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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 7, 2001

New Jersey 001-4802

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

22-0760120

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

(State or other juris- diction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Iden- tification Number)
1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes,	New Jersey	07417-1880
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, inc	luding area code	(201) 847-6800
N/A		
(Former name or former addresses if changed since last report.)		

Item 5. OTHER EVENTS

On November 7, 2001 the Registrant announced in a press release its results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2001.

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A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

- Item 7. Financial Statements. Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.
 - (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated November 7, 2001 announcing the financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2001.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY (Registrant)

By: /s/ Kathleen M. Gibson

Kathleen M. Gibson

Assistant Secretary

Date: November 7, 2001

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99.1 Press release issued November 7, 2001.