

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

It is clearly the duty of a Society like our own to keep constantly in mind the wise ingathering of material for present and future use. This well-filled storehouse of American history, as well as our many and varied publications since 1812, show a reasonable fulfilment of that duty. A wise and liberal founder, the creating of special funds, the increase of the library by wise exchanges, but above all, by the constant gifts of members and friends; these have all been means to the desired end.

The transfers to the new stack-room are as follows: From the north lobby below stairs, the *Annals of Congress*, *Congressional Debates*, *Congressional Globe* and *Congressional Record*, to which I have added—as of the same family—*Niles's Weekly Register* from the Salisbury annex. Space is thus secured in the north lobby below for the regular series of government publications, and the pressure in our periodical alcoves is somewhat relieved. These—with the more important government reprints—occupy the south half of the stack-room. The north half has been devoted to bound college material from alcove O and unbound from the northeast lobby above stairs; to town, city and county documents from the north lobby above; to State documents from alcove A and to the half alcove of directories from the Salisbury Annex. Room for books of a governmental character seldom used, has been provided by shelving the four walls of our attic hall—which is about forty-eight feet by twenty-six—where the shelves are carried up about seven feet from the floor. Ample space is also here found for unbound government documents, and all government

reprints will be removed to this upper hall as the stack may be needed for works of greater importance. Duplicate unbound newspapers previous to 1866 are still retained in the attic hall, while all of later date have been disposed of by direction of the Library Committee.

The following notes may supplement remarks made in my report of last October on the Society's Colonial furniture. And first regarding our Belcher secretary: The letter of gift from President Thomas L. Winthrop, which is dated Boston, October 9, 1836, says "Enclosed is the receipt of the agent of the Worcester Railroad cars for a cabinet desk which bears some strong marks of antiquity. I have been induced to purchase it hoping that it may prove useful in some department of the American Antiquarian Society's establishment. It was the property of Governor Belcher in the year 1730—then of Mr. Wheatley of this city, merchant—then of the late Rev. Dr. Lathrop, who married his daughter; afterwards of the late Rev. Mr. McKean, after whose decease it was bought at the sale of his library, etc., by the Rev. Dr. Harris, of whom I purchased it." The second reference is to our President's Fort Pynchon chair. A letter to Christopher C. Baldwin, Esq., librarian, dated Springfield, May 27, 1833, contains the following: "At a recent meeting of the Mechanic Association of this town, the undersigned were chosen a committee to 'cause two chairs to be built of the oak of the Pynchon House—one for the use of the Association and the other to be presented to the American Antiquarian Society.' This duty we have performed and now present the chair to your institution with our respects and best wishes. The wood of which the chair is manufactured, is from the house built by the Hon. John Pynchon—or, as he was then termed, the worshipful Major Pynchon—in 1660. The house was fortified in 1675, and was a place of refuge for the inhabitants when the town was nearly destroyed by the Indians in that year. The house has always been occupied by the

Pynchons from the time of its erection until taken down in 1831. The land on which it stood is now owned by a descendant of the worshipful Major Pynchon. The fact that the house was erected in 1660 is established by the account books of Major Pynchon now in the possession of a gentleman of this town. The little print on the top rave of the chair is said to be a correct representation of the Pynchon House. The fashion of the chair is nearly that of 1660. A. G. Tannatt, Horace Lee, Charles Stearns." In Mr. Mason A. Green's "Springfield Memories," published in 1876, he says of the Hampden Mechanics' Association: "The only existing and visible sign of this early institution, is the old oaken chair of dignity in which the President sat. It is now owned by the heirs of the late John C. Stebbins, 471 Central street. In April, 1832, Charles Stearns, A. G. Tannatt and Horace Lee were appointed a committee to make two chairs out of the timber of the old Pynchon House, which had been recently torn down. These were made alike, and are fine specimens of their mechanical taste and skill. The pattern is the then fashionable 'fiddle-back' chair with eagle's legs grasping spheres for supports One of the chairs was presented to the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester. Christopher Columbus Baldwin, the librarian, sent graceful acknowledgments 'for so acceptable a memorial of the respect and veneration in which you hold the memory of the worshipful Major Pynchon, and for so fine a specimen of the mechanical taste and ingenuity of your valuable Association.'"

