

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

THE roll of membership of January, 1897, with its changes in form and fact, will bear close inspection. Each associate is asked to inform the librarian of any errors, as well as of honors received or change of domicile. All acceptances since the Society's birth, in 1812, have been carefully gathered from the file of our general correspondence, and chronologically arranged. Thus we have secured not only a valuable manuscript catalogue, but an autographic collection of marked interest. The sentiments and promises contained in these communications should inspire our President with confidence, in his appeals to members for contributions to the Society's Proceedings. Our national character may well allow such calls to be sent to every State represented in the Society. It may also suggest a calling of the roll geographically instead of alphabetically—as is the custom of some learned societies.

A lottery projected for the American Antiquarian Society, but abandoned, was mentioned by your librarian at the October meeting of 1885, and the scheme given in detail in his report of April, 1886. The official steps which led up to it having been called for are herewith submitted. On June 1, 1814, the Society "voted that a committee be appointed to devise ways and means for raising funds to erect a suitable edifice to contain the library and museum, and that the President and Professor Park be requested to prepare a nomination list of five members as suitable persons to serve on said committee and submit the same to the Society at their next meeting." In the "Journal of the Sub-Council of the American Antiquarian Society in the

vicinity of Worcester, Mass., beginning with their first meeting, February 15, 1815," under June 6, 1815, is the following: "Voted that Judge Bangs be a committee to draw up a subscription paper for lottery tickets to be presented to the members to sign in order to raise a fund for building an edifice for the library and cabinet, and for other purposes." Judge Bangs reported to the Sub-Council, June 26, 1815, "that on consulting the laws of the Commonwealth, he was of the opinion that a lottery of the kind proposed would be illegal unless a grant for the purpose could be obtained from the Legislature." On January 2, 1816, "the Sub-Council took under consideration a draft of a petition to the Legislature of Massachusetts, praying for aid in erecting a building, *etc.* The petition as amended met their approbation, and the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means was requested to copy it, get it signed by the committee, and have it presented." February 5, 1816, "the petition to the Legislature, presented by the Society's Committee on Ways and Means, for building, *etc.*, to grant a lottery for that purpose, was taken into consideration. The petition being now pending in the House of Representatives, it was voted that it is highly necessary the petition should be supported in this crisis of its passage; that the Hon. Levi Lincoln be a committee for that purpose, and that the President be requested also to attend on the Legislature respecting this business." March 4, 1816, "the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means reported the progress of the petition for a lottery, in the Legislature." May 8, 1816, "the petition to the Legislature taken under consideration. Hon. Mr. Lincoln, Jr., and the President, and the Hon. Francis Blake, were requested to continue their aid to the committee respecting this business." I find no further official act by Society, Council or Sub-Council. Four years later—in 1820—President Thomas gave the Summer-street hall, to which, in 1831, he added wings. Our main hall of

today was occupied in 1853, and the Salisbury Annex in 1877. The future home of the Society will doubtless be in a large place where there will be abundant space for the various departments, and a minimum danger from fire.

Our founder's life, as a young printer, is not fully accounted for, even in the admirable memoir by his grandson, Hon. Benjamin F. Thomas. I therefore submit an item recently found, in the handwriting of the great printer when a lad of fifteen or sixteen years. It is a chap-book called "TOM THUMB'S PLAY-BOOK; to teach children their LETTERS as soon as they can speak. BEING A new and pleasant method to allure LITTLE ONES in the first Principles of LEARNING." The entry reads: "Printed by I. Thomas when at 'prentice in 1764 for A. Barclay." I also call attention to a line title of a pamphlet of which Mr. Joseph Williamson says in a letter to your librarian dated May 16, 1884, "If found, I think it is the earliest book printed in Maine." Mr. Williamson is the well-known author of the two-volume "Bibliography of the State of Maine from the earliest period to 1891." The title referred to, which is from our own copy, follows: "A | TESTIMONY | CONCERNING | ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP | TO | ALMIGHTY GOD: | BY DENNIS GETCHEL. | Late of Vassalborough in New England. | PORTLAND: PRINTED BY THOMAS B. WAIT. | At his office in Fish street, 1794." 18° pp. 12.

