

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

DURING the six months last past our library work has been marked by quiet earnestness and by the absence of friction. This has been due in part to my faithful assistants, and in part to a wise library committee. The revised rules and regulations, adopted last April by the Council and the library committee for the government of the library, have recently been printed with the Society's By-laws of 1881 as amended, and to them I call your careful attention. With the added power therein given to the librarian is coupled added responsibility.

The annual report of the American Historical Association, received the past month, contains Mr. A. P. C. Griffin's valuable Bibliography of the Historical Societies of the United States. Part 1 contains the names of reports and other publications of National Associations, and part 2 those of State Historical Societies. This Society is, perhaps inadvertently, placed in the State list, under Worcester, Massachusetts. The error will doubtless be corrected in future issues, but it seems to your librarian that it should again remind us constantly to discountenance the use of the expression Antiquarian Society of Worcester, and to encourage by all means the use of our corporate name, American Antiquarian Society. This early and representative Society may well claim that it is not only American in name but national in character. It has been said—and there is a certain amount of truth in the saying—that “the enlistment of members in all parts of the Union does not make a society national when its government is purely local.” It seems to me that we may with becoming modesty

make the historic claim that we were not born into the State class, neither have we at any time entered it.

I note the fact that in an article upon Worcester Libraries, which appeared in the *Worcester Commercial and Board of Trade Bulletin* for July last, this society and its library were referred to at some length. An excellent view of the upper hall in the Salisbury annex appeared in connection therewith. Such references to the Society's desire and ability to serve the students of American history cannot be too widely spread, and for them we are duly grateful.

The close packing which has been found necessary in our newspaper room has kept the volumes in good form. But the overcrowded condition of this department has recently required the transfer of the remainder of our foreign files and a few others, to the space under the tables in the upper main hall. We have thus been able to obtain at least temporary relief. Improved ventilation of the main-hall basement has been secured by the removal of the brick surroundings of our Wheeler furnace and by the addition of a heavy wire-screen door to the north-cellar entrance.

For many years, the remainders of editions of the publications of the Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science—now the Worcester Polytechnic Institute—were deposited with us for safety and for careful distribution. While we have received some returns by way of exchange, it has seemed wise to transfer all this material to the Institute in its enlarged quarters. This was accordingly done last June, with the approval of the officers of both institutions. Space in the lower main hall has also been secured by a transfer to the State library, of our duplicate Massachusetts State documents, to be redistributed as indicated in my last report. Thus shelf-room has been provided for our invaluable laws, journals and other public documents of Massachusetts, which for the past fifteen years have occupied alcove P. This will allow the use of both alcoves

P and Q of the Salisbury Annex for our rapidly increasing collection of the doings of learned societies.

It has been my privilege to aid, not only in an advisory way but by the sale of some of our duplicates, a recent effort to collect the imprints of one of our leading New England cities. Such efforts wisely made should, it seems to me, be everywhere encouraged, to the end that their value as collections may prevent their dispersion. The increasing disposition to make special collections and to keep them together, is one of the hopeful signs of the times. The value and importance of our duplicate room in this connection need only to be mentioned.

Referring to your librarian's report of last October, Mr. Charles Henry Hart of Philadelphia, writes as follows: "I am also much struck with what you say about a wonderfully life-like wax medallion of Governor James Sullivan, now the property of the American Antiquarian Society. You also speak of similar work by C. Rauschner in 1810. I have two exquisite medallions, colored to life, of my great-grandmother and great-grandfather, done by Rauschner in Philadelphia in 1811. Did he work in Massachusetts, and can you tell me anything of him, as I have never been able to learn anything farther than his name as the artist of my two medallions?" I submit this brief quotation with the hope of obtaining from members or other correspondents, further light upon the subject.