The ninth bound volume of the second series of our Proceedings is now ready for members and others who preserve them in this form. The binding is green cloth, gilt top, uncut at top and bottom, and the charge, seventy-five cents per volume—the numbers to be returned in good order. A complete set of the first series cannot now be supplied, but a limited number of the second series may be had at five dollars per volume. None of our publications

have been stereotyped except volume seven of the Transactions—Thomas Lechford's Note-Book, 1638–1641—and the editions have never exceeded seven hundred copies.

Our valuable collection of portraits has been referred to from time to time in the librarian's reports, and added light has been shed upon some of them. In the list of the Society's portraits mentioned by William Lincoln in his Council report of May 29, 1839, that of Doct. Isaiah Thomas is mentioned in connection with those of President Winthrop, and Librarian Baldwin, though he does not give the artist's name. The only earlier reference to a Thomas portrait is in the following letter:—

“BOSTON, *Sept. 28, 1833.*

“MR. C. C. BALDWIN,

“*Sir*:—Permit me to give to the American Antiquarian Society the picture of Mr. I. Thomas painted by the late Henry Williams, my husband, of Boston. Be pleased, dear Sir, to accept the same as a token of respect for the said Society.

C. C. WILLIAMS.”

Mr. Thomas died April 4, 1831, two and a half years before the date of this letter of gift. The Greenwood portrait of our President hangs over the entrance to the main hall just above his bust by Kinney, but where is the Williams half-length referred to in the preceding letter? Pendleton's reproduction of the Greenwood faces the title-page of Volume One of the first edition of our founder's “History of Printing,” while J. R. Smith's representation of Williams's Thomas, faces the title-page of the second volume. We have the copper-plates from which the Williams and the so-called masonic portraits were printed, and H. W. Smith's steel-plate of the Sarah Goodrich miniature. The latter was engraved for the new edition of the “History of Printing,” as on the whole the best likeness of its author. It is probable that the portraits by Greenwood and Williams

are of about the same period. Both artists were for nearly ten years neighbors in Boston. Ethan Greenwood is recorded in the Boston Directory, 1816-1828, as "portrait painter, N. E. Museum, 75 Court Street," and Henry Williams, 1820-1830, as "portrait and miniature painter and anatomist, 6 School Street." The widow of Dr. Williams—Cecil C.—was of 14 School Street until 1836, when she is recorded as of 5 Pemberton Hill. Allen's "American Biographical Dictionary" says of Greenwood, "Died in Hubbardston, May 3, 1856, aged nearly 80. He was long a proprietor of the New England Museum in Boston and a painter"; and of Williams, "Died in Boston in October, 1830. He was an eminent miniature painter and he made admirable anatomical preparations."

During the six months ending the 15th instant, we have acknowledged gifts from thirty-three members, one hundred and twenty-two persons not members, and one hundred and thirty societies and institutions, a total of two hundred and eighty-five sources. We have received therefrom two hundred and fifty-nine books, fifty-five hundred and seven pamphlets, four bound and two hundred and twenty-three volumes of unbound newspapers, six bound volumes and a mass of unbound manuscripts; one hundred and sixty-one photographs, two medals, one seal and collections of postage-stamps, maps, lithographs, posters and broadsides. The exchange account is credited with forty books and sixty-two pamphlets, and the bindery with sixty-three volumes of newspapers and fifteen of magazines, making the total accessions three hundred and fourteen books, fifty-five hundred and sixty-nine pamphlets, sixty-seven volumes of bound and two hundred and twenty-three of unbound newspapers, etc.

Our associate, Mr. Andrew McF. Davis, in a note dated Cambridge, September 18, 1895, says: "By concurrent mail, I send to the American Antiquarian Society a letter from the surviving sons of John Davis requesting the Soci-

ety to furnish a resting-place for some papers which may in time have historic value. These papers I have mounted in four scrap-books and have addressed them to the Society. The letter of gift follows :

‘To

‘The American Antiquarian Society,
‘Worcester, Mass.

‘Your former President, John Davis, left at his decease in April, 1854, some papers which may in time have a historical value. His surviving sons send them herewith, asking that you will kindly give them a resting-place in the Archives of the Society.

‘John Chandler Bancroft Davis,	} Surviving Children of John Davis, deceased.
‘George H. Davis,	
‘by Gheradi Davis,	
‘Horace Davis,	
‘Andrew McF. Davis,	

‘May 31, 1895.’”

