books, we were compelled to deprive the scholars of the use of ink, and, while we continue to furnish paper, insisted upon their supplying their own lead-pencils. However, this seems to make little difference in the number of attendants. During the nine school months of last year, there was an average daily attendance, during five days of the week, of 43 pupils—amounting in gross to 7,740 for the year. The average number of reference books used was 50 per day—or 9,000 for the year. In fact, during the last two years, the Library has become an essential referendary to the teachers of the Public Schools; and under the management of my patient and attentive Assistant, in the Miscellaneous Department, Mr. John M. Rogers, the pupils seem to be substantially benefitted. Thus, while the Library does not circulate its books, it certainly has a large circulating attendance, calculated to prove of immense service to the State.

Since my last Report, a Revolving Bookcase, for Bibles, Dictionaries, Gazetteers, &c., to relieve the Patent Office Report Division, has been added to the Miscellaneous Department: two new stands for bound files of newspapers have been erected in the corridor, and the Law Department has been supplied with two splendid Oak Cases, almost exactly like the old ones. For these the Library is indebted to the State House Commission and the handiwork of the State Carpenter, Mr. Edward F. Scott.

These additions compelled the narrowing of the Alcoves at the West end of the Law Library, and the consequent use of narrower Alcove Tables—which, with chairs to match, were also promptly furnished by the Commission. Of course, the New Cases required reshelving of the State and U. S. Reports and the Text Books, causing the old lawyers to be somewhat at a loss in finding their

references—but as the arrangement is upon the old Alphabetical system, the services of our efficient Assistant in the Law Department, Mr. John D. Faussett, will soon abate the inconvenience.

The two departments of the Library are now rendered adequate for a ten years' extension—when it will be necessary to throw an iron balcony around the inside wall of the Library, to duplicate its capacity for fifty years more,—upon the present Alcove System.

Our thanks, and those of our regular visitors, especially of the State Schools and Business Colleges, are again due to 90 editors of county weekly papers who have supplied us regularly with their issues,—as named in the Appendix.

During the last year the number of Registered visitors, other than regular attendants, at the Library, was 2,880, being exactly 300 more than the previous year. Many of these visitors expressed their astonishment and delight at finding the State had such a splendid Library.

During the year 142 books have been bound, and 384 repaired. There were also ten newspaper files bound, and two large volumes of U. S. War Maps of the Rebellion. In addition to these there were 20 of our regular county atlases repaired.

In conclusion, I may be pardoned for expressing my deep regret at the death of Chief Justice Beasley, who was a member of the Book Committee of the Library Commission, and who took such a great interest in the welfare of the Library. He was remarkably quick and astute in his judgment, and condemned or approved a book, without regard to author, publisher, or librarian. Of course, his decision settled the matter. Aside from his legal attainments, he was well versed in literature, and out of Term-time, passed many a genial hour with literary friends. Some of his pastime chats in the Library, were absolutely delightful, and leave a pleasant memory of one, who, to the public generally, appeared severely austere.

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS R. HAMILTON,

State Librarian.

APPENDIX.

Additions Made to the State Library During the Year 1897.

BY PURCHASE.

Miscellaneous

Brogie's Talleyrand 5 Vols.	5
Meyers' "Art Smithing."	1
J. R. Lowell's Poems	1
British Indies (Story of the Nations)	1
Pro. N. J. Bar, rel. to death of Gen. Garrett D. Wall (pam.)	1
Gov. McDowall's Address to Princeton Alumni.	1
Rev. Dr. Yeoman's Sermons at 1st Presbyterian Church, Trenton.	1
Judge Field's Address to Survivors of State Cons. Con. (pam.)	1
N. J. Contested Election, 1840. (Minority Report)	1
Thomas' History of Printing 2 Vols.	2
Poole's Index to Periodical Literature 4 Vols.	4
Deshler's History of Old Christ Church, N. B., N. J. (pam.)	1
Putnam's "Books and their Makers." 12 Vols.	12
Letters of Junius (2 Vols.)	2
Penna. Colony and Commonwealth.	1
Cyclo. of Electrical Engineering. 2 Vols.	2
History of Banking in all Nations 4 Vols.	4
Hoyt's Cyclopaedia of Quotations.	1
Shoemaker's Materia Medica. 2 Vols.	2
Penna. Magazine of History. Vol. 20.	1
Rand & McNally's 20th Century Atlas of the World.	1
Beacon Lights of History. Vol. 8.	1
History of Detroit, Mich.	1
Jervis' "Rough Notes on Pottery."	1
Life of Gen. Hull.	1
U. S. Dispensary, (Wood and others)	1
"The Library and Washington, D. C."	1