The value of our newspaper files is often suggested. We have the only known copies of the first three issues of the first newspaper printed on what is now Prince Edward Island, then called the Island of Saint John. They have been typewritten entire for historical use in that maritime province. The paper is called "*The | American Gazette | and | Weekly Intelligencer* of the Island of Saint John. | Charlotte-Town: Printed by James Robertson." It is a large quarto of four pages, three columns to the page, including one column of advertisements in number one, and

three columns each in numbers two and three. The dates are September 15 and 29 and October 6, 1787. Thus by a modern process, the matter is returned to the town whence it was received by our founder nearly one hundred and ten years ago.

Having been asked to report in print any items regarding William Paine, M.D., one of our charter members, I submit from number 448, Saturday, January 13, 1781, of the "*Royal Gazette*, New York, published by James Rivington, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty," the following: "ALL persons who have any demands upon, or are indebted to Dr. William Paine, of His Majesty's General Hospital gone for Europe, will please apply to Mr. Paine at No. 29 Golden Hill, who is empowered to settle his affairs."

The daily entries in the "Worcester House" register for 1836-37, have recently been studied by an applicant for the position of a United States letter carrier. A hasty glance at this volume, which reveals the autographs of persons of distinction, suggests the wisdom of preserving such records of names and residences. They have not only a local but sometimes a national bearing, apart from their general interest and market value. The Washington war registers of Willard's Hotel and the Ebbitt House, and the Eutaw House at Baltimore, as well as those of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, during periods of great political excitement, and so of conferences of party leaders, must show a curious combination of persons and interests.

The following paragraphs from a letter addressed to the librarian by Mr. Charles Henry Hart, will supplement notes in my reports of October, 1891, and October, 1892:

"You may recall some correspondence between us a few years back relating to one Rauschner, a modeller in wax, to whom you had alluded in your reports. The other day in looking over some old Philadelphia newspapers for some matter, I incidentally came across an advertisement in

Relf's *Philadelphia Gazette* for September 19, 1810, which is of considerable interest regarding him, as it fixes his correct name and gives some little of his personal history. 'JOHN C. RAUSCHNER respectfully acquaints the public that he hath returned to this city after an absence of nine years. He continues to take likenesses in wax composition in color, also family pieces.'

Interest in our collection of text-books may be stimulated by the following references to "A | Rhyming Geography ; | Or, a Poetic Description | of the | United States of America, &c. | * * * By Victorianus Clark. | Hartford : | Printed by Peter B. Gleason & Co. | 1819." The preface announces that the author " * * * has found by repeated experiments, that facts expressed in concise and familiar rhymes may be committed with great facility and retained in the mind by one tenth and perhaps one hundredth part of the labour which would be requisite, were the memory to receive no such assistance." The author's novel efforts in the cause of education will perhaps best appear under the following illustrations of his plan. Under the general heading NEW ENGLAND, subject *Education*, we read :

"There's no spot on this earthly ball,
Where common people one and all,
Of male and female population,
Can boast of equal education."

Under UNITED STATES, subject *Colleges* :

"Of colleges the first of all,
Are Harvard, Yale and Nassau Hall.
Harvard (as by all allowed,)
Is oldest and the best endowed ;
Yet as to numbers in the scale,
It ranks inferior to Yale."

Further information as to colleges follows :

VERMONT.

"This state a college doth maintain,
In Burlington, on Lake Champlain
And there's a college-seminary,
Established at Middlebury."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

“Here is established Dartmouth college,
 In Hanover a pleasant village :
 This noted college has of late,
 Made much disturbance in the State.”

MASSACHUSETTS.

“Here two fine colleges are found ;
 One Williams call'd at Williamstown,
 And one styl'd Harvard, which takes date,
 From sixteen hundred thirty-eight.
 This is at Cambridge, and the scale
 Presents it on a line with Yale.
 Its library, upon inspection,
 Is found to be a vast collection
 Of nearly twenty thousand volumes,
 All rang'd in ranks and solid columns.
 In Andover's a seminary,
 Entitled Philips' Academy,
 By private generosity,
 A school for pure Theology,
 Of late was joined to this foundation,
 To fit divines for ministration.”

RHODE ISLAND.

“Brown University is found
 In Providence, on sightly ground ;
 The rules of this establishment
 Require a Baptist President.”

CONNECTICUT.

