

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

THE Librarian's report may serve, at least for the present, not only as the official record of library *data* but as the vehicle in which a few minor facts and suggestions may be brought to the attention of members and others. The sources of our accessions have been more numerous than in any six months in the history of the Society. It would seem that Dr. Haven's spirit of attraction still lingers helpfully about Antiquarian Hall. The gradual increase of our book funds has made it seem desirable to submit to the Library Committee for their approval, the checked book-sale catalogues from which our foreign and domestic orders are selected. I desire to make an urgent appeal for an open alcove in the main hall, which shall contain the latest and best editions of the leading modern dictionaries, cyclopædias and kindred works, and for a permanent fund therefor which shall make us continually grateful to the giver. The open lower half of alcove W, now filled with works of this class, more or less obsolete, can easily be made available for the purpose. Another pressing need is more shelf-room in the lower main hall, which is no longer our duplicate room merely, but an important section of our rapidly-increasing library. The movable cases which already give the alcove effect to its south side can be extended to the north side, and later used to advantage in our attic hall, should the stack system be adopted in the lower hall. I note for record the fact that on the 6th of January, Miss Mary Gilbert Whitcomb was engaged by the Library Committee as an aid to the librarian and his assistant, and has been on duty since that date. Such an addition to the executive force was greatly needed and is duly

appreciated. The placing of a faithful assistant in both the main hall and the Salisbury annex is found to be an added safeguard in the administration of my trust. It should be stated that a brief account of the Society from the pen of its President, appeared in the *Boston Commonwealth* of October 17, 1891, and that on the same day, by a curious coincidence, a more extended account by Mr. Alfred S. Roe was published in his *Light*. I am informed that the appointments of various members of this Society, including its librarian, as members of the Advisory Council of the World's Congress Auxiliary of the World's Columbian Exposition on Historical Literature, on a Congress of Librarians, etc., have been generally accepted. These appointments are doubtless received as suggestive, to a certain extent at least, of the national and international character of the Society, as well as of its standing in the historical and library world. We have here already begun to render such service as circumstances will allow. I now add the names of Mr. Theodore F. Dwight, recently elected librarian of the Boston Public Library, and Mr. Charles J. Hoadly, State Librarian of Connecticut, to the list of our associates mentioned in my report of last April as librarians of incorporated libraries. I desire, also, to pay my tribute of respect to the memory of the late Hon. Lewis H. Steiner, librarian of the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore from its foundation until his death, February 18, 1892. It was my duty, as it was my privilege, during the last two years of the late war while he was the United States Sanitary Commission's Chief Inspector of the Army of the Potomac, to report to him while I was the Commission's Field Relief Agent for the Fifth Army Corps. In this, as in all other trusts imposed upon him, Dr. Steiner was devoted, faithful and intelligent.

I will add to my last October remarks upon Col. John May and his portrait, presented to us by the Misses May of Boston, what perhaps should have appeared there as a foot-note.

The painter was Christian Gullager, not Gullag as recorded in the letter of gift, in the manuscript attached to the portrait and in various printed lists. It is a curious fact that the innocent cause of the error was not the painter but the framer who covered the last two letters of the artist's name. It may not be amiss to state that the autograph upon our portrait is clearly C. Gullager and not Gülliger or Güllagher as it has recently appeared in several art exhibition catalogues, etc.

A communication has been received asking if women can become members of the Society; and upon the receipt of our by-laws and list of members, the inquirer replied that while our Constitution does not exclude women from membership, the fact that there are no female members might prevent the receipt of an important gift. Another matter-of-fact question received is "How much would it cost to name an alcove in the Society's library?" To this query it was not so easy to make answer, for while Horace speaks of a monument more durable than brass, we are nowhere informed of the market value of such a memorial.

We have again been called upon to allow the reproduction in facsimile of the first number of one of our early American newspapers. At this time it is the *Impartial Intelligencer*, first established at Greenfield, Massachusetts, February 1, 1792, rechristened the *Greenfield Gazette*, in the following August, and now bearing the name of the *Gazette and Courier*. Its original name had apparently been lost even at the office of publication, as the first communication received therefrom called for the "National Intelligence," instead of the *Impartial Intelligencer*. Such reproductions have not only value and interest in themselves, but they also emphasize in a large way the use of safe depositories like our own. In recognition of the Society's assistance, a beautiful centennial souvenir volume has been placed upon our shelves.

