

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

THE stack-room and attic-hall shelving, completed last year, is a constant source of aid and comfort in the practical administration of the library. It has given us the long-desired space so essential to the proper classification and use of material which we delight to draw into our treasure-house.

The following paragraphs are from page 378 of the *American Historical Review*, Volume I., Number 2, for January, 1896. They introduce an article upon the American Antiquarian Society, which was prepared by my faithful chief assistant, Miss Mary Robinson, at the request of Dr. J. Franklin Jameson, managing editor of the *Review*:—

When No. 45, "Notes on Special Collections in American Libraries" was published, in the series of *Bibliographical Contributions*, issued by the library of Harvard University, the library of the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, Mass., was by chance omitted. As the pamphlet mentioned is of constant use to scholars, and as the Antiquarian Society's library is one of great importance to students of history, it has been thought that some notes upon its contents would be welcomed as a supplement to No. 45, by readers of the *Review*. The following notes have been prepared by Miss Mary Robinson, assistant to the librarian, Edmund M. Barton, Esq.

In this connection, I note for ready reference, and chronologically, the leading articles which have appeared relating to our Society and its library. They are:—

1. "An Account of the American Antiquarian Society by President Isaiah Thomas," published in November,

1813, and, in 1820 republished in the first volume of our Transactions.

2. Dr. John Park's "Preface to the Catalogue of the Society's Library," which was printed in 1837.

3. Mr. Nathaniel Paine's "Brief Notice of the Library of the American Antiquarian Society," presented in his Council Report of April 30, 1873, and separately printed.

4. Dr. Samuel F. Haven's "Contributions to the Special Report on Public Libraries in the United States of America: their History, Condition and Management," made through the United States Bureau of Education, in the year 1876.

5. "An Account of the American Antiquarian Society, with a List of its Publications," prepared for the International Exhibition of 1876, by Mr. Nathaniel Paine.

6. "A Sketch of the American Antiquarian Society," prepared by Mr. Henry M. Smith, for his *New England Home Journal*, of February 2, 1883, published in Worcester, Mass.

7. Mr. Nathaniel Paine's Account in his "Worcester Societies, Associations and Clubs," as written for the "History of Worcester County, Mass.," in 1889, and separately printed.

8. Mr. Samuel S. Green's Sketch, in his article upon Worcester Public Libraries, in the "History of Worcester County," published in 1889, and reprinted.

9. President Stephen Salisbury's contribution to the *Boston Commonwealth*, of October 17, 1891, as to the Society and its purposes.

10. Mr. Alfred S. Roe's Historical Tribute to the Society, in his *Light*, Volume IV., Number 7, October 17, 1891.

11. Mr. Andrew McF. Davis's History of the Society, in his "Historical Work in Massachusetts," prepared for Volume I., of the Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, and separately printed in 1893.

12. Mr. Reuben Colton's "The Best Library of Early American Newspapers at Worcester, Mass.," in *Boston Evening Transcript*, of October 6, 1894.

13. Miss Mary Robinson's "Notes on the Library of

the American Antiquarian Society," in *American Historical Review*, Volume I., Number 2, January, 1896.

14. Mr. Nathaniel Paine's "Early American Imprints, 1640-1700," belonging to the Library of the American Antiquarian Society, in our Proceedings, Volume X., Part 2, October 23, 1895, and reprinted.

It is understood that from the notice by Mr. William Lincoln in his "History of Worcester," issued in 1837, to the latest reference in guide-book or directory, the Society has been quietly recognized as an institution of national as well as local importance. When, in 1912, the centennial history of this modest but venerable society shall be written, its offices of preserver, publisher and generous dispenser of historical material should be strongly presented. This will require not only a careful examination of the authorities named, but a study of our roll of members and their doings; an intelligent reference to other scholars of the century who have drawn facts and inspiration from our treasure-house of American history; and a close inspection of the Transactions and Proceedings as well as the official records of the Society. Our correspondence will also play its part in throwing light upon our connection with authors living and dead. I submit,—as suggestive of the nearness of such relations to one of America's great historians,—the following letter:—

Northampton, Mass., *July 31, 1831.*

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBES BALDWIN, Esq.

