

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

It has been said by one of our members who is also a librarian: "If you want all the conceit, natural and acquired, taken out of you, by all means adopt the librarian's profession." And by the same writer, "If history be good for anything it is good for telling the truth." Another associate has recently remarked, what is peculiarly applicable both to the user and custodian of our historical library, that "The leisure reader is as worthy as the hurried caller." We also listen with loving respect to the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" when he tells us that "Every library should try to be complete on something if it were only on the history of pinheads"; wisely adding: "I don't mean that I buy all the trashy compilations on my special subjects, but try to have all the works of any real importance relating to them, old as well as new." An experience of twenty-seven years as your assistant librarian and as librarian confirms a belief in the truth of these statements. Ten years have passed since my first report as chief librarian was presented. They have been years full of activity and responsibility which need not here be reviewed, but for which I must be allowed to express my deep sense of gratitude. A hasty glance at the reports offered, shows that they have touched not only upon matters relating to our special work and to library economy in general, but upon minor historical and biographical points as well. The librarian has always been allowed by the Council to include in his report on the library — which is but a fragment of theirs — such suggestions as might commend themselves to his judgment. It should also be remembered that while he is in correspond-

ence with many of his associates, his semi-annual report is the only vehicle by which he can reach them all. These reports and lists of givers and gifts have each year averaged during the ten years last past about thirty printed pages. The results, however, have seemed to justify the use of so much space in our Proceedings. It is not at all improbable that during the next decade our members throughout the land will be so much more responsive to the calls of the President, that more space may be required for their important contributions and therefore less for the librarian's reports. A bit of evidence in this hopeful direction appears in a note from one of our associates outside New England, recently addressed to your librarian: "All goes well with our ancient and worthy Society. I shall not feel quite content until I have done my best in the way of a contribution to its interesting annals. Its standards are, I am glad to say, held high, and its best interests will be subserved by keeping them there." As of minor but of real importance, I beg leave to suggest that members are also desired to notify their librarian of added honors as well as of change of residence, and in fact to furnish him at any time biographical *data* as to themselves or any of their associates in this Society. Such material is carefully pigeon-holed, while portraits of members are alphabetically arranged in portfolios specially prepared for that purpose. There are certain preferences which the "keeper of the rolls" will gladly take note of. For instance, a member writes, March 2, 1893: "Responding to your letter of the 25th ultimo I beg to say that I never expect to drop the Jr. from my name. I preserve it because I bear my father's name, and to distinguish the one from the other is a matter of perhaps some moment." It is also important that we know not only the post-office address of a member, but especially for our catalogue of members, his domicile as well. Another member informs us that "Having occasion recently to re-read 'Lechford's Manuscript Note Book'

(Transactions VII.), I came across a few words which seem to me to be errors; if they are, they have probably been pointed out before this, and you can drop this note into the waste-basket. At p. 101, for Pandopatore^m read Pandoxatore^m=an innkeeper or taverner. It is not a solitary instance of the old *p* being read *x*. At p. 268 for Capitando read Capitaneo. The old *e* often resembles *d*. At p. 427 for LEEKE read LEETE and for Mennuicketucke read Menunkatuck=Guilford, Conn." As these suggested corrections are from high authority, it may be well for members and others to note them by query in their copies of Lechford. They will be verified by the original manuscript should a new edition be called for, and the stereotype plates accordingly changed. Still another recently elected member writes from his home across the Atlantic: "Looking at the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, I see that the formation of a great library is one of their chief objects. It seems to me that I should best express my thanks for election as a member by presenting a few books." These signs of our times are truly encouraging.

We have not been able or willing to escape our full share of correspondence and other work incident to the World's Columbian Exposition. The fact that we have so long time-celebrated the birthday of America has led some persons to think of Columbus as our patron saint, and we have been appealed to accordingly. In particular we have encouraged the United States Bureau of Education, the American Library Association, and the various State and other associations at home and abroad, in their efforts to make a worthy and useful library exhibit. Their general plan appears to cover: first, history and statistics; second, exhibits of individual libraries; third, the A. L. A. library; and fourth, a comparative exhibit. It is said of the latter that: "a special feature is library architecture. This will show plans, elevations, perspectives, models, etc., of the most interesting and successful buildings thus far