The volumes are bound in red morocco and backed in the upper space, in gold, “Letters and Papers—Hon. John Davis.” The second space bears the number of the volume, and the third, the name of our Society. The letters, which include those of condolence addressed to Mrs. Davis, cover the period from 1824 to 1854, and are chiefly in volumes one and four. The miscellaneous papers by his own hand—to be found in volumes two and three—are speeches, reports, briefs, etc. A few selections from letters of his esteemed contemporaries will give an estimate of the character of our honored Ex-President :

George Bancroft writes, May 23, 1830 :

“Your defence of the Tariff has won for you very high encomiums. Your system of annihilating an adversary by argument, and giving him at the same time no chance for anger or asperity, is worthy of a statesman.”

Daniel Webster, September 30, 1833 :

“It is not unlikely, Dear Sir, that you may be nominated for Governor of Massachusetts. If you should be, I see

nothing better on your part, than a resignation to the course of things. For one I should hardly vote for you, were I in the Convention, because I should feel so much unwillingness to draw you from another sphere."

Edward Everett, August 26, 1835 :

"He has rare qualities for the public service. Distinguished talent, long experience in the National councils (where he attained popularity and influence rarely equalled and never surpassed), eminent usefulness to the Commonwealth as a member of Congress, singular equanimity of temper, simplicity of manners, purity and uprightness of character, unite to fit him in a peculiar degree, for the place of Chief Magistrate."

William H. Seward, January 14, 1841 :

"No man can read your address without feeling a conviction that it is the language of a Magistrate to a people who understand and confide in him with all their hearts."

Rufus Choate, in June, 1841 :

"I wish to the Lord you were here to tell us what to do. In the meantime, the noble old Bay State reposes happy under your administration"; again, July 25, 1841: "I wish you were here to steer between the worse than Scylla and Charybdis"; and again, February 10, 1842: "I recommend to you to give such a direction to the public service as to let me go home about the time you have an extra session for new districting the State and for the legislature to send you here."

Caleb Cushing, November 15, 1841 :

"You cannot imagine how frequently I have regretted that you were not at Washington to *arbitrate* between the contending parties in Congress, and I have been half a dozen times inclined to call at Worcester, to ask for advice and direction, before I go South"; again, December 26, 1841: "And now I do not ask what *will* be done but what ought to be done. You cannot imagine how grateful I should be if I could receive your view of this plan."

Charles Hudson, December 22, 1841 :

"What do you think of the President's plan? Is it safe to adopt it? Will it answer the purpose? Is it

obnoxious to all the objections which Mr. Duff urged against Jackson's plan or rather suggestion in 1830? I should be pleased to hear from you"; again, May 14, 1842: "I should be pleased to hear from you at all times, and to receive such suggestions from you as you may be pleased to make. I need much instruction to enable me to sustain the interest and honor of a district represented as No. 5 has been."

William C. Preston, March 19, 1842:

"The steady and honest policy of Massachusetts should teach us a lesson. Amongst the brightest instances of her sound sense, is her having John Davis at the head of her affairs during this crisis."

And finally, Robert C. Winthrop writes, March 31, 1842:

"You are talked of for the Vice Presidency."

"I need not say how gratified I should be to have your views of matters and things from time to time."

From a letter dated Superior, Wis., August 29, 1895, conveying the gift of our venerable associate, Dr. James Davie Butler, I extract the following: "Enclosed please find a report of the third burial of Sergeant Floyd, on his Bluff [in Sioux City, Iowa,] last week. As the publication of his Journal by the American Antiquarian Society gave impulse and perhaps initiative to the Floyd Memorial Association, something of the report may be judged worthy of reprint in the Proceedings of the Society Many declared it suicidal for me in my senescence to rush down from this receipt of coolness 438 miles into the seven times heated furnace. But assurance that I was laying the corner-stone of a noteworthy monument brought me out unscathed like Shadrach & Co.—when the smell of fire had not passed on them nor was a hair of their head singed. At all events, you must be glad to place the photo-facsimiles I have sent you, in your copy of Floyd's Journal. Had I known last year how easily such printing is done, I would have tried to have the whole fifty-three pages so reproduced. Thus the classic words *forma mentis aeterna* would become