Dear Sir:—I received your recent favor with much satisfaction. It is the opinion of those who are versed in American history that must decide on the fate of the work which has cost me so much time and labor. It is critical accuracy which is especially requisite: without it no valuable end can be attained. But while exact enquiry must furnish the basis, the arrangement and the manner of insertion are equally important points with the public. On all these points, I assure you, it was with real diffidence and hesitancy that I ventured to publish a volume. The reception which the public has given me has thus far been very

flattering; and furnishes the best encouragement to a zealous and persevering effort. As I go forward, I shall count unhesitatingly on the advantages that may be derived from your collections at Worcester and your own extensive personal acquaintance with their contents and merits. You teach me to rely implicitly on your candor.

Truly your obliged friend,

GEORGE BANCROFT.

A curious epidemic of stamp collecting, presumably for benevolent but clearly in some cases for fraudulent purposes, has recently prevailed. Individuals and even corporations have been asked to aid in sending to a given point a million or so of postage-stamps, to secure the medical, surgical, or educational treatment of some unfortunate. Failure to accept the invitation to become a "connecting link" has been followed by sharp and foolish criticism. Some of these stamp frauds have been exposed, while others are still active. The American Economic Association may well consider their object, history and suppression, with a view to checking their ill-effects, and thus helping the worthy poor and needy. For even well-known charitable societies have gathered such material, selected what was of present value and disposed of the remainder in bulk. While it may not be possible for our Post-Office Department to cancel thoroughly all used stamps, and thus prevent their second use, the temptation to the mean man should be made as light as modern methods will allow.

Your librarian has not hesitated to ask needed service of members in different parts of the country. The original "Laws of the American Antiquarian Society," adopted in 1812, under Article 2, specify among other duties of the Counsellors "to receive donations"; and in the revision of 1815, the same duties are assigned to "one Counsellor resident in each of the United States, and one in Plymouth old Colony and one in Maine." State Counsellors are officers of the past, but prompt and cheerful replies have been uniformly received. A representative member in each

State would be of advantage today, and the trend of opinion and action seems to be in that direction.

The library statistics follow : Sources of gifts, three hundred and twenty-five—the largest recorded—namely, from forty-four members, one hundred and fifty-five persons not members and one hundred and twenty-six societies and institutions. We have received therefrom eight hundred and thirty-four books, forty-one hundred and fourteen pamphlets, two volumes of bound and forty-two of unbound newspapers, twelve proclamations, six photographs, six manuscripts, six engravings, four maps, four stamps and one silver coin ; by exchange, twenty-five books, twenty-four pamphlets, thirteen photographs and two specimens of continental money ; and from the bindery, thirteen volumes of magazines and twenty-five of newspapers, a total of eight hundred and eighty-two books, forty-one hundred and thirty-eight pamphlets, twenty-seven volumes of bound and forty-two of unbound newspapers, *etc.*

President Salisbury's semi-annual gift includes the remainders of his honored father's reprints from the Society's Proceedings, and the remainder of the editions of the "Memorial of Stephen Salisbury." If we add to these the reprints of the President's Yucatecan brochures, we may report nearly five hundred desirable volumes as thereby added to our stock in trade. Early impressions from the presses at Bonn, Lisbon, Venice, *etc.*, have also been received from him.

The *non sibi sed aliis* spirit is still with us. Not long since a member took certain early volumes of the *North American Review* from his own set that he might have the pleasure of completing that of the Society. The printed statement that our Narragansett Club Publications lacked the rare Volume V.,—"George Fox Digg'd out of His Burrowes,"—has led to a like act by Prof. Franklin B. Dexter of our Council. While two hundred each of the first three volumes were published in 1866 and 1867, the edition of

Volume IV. in 1870 was one hundred and seventy, of Volume V. in 1872, one hundred thirty, and of Volume VI. in 1874, one hundred and sixty copies. The rarity of the fifth volume is thus accounted for.

Hon. Cushman K. Davis, upon his election to membership, added to our rare collection in the department of Indian linguistics, "Hymns of the Episcopal Church, translated into the Indian Language by James P. Giffidan and others." Rev. William DeLoss Love, Jr., Ph.D., has given five London imprints of 1654, 1657 and 1658, being treatises and sermons "by that faithful servant of *Jesus Christ*. Mr. Christopher Love, Late Minister of Laurence Jew, London." Through the intervention of Hon. Ezra S. Stearns,—elected last October,—an important gap of seven volumes in the New Hampshire State Papers has been filled by the State Library. We have received from the United States Bureau of Labor,—by direction of its chief, our associate, Hon. Carroll D. Wright,—valued additions to the Society's collection of the reports of the department.