erected or planned for library use." It is further announced that at the close of the Exposition, this exhibit will be permanently preserved, the model library in the United States Bureau of Education at Washington, and the comparative exhibit in the fire-proof Capitol at Albany, in each case as part of a permanent museum constantly open, free to the inspection and study of all interested. While duplicates, reproductions and information have been unstintedly granted, no original material from library or cabinet has thus far been sent to Chicago by this Society; our protective policy having been strengthened by our experience at the Centennial Exposition. The Columbian character of our Society is strikingly illustrated by its engraved diploma. The original copperplate, ten by sixteen inches, which was elaborately engraved by Thomas Reed, is said to have been lost in the Stationers' Hall fire in Boston. The impressions therefrom, whether upon parchment or parchment-paper, are very effective, and the declaration and requests are certainly suggestive. In the centre of the upper half of the certificate is represented, in a storm, the vessel of Columbus with sails partly reefed and partly torn and flying in shreds as the ship is driven before the wind. Five men appear upon the main deck, while Columbus stands at the stern with a cask directly in front of him. In two curved lines which span the storm-clouds is the following legend: "He (Columbus) wrote on parchment an account of his discoveries, wrapped it in a piece of oiled cloth & enclosed it in a cake of wax, which he put into a tight cask, and threw into the sea (Belknap)." On either side and beneath is engraved the short quotation from Vergil: "*Olim meminisse juvabit,*" and below it all we read "To ——— The AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY; instituted | for the purpose of COLLECTING AND PRESERVING Materials for the History, and for promoting the Arts | and Sciences of this Western Continent, did on

the——day of—— in the Year of our Lord | ——elect you a Member, and ask your aid. In testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the Society | to be affixed to this Diploma. —— President. Attest—— Rec. Secretary.”

An examination of the social customs and festivities of the first quarter of the nineteenth century, as preserved for us by secretary and librarian William Lincoln, and an examination of those of the second quarter, so well illustrated by the cards of invitation, etc., deposited in our storehouse by our president, Hon. Edward Everett, remind us of the present worth of friends in this department. In the librarian's report of October, 1884, the value of such material was suggested by the printing of an invitation to the Worcester Social Assemblies bearing date November 23, 1816. There is evidence that the custom of early meeting prevailed both before and after that period. I submit the following sample of an invitation of but three-score years ago:—

MILITARY BALL,

of the Worcester Rifle Company.

THE COMPANY OF *May. Charles G. Prentiss*

and Lady, is solicited at ESTABROOK'S HALL, on *Thursday,*
Jan. 17th, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

L. POOL,	} <i>Managers.</i>
S. H. GLEASON,	
M. T. BRECK,	
G. PAINE,	
G. T. S. CURTIS,	
D. HARRIS,	

Jan. 9th, 1833.

Gentlemen are requested to appear in uniform.

I also introduce an invitation of more present public interest, which a letter addressed to your librarian January 17, 1893, by order of President Charles F. Mayer of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company will sufficiently explain: “The Company appreciates, I assure you, the kindly interest taken by you in furthering the historical features of the exhibit at Chicago, of the World's Railway.

We should very much indeed like to have a photographic copy of the letter to Hon. Edward Everett of which you speak." A reproduction of the Circular letter, without note or comment, follows:—

Office of the Baltimore and Ohio
Rail Road Company,

DECEMBER 22, 1829.

THE HONORABLE *Edward Everett,*

WASHINGTON:

The President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, having completed a division of their road near to this city, and being prepared to shew, upon a limited scale, by the application of horse power alone, the advantage of this system of Inter-communication, most respectfully invite you, with such of your friends as may be disposed to honour them with their company, in the Christmas recess, or at any time during the sitting of Congress, which may better suit your convenience, to examine the Rail Road, and to witness such results as can be produced.

Most Respectfully, &c.

PHILIP E. THOMAS, *President.*

Balt. & Ohio Rail Road Co.