“Yale College, glory of the State,
 Fix'd at New Haven, takes its date
 From the year seventeen hundred one,
 And ranks inferior to none.
 The noted Cheshire Academy
 Is quite a growing seminary.”

NEW YORK.

“Kings College (now Columbia,)
 Erected by Britain-i-a,
 In seventeen hundred fifty-four,
 Is in New York, on Hudson's shore.
 Schenectady, (a thriving vlllage,
 On Mohawk river,) has a college

Styl'd Union College, which of late
Has been an honour to the State.
And late at Clinton was erected,
Hamilton College—much respected.”

NEW JERSEY.

“The literary institution,
Styl'd Nassau-Hall is fix'd at Princeton :
This noted college takes its date
From seventeen hundred thirty-eight.
Queen's College at New Brunswick found,
Tho' flourishing is less renown'd.”

His poetic descriptions of states and territories are curious and interesting, but a brief couplet will suffice ; under *Character, etc.* :

MICHIGAN.

“No general character is fix'd,
The bulk are Roman Catholics.”

Nearly fifty years ago musical geography was taught in hall and vestry, but it was soon found that forgetting the tune, we had lost also a vivid knowledge of that particular section of our geography to which that special tune applied. There was no effort made to aid the memory by the rhyming process. Children of the tender age took part in the exhibitions and were vigorously applauded by their wondering parents and friends.

During six months ending the 15th instant, we have received gifts from three hundred and fifteen sources ; namely from fifty-one members, one hundred and thirty-two persons not members, and one hundred and thirty-two societies and institutions. From these sources have been received five hundred and forty-seven books, fifty-three hundred and forty-eight pamphlets, two bound and one hundred and sixty unbound volumes of newspapers, twenty-one engravings, seven proclamations, six seals, five charts, four medals, four photographs, one bronze medallion and one relic ; by exchange sixty books and forty-three pamphlets ; and from the bindery nineteen volumes of newspapers and fifty-

nine volumes of magazines; making a total of six hundred and sixty-six books; fifty-three hundred and ninety-one pamphlets, twenty-one bound and one hundred and sixty unbound volumes of newspapers, etc.

Vice-President Hoar has added to his usual gift of books and pamphlets, historic medals and seals from England and a piece of the stone threshold of the church at Delft Haven near the spot where the Pilgrims embarked; a considerable part of which he purchased and presented to the new First Church in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Dr. Reuben A. Guild, in sending his "Early History of Brown University, including the Life, Times and Correspondence of President Manning 1756-1791" writes: "I present as a loyal member of the society, my latest contribution to our Colonial and Revolutionary history, which has cost me patient labor for many years."

Hon. Henry A. Marsh has filled gaps in our Revolutionary file of the *Newport Mercury*; and Mr. Benjamin F. Stevens in accepting membership, forwarded his foolscap folio edition—1893—of "Christopher Columbus his own Book of Privileges, 1502," a photographic facsimile of the manuscript in the Archives of the Foreign Office in Paris.

Another associate, Mr. Henry P. Upham, has sent the first four volumes of "The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents," to which he will add the other fifty-six volumes as they are issued. The value and fitness of this royal gift need hardly be mentioned, nor the fact that the great work is under the editorial supervision of one of our number, Mr. Reuben Gold Thwaites.

Under the direction of the library committee, the income from the various special book funds has been carefully drawn upon for material in their respective lines. Such funds constantly remind the library staff of the givers, living and dead, who are thus building their monuments of learning for us and for those who are to come after. The ten volumes of the Century Dictionary recently se-

cured—which will bear the George E. Ellis book-plate—have been placed in the open alcove provided for such authorities.

The Duc de Loubat has presented a facsimile in form, color and binding of “Il Manoscritto | Messicano Vaticano 3773. | Reprodotta In Fotocromografia | a spese | Di S. E. Il. Duca Di Loubat | a Cura | Della Biblioteca Vaticana | Roma | Stabilimento Danesi | 1896.”

Mr. Daniel Berkeley Updike has presented “In the Old Days,” by his mother, the late Mrs. Elizabeth Bigelow Updike. It is a brief description of a Worcester homestead. The family—whose name is left in doubt, even by the internal evidence—was that of Hon. Abijah Bigelow of Worcester, for years an honored member of this society. The house so carefully described, which stood upon Front street, corner of Church, became the first City Hospital, and the land is now devoted wholly to business purposes.