A recent careful examination of our Fast, Thanksgiving

and kindred proclamations has brought to light a possibly unique copy of the official broadside manifesto against what has been called both "the first newspaper" and "its precursor." A reproduction in as perfect form as modern type will allow, follows:—

BY THE
GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL

WHEREAS some have lately presumed to Print and Disperse a Pamphlet, (Entitled, Publick Occurrences, both Foreign and Domestick: Boston, Thursday, Septemb. 25th. 1690.) Without the least Privity or Countenance of Authority.

The Governour and Council having had the perusal of the said Pamphlet, and finding that therein is contained Reflections of a very high nature: As also sundry doubtful and uncertain Reports, do hereby manifest and declare their high Resentment and Difallowance of said Pamphlet, and Order that the same be Suppressed and called in; strickly forbidding any person or persons for the future to Set forth any thing in Print without Licence first obtained from those that are or shall be appointed by the Government to grant the same.

By Order of the Governour & Council.

Isaac Addington, Secr.

Boston, September 29th. 1690.

It may help to fix certain dates and quotations about which there has been some variation, but in this presence I need not mention them in detail, or even give a list of the various writers upon the subject.

We have a special interest in the subject matter of record inks and their permanence, attention to which has been called by the report of expert chemical analyses made under the direction of Mr. Robert T. Swan, Massachusetts Commissioner on Public Records of Parishes, Towns and Counties. Referring to the registration volumes of some of the towns, he says: "A number of the returns in these volumes of as recent a date as 1875 were almost illegible, and three made in 1888 were nearly as indistinct." And again: "The volumes of copies of the old records of Lexington, made in 1853, have faded until they are quite

indistinct." Dr. Haven once said to the writer that the one thing needful is a permanent record ink, and that whoever first discovers it is sure not only of a fortune but also of the gratitude of all scholars whose researches call them to original manuscript authorities. Not only should the subject of ink for records receive the attention which its importance warrants, but that attention should be immediate and general; and our membership can help to make it so. There is much instructive reading in the reports of the various Record Commissioners who have been appointed by the State of Massachusetts for special or general service since the year 1884. It should not be forgotten that two of our members, Hon. Samuel A. Green and Justin Winsor, LL.D., were of the Commission which reported January 31, 1885, upon the condition of the records, files, papers and documents in the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

I would commend to the attention and influence of members, the following paragraphs from the last printed report of the State Librarian of Massachusetts. They relate to the redistribution of State documents, a subject the importance of which this Society was perhaps the first to suggest, as it was certainly the first to contribute toward the carrying out of the suggestion. The quotation follows: "The library is making an effort to collect and distribute State publications as opportunity may offer, and has been able to accomplish some good work in this direction the past two or three years. It has sought to obtain collections of State documents which were in places where they were not desired and to use them in perfecting sets in libraries or institutions where they would be made useful. Many such volumes are in private hands or in town and county offices—fragments of sets which are not only useless but in careless confusion—which would have great value when placed where they would perfect collections that are needed for practical use. The State Library will gladly receive copies

of any publications of the State, in any quantity, and endeavor to place them where they will be serviceable."

An act of the legislature of Massachusetts to incorporate the Trustees of Public Reservations—to which subject your attention was briefly called in the librarian's report of October, 1890—was approved May 21, 1891, and the Board, whose first annual report has just been published, organized by the election of our senior vice-president, the Hon. George F. Hoar, as its president. In their printed appeal "They desire to obtain information regarding existing public reservations of all kinds; their number, character and locality, and the titles and conditions under which they are held. They also invite suggestions relating to places which it may be thought desirable to preserve for public use either on account of historic interest, or the beauty of the local scenery." They further state that "There is need of more complete recognition of the conditions which will soon result from the increasing density of the population of our country and its concentration in cities and towns. There is need too that the value of historical and literary memorials be recognized before they are injured or destroyed. Accordingly the trustees request all persons who are already interested in any part of the broad field of their endeavors—all persons and societies—in scenery, in natural history, in history, in public health and in the common weal in general, to unite in assisting the work of the Board by corresponding with the Secretary or agent and by becoming subscribers to the working fund."