Our accessions for the six months just passed have been received from two hundred and ninety-five givers; viz.: from forty-four members, one hundred and forty persons not members, and one hundred and seven societies and institutions. From these sources we have acquired four hundred and eighty-seven books, thirty-four hundred and twenty-seven pamphlets, eighteen volumes of bound and one hundred and thirty-four of unbound newspapers, two hundred and sixty-two photographs, fifteen coins, eight maps, four broadsides, three engravings, one medal, one tile and one manuscript. We have also secured by exchange, seventy-nine books and one hundred and twenty-one pamphlets; and from the bindery, sixty-two volumes of magazines and twelve of newspapers; making a total of six hundred and twenty-eight books, thirty-five hundred and forty-eight pamphlets, thirty bound and one hundred and thirty-four volumes of unbound newspapers, etc.

I make special mention of the following: Stevens's Facsimiles, XI.-XV. have been placed upon our shelves by the givers of the first ten volumes; namely, President Stephen Salisbury, Vice-President George F. Hoar and Councillor Edward L. Davis. Our president has added the elaborate genealogical work in five volumes recently published by Dr. and Mrs. Edward E. Salisbury. The gift of our treasurer, Mr. Nathaniel Paine, includes additions to his Columbus photographs. This remarkable collection is a forcible reminder of a recent remark in the *Baltimore American*—under the heading "A limit to ability"—to the effect that "Columbus was versatile, but it is odds to nothing that he did not look like all of his pictures." Through our associate the Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington the library was named one of the eighteen depositories for the "Standard Prayer Book of 1892." Dr. Huntington—who is well known as the leader in this successful effort to enrich the Book of Common Prayer—has recently made

another large contribution to our literature of the Episcopal Church in America. Mr. Robert N. Toppan contributes to our portfolio an engraving about three-eighths of an inch in diameter, endorsed by him, "The smallest engraving made by hand; by Charles Toppan, 1819." In a letter accompanying the gift, he writes; "I enclose for the American Antiquarian Society an engraving made by my father when in England in 1819. It will require a magnifying-glass to read the Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments. It is undoubtedly the smallest engraving ever made by hand. An English engraver had engraved the Lord's Prayer in about the same space, and had bragged that no one could surpass him, so my father put the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments into the same space." The librarian has placed with our war of the rebellion photographs, those of many of the officers and men who were companions in arms of his brother George Edward Barton, late sergeant-major of the Fifty-first and captain of the Fifty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteers. The difficulty experienced in identifying some of these heroes of our late war, leads him to urge the importance of the immediate marking of all such individual portraits. He ventures further to urge upon all photographers, professional or amateur, the importance of dating by print, stamp, or pen, all of their productions.

The fifth and final portion of the American library of the late George Brinley was sold April 18, 19 and 20 of the present year by Messrs. Charles F. Libbie & Company of Boston. For this closing sale, the Society had the right to bid off books, etc., to the value of \$403.66 without charge, that being the remainder of the five thousand dollars "bequeathed by Mr. Brinley and validated by his heirs." The purchases were made by your librarian under the direction of the library committee, but further reference thereto must be delayed until the arrival of the books,

pamphlets, broadsides, etc. The gift of Mrs. Gen. William S. Lincoln is of exceptional value, inasmuch as it includes four sets of the "Worcester Magazine and Historical Journal," long since out of print, and the rare volume two of our *Archæologia Americana*. The receipt of the latter makes it possible to provide a fifth set of our Transactions for some public or private library. Charles E. Stevens, Esq., has given us the entire edition—twenty-five copies—of the reprint of his "Ecclesiastical History of Worcester," which first appeared in the "History of Worcester County, Mass.," printed at Philadelphia in 1889. A large photograph of the birthplace of George Bancroft, on Salisbury street in Worcester, has been received from Mr. John M. Bemis, by whom it was taken. It is handsomely framed. Mrs. P. Emory Aldrich and Mr. George H. Estabrook have made large and valuable additions to our departments of missionary and agricultural literature respectively, and Messrs. G. Stewart Dickinson and Frederick B. Harlow to that of college and school magazines. Mrs. Lucy N. Colman has sent—through the Syracuse Public Library—her "Reminiscences," to our alcove of Slavery and Rebellion, and Mons. Désiré Pector several of his brochures to the Davis Spanish-American Alcove. Important Hawaiian material has reached us from the Rev. Dr. Henry T. Cheever of Worcester and Mr. Willard E. Brown of Honolulu; fifty copies of the "Worcester High School Dedication," from Superintendent Albert P. Marble, for distribution; and an excellent interior photographic view of Antiquarian Hall from Mr. Walter E. Brown. An intended gift from a western office of publication has failed to reach us because, as the owner expresses it, "our entire stock of back numbers was burned last June and we had difficulty in securing a file for our own use." Like many another, our friend has innocently "added a stone to the floor of the underground thoroughfare which is paved with

