

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

By AUTHORITY of the Commonwealth, the County Commissioners of the County of Worcester are soon to expend about three hundred thousand dollars on the Court Hill property which adjoins this Society's land upon the south. According to the accepted plan more than one-third of the present open space-way between the old Court House and Antiquarian Hall will be covered, and we shall thereby lose both light and air. An increase of light might perhaps be secured by the whitening of our inner walls and ceilings and by painting the woodwork in as light a color as possible. Fifty years ago—on March 29, 1848, five years before the present hall was occupied—it was by the Council voted "That the Librarian be authorized to have his room papered and whitewashed." Fifty years hence the new housing of our treasures will have been completed by our successors. We have sufficient space for the present but must soon face the requirements of the future. Our attic hall may be turned into a stack room and a second gallery with a third tier of shelving may be placed in the main hall, but it is not easy to see where further extensions can be made.

Local interest in historical studies, and more particularly in colonial literature, has been quickened the past winter by the formation of adult classes in Worcester under competent teachers. At the close of the term it was our privilege to receive instructor and pupils at the library, and to exhibit many of the original authorities to which reference had been made. The advantages of rendering such service have already proved reciprocal.

In the librarian's report of last April reference was made to the first Maine imprint. Further light obtained by our associate, Hon. Joseph Williamson, in the preparation of his monumental work on the Bibliography of Maine, indicates that "the first Maine book was printed in 1786." See letter of 22 October, 1897, from H. Winslow Bryant, Librarian of the Maine Historical Society, in our library file.

The Ellis book-plate is now ready for books purchased and to be purchased with the Ellis Fund. Its design is simple but effective. In its centre, within a shield, appears Vinton's three-quarter length, sitting portrait, while slightly overlapping the upper portion of the shield is the Society's seal with the date of incorporation—1812—upon one of the temple steps. Above this, in antique type, in a graceful, curved line, is American Antiquarian Society. Upon a triple scroll below the shield appears the legend, Rev. Geo. E. Ellis, D.D. Born Aug. 8, 1814. Died Dec. 20, 1894; and beneath, From the George E. Ellis Fund.

The Committee of Publication has also procured a new book-plate for general use. The design is the dated seal of the time-honored Society in the midst of a very thrifty growth of young branches. In a straight line above, appears American Antiquarian Society, and in two lines below, The Gift of, with spaces for name, place and date. The whole suggests both age and activity.

Since the last report, gifts have been received from three hundred and twenty-three sources, namely, from thirty-six members, one hundred and forty-three persons not members, and one hundred and forty-four societies and institutions. We acknowledge from these sources seven hundred and seventeen books, forty-four hundred and eighty-four pamphlets, two bound and one hundred and seventy-four unbound volumes of newspapers, five bound and ninety-one unbound manuscripts, sixteen photographs, seven

broad-sides, six maps, three book-plates, one badge and one desk; by exchange eighty-six books and forty-three pamphlets; and from the bindery thirty-eight volumes of magazines; making the total accessions for six months, eight hundred and forty-one books; forty-five hundred and twenty-seven pamphlets; two bound and one hundred and seventy-four unbound volumes of newspapers, *etc.*

The recent purchases by the Isaac and Edward L. Davis Book Fund have been of works relating to South rather than to Central America. In general, during the thirty years' existence of this invaluable fund, we have preferred to cover "that portion of North America lying south of the United States" as required by the original letter of gift. The privilege of extending our southern limit to Cape Horn was given at the request of your present librarian. Its wisdom was emphasized when our Venezuelan material was used for the benefit of the late Arbitration Commission. The show-cases in the main hall were placed the same year that the Davis Alcove was established. Attention was effectually called to the new Spanish American department by exhibiting therein some of its rarities, and gifts to it were thereby suggested.