It would seem to be our part and duty not only to aid in this comparatively local effort, but to spread an intelligent knowledge of it in order that the force of this good example may be felt throughout the land. The practical interest of our president, senior vice-president and members of the Council has been shown in and about our home city, by park-giving and beautifying, by road-building to beautiful

outlooks, by monumental structure, and by long and generous service on the Parks-Commission.

I submit the library statistics for six months to April 15: We have received from three hundred sources, viz.: from forty-two members, one hundred and forty-one persons not members and one hundred and seventeen societies and institutions, as gifts, five hundred and seventy books, thirty-three hundred and fifty-eight pamphlets, one hundred and sixty-five volumes of unbound newspapers, five hundred heliotypes, one hundred and forty-eight photographs, fifty-four coins, fifty-three medals, eleven engravings, three manuscript volumes and five manuscript sermons, three maps, two charts, one plaster bust and one specimen of Confederate currency; and by exchange, etc.: one hundred and eighty-eight books and one hundred and twenty-six pamphlets; making a total of seven hundred and fifty-eight books, thirty-four hundred and eighty-four pamphlets, one hundred and sixty-five volumes of newspapers, etc.

Special mention is made of certain gifts, as follows: From President Stephen Salisbury, Vice-President George F. Hoar, and Councillor Edward L. Davis, we have now received the second five volumes of Stevens's facsimiles of manuscripts in European archives relating to America, 1773-1783. A recent critical notice of them in the *London Athenæum*, says, "By publishing these facsimiles, Mr. Stevens has enabled any intelligent reader to understand the manner in which the struggle for independence was begun, continued and concluded. We can repeat with increased confidence that every library worthy of the name ought to contain a set of these facsimiles." It is confidently expected that volumes XI.-XV. will be ready for delivery before our October meeting when your librarian hopes to be able to acknowledge from some source the issues of 1892. Vice-President Edward E. Hale and Dr. Justin Winsor have placed their Columbus volumes upon our shelves, and Treasurer Nathaniel Paine has added thereto forty-four of

his photographs of the discoverer. Mr. Charles Francis Adams's first gift after his election to membership in the Society is his History of Braintree, the North Precinct of Braintree and Quincy; and that of Mr. Edwin D. Mead, numbers of the *New England Magazine* to complete our set. Recording Secretary John D. Washburn has presented five hundred copies of the Swiss Pact of 1291, for the Society's Proceedings; and another instalment of books from the library of the late Samuel Foster Haven, LL.D., has reached us from the Executrix. Mr. Charles P. Bowditch has given to our Spanish-American department "with the hope that some user of the library may help to unravel its mysteries," a copy of the second edition of the famous Dresden Codex, whose publication has been materially aided by him. He has also, by the purchase of a set of the Society's *Archæologia Americana*, recognized both the value of our Transactions and the importance of our Publishing Fund. The Davis, Thomas, Haven, Chandler and Dewey funds have enriched their several collections by fifty-two, fifty-four, twenty-six, five and forty-one volumes respectively; the opportunities for purchase having been unusually favorable. I note the receipt of a package carefully tied and sealed bearing the following endorsement: "Worcester County Horticultural Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, 3d March, A. D., 1892, Data, Excerpta, Narrata, &c., &c., deposited with American Antiquarian Society for Horticultural use A. D., 1942. Attest, Edward Winslow Lincoln, Secretary. *Litera Scripta Manet.*" The ends of the parcel are marked "Fiftieth Anniversary," and Secretary Lincoln requests that they may remain unbroken until the material is needed in preparation for the Society's Centennial celebration, March 3, 1942, when our librarian is authorized to break the seals. I recall but one other deposit of a similar character, viz., a well-filled bottle marked by Dr. Haven, "Wine deposited for use on some future occasion. Town Hall Dedication, Worcester, May