Mrs. Louise Pratt Harthan of Worcester, Mass., has given two half-length, oil portraits of John Bush and his wife, Abigail Adams Bush, grandparents of the late John Bush Pratt of Worcester. It was the wish of Mr. Pratt, of his son, Elnathan, and his niece, Mrs. Harthan, that they should find a resting-place in Antiquarian Hall. They were painted by McKay in August, 1791, in the quaint costumes of the period, and were carefully preserved by the elder Mr. Pratt for sixty years in the house in which George Bancroft was born. I add, for the benefit of posterity, a few notes received from William Frederic Holcombe, M.D., of New York,—grandnephew of John Bush: "John Bush 2d, was the 3d son of John Bush 1st and Hepzibah Keyes of Boylston, Mass. His 1st wife was¹ Charity Platt, relative of Tom Platt of New York, born at Rhinebeck, N. Y., 9 December, 1761, died at New York, 2 November, 1788.

¹ 31 Temperance.

John Bush went early to New York from Boylston,—then Shrewsbury North Parish, where he was born, 4 July, 1755, a twin brother of Jotham, who died in 1756. He was a Tory, and prospered in New York as a broker, seller of cattle, *etc.* He had an office and an inn in Water street near Wall, New York, now open as a very old restaurant known as George Brown's. Between 1795 and 1800, he moved to Worcester where he died, 28 January, 1816, in a mansion he bought on retiring from business, which house passed into the hands of Hon. Ira M. Barton, father of Edmund M. Barton, Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society. It was located on Main street, and is represented on page 550 of the second volume of C. F. Jewett and Company's "History of Worcester County," published in 1879. John Bush had a brother, Col. Jotham, grandfather of Dr. Wm. Fred. Holcombe of New York, whose great uncle, Rev. Reuben Holcombe of Sterling, Mass., married for his 2d wife, in 1821, Abigail Adams Bush of West Brookfield, 3d wife of John Bush of Worcester. John Bush was buried in Worcester.

From Hon. Eli Thayer we have received "James G. Birney and His Times: The Genesis of the Republican Party, with Some Account of the Abolition Movements in the South before 1828." Mr. Thayer's suggestive endorsement,—addressed to the librarian, 21 March, 1896,—follows:—

The author of this most thorough and reliable book,—Major General William Birney,—has sent it to me with the request that I should place it where it may be of the most use in promoting the truth. I therefore present it to your Society.

Mr. Ephraim Tucker has placed in our Family History above, for service rendered, his "Genealogy of the Tucker Family," and Mr. James A. Searight his "Record of the Searight Family," though he sought no aid from us. They are both,—in a representative sense,—gratefully acknowl-

edged. By the gift of our binders,—Joseph S. Wesby and Sons,—large additions have been made to our town and kindred documents, while the duplicates have elsewhere served a like purpose. By vote of the Club of Odd Volumes, and through the editor, our associate, Mr. James F. Hunnewell, we have received Volumes II. and III. of their facsimiles of Early American Poetry. It will be remembered that Volume I. was mentioned in my report of a year ago and that the edition of each volume is limited to one hundred copies. The originals of such rarities as have thus been reproduced must primarily be sought in such collections as our own, and our Roll of Members may suggest intelligent editorial service. To what extent the reproduction in facsimile of such rarities affects the market value of the originals is still an open question, but well edited, they may be a decided contribution to knowledge. It was Sir James Mackintosh who said, “Diffused knowledge immortalizes itself.” The gift by Columbian Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Boston, of its centenary volume, is accepted with thanks, and with the hope of like favors from other early lodges. It contains a notice of our founder, who was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1795–1797, and Grand Master, 1803–1805 and 1809. The masonic and antimasonic material carefully secured by Dr. Thomas has of late been much sought for historical purposes. The Library Company of Philadelphia has presented a cabinet photograph of its desk formerly used by William Penn, with a view to a comparison with our Belcher and Leverett desks which,—with our other colonial furniture,—were described in my reports of October, 1894, and October, 1895. The letter accompanying it,—written on January 14, 1806, by George Maurice Abbot, Treasurer, contains the following paragraph:—

Enclosed you will find a photograph of an old desk owned by this library, which at one time was the property of William Penn, and was used by him at his manor in

Pennsylvania. Like all old furniture it has suffered from time and the efforts to keep it in what was considered good order. Our desire is to have the paint taken off, restoring the old oak to its natural condition. The doors are very modern and made of poplar, and my object in writing to you is to ask if you know of any desk of this period which has the old doors on it from which we could have a picture made to help us in restoring our desk as well as we can to what might have been its original state.