Vice-President Hoar, referring to his gifts of Banker's Weekly Circulars and kindred material, truly says: "they give an account of the markets, of stocks and of future prospects for investors, and are thus among the best possible material for future investigators of our financial history." Senator Hoar, like his distinguished predecessor Charles Sumner, has always carefully preserved for us the mass of pamphlet, periodical and circular literature which finds its way to the senatorial desk and thence usually to the waste-basket. Even the most common of such ephemeral publications, when chronologically arranged, exhibits in a marked degree the spirit of the times. I need not specify the recent gifts of our associate, Dr. Joseph F. Loubat, as they are acknowledged in detail in

the list of givers and gifts. They are of the same high order as those heretofore received. In this connection, however, we congratulate both receiver and giver on the establishing of "The Gaillard-Loubat Library Endowment Fund" of Columbia University. Referring to this gift of productive property valued at more than a million dollars, the chairman of the University Board of Trustees says: "the Loubat donation, with the million dollars given by President Low to construct the present library building as a memorial to Mr. Low's father, will place the library on an independent basis forever." The gifts of our associate, the Hon. Thomas L. Nelson, continued through nearly twenty years. While he was well known as the able lawyer and the upright judge, he had also some of the best qualities of the best librarian. As a member of the Board of the Worcester County Law Library Association he sought far and near, material with which to enrich their fine collection of Massachusetts journals, laws and resolves. His latest gifts to us were in this direction. His friends, the Rev. Dr. Lucius R. Paige, Hon. Charles Devens and your librarian, entered the Society with him in October, 1878. By Mr. Nathaniel Paine's recent use of his camera in our behalf, we have been reminded of photography as a bibliographical as well as an historical aid.

Mrs. J. Hammond Trumbull has sent us Dr. Trumbull's manuscript dictionary to Eliot's Indian Bible, in four volumes, quarto, and his interleaved copy of our List of Ante-Revolutionary Publications. They are practically the gift of our late distinguished associate. It is quite probable that his determination to place his dictionary here was made as early as October, 1873, when he read his paper upon "The Origin and Early Progress of Indian Missions in New England." When wisely asked by President Salisbury if the glossary of words used by Eliot in his Indian Bible was ready for the press, he replied, "it is ready." The precious gift of the Indian material was

accompanied by the following: "To the American Antiquarian Society of Worcester, Massachusetts, as a testimonial to the high esteem in which the members of this Society were held by the author, and in accordance with the wishes of the late James Hammond Trumbull these volumes are respectfully transmitted by Mrs. Sarah F. Trumbull, Hartford, Connecticut, November 15th, 1897." In the interleaved copy of our list of Pre-Revolutionary publications—which contains his copious notes—appears in ink "Presented to The American Antiquarian Society by J. H. Trumbull," while in parenthesis below he has thoughtfully written in pencil "post mortem." It is therein evident that he gave us the benefit of his ample knowledge of early American imprints, up to the last of his working days, and we are grateful accordingly.

The Rev. Francis G. Burgess has sent from Florence a cut—with a description of it—of a recently discovered fresco in All Saints Church of that city. In the letter of gift he writes: "Vassari, the old art historian, speaks of such a fresco, but for three centuries all traces of it had been lost. It is called '*La Madonna Della Misericordia.*' It was found on the wall behind a large framed painting, above one of the side altars of the nave. It presents Amerigo Vespucci with some of his relatives, this altar having belonged to the Vespucci family. A. V. is the round faced, black haired, young fellow next to the Virgin, under her right arm. The painter was the famous Domenico Ghirlandajo. He and A. V. were each a little over eighteen years old at the time. In this old *piazza* [*Santa Maria Novella*] Florence held her fête to welcome A. V. home again from his voyage across the Atlantic. And this spring Florence is to have a combined celebration of the anniversaries of that event and of the martyrdom of Savonarola."

Accompanying a gift from Houghton, Mifflin and Company is a letter containing the following paragraph:

"We take pleasure in sending you, with our compliments, a copy of the new illustrated edition of Dr. Fiske's *Critical Period of American History*. We appreciate your courtesy and assistance in securing a number of the illustrations." Mr. Waldo Lincoln presents his "*Four Generations of the Waldo Family in America*," endorsed "with thanks for many courtesies."