2, 1825." Mr. W. Lewis Fraser, Art Manager of *The Century*, has placed the Society's name on the free list, for assistance in his department. Mr. Horace G. Mather has sent his "Lineage of Richard Mather" with a like acknowledgment; Mr. Barrett Wendell's "Cotton Mather the Puritan Priest" is endorsed "American Antiquarian Society in grateful acknowledgment of their courtesy"; and Hon. Joseph B. Felt Osgood's gift of a much-needed copy of his namesake's "Customs of New England" is marked "as Dr. Felt if living would do." Dr. Pliny Earle, with clear foresight, has placed in the alcove of Genealogy an extra copy of his "Ralph Earle and his Descendants," with the understanding that it is a duplicate for use and not for sale or exchange. We are indebted to the Secretary, Clarence W. Bowen, Ph.D., who is a firm believer in "photography as an aid to history," for more than one hundred photographs, etc., illustrative of the Centennial celebration at New York, April 20, 1889, of the Inauguration of George Washington as President of the United States; and to Mr. Arthur M. Knapp of the Boston Public Library, for the identification of several of our engraved heads. Mr. G. Stewart Dickinson's deposit of American coins, which is in part for early service rendered him in another department, has a marked face as well as numismatic value. The addition to our Medallie Collection by Mr. Edward D. Stoddard should also be mentioned as one of unusual interest. The following paragraph from a letter addressed to the librarian by Mr. Francis Jackson Garrison is self-explanatory: "I am greatly obliged to you for your generosity in turning the duplicate *Liberators* over to me, and as a slight mark of my appreciation I send you a copy of the four-volume Life of my Father, for the Society's Library." Mr. Garrison's children have not only prepared this exhaustive life of their father, but the giver of this work has attempted another work which, so far as I am aware, is unique, viz., the placing of sets of Garrison's *Liberator* in some of the

leading libraries of the country. This undertaking, naturally, has been more difficult than would have been anticipated. The ingathering and redistribution of this material by Mr. Garrison has required years of patient effort and good judgment and it has been our privilege both to aid and to encourage the good work. We are indebted to Denman Waldo Ross, Ph.D., of Cambridge, for a recent gift of sixty-four selected volumes, of which Dr. Winsor who suggested the bestowal, truly says, "They are books relating to institutional history in the main, and will serve to round out your collection in some directions where I suspect you may not be very strong. Some of them are of considerable pecuniary value." I will only add that Columbia College Library has greatly strengthened our American college literature, and the Worcester Free Public Library our file of the *National Anti Slavery Standard*, by gifts from their duplicate rooms.

For the further encouragement of those who occasionally send us their miscellaneous literary accumulations, let me quote, with approval, a paragraph from the *Bookmart* of January, 1890: "In every city there should be one library which should preserve everything without the slightest regard to its apparent value, or the current demand." And from the *Sunday School Times* the following, which applies with even more force to public than to private libraries: "One may have scores of books which he seldom or never opens, and yet without them his powers of literary production would be hampered and impaired. Only true book-users can feel the power there is in the mere presence of unused books."

A moderate increase of our already large collection of genealogies is assured by the gifts of our associate Dr. George Chandler. Its statistical as well as historical value has from time to time been briefly dwelt upon by your librarian. Referring to Prof. Nathaniel S. Shaler's recent paper upon the Scientific Aspects of Genealogy, Rev. Dr. Hale

remarks: "If, for instance, we knew the history of Joseph Banneker, who appears to me to have been the ablest of our American negroes, the facts would doubtless throw much light on the possibilities of the race." However this may be, the Society's archives furnish a few items confirmatory of the article upon this Maryland negro mathematician and astronomer, as printed in 1845 and 1852 by the Historical Society of his native State. I mention as of first importance, our founder's gift of a manuscript of fourteen folio pages, which Dr. Thomas has endorsed as follows: "Bannaker was an African, or of African descent—a black man residing in Maryland. This is the original copy from which the Almanack was printed 1792, and was as Mr. Goddard says written by Bannaker. Presented [*i. e.* to Mr. Thomas] by Wm. Goddard in 1813, who printed the same in Baltimore in the year aforesaid." The first issue of Robert B. Thomas's Farmer's Almanac did not appear until the following year, though our founder's was in the full tide of success. Banneker does not, however, appear to have imitated the latter's production, even as a weather-prophet. He says, for example, of the weather for February, 1792, "clear cold and windy now expect snow or cold rain clear and moderate for the season but turns to wind and rain toward the end"; while for the same month, Thomas facetiously remarks, "A plenty of snow in these hyperborean climes. A long spell of fair pleasant weather for winter; after which epoch a severe storm from the northeast or some other point if it should happen to come at all; which is very uncertain, tho. I think (as an almanac maker) I may be allowed to guess." Thomas adds a leap-year foot-note to the effect that "maids are allowed to court but not too strongly." We have also two of Bannaker's printed almanacs, viz. those of 1795 and 1796, of seventeen and eighteen unpagéd leaves respectively.