Mr. Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., has placed in our alcove of genealogy “Winthrop of Groton and Allied Families.” The work—which comprises the first four parts of Musket’s “Suffolk Manorial Families,”—is in sumptuous binding.

We acknowledge to Columbia University a box of duplicates, chiefly relating to the southern and southwestern States. This gift is made not only in view of the early removal of the library to its new and spacious quarters at Morningside Park and for service rendered, but in view also of the fact that this is the *American Antiquarian Society*. Amherst College has sent from its duplicate room material to strengthen our department of college literature, now brought together in our stack-room.

In the report of the United States Commissioner of Education for 1893, recently received, is a “Preliminary List of American Learned and Educational Societies,” prepared by Stephen B. Weeks, Ph.D. In the grouping adopted by Dr. Weeks, the brief but accurate account of

this society and its mission, appears on pages 1616 and 1617. It is the first entry under "Department XI. Archæology, Numismatics and Philately," and the sub-heading is, very properly, "National."

The Annual Report of the American Historical Association for 1895, duly received, contains Mr. Appleton P. C. Griffin's valuable "Bibliography of American Historical Societies (the United States and the Dominion of Canada), reprinted with additions and revision from the Annual Reports of the American Historical Association for 1890 and 1892." Our members will note the following important *errata*: page 685, last line, omit Plate; page 686 for Samuel Mitchell read Samuel L. Mitchell; page 687 for usually read also; page 688 omit Reprinted; page 689 see dates not in exact order; page 695 for Cypres read *cy pres*, for C. S. Chase read C. A. Chase and for Franklin J. Dexter, read Franklin B. Dexter; page 697 for Lindall Reynolds, read Grindall Reynolds; page 700, for Transactions read Proceedings; and page 701, omit Paine's list of Portraits and Busts, which, in the form referred to, was published in their Register by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Each society represented might be requested to examine the proof-sheets touching its own publications.

The broad view which this society has always taken of its relations with kindred societies, has not been narrowed by its intense desire to protect its treasures. By direction of the library committee a favorable response has recently been made to a request from our associate, Mr. Wilberforce Eames, which follows: "We have in the Lenox Library a copy of the Vermont Laws of 1779, lacking the greater part of the title-page and portions of some other leaves. I write to ask whether it would be possible to obtain the loan of the American Antiquarian Society's copy of the same book long enough to have the missing pages photographed or copied in facsimile? The work would be done in the Lenox building under my supervision."

Thus for all practical purposes the Lenox copy—now in the “New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations”—is complete. As the break in the copy mentioned is at the beginning, and in ours at the end of the volume, both copies can be made perfectly useful by applying the doctrine of reciprocity. Since the above was written, Hon. Russell S. Taft of the Supreme Court of Vermont has supplied the missing pages in facsimile, our need having been suggested to him by Mr. Eames.

It is a privilege to note a growing disposition to name historical societies after the State, valley, County, city or town whose history it is specially intended to secure. An occasional use is also made of the Indian name of the territory to be studied. An attractive name is of the first importance, yet one which, even to the young, will seem locally appropriate and not forbidding.

Our duplicate room has furnished material to Fairmount College, both by way of exchange and by direct gift. The Worcester Isolation Hospital has also received duplicate periodical literature whose market value had been destroyed by the clipping process. We have gladly rendered illustrative service the past winter in connection with President G. Stanley Hall's lectures under the auspices of the Worcester teachers, and in other ways have tried to keep in touch with the educational movements of the day.

I have thought it timely to call your attention to our large and curious collection of amateur newspapers, which now covers a period of more than fifty years. A peculiar personal interest attaches to a few of the earlier files. For instance, Samuel Foster Haven, Jr., son of our late distinguished librarian, was editor of *The Minute Gun*, a preliminary number of which bears the pencilled date, 1844. The regular series of twenty-nine numbers was issued from September 11, 1845, to July 2, 1846, inclusive. Its motto was “*Tandem fit surculus arbor*” and it was published at Worcester every Thursday; terms two cents a

