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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Directors of the John Crerar Library.

Gentlemen,—At the last annual meeting Mr. Leonard A. Busby was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Colonel Jackson. This election completed the membership of the Board at the time, but the adoption, at the meeting in November, of a new By-Law has since added as ex-officio members the Mayor and Comptroller of the City of Chicago.

As you have been informed in the report of your Special Committee on Site, the Legislature of Illinois and the City Council of Chicago have granted the Library authority to erect a suitable building on the portion of the Lake Front Park between Madison and Monroe Streets and west of the Illinois Central Railroad. The advantages of this location are so manifest, and the promise of increased usefulness of the Library so great, that it is carnestly to be hoped that the necessary consent of the abutting property owners may be secured. On the other hand, the devotion to construction of money which otherwise would have to be spent for land will enable the Board to give the city a monumental as well as a useful building.

As matters of record, copies of the Act, the Ordinance, and the By-Law will be included in the Annual Report of the Library.

The report of the Treasurer shows a surplus of income over expenditure of more than \$75,000, although a considerable extra appropriation was made for a special purchase of books. This surplus, when added to the Building Fund, will make that fund amount to nearly \$400,000. If this increase is maintained, the fund will be more than sufficient to meet the estimates of the architects before the building must be begun in accordance with the Act. The income for next year is again estimated to increase considerably.

The report of the Librarian gives the details of the administration. The increase in the use made of the Library is very gratifying. The visitors were nearly 55,000, an increase of 14,000; the total use was 125,000 books and periodicals, a gain of thirty-four per cent over last year. There have been added during the year 10,787 volumes, making the total accessions to January 1, 1902, 76,432 volumes.

Respectfully submitted.

PETER STENGER GROSSCUP,

CHICAGO, January 16, 1902.

President.