At our October meeting in 1888, Professor Henry W. Haynes read an interesting paper upon the so-called "Alabama Stone" which for nearly seventy years has been in the possession of this Society. It seems desirable to preserve a few paragraphs by an Alabama antiquary, relating thereto. They are taken from a letter addressed to your librarian, August 11, 1892, by Mr. James W. A. Wright, formerly president of the Alabama Normal College for Girls and now principal of the Livingston Military School, who has written and lectured upon De Soto's famous march. He

says: "I have examined with much interest the article by Professor Henry W. Haynes. I can but agree with him that everything points to the fact that the Alabama Stone was left where it was found by Mr. Thomas Scales while clearing his land, viz. six miles from Tuscaloosa, down Warrior river (originally Tuscaloosa river, meaning in Choctaw 'Black Warrior') by De Soto's expedition. I think the clearly-cut 1232 cannot refer to a date. I have studied the matter very carefully and am convinced that De Soto crossed the Warrior river, not near Erie as Colonel Pickett, Judge Meek and others have conjectured, but just above the Indian town of Cabusto, marked now by the noted and fine Carthage, or Prince mounds. There De Soto fought his second severe battle, on what is now Alabama soil. The Indians (said by a Spanish writer to have been 8,000 warriors) disputed De Soto's passage there some two or three weeks, De Soto meanwhile having two boats built '1½ leagues above Cabusto and one league out from river on El Monte' or some high hills found there on the east side of Warrior river not far below Tuscaloosa. The Indians fought his men desperately when they crossed about day-break, but all were safely across by sunset. De Soto's men were then in danger. I hold that they hastily strengthened their camp on the west side by that earth-work extending from river to creek, which was the quickest way to protect a temporary camp. Then some Spanish soldiers roughly cut the *Hispan et Ind Rey*, and cut 1232 to indicate the number of leagues they estimated they had marched from Tampa Bay to that point—for those figures correspond with their estimate of their march until then. There is much fine sandstone at the 'Falls' above Tuscaloosa, whence the Alabama stone may have come. I think it likely that while De Soto was having his two boats built, he sent a strong party up to the hill north of Tuscaloosa to look for gold, as usual. One or two old crucibles were found up there in the early settlements."

Ex-President Thomas Jefferson of Monticello, Va., who was an early member of this Society, established, as is well known, the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1819 and was immediately thereafter elected its first Rector. Upon a recent visit there with the American Library Association, attention was called to a slight error in the inscription upon its second bell, which it may be well to correct in print. The following letter will explain:

LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

June 14, 1892.

MR. EDMUND M. BARTON,

My dear sir:

Your letter of June 8 would have been attended to sooner but I had some difficulty in finding where the old University bell had been put, and the inscription on the new one would have been insufficient. I send you both inscriptions.

That on the old bell reads—

“Founded for the University of Virginia.

Cast by G. H. Holbrook,
Medway, Mass. 1827.”

The new bell—

“Cast by the

McShane Bell Foundry
Baltimore, Md. 1886

For the University of Virginia to
replace bell cast by

G. H. Holbrook, Midway, Mass. 1827.”

The mistake was evidently made by the person copying the old inscription. I do not know who is responsible.

Very truly yours,

F. W. PAGE, Librarian.

While to a New Englander this seems a curious blunder, it is worthy of remark that a recent United States Official Postal Guide contains twenty-eight Midways and but four Medways.

A manuscript recently received so vividly suggests the

drain which had been made upon the able-bodied war material of Massachusetts during the latter part of the War of the Revolution, that I venture to submit a few items therefrom. It is entitled "Return of Recruits Unfit for Service sent by the State of Massachusetts since January, 1781," and following are some of the disabilities mentioned: "Blind; Boys not fit to carry a musket; Cannot speak nor understand any language; Children unable to bear the fatigue of military life; Two children unable to carry muskets on a march; Three children unfit for soldiers, Idiot, blind and debiletatid; Deaf, old and decriped; Infirm and void of understanding; Neither speaks nor understands any language; Too small to bear the weight of a musket; Lunatic." A foot-note states that the whole amount of bounty paid was "17340½ dollars in specie, 6000 Continental Doll^{rs}, 41 Cows & 9 Calves."

I wish to recommend, for forwarding valuable pamphlets, a style of envelope in one of which a brochure has just reached us in perfect order. Across it in large type is printed the following legend: "Not to be folded or doubled." I also note, as showing the practical spirit of the day, that upon the wrapper of the St. Louis Public Library report of 1892 appears the statement that "This Report contains matter of interest to every citizen of St. Louis." In like manner, upon the covers of the material mailed from Chicago by the Department of Publicity of the World's Columbian Exposition, appears "No Delay." But it has remained for Waco in Texas to report the most striking innovation in a book the fair title-page of which announces not only that the work was there printed and bound for the author in the year of our Lord 1891, but also, in sturdy capitals, that it is "Thoroughly Indexed." Possibly the day will come when such an entry may be required by law in all important books published from Maine to Texas; at least for its coming, librarians "will ever pray."