doubly significant." Prof. Butler's extended tribute to Floyd may be found in the *Sioux City Journal* of August 21, 1895, with the facsimiles. The proceedings should be published in full by the Memorial Association, which now has a corporate existence. It seems proper, however, that a few paragraphs relating to the discovery of the Journal should here find a place. Dr. Butler said: "We know that the Floyd narrative would never have been recognized but for its self-evidencing testimony—bearing witness to itself that this unique relic so long lost, so wide wandering; so ready to perish and so long sleeping soundly in its own sheets, accidentally caught the eye of Reuben G. Thwaites, Secretary of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, on the third of February, 1893. We know that this discovery was made known to the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts, the mother and model of all similar institutions in America. A request was made by that Society to James D. Butler, one of their members, that he would deliver an address on the new found treasure-trove at their next Boston meeting. On hearing the address, the American Antiquarian Society voted to print every word of the Floyd Journal *verbatim, literatim et punctuatim*. With all its faults they loved it still, and all the more for every one of them. It remains to this day the only narrative of the grand journey that has been printed as it was written by its author." The stone slab over the grave bears the inscription:

SERGEANT CHARLES FLOYD

Died August 20, 1804

Reinterred May 28, 1857

Memorial Services August 20, 1895

Our associate, Rev. George Sturgis Paine, has recently

given us his valuable collection of Paine and Sturgis manuscripts, to which he has added a large ingathering of photographs of the Paine and allied families.

We have received from Deputy Surgeon-General John S. Billings, Volume XVI. of his Index Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office, U. S. A. This ends the first series of what *The Nation* justly calls "the most stupendous catalogue ever achieved in this country." A second series of this author and subject catalogue will be put to press directly. It is a pleasant reflection that our duplicate-room was heavily drawn upon—in the way of exchange—for the upbuilding of this famous, special collection.

Mr. Isaac D. White, Jr. has sent us from his private collection, framed portraits with autographs, of James G. Blaine, Benjamin Harrison, Robert E. Lee and John Randolph.

The gifts of Elijah George, Register of Probate for Suffolk County, Massachusetts, and of Franklin P. Rice, Editor of "Worcester, Massachusetts, Births, Marriages and Deaths," suggest works of reference which may justly be called invaluable for a library of our class. One is an "Index to the Probate Records of the County of Suffolk, Mass., 1636-1893"; and the other "Worcester Births, Part 1, 1714-1848." Miss Clara Barton, President of the American National Red Cross, has, at our request, and for a special purpose, gathered and sent to us a collection of printed material relating to the history of the beneficent work over which she so wisely presides. Changes in the office of our printer, Mr. Charles Hamilton, have resulted in a very large gift therefrom, especially in pamphlet literature. We gratefully acknowledge the publications of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution in Massachusetts, the Society of Colonial Wars and kindred societies, at the same time entering an earnest plea for all such material issued by the many patriotic societies of our land. While

their funds have been freely used in erecting memorials of stone and bronze, the careful distribution of the printed page, not only to members, but more especially to historical societies, should not be forgotten.

I note the recent death of Mr. James Constantine Pilling, a faithful servant of the United States Bureau of Ethnology, whose studies in Indian linguistics led him frequently to our library. The Indian bibliographies, so patiently prepared during years of intense physical suffering, are fitting monuments to his zeal and courage.

Sixty years ago to-day—viz., October 23, 1835,—William Lincoln delivered an address before the Society “in the Unitarian Meeting-house, Worcester, in relation to the character and services of their late Librarian Christopher C. Baldwin, Esq.,” who was killed instantly near Norwich, Ohio, August 20, 1835. Mr. Baldwin filled the office of librarian with singular enthusiasm and devotion from 1827 to 1830, and again from 1831 until his death. Evidences of the true and laudable service he rendered are to be found on every hand in the library which was so nobly enriched under his administration. Not only his marked personality but his definite views of our mission will best appear in extracts from copies of a few of his letters now in our possession. He wrote to Gales and Seaton, April 13, 1832: “The American Antiquarian Society was established for the purpose of collecting and preserving everything which may be helpful in illustrating American history. It is not sectional in its plans, or even National, but Continental.” To James Swords, May 3, 1832: “But the objects of the American Antiquarian Society extend to the whole American Continent. There is nothing local or limited about it.” In a letter dated September 17, 1832, and addressed to Daniel Parker, is the following couplet:

“Said old Time to Cotton Mather,
What I throw away, you gather.”