The line title-page of the first named is: Benjamin Bannakers | Pennsylvania, Delaware, Mary- | land and

Virginia | Almanac, | for the | year of our Lord, 1795; |
Being the Third after Leap-Year. | Philadelphia: | Printed
for William Gibbons, Cherry Street. Between the title
proper and the imprint and occupying more than half of
the page, appears a well-drawn picture with the name
BANNAKER upon the oval frame which surrounds it. On
the second page is "some account of the calculator of this
almanac," while on page four, the cut showing the "Anat-
omy of Man's Body as governed by the Twelve Constella-
tions" exhibits the body of a large, dignified, well-developed
African in short clothes, quill in hand, apparently seeking
inspiration from the Muses. The line title of the almanac
of 1796 is: Bannaker's | Maryland, Kentucky, and North |
Carolina | Almanack | and | Ephemeris, | for the Year of
our Lord | 1796 | Being Bissextile or Leap-Year; | The
Twentieth year of | American Independence | and eighth
year of the | Federal Government. | Baltimore: Printed
for Philip Edwards, James Keddie, and | Thomas, Andrews
and Butler: | And sold at their respective stores, Wholesale
and | Retail. The issue of 1795 was from Philadelphia,
but that of 1796 was again from Baltimore, and it may be
mentioned incidentally that the latter introduces another of
the many concerns of which our founder was the head,
namely, that of Thomas, Andrews and Butler of Baltimore.
While its whole preface—addressed to the Gentle Reader—
is highly eulogistic, I venture to copy its closing para-
graph, with the lines from Gray and a companion stanza:
"The labours of the justly celebrated Bannaker will like-
wise furnish you with a very important lesson, courteous
reader, which you will not find in any other almanac
namely, that the Maker of the Universe is no respecter of
colours; that the colour of the skin is no ways connected
with strength of mind or intellectual powers; that although
the God of Nature has marked the face of the African with
a darker shade than his brethren he has given him a soul

equally capable of refinement. To the untutored Blacks the following elegant lines of Gray may be applied :—

‘ Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear :
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.’

Nor you, ye proud, impute to these the fault
If Afric’s sons to genius are unboru ;
For Bannaker has prov’d they may acquire a name
As bright, as lasting as your own.”

A writer in *Bookmart* of August, 1890, declares that “a great library resembles a populous city ; it would be tiresome, dangerous even to make the acquaintance of everybody ; everyone chooses the society which best pleases him. The majority are contented with the worst company.” While we need not accept the last paragraph without qualification, we shall agree that if we are thus to become acquainted with and so to be influenced by those to whom we are introduced, then indeed is the librarian’s responsibility a grave one. If your librarian rightly divines this Society’s purpose with regard to its library, it is, as our associate, Dr. William F. Poole, librarian of the richly-endowed Newberry Library of reference, has said, “to make it a live educational institution and not a mausoleum of dead books,” and this, too, under a protective policy which shall protect. Every librarian is aware that “readers may be broadly divided into three classes, skimmers, readers and students,” and also, that members of each class should be discreetly and faithfully served. Our library offers exceptional advantages to those who are pursuing their researches in the departments of biography, genealogy, local history, and American history in general. It is a real pleasure to note its increasing use, especially by students of a high order, although this is only one of the many indications of a forward movement, another proof that there are not a few who believe with Gladstone, that “Books are a living protest on behalf of mental force and

