

the different States respectively an edition of Bacon's Laws, Hanson's Laws, and the laws since that period, neatly bound, accompanied by a letter expressing the sense of the legislature as to the propriety and utility of an interchange of laws."

This action of Maryland has been generously responded to by her sister States, and the good resulting from it is seen and known.

In 1831 Maryland presented a complete set of her Judicial Reports to each State and Territory in the Union; and continues annually to forward them as published. To this exchange of Reports most of the States have responded. At the last session she presented her volumes of printed History, &c., to each of the same, the result in part is herewith laid before you.

May it be respectfully suggested, that one or more copies of her "Public Documents," embracing her Treasurer's reports, together with the Journal of her Legislative Proceedings, be annually forwarded to each State, asking them to reciprocate.

I take pleasure in stating that the States of Indiana and Mississippi have presented to your Library—the first, her "Public Documents" for 1839 and 1840, and the latter, her "Journals of Legislative Proceedings" for 1841.

The annual Laws of the several States and of the United States, the Revised Statutes of Vermont, South Carolina and Maine; and the Judicial Reports from thirteen States have been received. I have also to acknowledge the receipt within the last year, of a Royal folio volume, containing the "Ancient Laws and Institutes of England, enacted under the Anglo-Saxon Kings, &c., from the 7th to the 10th Century."—It being a present from the British Government, making the 108th volume, which that liberal and enlightened empire has presented to this institution.

Your Library has been increased and enriched within the past year, from the various sources within named, by the receipt of five hundred and fifty-four volumes, most of which are of value and high interest.

D. RIDGELY,
Librarian.