good intentions." We acknowledge a set of their reports, from a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Fatherless and Widows Society who modestly writes: "I am told that every large public library values a collection of reports in themselves as unimportant as these I forward with this note. I therefore send this parcel without understanding myself how they can be of any use to anybody." It would thus seem to be a part of our mission to teach the importance of preserving historical details.

The third report of the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts has come to us through our fellow-member, Hon. Henry S. Nourse, one of the commissioners. The good results which have followed the labors of this commission of men and women have already been far-reaching. I shall be pardoned for sending out for a wider consideration, a preamble and seven suggestions which will be found therein headed *The Preservation of Town History*: "It is of the first importance that the free public library of every town should preserve every published detail of its history and of the lives of its citizens. It should become a treasure-house for the local historian. With this end in view, great care should be taken to secure and preserve:—1. All printed histories of the town and its locality, including all historical addresses or sketches of its churches, associations or societies of whatever nature. 2. Complete sets of the annual reports of the selectmen, school committees and all other municipal reports. 3. Genealogies and family histories which relate to those who have been or who are citizens of the town, including the preservation of biographical sketches and personal memorials in scrap-books. 4. Files of all newspapers published in the town, or of those published in the vicinity containing a chronicle of the current events of the town. 5. All publications of natives or residents of the town, and of persons in any way identified

with its history. 6. Prospectuses, programmes and all transient publications which may be illustrative in any degree of the social, political, economical, or moral development of the people of the town. 7. Manuscript material such as unpublished sermons or addresses, the records of societies, etc." And here I note the fact that the chairman of this important commission, Mr. Caleb B. Tillinghast, has this month been made state librarian, thus giving him the proper title to an office which he has filled the past fourteen years under the name of acting librarian. For many years, the honored Secretary of the State Board of Education was state librarian by virtue of his office. The report of the state librarian of New Hampshire for 1892, just received, contains two interesting lists not often found in such reports. First, *desiderata* of English and Canadian reports, digests and statutes for the completion of their law sets; and second, the report of a committee of the New Hampshire Library Association upon the bibliography of Dover, N. H., containing titles of (1) works of Dover, (2) works written by residents of Dover while residents, (3) works bearing the publisher's imprint of Dover.

Our exchanges while not large have been very satisfactory. We have in this way secured a set of the Collections of the Southern Historical Society, in twenty volumes, lacking only Vol. 2, Nos. 1, 2; Vol. 6, No. 6; Vol. 7, No. 12 and Vol. 8, Nos. 8 to 12 inclusive. While the secretary—our associate, Mr. Robert A. Brock—will make strict search therefor, it is possible that others of our southern members may aid in the completion of this important work.

In addition to the usual return of national and state documents for redistribution, we have for a like purpose made a contribution to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Twenty years of the *American Agriculturist* have been placed in the libraries of the

Worcester Agricultural Society and of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, and important contributions made to the Library of Congress and Harvard College files of the *National Anti-Slavery Standard*. By such disposition of duplicate material much needed shelf-room in the lower main hall has been secured.

I note with peculiar pleasure the marked increase in the use of the library by students of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. This is due in part, at least, to the impetus given by Professor William MacDonald to its department of History and Economics. The preparation of bibliographies, etc., of matters of greater or lesser historical importance, has taken not only the time of the pupils but also that of the library staff. A side advantage to us, however, is found in the indications of strength or weakness in any given line. Furthermore, the working tools thus brought out are necessarily brightened by use, while the school of the librarian is kept in a lively and so in a healthful condition. It is well to remember that our library is in a very real sense a laboratory in which some difficult problems are to be solved, and that it should, therefore, be well equipped.

