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To the President of the Senate and

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor of presenting to the Legislature my Fourth Annual Report, being the fifteenth annual report of the Maine State Library.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. S. HOBBS,

Librarian.

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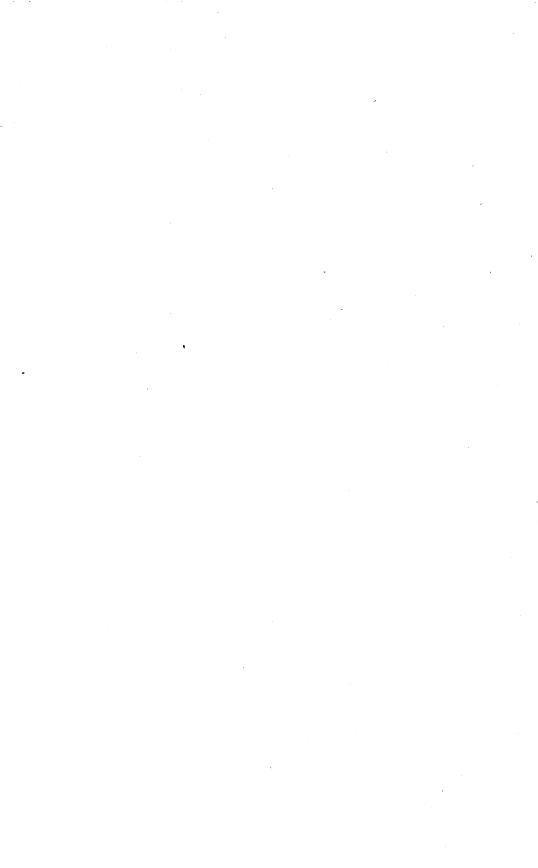
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# REPORT.

To the Legislature of Maine:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the usual annual report of the operations of the department placed under my superintendence, and shall endeavor to be as brief and concise as possible.

The business of the State Library is increasing every year. The correspondence, together with the accounts of persons having the privileges of the Library, being sufficient to keep one employed, though at a cursory glance it would appear insignificant. There is a vast amount of miscellaneous work incident to an office of this kind, of which no account could well be kept, to say nothing of the time devoted to visitors and applicants for books.

I have received from the State Treasury the past year the sum of five hundred dollars; this amount, together with the amount unexpended, of one hundred and twenty-five dollars and thirty cents, making a total of six hundred and twenty-five dollars and thirty cents, for the use of the Library.

The expenditures for the purchase of books and incidental expenses for the same time, have been six hundred and thirty-three dollars and sixty-two cents, making a balance against the Library of eight dollars and thirty-two cents.

The number of volumes added during the year is nine hundred and twenty-five bound volumes, and one hundred and twenty pamphlets, from the following sources:

By purchase, law books, 47 vols.; miscellaneous, 170 vols. exchange, 605 volumes; 58 pamphlets. donation, 103 "62"

The above additions do not include books and documents received into the Library from our own State.

The expenses of the Library for books and incidental expenses have been adjusted by the Trustees of the Library, under whose

advice the money has been expended in the most economical and judicious manner possible.

The wants and necessities of the Library would seem to require at your hands a larger appropriation than the five hundred dollars which is the amount required by statutes. I would most respectfully recommend that the sum of five hundred dollars in addition thereto be appropriated.

Of the amount expended the past year, about one half of it was expended for law books. There are still wanting quite a large number of volumes to complete the sets of American Statute Laws and American Reports. New miscellaneous Law and Text-books, also Digests of Reports, are absolutely necessary in the same department, not only for the use of the Law Court, but also for the various Committees of the Legislature, especially for the Judiciary.

Although new law books are constantly being added to the Library by purchase and exchange, the demand at all times exceeds the supply. Taking into consideration the various wants of the Library, I feel confident the modest sum which I have suggested will be readily and cheerfully granted by an intelligent Legislature.

"The Nation's books are her vouchers. Her libraries are her monuments. The dead past lives again in print in our public and private libraries, where to a great extent are garnered up records of laws, manners, customs, literature, science and art, the intellectual accumulations of ourselves and our predecessors. Here the past and the present hold their school for the instruction of the future."

The catalogue, which is herewith communicated, contains a full exhibit of the additions made to the Library during the year.

I have sent in exchange to all the States and most of the Territories, and to Canada, our Laws, Law Reports, Public and Legislative Documents, Agricultural Reports, Maine Register, &c., and have received from nearly all the States about the same class of books. From some States we get more and better bound books, than those sent. A few of the Southern States are very slow in sending their books, and do not seem to take much interest in this matter of inter-State exchanges.

There are now furnished to the Library for the purposes of exchange, and for distribution to the several towns in the State, to county officers and heads of departments, &c., six hundred copies of the Maine Reports, as they are issued. This number is hardly

sufficient to supply the increasing demand, and have any surplus left for future use. I would recommend that the number be increased to six hundred and fifty or seven hundred. The same remark will apply to the bound documents. There are only eighty copies furnished to the Library. There should certainly be one hundred. They are of great value for exchange and for the use of the Committees of the Legislature.

In conclusion I beg leave to remark, that I have for the past year, without regard to working hours, endeavored faithfully to keep the office entrusted to my care in the best condition possible. I have devoted my whole time to the interest of the Library; and I have full confidence that an examination of its affairs, at any time, will prove entirely satisfactory.

J. S. HOBBS, Librarian.

AUGUSTA, January, 1876.

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