month, payable in advance. We have three papers of which Charles Augustus Chase, now our Recording Secretary, was "editor, proprietor and printer" many years before he became the successful assistant editor of the *Boston Daily Advertiser*: 1. *The Joker*, printed upon one side of a small sheet and dated in pencil, 1845; 2. *The Humble Bee*, begun January 1, 1846, and completed in twenty-four numbers, June 23, 1846. Its motto was *Multum in parvo*, and terms three cents for four numbers, payable in advance; 3. *The Bee*, first issued July 9, 1846, and of which we have but the second, July 23, third, Sept. 21, and fourth, Oct. 1, numbers. Under the title there stands among the flowers a most attractive bee-hive, and below it the motto *Hinc . . . dulcia mella premes*. In the second issue of *The Humble Bee* we are reminded that the child is father to the man, not only by an original fable in the Latin tongue, but by reading therein "mind your own business, be temperate, take the *Humble Bee* and pay for it, and you will enjoy a happy life." Number 17 of Mr. Chase's second venture contains—in a poem by Clio, entitled "Worcester Continued"—a brief reference to this institution, as follows:

"Onward's the word which we must heed,
 And hasten now with greater speed
 Than has our footsteps marked of late,
 And, passing through that iron gate,
 A moment which we have to spare,
 Devote to things collected there:
 Some sixteen thousand books, or more,
 Of ancient and of modern lore,
 And pamphlets, manuscripts and maps,
 And heathen gods, and Indian caps,
 And bows and quivers, darts and spears,
 And relics of a thousand years;
 And portraits of the wise and great,
 Who've been revered in church and state,
 Are here arranged with care and skill,
 And wait the Antiquary's will,
 To be perused, or proudly shown
 By those who claim the Hall to own.

If you have read these volumes through!
Our journey we will now pursue."

In the final number of *The Humble Bee*, i.e., for June 23, 1846, under "Clio Concluded" we find—referring of course to the editor and printer—the following:

"Charlie, farewell! It grieves my heart,
To know that we so soon must part.
A moment stop and take a chair,—
Not in the current of the air,—
But on the sofa here with me;
I've many things to say to thee.
Incog. I've written, I confess,
And watched thee toiling at the *press*;
And seen thy fingers nimbly place
The *types* within the iron *chase*;
The ink was spread, the *sheet* was laid,
And the *impression* fairly made.
A flush was on thy youthful cheek,
Which spoke (or seemed to me to speak,)
In language which you might construe,
'See what a lad like *me* can do.'
And when I looked on thee again,
'T was hard my feelings to restrain.
The boy has triumphed now, I thought,
And as I turned my head, I caught
The joy that sparkled in thy eye,
When waiting for the *proof* to dry.

Charles, the voyage of life with thee
Is just begun. A distant sea
Awaits thee,—and upon its tide
This fragile bark of thine must ride;—
The little stream that bears thy boat,
Just large enough for it to float,
Is gentle now, and flowers are seen
To deck its banks of living green.
Anon, the stream becomes more wide,—
Thy bark is tossed, and now the tide
Begins to ebb, and then to flow;
Yet on, and on, thou still must go.
The rocks are here, the shoals are there,
And unseen dangers everywhere.
Trust not, my friend, while on this sea,
In *human* skill to pilot thee,
But in the arm of Him who said
'Behold! 't is I, be not afraid.'"

The Lilliputian, commenced by Boyden and Green on March 6, 1856, was continued by James Green, Jr., the younger brother of our councillor, Mr. Samuel S. Green. In his last issue, that of June 19, 1856, the discouraged editor and proprietor says: "We have often requested an increase of our subscription list. We are now glad that our request has not been granted; for as it is, we are well tired dunning our debtors; what should we do if we had more subscribers?"

The Philippic of 1876 suggests the name of its sole proprietor, Philip M. Washburn, now a faithful minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church; while *The Monohippic Gazette*, Ernest L. Thayer, editor, reminds one of his later work on *The Harvard Lampoon*. I will only add to these brief notes Mr. Thayer's farewell: "Friends, Countrymen and Seniors, may we all meet hereafter where there is nothing monohippic. Born September 20, 1880, died October 11 of the same year, after a brief but precocious existence."

