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## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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IOWA STATE LIBRARY, }  
DES MOINES, IOWA, NOV. 1, 1871. }

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

In compliance with the requirements of law, I respectfully submit the following report:

The total number of books now in the possession of the State Library is 14,079.

Since the date of the last report the law department has been increased by exchange and purchase, to the amount of 3,174 volumes.

A very valuable addition has been made in the filling up of the sets of English, Irish, and Scotch Law Reports and Statutes, all of which are now complete to the present time.

This large accession made it imperative that the hall should be enlarged, which was accordingly done during the past summer, by opening into the Supreme Court room and fitting up that place suitably with alcoves and shelving, thus providing accommodations adequate to the increased dimensions of the library.

The miscellaneous department remains small. It seems eminently desirable that this neglected part of the Library should be rendered more useful and creditable by the addition of valuable works of reference, and a larger selection of standard literature.

A system of card-cataloguing, after the Harvard plan, was introduced by my predecessor in office, and is now complete. It consists of two separate catalogues. In the *first*, or catalogue of *Authors*, the name of each author is written upon a card, with the title of his work beneath. The cards are then arranged in the alphabetical order of the authors' names. In the *second*, or catalogue

of *Subjects*, the name of the class to which the subject matter of each work belongs is written first on the card with the author's name and title of the work beneath. These being also arranged alphabetically, both catalogues are placed in drawers prepared especially for them; and, being then ready for use, are accessible to all desiring to refer to them.

The great advantage of keeping the catalogue of a growing library on cards arises from the fact that it admits of indefinite enlargement, since the cards that are written from day to day, as new books are received, may be at once inserted in their places, and are immediately available for reference.

In addition to these, I have in preparation a catalogue, to be printed in pamphlet form, which is nearly ready for publication.

Mr. John C. Merrill, late Librarian, was suddenly removed by death during the month of September. He was a very efficient and valuable officer, and to his care and skill is greatly due the present improved appearance of the library.

The severe nature of his last illness rendered it impossible for him to make any explanations, or give any instructions in regard to his work; yet, so perfect was the order and arrangement of the books, and so carefully kept were the records and accounts, that it has been comparatively easy for me, as his successor, to take up the duties of the office where they dropped from his faithful hand.

The vacancy was filled by appointment of the Governor, on the 14th of September.

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