

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

IT WAS a devoted member who said of our Society, "it seems to have been born with its eyes wide open." It has certainly, ever since its birth in 1812, favored coöperation in a large and helpful way, and its good name has thereby been spoken abroad. The fact of a membership limited to one hundred and forty in the United States, has given added interest to the position thus taken and held. For example, forty-four years ago, on September 10, 1853, the Council "voted that Samuel F. Haven, Esq., and Rev. Edward E. Hale be a committee to represent the Society at the National Convention of Librarians to be held at New York on the 15th day of September current; voted that the expenses of the aforesaid be paid by the Treasurer of the Society." Thus the American Antiquarian Society officially took part in the first conference of librarians ever held in this or any other country. Dr. Haven also favored the establishing of the American Library Association, of which he was a life-member, and was specially honored at the Boston and Cambridge conference of 1879. I submit for preservation the following letter:

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY,
Worcester, Mass., *September 30, 1876.*

To the Presiding Officer of the Library Conference.

Dear Sir: A combination of circumstances, partly personal, but more especially connected with official duties at home, renders it impracticable for me to attend the meeting of the librarians. I am also prevented from completing the paper I had, at short notice, proposed to offer, and am unwilling to present an imperfectly prepared essay to

such an audience. It would have afforded me great gratification to meet a fraternity of which I have the honor to be a member (now, I believe, one of the oldest), and to have partaken of the pleasures and advantages of the Conference. I must, however, leave that enjoyment to my younger associate, Mr. Edmund M. Barton, Assistant Librarian, who will represent the Library of the American Antiquarian Society, and extend its right hand of fellowship to other institutions. I beg permission to commend him as a most worthy member of our faculty.

Very faithfully yours,

SAMUEL F. HAVEN,

Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society.

At this Philadelphia Conference of 1876, your representative spoke briefly upon the preservation of pamphlet literature, the loss or mutilation of books, and the library value of duplicates. At the Lake George conference of 1885 he read a paper on "The Best Use of Duplicates"; and at the Milwaukee Conference of 1886 a paper on "The First Conference of American Librarians." It has been said that "No one who has watched the progress of the Public Library movement during the past twenty years can fail to appreciate the effect of the annual conferences of the American Library Association upon the zeal, efficiency and practical coöperation of the librarians of the United States." And this would seem to apply to libraries of a more or less private nature.

The librarians of the world have been brought into closer relations by the recent International Library Conference held in London on July 13-16, 1897, under the auspices of the Library Association of the United Kingdom. Thus, in the Victorian Jubilee Year, the coming of age of the A. L. A. was celebrated, not only in the city of its birth, but also with the L. A. U. K.—its child of twenty years—in the mother country. Our associate, Sir John Lubbock, was the President of this Second International Conference,

and our associate,¹ Dr. Justin Winsor, one of its Vice-Presidents. Two other members of the Society—Mr. James L. Whitney and your Librarian—were also active members of the Conference.

This is a reading age, "for better, for worse," and its citizens incline to say with Chaucer, "On books for to read I me delyte," or with Carnegie, "The really precious things of the world are its books." The custodian of a great library may well believe that it contains, to some extent at least, "the diary of the human race"; and for himself and his patrons, with Goethe, that "it is always good to know something"; and yet, possibly, with cynical Montaigne, that "nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know." It seems reasonable, however, that the librarian of today should have an abiding interest in everything which pertains to his chosen profession; its past, its present, and its future mission and methods.

The completion of the National Library building at Washington calls for a word of hearty congratulation from this national society, with an expression of the hope that it may soon be known the world over, not as the Library of Congress, but as the National Library—our *Bibliothèque Nationale*.