I cannot allow this occasion to pass without at least brief reference to the death at Northampton, Mass., May 17, 1892, in his eighty-third year, of Pliny Earle, M.D., a warm friend and benefactor, though not a member, of this Society. From time to time mention has been made of the important department of literature relating to insanity which he here established. His occasional presence at the Library was a benediction, and the memorial of his abundant and thoughtful kindness as well as scholarship, will remain in the Salisbury Annex to serve the present and future generations. It has been truly said of Dr. Earle that "he was one of the most famous and progressive doctors of insanity in the world."

While our collection of English county histories contains some of the rare ones, it should be made much more complete, especially in the interest of our workers in the department of genealogy. Second editions would perhaps better serve our purpose, inasmuch as they often contain new material as well as important corrections, and can be more readily and more reasonably secured.

Several of our many Columbus heads have been photographed for the Latin-American Department of the Columbian Exposition. Among those thus reproduced, are the small engraving received from Mons. Jomard in 1845, and referred to by Rev. Dr. Hale at our April meeting in 1891 as probably "an indifferent Philip the Third"; the Parmigiano presented by Hon. Ira M. Barton in 1853, now over the Davis Spanish-American Alcove; and, perhaps best of all, the fine Salviati Venetian mosaic, so full of the spirited expression which we should expect to find in the navigator and explorer, brought us by Hon. Edward L. Davis on his return from Europe in 1878. The subject of Columbus portraits, which is most attractive, has recently been quite exhaustively treated in the *Cosmopolitan* by Mr. William E. Curtis. It is interesting to note the fact that in his "Classification of the Latin-American Department of the

World's Columbian Exposition 1893" Mr. Curtis says "It is confidently asserted that there are no genuine portraits of Columbus, but a collection of pictures purporting to be such should be made." Our associate, Dr. William F. Poole, takes nearly the same view in his article in *The Dial* of last April. He says, "Of the alleged portraits of Columbus, none have any claim to authenticity. There is no evidence that they were the result of a sitting, or even of an acquaintance. Dr. Winsor gives facsimiles of seven, which have little or no resemblance to each other. It cannot be shown that any of them were taken in his lifetime, except the figure of St. Christopher, in colors, on the *Mappe Monde* of his pilot, Juan de la Cosa, made in 1500. It is supposed—but there is no proof for the assertion—that, in the lineaments of the Saint, La Cosa depicted the features of his Admiral." The fact may here be noted that James Davie Butler, LL.D., a member of this Society since 1854, read before the State Historical Society of Wisconsin—see their Collections, Vol. IX., 1880–82, pp. 76–96—an important paper upon Columbus portraits, which was afterwards reprinted.

For the increase of our library treasures by gifts from April 15 to October 15, we are indebted to three hundred and fourteen sources—the largest number ever reported—viz.: to forty-four members—twenty-seven of whom have sent results of their own literary labors—one hundred and fifty-four persons not members, and one hundred and sixteen societies and institutions. We have received therefrom nine hundred and twenty-three books, fifty-seven hundred and fifty-nine pamphlets, one hundred and seventy-two volumes of unbound newspapers, sixteen maps, fourteen photographs, eleven heliotypes, three bank-notes and one broadside. By exchange: thirty-six books, twenty-three pamphlets, and one powder-horn; and from the bindery: one hundred and eleven volumes of newspapers, and one hundred and seventy-two volumes of magazines, making

the total accessions eleven hundred and thirty-one books, fifty-seven hundred and eighty-two pamphlets, one hundred and eleven bound and one hundred and seventy-two volumes of unbound newspapers, etc.

A very few especially suggestive references follow. Our President's gift includes a copy of the "Life and Times of Cotton Mather, D.D., by Rev. Abijah P. Marvin." In the preparation of this work the Society's great collections of Mather manuscripts, Mather publications and Mather libraries were all freely placed at the author's call. As the brief index, table of contents and foot-notes do not state this fact—though there is an occasional reference to the Society in the body of the work—we are led to suppose that the preparation of important prefatory matter was prevented by the illness and death of the author. A tract on our shelves of the first decade of the eighteenth century closes not with "*Laus Deo*" but with "N. B. This Peice (*sic*) comes into the World as Men go through it, with many faults"; a modest entry which though not common would occasionally at least be proper in this the last decade of the nineteenth century.