The papers selected for notice were all controlled by boys who, as young men, were honorably graduated from Harvard College. It would be interesting to list the editors who, as members, have labored for the upbuilding of this Society. The name of our founder, Isaiah Thomas, and that of his friend, Benjamin Russell, will occur to you as charter members; and—not to refer to the living—I need only mention Christopher C. Baldwin, William Lincoln, Samuel F. Haven and Alexander H. Bullock as some of their worthy successors in the editorial chair.

Respectfully submitted.

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Givers and Gifts.

FROM MEMBERS.

- ANGELL, JAMES B., LL.D., Ann Arbor, Mich.—“University of Michigan. Quarter Centennial of the Presidency of James B. Angell, 1896.”
- BARTON, EDMUND M., Worcester.—“St. Andrew’s Cross,” and “Worcester’s Young Men,” in continuation; and two photographs.
- BARTON, WILLIAM SUMNER, Worcester.—Two pamphlets.
- BLISS, EUGENE F., Cincinnati, O.—Six Annual Reports of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio.
- BROCK, ROBERT A., Richmond, Va.—Virginia newspapers containing articles by him; and one pamphlet.
- BUTLER, JAMES D., LL.D., Madison, Wis.—His “British Convicts shipped to American Colonies.”
- CHASE, CHARLES A., Worcester.—Oxford Edition, 1885, of the Revised Version of the Holy Bible; and five pamphlets.
- CLARKE, ROBERT, Cincinnati, O.—“Nathaniel Massie, a Pioneer of Ohio. A sketch of his life.”
- DAVIS, ANDREW MCF., Cambridge.—Three of his essays on early banks and currency.
- DAVIS, HON. EDWARD L., Worcester.—Thirty-eight selected books; and ninety-four pamphlets.
- DAVIS, HON. HORACE, San Francisco, Cal.—His “Ancestry of John Davis and Eliza Bancroft”; one book; and two pamphlets.
- GILMAN, DANIEL C., LL.D., Baltimore, Md.—His “Recollections of the life of John Glenn”; his “Address at the Presentation of Thorwaldsen’s Statue of Christ to Johns Hopkins Hospital”; and one pamphlet.
- GREEN, HON. ANDREW H., *Chairman*, New York.—“Twelfth Annual Report of the Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara.”
- GREEN, HON. SAMUEL A., Boston.—Five of his own publications; nine books; one hundred and seventy-three pamphlets; two files of newspapers; one map; one photograph; one proclamation; and the “Journal of Numismatics,” as issued.
- GREEN, SAMUEL S., Worcester.—His “Report for 1895-96 as Librarian of the Free Public Library of Worcester.”
- GREENE, J. EVARTS, Worcester.—Two books; one hundred and fourteen pamphlets; and eleven photographs.

- GUILD, REUBEN A., LL.D., Providence, R. I.—His “Early History of Brown University, including the Life, Times and Correspondence of President Manning.”
- HARDEN, WILLIAM, Savannah, Ga.—The Charleston centennial medal.
- HOADLY, CHARLES J., LL.D., Hartford, Conn.—Four Connecticut proclamations.
- HOAR, HON. GEORGE F., Worcester.—Three of his own publications; a framed medallion of Bishop John Hooper; four bronze portrait medals of early date; a piece of the stone threshold of the Church at Delft Haven, near the spot where the Pilgrims embarked; twenty-four books; two hundred and sixty-five pamphlets; six files of newspapers; six old Gloucester seals; and material relating to the John Robinson Memorial Church.
- HOYT, ALBERT H., Boston.—His “Memorial sketch of Lucius Robinson Paige, D.D.”
- HUNTINGTON, Rev. WILLIAM R., D.D., New York.—“The Parish Year Book of Grace Church, New York, 1897.”
- JAMESON, J. FRANKLIN, Ph.D., Providence, R. I.—His “Dictionary of United States History, 1492-1895.”
- LEÓN, NICOLAS, Guadalupe, Mex.—One pamphlet.
- LORD, ARTHUR, Plymouth.—One newspaper file.
- MARSH, HON. HENRY A., Worcester.—Ten numbers of the “Newport Mercury,” 1764-1788; and three other early newspapers.
- MASON, EDWARD G., LL.D., Chicago, Ill.—His “Address at the New Home of the Chicago Historical Society.”
- MERRIMAN, Rev. DANIEL, D.D., Worcester.—One hundred and five pamphlets; and “The Nation,” in continuation.
- NELSON, HON. THOMAS L., Worcester.—Ten books; and one hundred and sixty pamphlets.
- NOURSE, HON. HENRY S., *Commissioner*, Lancaster.—“The Seventh Report of the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts.”
- PAINE, NATHANIEL, Worcester.—Twelve books; four hundred and twenty-one pamphlets; twenty-six engravings; and three files of newspapers, in continuation.
- PEET, STEPHEN D., Ph.D., Good Hope, Ill.—His “American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal,” as issued.
- PERRY, Rt. Rev. WILLIAM STEVENS, D.D., Davenport, Ia.—The “Iowa Churchman,” as issued.
- PORTER, Rev. EDWARD G., Dorchester.—One pamphlet.
- PUTNAM, FREDERIC W., Cambridge.—His “Tribute to Henry Wheatland”; and “Report of 1896 as Curator of the Peabody Museum.”
- ROGERS, HON. HORATIO, *Chairman*, Providence, R. I.—“Early Records of the Town of Providence.” Vol. XI.

