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## ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE VARIOUS

# Public Officers and Institutions

FOR THE YEAR

— 1885 —

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AUGUSTA:  
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1885.

TWENTY-SECOND REPORT

OF THE

Librarian of the Maine State Library,

FOR THE YEARS 1883 AND 1884.

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Transmitted to the Legislature, January, 1885.

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## TRUSTEES OF THE STATE LIBRARY.

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# REPORT.

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STATE LIBRARY, }  
January, 1885. }

*To the Legislature of Maine:*

By the statutes of the State it is made the duty of the State Librarian to report to the Legislature biennially, in January, the receipts and expenditures on account of the library, with a list of all books, maps and charts acquired during the two preceding years; specifying those obtained by purchase, donation and exchange, and those which have been lost or are missing, and to make suggestions in relation to the improvement of the library. In compliance with the foregoing provisions, I have the honor to submit to your honorable body the following report for the years 1883-84.

The amount appropriated at the last session of the Legislature for the purchase of books and for incidental expenses, was one thousand dollars for each year. This sum, with a balance of thirty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents, unexpended from previous appropriations, making a total of two thousand thirty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents for the use of the library for the two years. The expenditures for the purchase of books and incidental expenses for the same period, have been two thousand six dollars and fifty-eight cents, leaving a balance now on hand of thirty-one dollars and seventy-seven cents.

The library has been increased by the addition of twelve hundred forty-seven volumes and five hundred eighty-two pamphlets.

The catalogue herewith communicated contains a full exhibit of the additions made to the library during the past two years.

I invite your careful attention to the same, hoping that the work done will meet your approval. I invite you all to visit the library, as you have occasion, and see for yourselves the condition of the books.

Pains have been taken to have all the books which have become worn or loose in the binding re-bound. This work has been well and faithfully done by the State binders, Messrs. Smith and Reid. This class of books is now among the most attractive in the library.

The exchanges, it will be observed, have been faithfully carried on. There have been exchanges with every State in the Union and most of the Territories, and also with Canada and Nova Scotia. We receive a large number of books from Canada. Their laws and judicial reports are especially valuable. I have heard the opinion frequently expressed, that the decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada are not surpassed anywhere. She is very liberal in her exchanges. I have endeavored to reciprocate in a liberal manner.

While the other departments of the library have not been neglected, much attention has been given to the law department. The laws and judicial reports of the several States are nearly complete. A few of the Southern States still remain incomplete. We have full sets of the United States Supreme Court reports, and also the Circuit and District Courts are very nearly complete. The library is deficient in some of the earlier English reports. I have adopted the plan to purchase each year some of these missing numbers, as many as the limited amount of money at my disposal will warrant, hoping that by so doing, in time the deficiencies will all be supplied. Some of these reports are held at very high rates, while some it is almost impossible to procure at any price. But it is very desirable for a State library to have full sets of English as well as American reports.

There has been a greater demand upon this library for the past few years since the Clifford library in Portland has been broken up.



A new revision of the statutes of this State was issued in 1883. I have taken much pains to distribute copies to all parties entitled to the same. Every town and plantation in the State, I presume, has received a copy; if not, it is by an unintentional mistake. So all the citizens of the State are *presumed* to know the law. Copies have also been sent to all the States and territories, and duplicate copies to the congressional library at Washington. It is considered a thorough and correct revision of our laws, commendable to the State as also to the commissioner who had charge of the work of revision. No State in the Union, in my judgment, has a better revision of their laws.

By reference to the catalogue, under the head of "Miscellaneous," it will be observed that I have purchased only or mainly the standard works in science, art and popular literature. In the political department of the library will be found the best works upon political economy. Members of Legislatures always call for works upon that subject. Notwithstanding the social demands made upon them while in this city, the legislators read a very large number of books. Many of the Senators and Representatives usually have their wives and daughters with them, and their reading takes a very wide range, from poetry and fiction to history and theology. The State library is expected to have all the latest works on all the different subjects. Very many persons who come to the library expect here to find all the trashy novels of the day. We purchase but few novels and only those written by the best authors—authors like MacDonald, Roe, Howells, Thackeray and Sir Walter Scott. Books written by such authors teach us how much better and more to be desired is inward purity and uprightness than any mere knowledge of the world or outward success.