Our Recording Secretary sends from Switzerland a copy of the Memoir and Appendix setting forth the claim made by the United States against the government of Portugal for wrong done one of its citizens by the cancellation of the charter (concession of the Delagoa Bay R. R. Co. in South Africa). The books covering this case of international importance are printed but not published, and our possession of them will be perhaps unique. The Rev. Edward G. Porter has filled the gaps in our set of his publications, while another member has placed twenty-six of his historical brochures in binding and inscribed the volume: "Library of the American Antiquarian Society from one of the oldest surviving members, James Davie Butler, Madison, Wisconsin, September 15, 1892." A brief extract from Dr. Butler's appreciative letter to the librarian may

well be preserved in this report: "Your request that members of the American Antiquarian Society send copies of their works to its library would have been sooner heeded had I not hoped by waiting to make a more complete collection of my miscellanies than I find to be possible. Would that my volume were worthy of the companionship into which it will be ushered.

"'Tis pity

That wishing well had not a body in't
Which might be felt; that we, the poorer born,
Whose baser stars do shut us up in wishes,
Might with effects of them follow our friends,
And show what we alone must think. * *'

"My interest in historical research I trace to early association with the incomparable Samuel F. Haven. Our acquaintance and correspondence began before I had learned that Hudson river was not the western boundary of creation, but memories of him have shed sweet influences on me as I have followed the sun through all his course and gazed upon the midnight sun. Antiquarianism I have enjoyed in all the continents; I shall enjoy it as long as I live and I know it will help me to live longer."

The appended list of Givers and Gifts will be found to contain the names not only of members but of new friends as well as of old ones. From all we beg a continuance of favors, with the promise that under our rules they shall be made permanently useful. The elegant volumes received from Mrs. Penelope Lincoln Canfield are, as usual, selected with special reference to their value and fitness for this library. Mrs. Alice Morse Earle's "China Collecting in America" is happily endorsed "To the American Antiquarian Society with thanks for the valuable information obtained from its shelves and used herein." Hon. Samuel R. Heywood, president of the Heywood Boot and Shoe Company, has placed upon our walls a large, framed, historic painting representing the scene of the Mountain Meadows massacre of September, 1857. We have received

from Messrs. William Ware and Company one hundred copies of their Centennial number of the Farmer's Almanac, which contains the reproduction of our full-length portrait of its founder, Robert B. Thomas, and the sketch of his life by Hon. Samuel A. Green, M.D. The following letter from the Reverend Henry T. Cheever, D.D., is self-explanatory:—

WORCESTER, Aug. 1st, 1892.

To the Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society,

EDMUND M. BARTON:

Dear Sir:—

It is with no ordinary satisfaction that I am able to present to the American Antiquarian Society the bust of one of its distinguished members, Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, LL.D.

It has been executed at my instance and oversight by our well known Worcester sculptor, Andrew O'Connor. If admitted to your Hall of Honor, it will hand down to the ages the features of a Christian Philosopher, Patriot, Missionary and Man of Affairs, whose character and achievements, stamped as they are upon the Century which he honors, will be in everlasting remembrance.

To have had his bust wrought from life with such fidelity and spirit and committed to the safe keeping of your Walhalla, leaves me profoundly grateful to almighty God.

HENRY THEODORE CHEEVER.

The bust has been placed in the gallery of the main hall for your inspection.

Our draft upon the Bookbinding Fund has been heavier than usual the past year, though we must always draw largely from this all-important source. It may be said, especially of our newspaper files, that we are binding them not for present convenience alone or chiefly but for posterity. And yet it is a fair question and a vital one whether some of them in their present make-up can be preserved. At our annual meeting in 1886, Mr. Justin Winsor referring to the librarian's remarks upon our newspaper collection said: "I have been informed that so much clay is used in the manufacture of paper at the present day that their preservation for a century is exceedingly doubt-