The mass of government documents heretofore received from the United States Department of the Interior in bulk, now reaches us through the Superintendent of Documents, as each volume comes from the press. This agreeable change is in the line of the speedier methods of to-day.

An "Alarm List" blank, recently received, is herewith submitted for judgment as to the date of its use:—

TRAIN BAND and ALARM LIST *MUSTER.*

To

YOU are hereby notified and warned to appear on parade at the meeting house in

at o'clock, P. M. with arms, ammunition and accoutrements complete according to law, viz. a good firearm, with a steel or iron ramrod, and a spring to retain the same—a worm, priming wire and brush—a bayonet fitted to your firearm, and a scabbard and belt for the same—a cartridge box that will hold fifteen cartridges at least—six flints—one pound of powder—forty leaden balls, suitable for your firearm—a haversack, blanket and canteen—in order to be reviewed; and there to attend further orders.

Captain.

The recent examination of a priced catalogue of 1,300 titles relating to slavery and rebellion again calls attention to the present worth of a special fund for the upbuilding of Alcove N, which is devoted to such literature. In its absence, I suggest the use of a portion of the income from the George E. Ellis Fund, when it can be spared for that purpose. On February 15, 1896, we began to use for our card catalogue, accession book, and general correspondence, the "Massachusetts Standard Record Ink." While time

alone must decide whether this is another nineteenth century improvement, it is not too early to thank the Record Commissioner and his chemists for their careful attention to this important subject. Encouraged by the results which have followed the announcement of special library needs, I remark that through the last Brinley sale and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, we have nearly completed our set of the valued publications of that our sister Society. We, however, still lack memoirs, Vol. 1, Part 2, and Vol. 2, Part 1; and of their Proceedings, numbers 2, 3 and 7. These latter are called, upon the title-page, "Bulletins," and the work is backed "Vol. 1., 1845-1847." While we have a complete file of the *Library Journal*,—the official organ of the American Library Association,—we need of their "Papers and Proceedings," 1-3 and 13 to complete a set received from the librarian.

Attention is called to the fact that Col. Albert A. Pope of Boston, is making a special collection of publications relating to road construction and maintenance. This collection is to be open for the use of the public. It has been one of our missions to aid such efforts, on the ground that material thus gathered by specialists of note is likely to be kept together in some permanent institution. There appears to be no valid objection to fostering such an undertaking, especially when it can be done in the line of exchange. I note the following items for the benefit of such as are so fortunate as to possess our early publications. In the printed proceedings of the annual meeting, October 23, 1849,—made up by the scholarly and modest librarian, Samuel Foster Haven,—it is briefly stated that "the report of the Council was read." That Mr. Haven was the author appears in our office copy by his pencilled autograph at the end thereof. The appreciative memoir of Albert Gallatin, by Rev. Edward E. Hale,—which appears in the same number,—does not bear his name though elsewhere he is mentioned as the author. Again, the report of

the Council for May 29, 1850, bears no name, though the library copy has the attestation of President Salisbury that it was written by Mr. Samuel M. Burnside. I desire to commend to favorable consideration the restoration of imperfect rare books; an art which is encouraged abroad and which at home has been successfully followed by a few experts. This Society's experience would seem to prove the importance of preserving even fragments, especially of early imprints, and there would be a decided advantage in bringing together in our own country all such imperfect American imprints, as well as such imprints as relate to America.