The question, "How came the Society the possessor of so much Mather material?" can best be answered from its printed record. In the "Communication to Members," October 14, 1814, under Articles presented to the Society, department, *Books*, we read: "Mrs. Hannah [Mather] Crocker of Boston, part of the remains of the ancient library formerly belonging to the Rev. Drs. Increase, Cotton and Samuel Mather (all deceased), value \$300.00." Immediately following this is the entry: "The President, the residue of the remains of the ancient library formerly belonging to the Rev. Drs. I., C. & S. Mather; and a

¹ Dr. Winsor died on October 22, 1897.

large number of other books ancient and modern, value \$1,312.50." Under *Manuscripts*, from Mrs. Crocker, the following: "Dr. Wilkinson's Sermons or Exposition of the Revelations of St. John. In eleven large 4to volumes, purchased in London by Dr. Increase Mather in 1691, cost at that time £10 sterling. Upwards of 900 single sermons written by the late Dr. S. Mather; several small volumes, being notes on sermons in the seventeenth and the beginning of the eighteenth century; Diaries of Drs. Increase and Cotton Mather; two treatises respecting the Pope's authority and mass, written in Fayal in 1682. And several other MS. books written about that time, with a number of original letters written in the last century to the Mathers by Dr. Watts and other ministers in England and elsewhere." Under *Various Articles*: "Arms of the Mather family in a small frame; and part of the tobacco box used by Sir Walter Raleigh and given by him to Gov. Phipps." In the "Address to Members," printed in March, 1819, we find the following credited to Mrs. Crocker, under *Books*: "Several volumes of the 17th and 18th centuries, and a number of pamphlets." Under *Manuscripts*: "Collections of Moral Observations &c. from Christian and Pagan writers, by Rev. Samuel Mather; Letter Book of the Rev. Cotton Mather, and his version of the Psalms; Journal of Rev. Increase Mather, President of Harvard College in 1685; 8 sermons by Rev. John Cotton of Boston and some sermons &c. by herself." (*sic.*) In the same group, under Isaiah Thomas, Esq., are acknowledged "A note book of Dr. Cotton Mather of Authors and Texts throughout the Bible; and Daily Observations by an author of the 17th century, not known." And finally under *Various Articles for the Cabinet, &c.*, we find the important entry: "Half length likenesses (taken when living) of Rev. Increase, Cotton and Samuel Mather of Boston; a small chair made in England in the reign of King James I. for Rich. Mather, afterwards minis-

ter of Dorchester, Mass." Continuous and reasonably successful efforts have been made to enrich the various departments of this ancient, interesting and valuable collection. Purchases at the Brinley and Cooke sales and with the Haven Fund in foreign and domestic markets, with occasional exchanges and gifts, have aided the undertaking.

The accessions for the past six months by gift were from three hundred and thirty-one sources—the largest number reported—namely, from forty-four members, one hundred and thirty-five persons not members, and one hundred and fifty-two societies and institutions. We received therefrom fifteen hundred and twenty books, thirty-seven hundred and ninety-two pamphlets, three bound and one hundred and sixty unbound volumes of newspapers, two hundred and eighty-eight manuscripts, one hundred and sixteen medals, ninety-five photographs, including six upon china, sixty-six lithographs, thirty-three maps, fourteen coins, fourteen broadsides and one seal. By exchange twenty-one books and twenty-one pamphlets; and from the bindery three volumes of newspapers; making the total receipts to October 15, fifteen hundred and fifty-three books, thirty-eight hundred and thirty-nine pamphlets, six bound and one hundred and sixty unbound volumes of newspapers, *etc.*

The second gift of our associate the Duc de Loubat is, like his first, of marked archaeological value. It is the first part of "Galérie Américaine du Musée d'Ethnographie du Trocadéro." The giver's relation to the work appears in the introduction by Dr. E. T. Hamy, dated Paris, 4 Juillet, 1897: "M. le duc de Loubat, dont tous les Américanistes apprécient le zèle éclairé pour l'étude des antiquités du Nouveau-Monde, vit un jour, sur une table de mon laboratoire, ce recueil dont je venais de montrer quelques pages à l'une de mes leçons. Il fut frappé de l'intérêt que présentait cet ensemble de planches où se trouvent rapprochés

des 'spécimens choisis entre les milliers d'objets des deux Amériques que possède le Trocadéro, et, avec le généreux enthousiasme qui le caractérise, il mit aussitôt à ma disposition les moyens nécessaires pour faire tirer le bel album que je présente aujourd'hui aux savants spéciaux."

The collection of indentures and business letters presented by Mr. Charles P. Bowditch has been placed in the manuscript room. Their historic value is indicated by the following letter addressed to Thomas Hancock relative to his nephew, John Hancock:—

London 14th July 1761.