ful." His suggestion that the proprietors of leading journals print a few copies of each issue on material which can be preserved is a measure of self protection which certainly deserves serious consideration. The quality of paper used for newspaper purposes seems in not a few cases to have sadly degenerated ; a few files received being utterly unfit for binding. This may, perhaps, be accounted for in part by the increasing number of readers, but the decrease in the quality of the paper is evident even to an unpractised eye. Compared with the paper of a century and more ago its staying qualities seem feeble indeed. John T. Hassam, Esq., said in a report made to the New England Historic Genealogical Society "very little paper is now manufactured entirely from rags. Most of that now in use is made wholly or partly of wood fibre. This adulteration is not due merely to the paper makers' desire to produce cheaper goods. The enormous increase in the use of paper in modern times compels them to seek new sources of supply for raw materials. All the rags in the world would prove insufficient to enable them to meet the demands for more paper. This wood paper has been known to commerce for less than a score of years, much too short a period to enable us to determine satisfactorily how long it may be expected to last. But in all human probability it will be less able than the other to stand the test of time and will shortly crumble to pieces. Some experts maintain that the whole literature of this generation will have utterly disappeared before the end of the next century, just as if it had never been, by the decay of the paper on which it is printed." I add a brief extract from Mr. Rossiter Johnson's article in the *New York World* entitled "Inferior Paper a Menace to the Permanency of Literature," as follows: "The books that are being made to-day will perish in a few years. They are brought into the world with a principle of decay in every leaf, and the cycle that the materials must travel before they reach again the dust from which they came, has been greatly reduced.

Walk past any paper-mill and you may observe round billets of wood about two feet in length, neatly corded up like firewood. These are the billets with which permanent literature is being knocked in the head. They are carried into the mill, torn to shreds by a powerful machine, reduced to pulp and manufactured into paper." While this statement of the case may perhaps be considered too dogmatic, it commands our attention and suggests an expression of the hope that modern science may provide a remedy for the evil. It is not enough merely to affirm that what is worth saving will from time to time be reprinted, nor that "the survival of the fittest" is a doctrine which in the realm of literature is without exceptions, though we may wish that first-class work in any department might by virtue of its quality imbue with permanence the very paper on which the results are printed. If then there is this real danger, it would seem more important than ever that we secure what we still need of the more durable issues of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and that we urge an early examination of the late products of the newspaper press for the ingathering of important historical material. Possibly the day of classified scrap-books is at hand and by this means a measure of what is best worth saving will be preserved. And yet for our own purposes we should have the unmutated files. Bound volumes of newspapers have been presented to our library with the pages of advertisements carefully removed to save space and expense in binding. But of what practical use would such files be, for instance, to Mr. Joseph Battell, president of the Vermont Horse Breeders' Association — who has spent much time in our newspaper-room collecting material for his exhaustive work on American Horses — for his chief authorities of the earlier period are and must necessarily be almost wholly advertisements. And so the hope is again expressed that permanence of reading-room and library files may be secured by the printing of them upon more durable paper.

It may be well to enter just here the result of a recent count of our eighteenth century newspapers. It showed four hundred and thirty-three volumes of varying size and importance, and ninety-four volumes of a miscellaneous character but containing at least a few papers of the last century.

The American Antiquarian Society was incorporated eighty years ago next Monday, *i. e.*, October 24, 1812. Twenty-five years ago to-day (October 21, 1867,) was announced the gift of land and money which ten years later made it possible to occupy what, since the generous benefactor's death, we have been allowed to call the Salisbury Annex. October 21, 1867, was also made memorable by the reading of Dr. Haven's learned Report of the Council upon his year's study at Lausanne, of the Lake Dwellings of Switzerland and kindred subjects. While in all things relating to the Society's interests those were days of marked importance, even a hasty examination of our publications, and I may add of our work in general, will show a forward movement which has been steady and constant. That this movement, especially in the line of publication, may continue, it would seem that there should be a ready response to our President's call upon our select but wide-spread membership, as well as a careful consideration of the appeals of the Treasurer and of the Librarian. The modern field is much broader than that worked by the earlier members of the Society, and its "many men of many minds" of to-day and of the near future are likely to be representative men who should be heard. There is much suggestive truth in Dr. Holmes's "Urania: A Rhymed Lesson," especially where he says:—

"Yet in opinions look not always back;
Your wake is nothing, mind the coming track;
Leave what you've done for what you have to do;
Don't be consistent, but be simply true."