mental life." It has also happened that men of affairs have taken time from active life in trade to enjoy the advantages of our library. Whether alone or aided by us, it has been interesting to note the matter-of-fact way in which problems, for instance in the history of financial methods or of mechanical industries, have been approached and solved. Addison refers to such, and we are fortunate in having some striking examples among our own members, when he says "Knowledge of books in a man of business is a torch, in the hands of one who is willing and able to show those who are bewildered by the way, which leads to prosperity and welfare." I append a suggestive call, to wit: "Have you any merchant's account-books from 1760 to 1770, invoice or journals that would give items, or can you tell me where there are any?" Such books of record are business diaries, from which the mercantile writer of to-day may draw facts and lessons as useful and instructive perhaps, as the man of letters finds in a Sewall, or a Mather diary.

In his paper on "Browsing by a Book-worm" read before the American Library Association, Prof. James K. Hosmer, late of Washington University but now librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library, pleaded for the book-worm's privilege of browsing; and quoted Lord Bacon's saying that "some books are to be brushed merely by the feelers; others to be touched by the mandibles in a more cursory nibble: into still others you may expediently work your way in a considerable perforation, while in the case of a few the demands of duty will not be satisfied until they are thoroughly honey-combed in a labyrinth of burrows." While visiting a far-away library, I was not pleasantly impressed by seeing a placard bearing the legend "Prowlers not wanted." The expression did not seem to be a happy one even in a library, but it reminded your librarian of some excellent searching work by two of our young genealogists and biographers. Their journeyings in search of material resulted in bringing from one town to another, a missing volume of its early records, while in a second,

manuscripts were rescued from the attic of a retired town clerk, taken to the hotel for examination, chronologically arranged, carefully boxed and placed in the town bank for safety and posterity. To secure such material seems to require somewhat of the spirit of the prowler, but the end to be attained—the preservation of local history in its details—appears to justify the means. The local historical society and in its absence the town historian have in the past secured many documents of the class referred to, but in these later days it would seem that each municipality should be the custodian at least of its own records.

In the third report of the Massachusetts Commissioner on the Custody and Condition of the Public Records, to which report reference has already been made, he says “In many towns, a clerk going out of office has carelessly or intentionally neglected to transmit to his successor old records and papers not often referred to which were laid away in some unused closet or shed.” I would heartily second the Commissioner’s recommendation that “Every retiring town officer be obliged to deliver, under oath, to his successor in office all town records and property.”

We have received from Mrs. Morison the Memorial of Dr. Nathaniel H. Morison, for twenty-three years Provost of the Peabody Institute of Baltimore, prepared in part by his daughter, and in part by our associate Dr. Herbert B. Adams, of Johns Hopkins University. In connection with the Institute and as its leading feature, its founder in his letter to the original Board of Trustees called for “an extensive library, to be well-furnished in every department of knowledge—to be maintained for the free use of all persons who may desire to consult it—to satisfy the researches of students who may be engaged in the pursuit of knowledge not ordinarily attainable in the private libraries of the country.” While this was to be a reference library it was to be “not a technical one but one founded for the use of the general public.” It should be added that the library was the only department which was to be entirely free to the public. In

an "Address to the Public" in 1871, Dr. Morison said with almost prophetic pen, "We cannot create scholars or readers to use our library, but we can make a collection of books which all scholars will appreciate when they shall appear among us, as they surely will some day." And again the same year, in his defence of the management and objects of the Institute, he said, "This was never intended to be a popular institution in the usual acceptance of that word; that is, was never designed like our public schools, for the personal use of the great body of the people. It is not a charity in any other sense than that in which all college endowments are charities. Like colleges, it cannot draw into its halls the great masses of the people. It cannot furnish that kind of entertainment which will attract or interest them. Its aim is higher and nobler than this, but not so popular. It seeks to instruct, to aid in the culture and development of the best minds in every social rank. It excludes none who comply with its conditions. It seeks in its peculiar way to furnish instruction so good and so cheap that none who have the requisite culture to profit by its privileges shall be excluded from them."