Dear Sir

This goes by the hands of your Nephew Mr. John Hancock and pray God he may have a Safe voyage, and a happy meeting of yourself and all friends.— he has been very anxious for sometime, that he might have the happiness of that Event, but could not till now, meet with a favourable Opportunity, for a passage since the Spring Ships.—If his Expences while here, has been more, than you may have expected, I am sure you'l excuse it, for I can assure you, no Young Gentleman that I know off, from any part of America has laid it out with more Propriety and frugality, always keeping up such a Charracter, as was agreable to the Connections, you were pleased to grant him.—he is a very worthy well disposed young Gentleman, and despises the thing that is Mean and Low, and I doubt not he will be a Comfort both to you and M^{rs}. Hancock, I shall miss him greatly as will his acquaintance, but as it is for his good, we must all Submit, I shall always pray for his health & Welfare.

We are quite at an uncertainty as to Peace or Warr,—it is said France has not accepted of the Proposals we have made them, but will see the Event of this Campaign, hope it will be prosperous for us that we may have a good peace.

I hope this will meet you and M^{rs}. Hancock in a good state of Health,—Mine and my son John's Compliments and best Wishes attends you both—And am very respectfully, Dear Sir

Your most Obedient Serv^t.

JON^A BARNARD.

P. S.

I have duly recd your Obliging favour of the 21st may, being a copy of that of Cap^t. Mackay (who is not yet arrived) for which I thank you.

It will be remembered that in 1760 John Hancock, then a young man of twenty-three years, went to England, where he was present at the coronation of George III., and that upon the death of his uncle Thomas on August 1, 1764, he succeeded to his large fortune, as well as to his extensive business.

Hon. Samuel A. Green's gift includes not only his usual gift of Groton local history but the unusual gift of six pieces of china ware upon which are photographed seven of its public buildings. Prof. Edward A. Grosvenor sends his exhaustive History of Constantinople endorsed "To the American Antiquarian Society from their fellow member." Hon. Thomas L. Nelson has strengthened our valuable collection of Massachusetts Resolves; and Mr. Nathaniel Paine has carefully mounted the broadsides he has recently listed in the Society's Proceedings. The last gift of our lamented associate, Hon. Edward Lillie Pierce, is the second edition of his "Lillie Family of Boston, 1663-1896." President Salisbury has enriched our Spanish American department and made an interesting addition to our juvenile literature of a half-century ago.

On June 16, 1897, the following communication was received:

Hollis cor Tremont,
Boston, June 15, 1897.

To the Secretary of the American Antiquarian Society,
Worcester, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

The will of the late Rev. Dr. Caleb Davis Bradlee contains the following clause:

"I give all my books with the exception of such volumes as may be especially desired by my wife or daughter (not

exceeding sixty in number) to the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass."

The family have selected those which they desire and I wish to inform your society of the bequest and that the volumes are at the late home of Dr. Bradlee, "The Three Arches," Fisher Ave., Brookline.

Before making your arrangements for packing or sending for the books it would be well to call or communicate with Dr. Bradlee's son-in-law, Mr. Walter C. Smith, at the office of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Co., Ashburton Place, this city.

If you will kindly do this and then sign and return enclosed receipt, you will oblige

Very respectfully,

SAMUEL B. DOGGETT.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the President on June 20, 1897, receipted for the five hundred and thirteen volumes, which had been transferred under the personal direction of your Librarian. The books, which are many of them author's copies in fine condition, generally contain Dr. Bradlee's autograph. After placing a special book-plate in each, the volumes were distributed to their respective departments for use by the scholars of the present and the future. Rev. Dr. Bradlee, who was not a member, though a life-long friend, of the Society, was born in Boston on February 24, 1831, and died in Brookline, Massachusetts, on May 1, 1897.