To James Bowdoin, September 29, 1832: “I believe,

however, that in ten years, life and health permitting, I can make the collection here so valuable that future antiquaries will have occasion to toast my ingenuity, if nothing more." To Frederick Augustus Farley, April 19, 1833: "The musty folios you spoke of may be of small value to an individual, but in a public library I am sure there would be some one to caress them." And this is signed "A Bachelor Librarian." To John Farmer, June 4, 1833: "You enquire about New England school-books of a former day. The subject has often engaged my attention. I have regarded it as worthy of enquiry. I have never permitted an old school-book to be lost. We have a goodly number in our collection but they are not yet put by themselves." To William S. Emerson, June 12, 1833: "Mystery is our life and it is for this reason that we want newspapers, which you know contain such abundance of contradictory matter that they are misunderstood when first read. What interesting comparison must they afford when a century old! Any side of a question may be proved or disproved by a modern newspaper. But still they must be preserved and the institution with which I am connected, among other objects, has this in view." To Peter Force, December 27, 1833: "Do but think of the first seven volumes of the *National Intelligencer* being sold to a gold-beater! This is as great a profanation as happened lately in New Hampshire, where the selectmen of the town sold the monuments in an ancient burial-ground to be split up into whetstones." "I propose to prepare a new edition of Thomas's History of Printing." To John Farmer, January 3, 1834: "Although I am the modestest man in all christendom in matters not connected with my profession; and therein I have a sort of impudence that would face an earthquake." To William Bentley Fowle, June 20, 1834: "Some philosopher has said that his unhappiest moments were those spent in settling his tavern bills. But the happiest moments of my life are those employed in opening

packages of books presented to the American Antiquarian Society. It gives me real, substantial and unadulterated comfort. It is then, like glorious Tam O' Shanter, I am—

'O'er a' the ills of life victorious.'"

We are fortunate indeed in the ownership of these pictures of an early librarian and benefactor of the Society, drawn by his own hand. His three-quarters length portrait by Chester Harding hangs in the main hall alongside that of President Thomas L. Winthrop, under whom he served his second term, and during whose administration his useful life on earth was ended.

The increasing use of the library during the summer months is especially gratifying, as it indicates increasing usefulness during a trying season of the year. About the year 1840, there might have been found posted on the library door on Summer Street, the following notice: "The hour for receiving visitors is in the forenoon from eleven o'clock to twelve. If strangers are desirous of admission at other hours a line of introduction to the Librarian is expected." Five years later, we find that "By a rule adopted October 23, 1845, an introduction from some member of the Society is required for admission."

The first Report of the Librarian in the new series of our Proceedings—read October 21, 1880—was happily from the pen of Samuel Foster Haven. In the body of that brief report, which proved to be his last, are the following wise conclusions: "Our library is passing pretty rapidly from the simply conservative condition common to associations formed for literary and scientific objects, and more or less private and exclusive in their character, to the public position of a free resort for special studies and classes of technical information, that are daily becoming more popular, pervading as they do many of the most interesting subjects of investigation now largely engaging public attention. A broader and more liberal scale of management, demanding larger expenditures and constantly larger

means, must be expected to follow an expansion of public service. There is no help for this if the institution is true to its purpose and always ready to meet the demands likely to be made upon it."

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND M. BARTON,

Librarian.

Givers and Gifts.

FROM MEMBERS.