It is possible that these forceful words suggest a portion of the far, if not the near, future mission of this Society. Not long since a distinguished foreign visitor replying to your librarian's remark that we hope to become a university city, said, "but on our side of the water you are already recognized as such." There would seem to be at least a peculiar propriety in the American Antiquarian Society's shedding abroad much more light, especially through the great schools of learning which crown the hills of the city of its birth. But whatever lines, new or old, are to be followed, may we continue wisely, safely and steadily to grow in usefulness, which is after all the true test of success.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND M. BARTON,
Librarian.

Givers and Gifts.

FROM MEMBERS.

- ADAMS, CHARLES FRANCIS, Esq., Quincy.—His "History of Braintree (1639-1708), the North Branch of Braintree (1708-1792), and the Town of Quincy (1792-1889)."
- ALDRICH, HON. P. EMORY, Worcester.—The "Antiquary," in continuation.
- ANGELL, JAMES B., LL.D., Ann Arbor, Mich.—His Report as President of Michigan University, 1891.
- BANCROFT, MR. HUBERT H., San Francisco, Cal.—His "Literary Industries, a Memoir."
- BARTON, MR. EDMUND M., Worcester.—"St. Andrew's Cross," in continuation; and twenty pamphlets.
- BOWDITCH, MR. CHARLES P., Boston.—"Die Maya-Handschrift der Königlichen Öffentlichen Bibliothek zu Dresden."
- BROCK, ROBERT A., Esq., Richmond, Va.—His "Colonial Virginian."
- BULLOCK, COL. A. GEORGE, Worcester.—"Official Bird's-Eye View of the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893."
- CHANDLER, GEORGE, M.D., Worcester.—One book; and one pamphlet.
- CHASE, MR. CHARLES A., Worcester.—Nine books; one hundred and seventy-seven pamphlets; and two engravings.
- COLTON, MR. REUBEN, Worcester.—Six books; five pamphlets; and two manuscript volumes.
- DAVIS, ANDREW MCF., Esq., Cambridge.—His tribute to George Bancroft.
- DAVIS, HON. EDWARD L., Worcester.—Seven books; sixty-seven pamphlets; and one engraving.
- EDES, MR. HENRY H., Charlestown.—Four books; forty-four pamphlets; and numbers of the Boston Post, 1889-92.
- GREEN, HON. SAMUEL A., M.D., Boston.—Five of his own historical publications; seven books; one hundred and sixty-two pamphlets; the "Journal of Education" for 1890; two portraits of himself; and one map.
- GREEN, MR. SAMUEL S., *Librarian*, Worcester.—His Annual Report, Worcester, 1892.
- GREENE, J. EVARTS, Esq., Worcester.—Two books; ninety-eight pamphlets; and one map.

- GUILD, REUBEN A., LL.D., Providence, R. I.—Brown University Catalogue, 1891-92.
- HALE, Rev. EDWARD E., D.D., Roxbury.—His *Life of Columbus*; and "The Commonwealth," as issued.
- HARDEN, WILLIAM, Esq., Savannah, Ga.—Report of the Public Schools of Savannah, 1891.
- HILL, Mr. HAMILTON A., Boston.—His "Rev. Joseph Sewall, his youth and early manhood."
- HOADLY, CHARLES J., LL.D., Hartford, Conn.—The Connecticut Register of 1892, containing his paper on "Town Representation"; and two proclamations.
- HOAR, Hon. GEORGE F., Worcester.—"Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies," as issued.
- LEÓN, Dr. NICOLAS, Morelia, Yucatan.—One broadside.
- MCMASTER, Prof. JOHN B., Philadelphia, Penn.—His "History of the People of the United States," vol. III.
- MEAD, Mr. EDWIN D., Boston.—Fourteen numbers of the "New England Magazine."
- MERRIMAN, Rev. DANIEL, D.D., Worcester.—Two pamphlets relating to the "Andover Trial."
- NELSON, Hon. THOMAS L., Worcester.—One book; and nineteen pamphlets.
- NOURSE, Hon. HENRY S., Lancaster.—His "Public Libraries of Massachusetts"; and the Second Report of the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts, 1892.
- PAINÉ, Mr. NATHANIEL, Worcester.—Seven of his brochures; six books; two hundred and three pamphlets; five files of newspapers in continuation; and forty-four of his Columbus photographs.
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