The question has recently been asked why in the earlier days of the Society its spring meeting was held on the last Wednesday of May, instead of as at present on the last Wednesday of April. I find an answer thereto in the following extract from our Proceedings of fifty years ago: "The semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Tremont House, Boston, on the thirty-first day of May, 1843, being the last Wednesday of that month, which for many years previous to the revision of the Constitution of Massachusetts had been appointed for the organization of the government of the Commonwealth and the qualification of the executive officers. The day had long been observed as a great public festival and

it seemed appropriate that those who desired to preserve the memory of the ancient customs and to cherish the pure principles of former times, should observe the old anniversary." It is, perhaps, worthy of note that the proceedings of this meeting were headed Vol. I, May, 1843, No. 1, and those of October of the same year, Vol. I, October, 1843, No. II. The pagination was not continuous and the new plan was abandoned after these two issues. It, however, suggests to us of these latter days the happy change introduced by our committee of publication in October, 1880, when Vol. I. New Series, No. 1, appeared as an earnest of continuous volumes to be duly indexed. It would seem that the eight volumes of this new series ought to be found in more of the public libraries of America. Only a limited edition is printed, and the work is not stereotyped.

Mention may here be made of two centennial celebrations held this year in the city of our birth, as in the establishing of both institutions our founder apparently had a guiding hand. They are the Worcester Fire Society, organized for mutual protection, and continued as a social club; and Morning Star Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which Doctor Thomas was the first master. It is to be hoped that the historical material gathered for use on these interesting occasions will be printed. Let me add, that while he was a leading member of the masonic order—having been for years the grand master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—he faithfully collected for his library and ours, and so for the historian of all time, both masonic and antimasonic literature.

Referring to the boy days of Isaiah Thomas, I record his suggestive endorsement upon our copy of the ballad called "The Lawers (*sic*) Pedigree," viz.: "This copy was printed from the first Types handled by Isaiah Thomas, when he was six years of age—in 1755."

Added years and increasing usefulness necessarily broaden the field of the Society's correspondence, and give the librarian a closer tie to members and other scholars. And in this connection, I venture to preserve in print, as supplementary to his papers in the Proceedings of October, 1887, and October, 1892, a paragraph or two from a letter of March 21, 1893, by Mr. Andrew McF. Davis: "You will probably be interested to know that I have received from Harvard College an official copy of the vote of the President and Fellows voting to take as of August 1, 1892, five thousand dollars from the stock account and to establish the Lady Mowison Scholarship with an income of two hundred dollars. The preamble recites that 'the Treasurer stated that researches made by Mr. Andrew McFarland Davis have brought to light the fact that Lady Ann Mowison of London, in the year 1643, founded the first scholarship in Harvard College by the gift of £100 current English money,' etc. These researches were published in the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society. It is therefore proper for me to call your attention to this result." I note for ready reference that a two-column article upon this Society—which was prepared by Mr. Davis for the Colonial Society of Massachusetts—may be found in the *Boston Commonwealth* of March 11, 1893.

I close with a quotation from Mr. Haven's library report of April 28, 1858, which is a vivid picture of the Society and its work of thirty-five years ago. As but nine of our present members were elected before that time, these words will surely be new to nearly every one of us and doubly interesting to those who may now hear them again. Doctor Haven said: "The American Antiquarian Society is quiet and undemonstrative in its nature and self-supporting in its system. It is neither stimulated by a surrounding atmosphere of redundant learning and ambitious scholarship, nor fertilized by the flow of annual subscriptions into its treas-

ury from a numerous body of associates. It has not the advantage of a large and wealthy connection, made active and enterprising by the habits of business and liberal expenditure incident to a populous commercial city. Its operations are controlled and bounded by stated and limited resources. It is not unlike a country gentleman living upon his estate and within the income it produces. It owns the house it occupies and the soil on which it stands. It can afford something to secure the requisite care and productive management of its various possessions, make moderate provision for any required increase of accommodations, and within its precincts, can exercise a hearty though unostentatious hospitality. It can occasionally purchase a few books such as may be needed for immediate use, or when prompted by the occurrence of rare opportunities. It can progressively assort and put into binding the pamphlets and periodical publications that accumulate from the gifts of its friends, and find or make a place for accessions of whatever kind, that may be intrusted to its keeping. It can to a certain extent employ an annual sum in researches for the promotion of archæological and historical information and, in a limited way, it can publish and distribute memoirs and papers which it is deemed desirable thus to perpetuate. Within restrictions as to numbers prescribed by its constitution, it can invite gentlemen with whom it desires to be connected, to occupy the vacant places in its list of members and to share whatever interests, responsibilities or honors may belong to that position. The Society can claim that it is free from debt, that it is in the condition and has the will for wider and more active exertions in proportion as its means may be enlarged and as junctures may occur; that its policy is liberal if conservative, whose aim is not merely to increase its store but to extend and diffuse the common and general utility of its collections. It will be seen that these circumstances furnish