A long sought tract has reached us through the estate of Miss Harriet E. Henshaw. It bears the following inscription in the handwriting of Rev. George Allen: "Found in the rag-bag of a junk shop in Worcester, and presented to Miss Harriet Henshaw, Leicester, Mass." Following is a line title: "A | Discourse, Delivered in Providence, | Upon the 25th. Day of July 1768 | at | The Dedication of the | Tree of Liberty, | From the Summer House in the Tree. | By a Son of Liberty. | Providence. | Printed and Sold by John Waterman, | At His Printing office, at the

Paper-Mill. | MDCCLXVIII." On the last page is the following instructive statement: "JOHN WATERMAN, The Printer hereof; GIVES Notice to his former good Customers and others, that he Continues to make all Sorts of Paper as usual, and that he sells the same at the Cheapest Rates for Cash. He also Carries on the Printing Business at his Office at the Paper-Mill, but intends shortly to remove his office into the most public Part of the Town, where he proposes to Extend the Business. The Public may depend upon his Fidelity, Care and Dispatch, in such Printing Work as they may Employ him about." The gift by Mrs. Edward Winslow Lincoln of a portion of the library of her late honored husband, again reminds us of the indebtedness of this Society to the Lincoln Family of Worcester. Manuscript and printed material received from Mrs. Ellen A. Stone, Mr. Charles H. Doe and the Spy Publishing Company has filled important gaps; Hon. Russell S. Taft has added to our early Vermont laws and registers, and Rev. Elbert W. Whitney to our collection of manuscript sermons. Mr. Wilson S. Tiffit has given the "Partial Record of the Descendants of John Tefft," in memory of Thomas A. Tefft of Providence, R. I., the architect of our main building; Mr. John J. Putnam his "Family History in the Line of Joseph Convers of Bradford, Mass.," "Presented to the American Antiquarian Society in remembrance of numerous attentions received from its Librarian and assistants"; and Messrs. Frank S. and Charles H. Pratt "Phineas Pratt and some of his Descendants." Mr. Richard M. Saltonstall writes to the Librarian on July 2, 1897: "I send by express a copy of the book entitled 'Ancestors and Descendants of Sir Richard Saltonstall, First Associate of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and Patentee of Connecticut,' which has been printed for private distribution. This book was prepared by my father, Mr. Leverett Saltonstall, with the coöperation and assistance of Mr. Henry Saltonstall of Boston and

Mr. F. G. Saltonstall of New York. Shortly after the completion of the manuscript the author, Mr. Leverett Saltonstall, died, and I have been looking after the publication of the book. It was the desire of the author that you should be furnished with a copy of the book, and I therefore take pleasure in forwarding the same to you at this time." We have received from the author "The New England Primer. A history of its origin and development with a reprint of the unique copy of the earliest known edition, and many facsimile illustrations and reproductions." It is inscribed "The American Antiquarian Society in return for the courtesy to Paul Leicester Ford."

The Worcester Free Public Library and the Worcester County Mechanics Association still supply for binding the bulk of representative current newspapers. One source of sixty years ago is indicated by the following in the Council Records, May 27, 1837: "Voted—That Mr. Fisher, the Librarian, be requested to purchase from the reading room files of the *National Intelligencer*, *National Gazette* and the *Albany Argus*, provided he can purchase them for the price of wrapping paper." The Duodecimos have presented their edition of "The Poems of Mrs. Anne Bradstreet, 1612-1672, together with her Prose Remains," for service rendered in its preparation for the press.

I note the death of J. Hammond Trumbull, LL.D., William Rice, D.D., and Frederick D. Stone, LL.D., three representative American librarians who for long years rendered distinguished service in the Connecticut State Library and the Watkinson Library, the Springfield City Library, and the library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, respectively.

At a meeting of the Council on October 22, 1895, it was "Voted, that the matter of revising the seal of the Society be referred to the Recording Secretary to report to the Council." It therefore seems timely to submit a few official notes relative to its history. The original drawing

was not only preserved but framed by our founder, who carefully wrote upon it in ink, "Drawing of the seal of the American Antiquarian Society, designed by I. Thomas and drawn by John R. Penniman, Boston." The records of the *Society* throw the following light upon the subject: October 24, 1814, "Voted, that the device for the seal of the Society prepared by the Committee appointed for the purpose, be accepted, and that Messrs. Snelling and Samuel J. Prescott be a Committee to get the same engraved on steel for the use of the Society." October 23, 1815. "The Committee on the subject of the seal reported progress." January 1, 1817. "The Committee on the subject of the seal reported progress and had further time allowed them to comply with their direction from the Society." April 15, 1818. "Mr. Snelling from the Committee on the subject of the Society's seal made report that it was impossible to have it executed, and at his suggestion it was voted that a copy of the device adopted by the Society be taken and transmitted to Mr. Burnside, the Corresponding Secretary at Worcester, to be sent by him to Mr. J. E. Bogert of New York, or some other member of the Society in that place, to be engraved in such manner as may be thought best, by the first artist in that city, on brass, silver or steel; the expense of which to be drawn from the Treasury of the Society." October 23, 1819. "The President has also presented, to be engraved at his own expense, a beautiful and appropriate Diploma and Seal for the use of the Society." Following are the three entries upon the subject from the *Council* records: September 26, 1832. "Voted, that the Librarian be requested to ascertain for what sum a seal of the Society, upon a reduced scale, can be obtained and to report to the Council." November 27, 1839. "Voted, that the Secretary be authorized to have the seal of the Society adapted to be used with the common sealing presses." And on March 31, 1847. "Voted, that the Librarian be authorized to procure paper to be