Of the seventeen officers elected twenty-one years ago

to-day, but three remain, viz. : Vice-President Rev. Edward E. Hale, D.D., writer of the Council Report for our Columbian celebration, our Treasurer, Nathaniel Paine, Esq., and our Recording Secretary, Hon. John D. Washburn, to all of whom we extend our heartfelt felicitations.

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND M. BARTON,
Librarian.

Givers and Gifts.

FROM MEMBERS.

- ADAMS, Mr. CHAS. FRANCIS, Quincy.—His "Three Episodes of Massachusetts History," in 2 vols., 8 vo.; and his "Address in Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Quincy, Mass."
- ALDRICH, Hon. P. EMORY, Worcester.—Three books; fifty-eight pamphlets; "The Antiquary"; and six files of newspapers in continuation.
- ANDERSON, Rev. JOSEPH, D.D., Waterbury, Ct.—"The Churches of Mattatuck: Bi-Centennial Celebration," containing Dr. Anderson's Historical Address.
- BARTON, Mr. EDMUND M., Worcester.—Thirty pamphlets; one photograph; and "St. Andrew's Cross," in continuation.
- BRINTON, DANIEL G., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.—Three of his brochures.
- BULLOCK, Col. A. GEORGE, Worcester.—World's Columbian Exposition publications.
- BUTLER, JAMES D., LL.D., Madison, Wis.—Twenty-six of his own publications.
- CHANDLER, GEORGE, M.D., Worcester.—Forty miscellaneous pamphlets.
- CHASE, Mr. CHARLES A., Worcester.—Three books; thirty pamphlets; and newspapers in numbers.
- CLARKE, Mr. ROBERT, Cincinnati, O.—"Twenty-Second Reunion of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland."
- DAVIS, ANDREW McF., Esq., Cambridge.—His "Exhibitions at Harvard College founded prior to 1800."
- DAVIS, Hon. EDWARD L., Worcester.—Seven books; fifty-seven pamphlets; and six framed engravings and photographs.
- DAVIS, Hon. HORACE, San Francisco, Cal.—Mills's "California Land-Holdings."
- DEXTER, Prof. FRANKLIN B., New Haven, Conn.—One college pamphlet.
- EDES, Mr. HENRY H., Charlestown.—"Rolls of Membership of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, 1844-1891"; and twenty-five pamphlets.
- FOSTER, Mr. WILLIAM E., Providence, R. I.—Three of his brochures.
- GILMAN, DANIEL C., LL.D., Baltimore, Md.—Two of his brochures.

- GREEN, HON. ANDREW H., *President*, New York.—His "Eighth Annual Report on the State Reservation at Niagara."
- GREEN, HON. SAMUEL A., M.D., Boston.—Six of his own publications; one hundred and twenty-one books; one hundred and seventy-one pamphlets; one photograph; one heliotype; one map; and the "American Journal of Numismatics," and "Our Spice-Box," in continuation.
- GUILD, REUBEN A., LL.D., Providence, R. I.—His Historical Address on "Roger Williams, the Pioneer Missionary to the Indians."
- HALE, REV. EDWARD E., D.D., Roxbury.—Two hundred and sixty-three numbers of magazines; and fifty-one miscellaneous pamphlets.
- HALL, G. STANLEY, LL.D., *President*, Worcester.—"The Register and Fourth Official Announcement of Clark University."
- HARDEN, WILLIAM, Esq., *Secretary*, Savannah, Ga.—Constitution, etc., of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the Revolution.
- HIGGINSON, COL. THOS. WENTWORTH, Cambridge.—His "In Memoriam James Russell Lowell."
- HILL, MR. HAMILTON ANDREWS, Boston.—Two of his brochures.
- HITCHCOCK, EDWARD, M.D., Amherst.—Four college pamphlets.
- HOADLY, CHARLES J., LL.D., Hartford, Conn.—His "Some Early Post Mortem Examinations in New England"; and twenty Connecticut Proclamations.
- HUNNEWELL, MR. JAMES F., Charlestown.—His "Illustrated Americana of the Revolution."
- JONES, HON. CHARLES C., JR., Augusta, Ga.—His Annual Address before the Confederate Survivors' Association, 1892.
- LEA, HENRY CHARLES, LL.D., *Editor*, Philadelphia, Pa.—"A Formulary of the Papal Penitentiary in the 13th Century."
- MERRIMAN, REV. DANIEL, D.D., Worcester.—Two books; twenty-nine numbers of magazines; and parcels of the "Christian Union," "Nation," and "Punch."
- PAINE, REV. GEORGE S., Worcester.—The "Spirit of Missions," in continuation; and two cabinet photographs of himself.
- PAINE, NATHANIEL, Esq., Worcester.—One hundred and eighty-eight pamphlets; ten files of newspapers; seven of his Columbus photographs; and eight heliotypes.
- PEET, STEPHEN D., Ph.D., Avon, Ill.—His "American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal," as issued.
- PERRY, Right. Rev. WILLIAM STEVENS, D.D., Davenport, Ia.—Four of his own publications; and the "Iowa Churchman," as issued.
- POOLE, WILLIAM F., LL.D., Chicago, Ill.—"The Dial," in continuation.
- PORTER, REV. EDWARD G., Dorchester.—Eleven of his own publications.
- PUTNAM, PROF. FREDERIC W., Cambridge.—One pamphlet.