True, then, that all novels are not bad. They are good or bad like other books. Some author has said, "One should choose his books as he chooses his associates, for their character." Meanness, falsehood, cruelty, cynicism, get themselves printed and too often get themselves read.

Again, the more I live among books the more I believe in the maxim, "*non multa, sed multum.*" Read much, but do not read many things. There is an old saying, "Beware of a man of *one book.*" If one reads but one book, he may read that one book so well as to be a very hard man to encounter. The above maxims are only figures expressive of the thought that a habit of careful reading is a most important means of intellectual development.

Valuable as is our library to the general public, it is especially so to the courts and lawyers of the State. Here the legislators and the legislative committees come to find valuable information upon the various subjects which come before them for examination.

We fondly hope that in a few years the people of the State of Maine, through their Representatives, will see fit to enlarge the State House so that there will be sufficient room for all the records and also ample room for the library, where the books can be properly arranged, classified and catalogued.

I have no doubt, gentlemen, you will be pleased to make such an appropriation for the library as its growing wants may require, realizing that what is done in that direction is done for the enlightenment of the people and for the good of future generations. Books are the State vouchers. Her libraries are her monuments.

I believe in books. I have been State Librarian now for nearly ten years. The books to me are like the faces of friends. Let us be thankful for books. It was Charles Lamb, I think, who said that he wished to "ask grace before reading" more than "grace before dinner." Be very thankful for books.

"Those stately arks, that from the deep  
Garner the life for worlds to be;  
And, with their glorious burden, sweep  
A down dark Time's untraveled sea."

J. S. HOBBS,

*State Librarian.*

# The Rules and Regulations

RELATIVE TO THE

## MAINE STATE LIBRARY.

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I. The State Library shall be under the management and control of the Governor and Council as a board of trustees.

II. The Library shall be kept open every day in the year, Sundays and the usual holidays excepted, during the usual business hours.

III. Books may be taken from the Library by the Governor, Members of the Council, and of the Legislature, Judges of the Judicial Courts, Secretary of State, Deputy Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Adjutant General, Attorney General, Land Agent, Reporter of Decisions, Counsel engaged in argument of causes before the Law Courts in the Middle District, Superintendent of Public Buildings, Superintendent of Common Schools, Superintendent of the Insane Hospital, Chaplains, Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Chaplains, Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the House, Secretary and Members of the Board of Agriculture during the session of the Board; provided that this privilege to the members of the Legislature, and those officially connected therewith, shall be limited to the time the Legislature shall be in session.

IV. Any person taking books from the Library shall first give sufficient personal security for their return within twenty days.

V. No person authorized to take books from the Library shall be permitted to have at any one time more than three volumes, nor shall the same be retained more than three weeks, and all shall be returned on or before the first day of January, annually.

VI. The following books shall not be taken from the Library room, except for the use of either House, or of the committees of the Legislature during its session, or for use in the Supreme Judicial Court in term time: all books presented by the United States or any of the States; all works, books and documents relating to the laws or legislative proceedings of the United States, or other States or countries; all digests, reports of decisions, and works relating to the science of the law, and Vattemare's exchanges.

VII. Every person shall be answerable for all damage done by him to any book, and in case of the loss of any volume belonging to a set, the person answerable therefor shall procure a new volume or pay in money the value of the set.

VIII. Any member of the Legislature having in his possession any book, map, or other publication belonging to the Library, shall return the same four days before the adjournment of the Legislature.

IX. All such books, maps, and other publications as the Governor and Council shall determine are necessary always to be kept in the Library as books of reference, shall at no time be taken therefrom.

X. All persons wishing to take books, pamphlets, or maps from the State Library, are required to report to the Librarian the title of such books, pamphlets or maps, before taking the same from the Library rooms.



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