stamped for use." It does not appear who finally succeeded in making the plate for the seal, but it is clear from the Society record already quoted, that it was done under the energetic, personal direction of Dr. Thomas and at his charge. I suggest the addition of the year of our incorporation to the seal designed by our founder.

The gift by President Thomas of an engraved diploma plate has been referred to incidentally. This elaborate certificate was carefully described in the Librarian's Report of April, 1893, but its history and the occasion of its loss was not then known. It was said to have been burned, with a part of the edition of volume two of our *Archæologia Americana*, at the Stationers' Hall fire in Boston. The action of the Council on April 3, 1839, is, however, suggestive: "Voted, that the Librarian be requested to communicate with Mr. Pendleton of New York, and request him to return the Diploma Plate of the Society, or furnish another of equal value, or pay for the one lost." President Thomas L. Winthrop writes to William Lincoln, Domestic Corresponding Secretary, on April 20, 1839: "Mr. George H. Child, the person employed by me to search for the Society's plate and the blanks for diplomas prepared by Pendleton, has made no further discovery; he expresses strong doubt if the plate will be found. The Society will probably adopt some measure to compel Mr. Pendleton to furnish a new plate or to pay a reasonable sum for that which by his negligence has been lost." Mr. George Folsom of New York writes to Samuel F. Haven, Librarian, on May 31, 1839: "The Pendleton who was in Boston at the period referred to, now resides in Philadelphia. He has a brother here and is often here himself. I have several times inquired for him at his brother's, but as yet have not seen him. He is expected soon and I will apprise you of the result of my inquiries as soon as I find him." The search appears to have been unsuccessful, for on June 25, 1845, the Council "Voted, that the Librarian

and Recording Secretary be directed to procure a plate to be engraved for Diplomas." The action contemplated was not taken, and printed certificates varying in form and expression have been used ever since the disappearance of the copper plate. A Society book-plate has recently been prepared. It has our seal for its centre and the Society's name in antique type above, with space below the seal for the name of giver and date of gift. The design for the George E. Ellis book-plate has not yet been determined.

On the 20th of October, 1847, Edward Everett Hale of Worcester was by vote of the Council recommended for membership in the American Antiquarian Society, and on the 23d of the same month was duly elected. In closing this report I beg leave to tender him on the eve of his semi-centennial, an expression of our most affectionate regard. We may well couple with this the action of the Council ten years earlier, for on September 23, 1837, it was "Voted that the meeting now proceed to the choice of a Librarian and Cabinet Keeper—to enter upon the duties of his office not later than the first day of April next, to continue in office during the pleasure of the Council—chose Samuel F. Haven." The service which these two friends have rendered to this Society cannot be overstated.

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND M. BARTON,

Librarian.

Givers and Gifts.

FROM MEMBERS.