The American Antiquarian Society will always welcome modern improvements. A recent examination of our collection of over 1,300 directories shows a marked change for the better in the quality of this class of books, and makes it seem all the more desirable to add thereto. The suggestions of librarians, as well as of other citizens historically and genealogically inclined, have helped to effect this happy change. To illustrate these improvements, I call your attention to a note in an 1896 directory, as follows: "Deaths. The date of death and age of all citizens dying during the past year, whose names have appeared in the directory, are recorded against the name in the proper alphabetical place in the present book. In the same manner each directory since 1876 contains a record of those who died the previous year, so that the several volumes of the directory embrace for this period a mortuary list of great value for reference." And again, under removals: "Against names showing removals from the city, the post-office address is given; if into another State, both the post-office and State are given." Thus in the first instance we have "— Charlotte, died March 18, 1892, aged 68," and in the second, "— Ralph W. removed to Providence, R. I." As in the second example — Ralph W's name does not again appear, we may fix the year of removal as 1892, and this fact is learned even though the record be

simply "removed from the city." I note one other item, viz. : "—— Dorinda B. widow of Charles C.," the maiden name thus being preserved when it is possible to secure it. The modern house directory is practically a family address-book and real estate valuation record. Its utility is likely to increase as municipalities grow and families scatter.

Our associate, Mr. Reuben G. Thwaites, in the *Library Journal*, for October, 1895, has a short but instructive paper on "Directories in Public Reference Libraries." I quote from it briefly that, by so doing, attention may be called to it as a whole. He says:—

I wonder how many of our large public libraries are in the habit of accumulating miscellaneous city and state directories old and current? Not many, I fancy; yet if members of our craft generally understood the practical value of these, in numerous lines of research, there would be a wider demand for this now largely neglected class of books. I have visited many an ambitious city library whose otherwise enterprising chief has looked me to scorn when I enquired whether he had a full file of his own city directories. "We have no room for such rot." Yet, if you will bear with me, these contemporary lists of the city's inhabitants, together with full files of the local newspapers,—the daily mirror of the city's life,—would be quite as important on his shelves as anything he has there; more so than many of his volumes. * * * A wide range of queries, many of them of supreme importance, are answered by the directories; any keeper of a collection of them can tell you curious tales of his experiences. * * * In a variety of ways,—commercial, professional and literary,—collections of directories are of real value and are eagerly sought.

While seconding this reasonable appeal for directory *preservation*, I would again strongly emphasize the importance and possibility of their *improvement* through the influence of the wide-spread membership in our own and kindred societies. On the other hand, a closer acquaintance with our town reports leaves, on the whole, a less favorable impression, though there are hopeful signs of a return to

some of the older and in not a few cases better forms of report making. Forty years ago, for instance, we could find not infrequently a record of births, marriages and deaths, with other statistics of interest. There is now no uniformity whatever in such publications, as will be seen by a brief reference to three recent reports before me. 1, The early and representative town of Beverly, Massachusetts, in a document of more than two hundred pages gives no such statistics as are above mentioned, but contains over fifty pages of certified town records for the municipal year. Would it not be much more profitable to print the same number of pages of its earliest records, *i. e.*, from 1668? 2, Dedham, Massachusetts, in its report, supplies a list of births, including the date, name of child, name of parents, birthplace of father and birthplace of mother; of marriages, giving the name, age and residence of the parties as well as by whom the marriage was solemnized; and of deaths, showing date, name, age and cause of death. 3, Westborough, Massachusetts, in its latest official list of persons assessed a poll tax, adds the age, occupation and residence of each person, so far as known. Another report, while carefully omitting such entries, gives the names of the town paupers with a list of those who have died during the year and the cost of each burial. Again, a chairman of the school board reports to his constituents, in part, as follows:—

You are aware, fellow-citizens, of the changing and shifting idiosyncracies of our population. Like the Irishman's flea it is pretty much all the time on the move. The native youth, well raised and educated (as he believes,) in our common school, takes his fortune in his hand and seeks the commercial centres to try his luck, and at first to turn an honest penny. Some few succeed; but the majority, catching the mania of fast life prevailing in the cities, cast their country honesty to the winds like so much filthy raiment, and tricking themselves out in the latest shoddy, like Shakespeare's soldier, "bearded like the pard," seek the bubble, wealth, "e'en in the cannon's mouth." Some, like the lamented James Fisk, rush boldly into Wall Street

and astonish the financial world by their stupendous frauds, made apparently honorable by a lucky venture in speculation; while others, of a more demure and retiring nature, step down into the Southern States and quietly consent to become Governors to those distracted Commonwealths before their carpet-bags become cool in their strangely acquired lodgings.