- BARTON, EDMUND M., Worcester.—“Worcester’s Young Men”; and “St. Andrew’s Cross,” in continuation; and twelve pamphlets.
- BARTON, WILLIAM SUMNER, Worcester.—Brown University Catalogue, 1893-94.
- BRINTON, DAVID G., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.—His “Protohistoric Ethnography of Western Asia.”
- BUTLER, CALEB D., LL.D., Madison, Wis.—His “Address on the Third Burial of Sergeant Charles Floyd”; and newspaper articles from his pen.
- CHASE, CHARLES A., Worcester.—One book; and fourteen pamphlets.
- DAVIS, HON. EDWARD L., Worcester.—Seven books; seventy-three pamphlets; and one framed photograph.
- DAVIS, HON. HORACE, San Francisco, Cal.—His address on “The Meaning of the University.”
- DAVIS, JOHN, SURVIVING CHILDREN OF.—“Letters and Papers—Hon. John Davis,” in four volumes.
- FOSTER, WILLIAM E., Providence, R. I.—Three books.
- GILMAN, DANIEL C., LL.D., Baltimore, Md.—Proceedings of the Trustees of the John F. Slater Fund, 1895.
- GREEN, HON. ANDREW H., New York.—His Eleventh Annual Report on the State Reservation at Niagara; and his “Trustees of Scenic and Historic Places and Objects Memorial to the Legislature of New York.”
- GREEN, HON. SAMUEL A., Boston.—Five of his own publications; thirty-four books; three hundred and twenty-nine pamphlets; four lithographs; two broadsides; one map; one souvenir button; and the “American Journal of Numismatics,” in continuation.
- GREEN, SAMUEL S., Worcester.—His “Remarks at the Dedication of the Haston Free Public Library Building, North Brookfield, Mass., September 20, 1894”; and his Report of 1895 as Librarian of the Worcester Free Public Library.
- GREENE, J. EVARTS, Worcester.—His “Project for a Worcester University”; and four manuscripts relating to the history of Worcester and North Brookfield.

- GUILD, REUBEN A., LL.D., Providence, R. I.—His "John Whipple Potter Jenks: Memorial Address."
- HARDEN, WILLIAM, Savannah, Ga.—His "Captain Maxwell, a resident of Belfast, Georgia."
- HOADLY, CHARLES J., LL.D., *Editor*, Hartford, Conn.—Public Records of the State of Connecticut, 1778-1780, Vol. 2; and one proclamation.
- HOAR, Hon. GEORGE F., Worcester.—His "Identity of Junius"; seventeen books; three hundred and eighty-four pamphlets; eight files of newspapers, in continuation; and two engravings.
- JONES, JOSEPH, LL.D., New Orleans, La.—His "Original Investigations of the Natural History (Symptoms and Pathology) of Yellow Fever, 1854-1894"; and one pamphlet.
- LOVE, Rev. WILLIAM DeLOSS, Jr., Ph.D., Hartford, Conn.—His "Memorial of Samuel Whitney Hale"; and a proclamation.
- PAINE, Rev. GEORGE S., Worcester.—Five packages of Paine and Sturgis manuscripts; three boxes and one package of photographs of the Paine and allied families; two of Samuel Paine's Account-Books; three diplomas; and the "Spirit of Missions," in continuation.
- PAINE, NATHANIEL, Worcester.—Seven books; one hundred and eighty-five pamphlets; sixteen lithographs; three photographs; four manuscripts; five files of newspapers, in continuation; and a collection of posters and broadsides.
- PEET, Rev. STEPHEN D., Ph.D., Good Hope, Ill.—His "American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal," as issued.
- PERRY, Hon. AMOS, Providence, R. I.—Two of his historical brochures.
- PERRY, Rt. Rev. WILLIAM STEVENS, D.D., Davenport, Iowa.—His "Four Centuries of Conflict for the Continent of North America, 1497-1897"; and the "Iowa Churchman," as issued.
- PIERCE, Hon. EDWARD L., Milton.—"The Diary of John Rowe, a Boston Merchant, 1764-1779," edited by Mr. Pierce.
- ROGERS, Gen. HORATIO, *Commissioner*, Providence, R. I.—"Early Records of the Town of Providence," Vol. VIII.
- SALISBURY, Hon. STEPHEN, Worcester.—Sixty books; three hundred and five pamphlets; ten files of newspapers, in continuation; and a collection of programmes.
- SMITH, CHARLES C., Boston.—His "Short Account of the Arlington Street Church."
- UPHAM, HENRY P., St. Paul, Minn.—Various Tributes to J. Fletcher Williams, S. B.
- WHITNEY, JAMES L., Concord.—The Marsh Genealogy; and the Wills of John and Grace (Baldwin) Marsh.
- WINSOR, JUSTIN, LL.D., Cambridge.—Three of his historical brochures.

WRIGHT, Hon. CARROLL D., *Commissioner*, Washington, D. C.—Seventeen reports of the Commissioner of Labor.

FROM PERSONS NOT MEMBERS.