- BARTON, EDMUND M., Worcester.—Twenty pamphlets; and Worcester's Young Men and St. Andrew's Cross, in continuation.
- BOUTELL, LEWIS H., LL.D., Evanston, Ill.—His "Life of Roger Sherman."
- BOWDITCH, CHARLES P., Boston.—Two books; ninety-three parchment indentures; one hundred and nineteen autograph letters; and twenty-one miscellaneous manuscripts.
- BRINTON, DANIEL G., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.—Five of his own publications.
- BROCK, ROBERT A., Richmond, Va.—Virginia newspapers containing articles from his pen.
- BUTLER, JAMES D., LL.D., Madison, Wis.—His "Codfish: its Place in American History."
- CHASE, CHARLES A., Worcester.—Six books; eighteen pamphlets; three manuscripts; and various circulars.
- COLTON, REUBEN, Boston.—Three books; and two pamphlets.
- DAVIS, ANDREW MCF., Cambridge.—His tribute to Benjamin A. Gould; and his "The General Court and Land Bank Litigants."
- EDES, HENRY H., Cambridge.—"A Letter of Henry Dunster with Notes and Remarks" by Mr. Edes; and a tribute to J. Hammond Trumbull.
- FOSTER, WILLIAM E., Providence, R. I.—His Nineteenth Annual Report as Librarian of the Providence Public Library.
- GILMAN, DANIEL C., LL.D., Baltimore, Md.—His "A Study in Black and White"; and his Washington and Lee University Address, 1897.
- GREEN, HON. ANDREW H., *President*, New York.—His Thirteenth Annual Report on the State Reservation at Niagara.
- GREEN, HON. SAMUEL A., Boston.—Four of his own publications; fifteen books; one hundred and fifty-two pamphlets; six Groton souvenirs in china; thirteen manuscripts; thirty-three maps; six photographs; five lithographs; four broadsides; and the "American Journal of Numismatics," in continuation.
- GREENE, J. EVARTS, Worcester.—Two bound and ten unbound manuscripts.

- GROSVENOR, EDWIN A., Amherst.—His "Constantinople," in two volumes, royal octavo.
- HALE, REV. EDWARD E., D.D., Roxbury.—One hundred and forty-four pamphlets; and the United States Weather Bureau Maps for 1896-97, in continuation.
- HOAR, HON. GEORGE F., Worcester.—His "The Charge of Packing the Court against President Grant and Attorney-General Hoar Refuted"; forty-two books; nine hundred and fifty-three pamphlets; and six files of newspapers, in continuation.
- HOYT, ALBERT H., Boston.—One pamphlet.
- HUNTINGTON, REV. WILLIAM R., D.D., New York.—His "Facing the Evil Day," Baccalaureate Sermon, Columbia University, June 6, 1897.
- JAMESON, J. FRANKLIN, *Editor*, Providence, R. I.—Papers from the Historical Seminary of Brown University, No. VIII.
- LANGLEY, SAMUEL P., D.C.L., Washington, D. C.—His "Memoir of George Brown Goode, 1851-1896."
- LEA, HENRY CHARLES, LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.—His "Spanish Experiments in Coinage."
- LORD, ARTHUR, Plymouth.—His Speech at the 91st Anniversary Celebration of the New England Society in the City of New York, 1896.
- LOUBAT, DUC DE, New York.—"Galerie Américaine du Musée Ethnographie du Trocadéro."
- LOVE, REV. WILLIAM DELOSS, JR., Ph.D., Hartford, Conn.—"List of Names on the Grave Stones in the Centre Burying Ground, Hartford, Conn."
- MEAD, EDWIN D., Boston.—Three pamphlets.
- MOORE, CLARENCE B., Ph.D., Philadelphia, Pa.—His "Certain Aboriginal Mounds of the Georgia Coast."
- NELSON, HON. THOMAS L., Worcester.—Various Resolves of the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts, October, 1776—June, 1790; Early Records of the Town of Providence, Vols. XII. and XIII.; and two books.
- NOURSE, HON. HENRY S., Lancaster.—His "History of the Origin of Clinton."
- PAINÉ, NATHANIEL, Worcester.—Ten books; two hundred and thirty-two pamphlets; two manuscripts; one photograph; and three files of newspapers, in continuation.
- PEET, REV. STEPHEN D., Ph.D., Good Hope, Ill.—His "American and Oriental Journal," as issued.
- PIERCE, EDWARD L., LL.D., Milton.—His "Major John Lillie, 1755-1801. The Lillie Family of Boston, 1663-1896."
- PORTER, REV. EDWARD G., Dorchester.—His "Remarks suggested by a tablet at Rome commemorative of S. F. B. Morse."