We may hope that the employment of well-trained school superintendents or supervisors, now to some extent encouraged by state legislation, will not only tend to raise the educational standard, but also to encourage the careful recording of facts rather than fancies, in all town reports.

Edward Everett Hale, then Councillor and now Vice-President, and Nathaniel Paine, then as now Treasurer, are the only surviving officers under whom the present librarian entered your service, on April 1, 1866. At the April meeting of that year, Mr. Paine read his Council report on the "Early Paper Currency of Massachusetts"; Dr. Haven acknowledged the receipt of the remainder of the William Bentley books and manuscripts as bequeathed by Dr. Bentley's nephew, Mr. William Bentley Fowle; and Hon. Ira M. Barton, chairman of a committee to consider the increase of the limit of one hundred and forty domestic members, reported inexpedient to change the limit. The Treasurer reported the face value of the four funds in his keeping as \$49,943.14, namely:—

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| Librarian's and General Fund, | . . . | \$23,758.85 |
| Collection and Research | " . . . | 10,630.70 |
| Bookbinding | " . . . | 8,108.34 |
| Publishing | " . . . | 7,445.25 |

After thirty years, we find the four funds of say \$50,000 increased to fourteen funds of a face value of about \$130,000, and the Society moving quietly forward on its well-known and useful mission.

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND M. BARTON,

Librarian.

Givers and Gifts.

FROM MEMBERS.

- ANGELL, JAMES B., LL.D., Ann Arbor, Mich.—His “Address before the University of Missouri, June 4, 1895.”
- BALDWIN, Hon. SIMEON E., LL.D., New Haven, Conn.—His “Historical Address at the Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Chamber of Commerce of New Haven.”
- BARTON, EDMUND M., Worcester.—Fifteen pamphlets; one silver coin; and “Worcester's Young Men” and “St. Andrew's Cross,” in continuation.
- BRINTON, DAVID G., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.—Three of his linguistic brochures.
- BROCK, ROBERT A., Richmond, Va.—One newspaper.
- CHASE, CHARLES A., Worcester.—Three books; thirty-eight pamphlets; two plans; manuscript and records of the Foreign Book Club of Worcester, about the year 1860.
- CLARKE, ROBERT, Cincinnati, O.—Caldwell's “Studies in the Constitutional life of Tennessee.”
- DAVIS, ANDREW MCF., Cambridge.—His “Provincial Banks: Land and Silver.”
- DAVIS, Hon. CUSHMAN K., St. Paul, Minn.—“Hymns of the Episcopal Church, translated into the Indian language by James A. Gilfillan and others.”
- DEXTER, FRANKLIN B., New Haven, Conn.—Publications of the Narragansett Club, Vol. V.; Gower's “Colonial Houses of New Haven”; and “History of Christ Episcopal Church in Guilford, Conn.”
- GILMAN, DANIEL C., LL.D., Baltimore, Md.—“John F. Slater Fund, Occasional Paper, No. 6.”
- GREEN, Hon. ANDREW H., New York.—“Writings and Speeches of Samuel J. Tilden”; fifteen books; twenty-one pamphlets; three plates; and three broadsides.
- GREEN, Hon. SAMUEL A., Boston.—Six of his historical brochures; fourteen books; two hundred and ninety-seven pamphlets; four proclamations; three charts; one colored print; one photograph; one portrait; and one map.
- GREEN, SAMUEL S., Worcester.—“Rules, Regulations and Documents of the Free Public Library of the City of Worcester.”