the elements of durability and of substantial usefulness, but not the groundwork of display. They foreshadow a healthy growth that may not only be permanent but become conspicuous, while sudden or extraordinary claims to public attention are in keeping with neither its character nor its principles of action." I will not weaken by comment these suggestive and scholarly words of my honored predecessor.

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND M. BARTON,

Librarian.

Givers and Gifts.

FROM MEMBERS.

- ADAMS, Mr. CHARLES FRANCIS, Quincy.—His "Columbus and the Spanish Discovery of America."
- ALDRICH, Hon. P. EMORY, Worcester.—"The Antiquary," in continuation.
- BARTON, Mr. EDMUND M., Worcester.—Four books; ten pamphlets; one hundred and twenty-three photographs; and "St. Andrew's Cross," in continuation.
- BARTON, WM. SUMNER, Esq., Worcester.—Four books; forty-five pamphlets; and three maps.
- BLISS, Mr. EUGENE F., Cincinnati, O.—Annual Report of the Ohio Historical and Philosophical Society, 1892.
- BRINTON, DANIEL G., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.—Eight of his brochures; and two pamphlets.
- BROCK, Mr. ROBERT A., Richmond, Va.—Richmond newspapers, containing articles by him.
- BUTLER, JAMES DAVIE, LL.D., Madison, Wis.—His "Portraits of Columbus."
- CHASE, Mr. CHARLES A., Worcester.—Thirteen pamphlets; and various newspapers, etc.
- CLARKE, Mr. ROBERT, Cincinnati, O.—One book; and three pamphlets.
- DAVIS, ANDREW MCF., Esq., Cambridge.—His "Colleges in Early Days"; and his "General List of Massachusetts Historical Associations."
- DAVIS, Hon. EDWARD L., Worcester.—One Spanish-American pamphlet.
- DAVIS, Hon. HORACE, San Francisco, Cal.—Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Chit-Chat Club.
- DEXTER, Professor FRANKLIN B., New Haven, Conn.—Notice of the death of Dr. John S. Newberry.
- EDES, Mr. HENRY H., Charlestown.—One pamphlet; and five circulars.
- FRANCIS, GEORGE E., M.D., Worcester.—Thirty-seven books; and sixteen pamphlets.
- GREEN, Hon. SAMUEL A., M.D., Boston.—Six of his monographs; his Groton Historical Series, Vol. 3, Nos. 7-12; Suffolk Deeds, Liber