ARMINGTON, WALKER, Worcester.—One lithograph.

BAILEY, ISAAC H., New York.—The "Shoe and Leather Reporter," as issued; and the "Annual" for 1895.

BALCH, EDWIN S., Philadelphia, Pa.—"The French in America," by Thomas Balch, Volumes 1 and 2.

BARBER, Miss RUTH E., Worcester.—Holy Bible, 4to., Brattleborough, 1816, with Barber Family Record.

BARTON, Miss CLARA, *President*, Washington, D. C.—Collection of printed material relating to "The American National Red Cross."

BARTON, Miss LYDIA M., Worcester.—The "Association Record," in continuation.

BATCHELDER, FRANK R., Worcester.—His Photograph of the Seward-Blaine House, Washington, D. C.

BENT, SAMUEL A., Boston.—His "Why was Louisburg Twice Besieged."

BOSWORTH, HYDE AND HYDE, New York.—Numbers of their "Colonial Magazine."

BOWES, JAMES L., London, G. B.—His "Shippo, a sequel to Japanese Enamels."

BROWN, FREEMAN, *Clerk*, Worcester.—His "Annual Report of the Overseers of the Poor of Worcester."

BROWNE, FRANCIS F., *Editor*, Chicago, Ill.—"The Dial," as issued.

BULLARD, Rev. HENRY, D.D., St. Joseph, Mo.—His "Address at the Opening of the New Westminster Church, St. Joseph, Mo."

BURCHELL, JOHN E., Sydney, C. B.—"The Louisbourg Monument, a Souvenir Number of the Sydney Advocate."

BURGESS, Rev. FRANCIS G., Worcester.—Two books; thirty-eight pamphlets; one framed photograph; and the "Spirit of Missions," in continuation.

BUTTRICK, JAMES G., Lowell.—The Semi-Centennial Volume of the Eliot Church, Lowell, Mass., containing Mr. Buttrick's address.

CARSON-HARPER COMPANY, Denver, Colo.—Numbers of their "Book-Leaf."

CHURCH STANDARD COMPANY, Philadelphia, Pa.—Numbers of "The Church Standard."

CLARK, Rev. GEORGE F., Hubbardston.—"Woman's Journal"; and "The Voice," both in continuation.

COLE, GEORGE W., Jersey City, N. J.—His "American Libraries, their Past, Present and Future."

- COMMONWEALTH PUBLISHING COMPANY.—Their "Boston Commonwealth," as issued.
- CONATY, REV. THOMAS J., D.D., *Editor*, Worcester.—His "Catholic School and Home Magazine," as issued.
- CURRIER, FREDERICK A., Fitchburg.—His "Turnpikes and Travel."
- CURRY, SAMUEL S., *Editor*, Boston.—Numbers of his "Expression."
- CUSHING, THOMAS, Boston.—His "Historical Sketch of Chauncy-Hall School, with Catalogue of Teachers and Pupils, 1828-1894."
- DAVIS, CHARLES H., Worcester.—One hundred and five pamphlets; and six photographs.
- DAWBORN AND WARD, London, G. B.—Numbers of their "Photogram."
- DECOSTA, REV. BENJAMIN F., D.D., New York.—His "The Pilgrim of Old France and Other Poems."
- DENNY, HENRY G., Boston.—"History of the Boston Library Society."
- DICKINSON, G. STEWART, Worcester.—Mekeel's Universal Postage-Stamp Album; and a collection of foreign stamps.
- DODD, MEAD AND COMPANY, New York.—Their "Bookman," as issued.
- DODGE, JAMES H., *Auditor*, Boston.—His report of 1894-95.
- DOYLE, JAMES J., Worcester.—His "Messenger," as issued.
- DRURY, FRANK H., Wilmette, Ill.—Three broadsides.
- DUNN, Mrs. ROBINSON P., Worcester.—One pamphlet; and numbers of early newspapers.
- DWIGHT, TIMOTHY, LL.D., New Haven, Conn.—His Report of 1894 as President of Yale University.
- ESTABROOK, GEORGE H., Worcester.—Thirteen pamphlets.
- ESTES, REV. DAVID F., D.D., Hamilton, N. Y.—"Plea for the Baptist Historical Collection at Colgate University."
- FOSTER, REV. JOHN MCG., Bangor, Me.—His "Two Bangors."
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