- ROGERS, HORATIO, *Commissioner*, Providence, R. I.—“Early Records of the Town of Providence.” Vols. XII. and XIII.
- SALISBURY, HON. STEPHEN, Worcester.—Seventy-seven books; two hundred and thirty-nine pamphlets; one photograph; and seven files of newspapers, in continuation.
- SMITH, CHARLES C., Boston.—His Annual Report for 1896 as Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society.
- TAFT, HENRY W., Pittsfield.—Fifteen printed sermons of early date.
- UPHAM, HENRY P., St. Paul, Minn.—“The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents,” Vols. V.-VIII., in continuation.
- WINSOR, JUSTIN, LL.D., Cambridge.—His “Baptista Agnese and American Cartography in the 16th Century”; and his paper on the Surrender of the Bradford Manuscript.
- WRIGHT, HON. CARROLL D., *Commissioner*, Washington, D. C.—His Annual Report for 1895-96.

FROM PERSONS NOT MEMBERS.

- ACLAND, SIR HENRY, Oxford, England.—His “History of the Oxford Museum.”
- APPLETON, DANIEL, AND COMPANY, New York.—“The Monthly Bulletin,” as issued.
- BAILEY, ISAAC H., *Editor*, New York.—The “Shoe and Leather Reporter,” as issued.
- BARRETT, SAMUEL D., Providence, R. I.—Six silver and copper coins; seven reproductions of coins, and one hundred and sixteen of medals.
- BARROWS, HON. SAMUEL J., Boston.—His “A Tariff on Education.”
- BARTON, MISS LYDIA M., Worcester.—“The Association Record,” in continuation.
- BECK, JAMES M., Philadelphia, Pa.—Three of his addresses.
- BENT, SAMUEL A., Boston.—His “The Wayside Inn, its History and Literature.”
- BERRY, BENJAMIN J., Lynn.—Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Harvard University, 1813.
- BIRD, MRS. ANNA C., East Walpole.—One hundred and seventy-four State and National documents.
- BIRNEY, WILLIAM, New York.—“James G. Birney and his Times,”
- BOSTON BOOK COMPANY.—Numbers of “The Bulletin of Bibliography.”
- BOWDITCH, NATHANIEL INGERSOLL, HEIRS OF.—Deed of Samuel Bellingham and Elizabeth, his daughter, to Judge S. Sewall; and a type-written copy of the same.
- BOWKER, RICHARD R., New York.—One pamphlet.

- BRADLEE, REV. CALEB DAVIS, D.D., BEQUEST OF.—Five hundred and thirteen selected volumes.
- BROOKS, REV. WILLIAM H., D.D., *Secretary*, Boston.—Journal of the Annual Meeting of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, 1897.
- BROWN, FRANCIS F., *Editor*, Chicago, Ill.—“The Dial,” as issued.
- BRYANT, H. WINSLOW, Portland, Me.—Two pamphlets.
- BURGESS, REV. FRANCIS G., Worcester.—Twelve books; eighty-two pamphlets; four photographs; and the “Spirit of Missions,” in continuation.
- BURTON, CHARLES M., Detroit, Mich.—His “Account of the Original Order Book of Gen. Winchester”; and two pamphlets.
- CANFIELD, MRS. PENELOPE L., Worcester.—Three books; eleven pamphlets; and one photograph.
- CARPENTER AND MOREHOUSE, Amherst.—Numbers of the “Amherst Record,” to complete file.
- CHEEVER, The Misses, Worcester.—“The Hawaiian Gazette” for 1896-97.
- CHICKERING, JOSEPH K., New Haven, Conn.—Twenty pamphlets; and various circulars.
- CLARK, REV. GEORGE F., West Acton.—The “New York Voice,” and “Woman’s Journal,” in continuation.
- CRAWFORD, Lord, Wigan, England.—“List of his Manuscripts, Printed Books and Examples of Bookbinding Exhibited to the American Librarians on their visit to Haigh Hall.”
- CURRY, J. L. M., *Secretary*, Baltimore, Md.—Proceedings of the John F. Slater Fund for the Education of Freedmen, 1897.
- DEMENIL, ALEXANDER N., St. Louis, Mo.—The “Hesperian,” as issued.
- DIMOCK, Miss SUSAN W., *Compiler*, Coventry, Conn.—“Births, Marriages, Baptisms and Deaths, Coventry, Ct., 1711-1844.”
- DODGE, JAMES H., *Auditor*, Boston.—His Report for 1896-97.
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