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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY.

To the Hon. DAVID R. FLOYD JONES,

Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate :

Sir—I have the honor to transmit the Annual Report of the Trustees of the State Library.

I remain, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN V. L. PRUYN,

Chancellor of the University.

STATE LIBRARY, ALBANY, March 24, 1864.

The Regents of the University of the State of New York are, by law, declared to be *ex-officio* trustees of the State Library. The following are the members of the Board at the date of this report:

JOHN V. L. PRUYN, LL. D., *Chancellor.*
GULIAN C. VERPLANCK, LL. D., *Vice-Chancellor.*
HORATIO SEYMOUR, LL. D., *Governor. (Ex-officio.)*
DAVID R. FLOYD JONES, *Lieutenant Governor. (Ex-officio.)*
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ROBERT G. RANKIN, GEORGE B. PERKINS,
REV. J. N. CAMPBELL, D. D.,
SAMUEL B. WOOLWORTH, LL. D., *Secretary.*

Standing Committee specially charged with the care of the State Library during 1864.

REV. DR. CAMPBELL,* THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
MR. VERPLANCK, MR. BENEDICT,
THE GOVERNOR, MR. BURROWS.

Officers of the State Library.

Librarian of the Law Library.

ALFRED B. STREET.

Librarian of the General Library.

HENRY A. HOMES.

Assistant Librarians.

JOHN H. HICKCOX, SAMUEL G. W. BENJAMIN.

* After the date of this report, and on the 27th of March, 1864, Dr. Campbell died, and the Chancellor was appointed chairman of the committee.

REPORT.

To the Honorable, the Legislature of the State of New York:

The Forty-sixth Annual Report on the condition of the State Library, is herewith respectfully submitted by the Trustees :

The additions to the library by purchase during the past year have been less in proportion to the whole sum expended than in the preceding year by more than three hundred volumes. This has been caused by the largely advanced prices of books; and it is probable that the additions of the present year will be even more seriously diminished, particularly in foreign books, the purchases of which beyond pressing necessities, have been almost entirely suspended.

Many valuable contributions have been made by the friends of the library, all of which will appear in the appended list of donations. Among these the Trustees mention specially a valuable collection of works, chiefly scientific and foreign, of two hundred and two volumes, from James Lenox, Esq.

The system of foreign and domestic exchanges has placed in the library many valuable works, one hundred and four foreign maps, five atlases, and more than three thousand pamphlets. A set of the large county maps of the State, with the exception of those of four counties, has been purchased.

At the close of the year 1862, as stated in their last report, the whole number of volumes in the library was..... 63,104

In the law department..... 17,870

In the general library 45,234

At the close of the year 1863, the whole number of volumes in the library had been increased to..... 66,301

By addition to the law department of 561

do do general library of..... 2,636

Total 3,197

Of these additions there were by purchase.....	1,935
By donation and exchange	1,262
Total	<u>3,197</u>

At the last session of the Legislature \$750 was appropriated "for the purchase by the trustees of the library, of the manuscripts and correspondence of Sir William Johnson and others, to be deposited and preserved in the State Library." This collection did not prove as full as was expected, and only \$500 was paid for it. It however forms a very valuable complement to the "Johnson Papers," previously in the library, and when the index to the whole, now in the course of preparation under a resolution of the Legislature, shall be completed, these papers, of high value in connection with the early history of the State, will be rendered easily accessible.

The contributions of British Patents, made by the Great Seal Patent Office of Great Britain, have been continued, and are conveniently deposited in suitable cases.

The supplemental catalogue of the law department, which was stated in the report of last year to be in the course of preparation, has been completed to the end of the year 1863, and is now in the press.

The portraits of President Van Buren, Governor Seymour, Governor Morgan, Thurlow Weed, Edwin Croswell and Dr. Wendell, former Chancellor of the University, have been added by donation to the portrait gallery of the library.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Trustees.

JOHN V. L. PRUYN,

Chancellor of the University.

ALBANY, *March 24, 1864.*

The Secretary of the Regents of the University, *ex officio*
 Treasurer of the Library fund, in account current for
 the year ending September 30, 1863.

I. CASH RECEIVED FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

1862-3.	<i>Dr.</i>
To balance from last account (see Senate Document No. 126, page 8).....	\$38 64
To amount received from the Comptroller, being the annual appropriation for 1862-3.....	3,000 00
To interest on deposits.....	84 50
	\$3,123 14

1862.		<i>Cr.</i>
Nov. 3.	By cash paid J. W. Bouton, New York, No. 1,	\$35 87
3.	T. W. Reeve..... 2,	76 80
24.	J. Munsell, Albany..... 3,	47 55
Dec. 1.	H. Bossange, Paris..... 5,	37 44
15.	Munn & Co., New York..... 6,	14 00
15.	J. Munsell, Albany..... 7,	45 52
15.	F. H. Little, Albany..... 8,	92 58
16.	Henry Barnard, Hartford..... 9,	26 25
22.	William Gowans, New York..... 10,	32 40
29.	H. A. Homes, Albany..... 11,	21 30
1863.		
Jan'y 5.	F. H. Little, Albany..... 13,	106 83
5.	R. P. Smith, Philadelphia..... 14,	171 00
12.	D. Van Nostrand, New York..... 15,	17 25
12.	John J. Smith, Philadelphia..... "	10 00
12.	H. V. Poor, New York..... "	5 00
19.	W. C. Little, Albany..... 16,	27 90
19.	W. B. Sprague, Jr..... 17,	81 22
April 6.	D. G. Elliot, New York..... 21,	35 00
7.	H. Stevens, London..... 22,	484 78
11.	J. M. C. Armbruster, Baltimore..... 23,	39 78
13.	G. S. Diossy, New York..... 24,	18 00