Mrs. Eliza W. Lippitt of Washington, D. C., has presented manuscripts chiefly relating to the life and labors of Rev. Dr. Samuel Gilman of Charleston, S. C. Dr. Gilman was graduated at Harvard University in 1811. The following scrap in his handwriting suggests some of the "college requirements" of the first decade of the nineteenth century.

NECESSAIRE.

<i>Stationary.</i>	<i>Dressing.</i>	<i>Conveniencies.</i>
Bunch quills	Comb	Tooth pick
Penknife	Hair-brush	Dust brush
2 Qrs Paper	Clothes brush	Needle & thread
Book knife	Razors	Scissors
Sealing-wax	Shave box	Screw-driver
Box wafers	Shoe brushes	Hone
Seal	Shaving dipper	Bootjack
Ink-stand	Pomatum	Waste-paper
Lead pencil	Pins	Twine
Rule	Sponge	Ink-jug
	Soap	Decanters
	Tumbler	Wine-glasses
	Toothbrushes	Knife & fork
	Toothpowder	Plates
		Towels
		Tinder-box & matches
		Candle & sticks
		Baize brush

Mr. Henry F. Stedman has added to our Mather collection Increase Mather's "*Meditations on the Glory of the Heavenly World*," which consists of three sermons continuously pagged. The preface contains the following quaintly expressed historical paragraph: "These Sermons were Pluckt out of the Burning; when Seven Book-sellers

Shops in Boston were Consumed in those Flames which on the Second of this Instant *October*, made a dismal Desolation in the Midst of this Great Town.”

The following letter relates to the gift which accompanied it:

SOMERVILLE, N. J., *Dec. 1, 1897.*

EDMUND MILLS BARTON, Esq.

Dear Sir:—I have this day sent to the American Antiquarian Society a photograph of the house occupied by Washington as a headquarters from about December 1st to June 1st, 1778-1779 (with the exception of the time he was in Philadelphia), together with a pamphlet showing proceedings of the Revolutionary Memorial Society of New Jersey at various meetings, and affidavits, statements, extracts, &c., proving the authenticity of its occupation. You may remember that in September last (on 15th, 16th and 17th), I was in the library endeavoring to find in the files of the newspapers of 1778-1779, some mention of the house being occupied by Washington. I failed to find it, through the files of *Rivington's Royal Gazette*, which was published at New York during the war, being incomplete for that period.

One of our trustees, Mr. James J. Bergen, found in the library of the New York Historical Society a file of that paper, and in its issue of December 19th, 1778, found an item which gave the house as the headquarters of Washington. The extract is printed on page 33 of the pamphlet issued by the Revolutionary Memorial Society of New Jersey, which I send you with the photograph of the house. The property was owned by the Wallaces, then by the Millers (and they owned it up to within ten or fifteen years ago, I think), then by the Meehans, then Coopers, and now by the Revolutionary Memorial Society of New Jersey. Some of the affidavits speak of the house as the Wallace house and others speak of it as the Miller house. It is the same place, some of the people only knowing, or thinking of it, as belonging to the Millers.

The finding of the item of news in reference to the use of the house by Washington, satisfied those few who thought there should be documentary proof of it that Washington had lived there. We have quite a number of interesting historical articles together with some furniture of the period. We expect to have more furniture next year, and when the house is properly fitted up it will be a very interesting place.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.

Mrs. Justin Winsor has presented, with Dr. Francis G. Peabody's memorial address, a copy of her husband's last work: "The Westward Movement, the Colonies and the Republic West of the Alleghanies, 1763-1798." It is happily dedicated to an eminent English librarian who has shown great kindness to his American brethren; namely, "To Sir Henry W. Dyke Acland, Bart., at Great Malvern, Worcestershire, August 8, 1897." I couple with this an early English tribute to the work of the lad of eighteen who later became one of America's distinguished librarians. In calling attention to the recently printed History of Duxbury, Massachusetts, the Rev. Joseph Hunter in his "Founders of New Plymouth" says: "This work of Mr. Winsor is a remarkable proof of the fondness of the people of New England for genealogical research. Our English books of topography are sometimes censured for the minuteness of their detail and for being overloaded with genealogical matter. But we have no book which can compare in these respects with the History of Duxbury, and future generations will most certainly estimate as they deserve the labour and research of its author."