- ROGERS, Gen. HORATIO, *Commissioner*, Providence, R. I.—“The Early Records of the Town of Providence,” Vol. I.; and the first report of the Record Commissioners.
- SALISBURY, STEPHEN, Esq., Worcester.—His “Mexican Calendar Stone—Maya Archæology”; Marvin’s “Life and Times of Cotton Mather”; one book; one hundred and thirty-one pamphlets; and nine files of newspapers.
- SMUCKER, Hon. ISAAC, Newark, Ohio.—One book.
- WALKER, Hon. JOHN B., Concord, N. H.—His “Account of John Burbeen, etc.”
- WASHBURN, Hon. JOHN D., Worcester.—“Mémoire et Appendice présenté par Le Gouvernement des États-Unis de l’Amérique du Nord.”
- WINSOR, JUSTIN, LL.D., Cambridge.—His “Pageant of Saint Luson, Sault Ste. Marie, 1671.”

FROM PERSONS NOT MEMBERS.

- AMERICAN BOOKSELLER, PUBLISHERS OF.—Numbers of their magazine.
- BAILEY, Rev. FREDERIC W., Worcester.—His design for “The Record of my Ancestry.”
- BALDWIN, Mr. CHARLES C., Worcester.—Seventy books; five hundred and nineteen numbers of magazines; three hundred and thirty-five pamphlets; three files of newspapers; and ten maps.
- BARTON, Master F. MACDONALD, Worcester.—One book; and one map.
- BIRCH’S SONS, Mr. THOMAS, Philadelphia, Pa.—One book.
- BLACKWELL, Mrs. SARAH E., Washington, D. C.—Her “Life of Anna Ella Carroll.”
- BLANCHARD, MESSRS. FRANK S. AND COMPANY, Worcester.—Numbers of their “Worcester Commercial and Board of Trade Bulletin”; and “Franklin Illustrated.”
- BOARD OF EDUCATION COMPANY.—Numbers of their magazine.
- BOSTON BOOK COMPANY.—Its Check List of American and English Periodicals; and numbers of the “Green Bag.”
- BRAYTON, Mr. JOHN S., Fall River.—His “Address at the Dedication of the Town Hall, Swansea, Mass.”
- BRYANT, H. WINSLOW, Esq., Portland, Me.—One newspaper.
- BROWN, Mr. FREEMAN, *Clerk*, Worcester.—“Annual Report of the Worcester Overseers of the Poor, 1891.”
- BURGESS, Rev. FRANCIS G., Worcester.—Fifteen pamphlets; and the “Spirit of Missions,” in continuation.
- CANFIELD, Mrs. PENELOPE L., Worcester.—Seven selected books; and one pamphlet.

- CARNAHAN, Capt. JAMES R., Indianapolis, Ind.—His "Camp Morton: Reply to Dr. John A. Wyeth."
- CARPENTER, Rev. CHARLES C., Andover.—Two college pamphlets.
- CENTURY COMPANY.—Their "Century Magazine," as issued.
- CHAMBERLAIN, ALEXANDER F., Ph.D., Worcester.—His "Language of the Mississaga Indians of Skūgog"; and one pamphlet.
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