- 6; one book; ninety-three pamphlets; two photographs; one medal; one tile; two broadsides; and the "American Journal of Numismatics" and "Our Spice Box," in continuation.
- GUILD, REUBEN A., LL.D., Providence, R. I.—"Liber Brunensis," 1892; Sears's Tribute to Timothy Whiting Bancroft; and Annual Catalogue of Brown University, 1892-93.
- HARDEN, WILLIAM, Esq., Savannah, Ga.—Two educational pamphlets.
- HAYNES, Prof. HENRY W., Boston.—Papers of the Archæological Institute of America, Series IV., Part 2.
- HILL, Mr. HAMILTON A., Boston.—Four Tributes to Phillips Brooks.
- HOADLY, CHARLES J., LL.D., Hartford, Conn.—Two proclamations.
- HOAR, Hon. GEORGE F., Worcester.—His "Constitutional Limit of the Taxing Power"; Twenty-three books; one file of newspapers; and one coin.
- HUNNEWELL, Mr. JAMES F., Charlestown.—Two of his Articles relating to Charlestown, Mass.
- HUNTINGTON, Rev. WILLIAM R., D.D., New York.—His "Phillips Brooks: An Appreciation"; his "Christ in the Treasury"; the Book of Common Prayer after the Standard of 1892; three books; and four hundred and eleven pamphlets.
- JONES, Hon. HORATIO GATES, Philadelphia, Pa.—His "History of Lower Merion Baptist Church, Montgomery Co., Pa."
- MERRIMAN, Rev. DANIEL, D.D., Worcester.—His sermon in memory of Phillips Brooks; two books; files of four magazines, in continuation; and eighty-four pamphlets.
- NOURSE, Hon. HENRY S., *Commissioner*, Lancaster.—Third Annual Report of the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts, 1893.
- PAINÉ, Rev. GEORGE S., Worcester.—The "Spirit of Missions," in continuation.
- PAINÉ, NATHANIEL, Esq., Worcester.—Three of his brochures; four books; two hundred and ninety-three pamphlets; the "New England Galaxy" for 1825; thirty-two photographs; three Columbus portraits; and two lithographs.
- PEET, STEPHEN D., Ph.D., Good Hope, Ill.—His "American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal," as issued.
- PERRY, Right Rev. WILLIAM STEVENS, D.D., Davenport, Iowa.—Six pamphlets; and the "Iowa Churchman," as issued.
- POOLE, WILLIAM F., LL.D., Chicago, Ill.—His "Columbus and the Finding of the New World"; and "The Dial," in continuation.
- PORTER, Rev. EDWARD G., Dorchester.—His "Andover Band in Maine."
- POTNAM, Prof. FREDERIC W., Cambridge.—A Columbian souvenir half-dollar.

- ROGERS, General HORATIO, *Commissioner*, Providence, R. I.—“The Early Records of the Town of Providence,” Vol. II.
- SALISBURY, Hon. STEPHEN, Worcester.—“Family Histories and Genealogies,” 5 vols. 4to; ten books; three hundred and seventy-two pamphlets; and ten files of newspapers, in continuation.
- SMITH, WILLIAM A., Esq., Worcester.—“Fiftieth Anniversary of the Worcester County Mechanics Association.”
- THOMPSON, Mr. EDWARD H., Worcester.—Five silver Spanish-American coins.
- TOPPAN, Mr. ROBERT N., Cambridge.—The Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments, engraved in 1819 by Mr. Charles Toppan.
- TYLER, MOSES COIT, LL.D., Ithaca, N. Y.—His Review of “A Half Century of Conflict.”
- WALKER, General FRANCIS A., Boston.—Three pamphlets.
- WILLIAMS, J. FLETCHER, S.B., St. Paul, Minn.—“Tribute of Minnesota to James G. Blaine.”
- WINSOR, JUSTIN, LL.D., Cambridge.—Two of his historical brochures.
- WINTHROP, Hon. ROBERT C., Brookline.—Peabody Education Fund Trustees' proceedings, October 12, 1892.

FROM PERSONS NOT MEMBERS.

- ABBOT, Mr. WILLIAM F., Worcester.—Five college pamphlets.
- ALDRICH, Mrs. P. EMORY, Worcester.—Six hundred and six numbers of magazines, chiefly relating to Missions.
- AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY.—Numbers of the “American Bookseller.”
- AMERICAN PUBLISHING COMPANY.—Their “American,” as issued.
- AMES, Mr. JOHN G., Washington, D. C.—Two pamphlets.
- AYER, JAMES B., M.D., Boston.—His “James Ayer in Memoriam.”
- BABB, Rev. THOMAS E., Holden.—The 100th Anniversary of the Holden Congregational Church, with Mr. Babb's historical address.
- BACKUS HEATING COMPANY.—One pamphlet.
- BARTON, Miss CLARA, Washington, D. C.—Her poem on “The Woman who went to the field.”
- BATTLE, Hon. KEMP P., Chapel Hill, N. C.—His “Sketches of the History of the University of North Carolina,” etc.
- BEMIS, Mr. JOHN M., Worcester.—His photograph of George Bancroft's birthplace, in oak frame.
- BEMROSE & SON, Messrs., London, G. B.—“The Reliquary” for January, 1893.
- BIRCH & SONS, Mr. THOMAS, Philadelphia, Pa.—Four pamphlets.
- BISHOP, Mr. N. H.—One circular.
- BLAKE, Mr. FRANCIS E., Boston.—His “Lucy Keyes: The Lost Child of Wachusett Mountain.”

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