- HALE, Rev. EDWARD E., D.D., Roxbury.—Numbers of "Lend a Hand," to complete file; and U. S. Weather Bureau Maps, 1893-1895, in continuation.
- HODDLY, CHARLES J., LL.D., Hartford, Conn.—"The Unveiling of Col. Knowlton's Statue"; and three proclamations.
- HOAR, Hon. GEORGE F., Worcester.—His "Oration at Plymouth, December 21, 1895, at the Celebration of the Two Hundred and Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims"; ten books; one hundred and seventy-three pamphlets; manuscript material relating to George Folsom; one photograph; and one lithograph.
- HUNTINGTON, Rev. WILLIAM R., D.D., New York, N. Y.—His "*Nunc Dimittis*, a Communion address, spoken in Grace Church, New York, on the morning of Sunday, February the Second, MDCCCXCVI."
- KINGSBURY, FREDERICK J., LL.D., Waterbury, Conn.—His "Tendency of men to Live in Cities."
- LEÓN, NICOLAS, Gaudalupe, Mex.—One pamphlet.
- LOVE, Rev. WILLIAM DELOSS, Jr., Ph.D., Hartford, Conn.—"Samuel Gleason's Diary," with notes by Dr. Love; four treatises and sermons by Rev. Christopher Love; and one pamphlet.
- MARCH, FRANCIS A., LL.D., Easton, Pa.—"Address in Honor of Prof. Francis A. March, LL.D., L.H.D., October 24, 1895."
- MERRIMAN, Rev. DANIEL, D.D., Worcester.—Two of his historical addresses; three books; one hundred and sixty-nine pamphlets; and "The Nation," in continuation.
- MOORE, CLARENCE B., Ph.D., Philadelphia, Pa.—His "Papers on Florida Mounds."
- NELSON, Hon. THOMAS L., Worcester.—"Catalogue of the Worcester County Law Library, Supplement, 1895."
- NOURSE, Hon. HENRY S., Lancaster.—His "Ancient Names of Local Hills, Rivers and Lakes."
- PAINE, Rev. GEORGE S., Worcester.—"The Spirit of Missions," as issued.
- PAINE, NATHANIEL, Worcester.—Four books; two hundred and twenty-eight pamphlets; three files of newspapers, in continuation; one portrait; and various circulars.
- PEET, STEPHEN D., Ph.D., Good Hope, Ill.—His "American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal," as issued.
- PERRY, Right Rev. WILLIAM STEVENS, D.D., Davenport, Ia.—Two of his historical brochures; and the "Iowa Churchman," as issued.
- PORTER, Rev. EDWARD G., Dorchester.—His article, "The Red Cross is coming"; and other material relating thereto.
- PUTNAM, Prof. FREDERIC W., Cambridge.—Two of his archaeological brochures.

- ROGERS, Gen. HORATIO, Providence, R. I.—His “Mary Dyer of Rhode Island, the Quaker Martyr.”
- SALISBURY, Hon. STEPHEN, Worcester.—Three hundred and sixty books; five hundred and thirty-nine pamphlets; ten files of newspapers, in continuation; and one broadside.
- SMITH, CHARLES C., Boston.—His “Annual Report as Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1896.”
- STEARNS, Hon. EZRA S., Rindge, N. H.—Five volumes relating to New Hampshire.
- STEBBINS, Rev. CALVIN, Worcester.—One book; five hundred and nineteen magazines; “The Nation” and “Christian Register,” in continuation; and one photograph.
- TAFT, HENRY W., Pittsfield.—One book; and sixteen pamphlets.
- TOPPAN, ROBERT N., Cambridge.—His “Hundred Years of Bank Note Engraving in the United States.”
- WEEDEN, WILLIAM B., Providence, R. I.—“The Mercury and Gazette, April 6-11, 1896,” containing his notes on “The First American Newspaper,” and “The Governor Greene Documents.”
- WINSOR, JUSTIN, LL.D., Cambridge.—Three of his historical brochures.

FROM PERSONS NOT MEMBERS.

- ABBOT, WILLIAM F., Worcester.—Two addresses on “Tariff Reform.”
- ALDRICH, Mrs. P. EMORY, Worcester.—Fourteen volumes of the “Congressional Record”; and the “Boston Daily Advertiser” for 1895, in continuation.
- AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE PUBLISHING COMPANY.—Numbers of the “University Magazine.”
- AMES, JOHN G., Washington, D. C.—His “Report regarding the Receipt, Distribution, *etc.*, of Public Documents, 1894-95.”
- APPLETON, FRANCIS H., Boston.—Four of his addresses.
- BAILEY, ISAAC H., New York.—The “Shoe and Leather Reporter,” as issued; and the “Annual.”
- BAIR, O. W., Chattanooga, Tenn.—Numbers of his “Southern Immigrant.”
- BARTON, Miss LYDIA M., Worcester.—The “Association Record,” in continuation.
- BELL, A. N., M.D., New York.—Numbers of his “Sanitarian.”
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