SALISBURY, HON. STEPHEN, Worcester.—Sixty-four books; four hundred and sixty pamphlets; one photograph; one proclamation; and eleven files of newspapers, in continuation.

SHAW, ALBERT, Ph.D., New York.—Two pamphlets.

SMITH, WILLIAM A., Worcester.—One pamphlet.

SMYTH, Rev. EGBERT C., D.D., Andover.—Two pamphlets.

STEARNS, HON. EZRA S., Rindge, N. H.—“Dedication of the Sullivan Monument at Durham, September 27, 1894,” containing an introduction by Mr. Stearns; and “Roll of New Hampshire Men at Louisburg, Cape Breton, 1745.”

STEVENS, BENJAMIN F., *Editor*, London, Eng.—“Christopher Columbus, his Own Book of Privileges, 1502,” facsimile.

THWAITES, REUBEN G., Madison, Wis.—His “Annual Report 1896, as Secretary of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.”

UPHAM, HENRY P., St. Paul, Minn.—“The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents,” Vols. 1-4.

WHITNEY, JAMES L., Cambridge.—Three historical pamphlets.

WINSOR, JUSTIN, LL.D., Cambridge.—His “The Cabot Controversies and the Right of England to North America”; and his “Nineteenth Report as Librarian of Harvard University.”

WRIGHT, HON. CARROLL D., Washington, D. C.—Publications of the Department of Labor, as issued.

FROM PERSONS NOT MEMBERS.

ALDRICH, Mrs. P. EMORY, Worcester.—Eleven books; one hundred and fifty-two pamphlets; and one map.

AMERICAN TYPE FOUNDERS COMPANY, Philadelphia, Pa.—“One Hundred Years of MacKellar, Smiths and Jordan Foundry, 1796-1896.”

BAILEY, ISAAC H., New York.—The “Shoe and Leather Reporter,” as issued.

BANCROFT, Rev. CECIL F. P., *Moderator*, Andover.—“Report of the Proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Council, Lowell, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 16, 23, 1796.”

BARTON, Miss CLARA, Washington, D. C.—Her “Report of America’s Relief Expedition to Asia Minor under the Red Cross.”

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

BIGELOW, Mrs. JOHN W., Cambridge.—The “Blue Book of Cambridge, 1894”; and one pamphlet.

BLAKE, CHARLES C., Chicago, Ill.—Two pamphlets.

BLAKE, FRANCIS E., Boston.—His “Soldiers of the Revolution, Princeton, Mass.”

BOLTON, CHARLES K., Brookline.—His “Librarian’s Duty as a Citizen.”

- BROOKS, Rev. WILLIAM HENRY, D.D., *Secretary*, Boston.—Two Diocesan reports.
- BROUSSEAU, LEGER, Quebec, P. Q.—Numbers of "Le Courier du Livre."
- BROWN, FREEMAN, *Clerk*, Worcester.—"Report of the Board of Overseers of the Poor of Worcester, 1896."
- BROWNE, FRANCIS F., Chicago, Ill.—The "Dial," as issued.
- BURGESS, Rev. FRANCIS G., Worcester.—Fifty-three numbers of magazines; thirteen pamphlets; the "Spirit of Missions," in continuation; and two heliotypes.
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