We have received from the Lowell City Library, volume V. of the publications of The Old Residents' Association of Lowell. The concluding article therein is by Mr. Zina E. Stone, for many years its Secretary, upon the Origin and History of the Association for twenty-five years, to the end of the year 1893. Special attention is called to this association, which is thought to be unique in its character and history as well as in its name. Mr. Stone's closing suggestions are both pertinent and practical. He says: "The good work which this association has accomplished in twenty-five years, one may hope, is to be followed by vastly more, of wider scope and higher purpose. Is there not in this organization the germ of an historical society in Lowell which shall eventually have ownership in a substantial edifice bearing its name, with halls for its meetings

and for public use, apartments for its library, and ample room for its historic, literary and art accumulations, and which shall likewise be an honor and an ornament to our fair city? So grand a thing may not be consummated in the life time of any inhabitant of Lowell today for life is short and time is fleeting; but may it not be among the probabilities now foreshadowed?"

We acknowledge the publications of the New York Public Library and extend our congratulations upon the prospective library home as well as upon the simple but suggestive name which it is to bear. New York is now in line with Boston, Chicago and other leading cities and towns which discard The Free Library, Free Public Library, Public (Free) Library and Town Library, for the shorter yet more inclusive form of Public Library. We speak of public parks, public woods, public baths, *etc.*, as well as of public libraries, all which are free, but under certain very real restrictions. This subject, which was treated in your librarian's report of October, 1886, is one in which our national membership has shown a helpful interest.

An appeal is made to fellow-librarians to unite in an earnest effort to check the close trimming of books, and more particularly of newspapers, at the bindery. There is no longer the war-time inducement of high values in paper stock. Societies which attempt to preserve the details of American history should allow no removal of covers or advertisements. Our experience suggests that it is hardly possible to be too inclusive in such a matter, though the disposition to select is most natural. Even our careful founder, who was both binder and printer, stripped the covers from his own copy of the *Worcester Weekly Magazine*, which was the octavo substitute for his *Massachusetts Spy*, March, 1786, to April, 1788, while advertisements were taxed. Some of these covers have been secured and inserted in our four volumes. They contain lists of "Letters remaining in the Post Office at Worces-

ter," and other eighteenth-century items of marked historical interest.

An urgent request to the printer as well as to the binder is quite in order. Not only is the year omitted from many ephemeral publications—though the day of the week and of the month be carefully given—but in many town documents the name of the State is frequently not to be found either on title-page or by internal evidence. A glance at the *United States Postal Guide* will show the rapidly increasing number of towns of the same name, and will farther suggest the importance of more light for the modern indexer.

I suggest not only to librarians but to other careful but sometimes weary examiners of book-sale catalogues, an occasional study of their humorous side. The following paragraphs are from a European catalogue which lies upon my desk as I write: "From the annexed lists of works reduced in price a greater quantity is *gratuitously* to your disposal. When ordering, please state precisely, which number you wish of each division, respectively science."

The domestic correspondence of a society like our own is a many-sided study, in which there is an occasional bit of humor. A recent letter from afar, which cannot possibly be answered to the entire satisfaction of the writer, contains the following paragraph: "Now if you would kindly inform me where I can write James Savage I may obtain all the information necessary, as he has revised John Winthrop's History of New England concerning daily events in Massachusetts." Savage, as we know, was born on July 13, 1784, was graduated at Harvard in 1803, and died on March 3, 1873, in his eighty-ninth year.

In Mr. Nathaniel Paine's list of the publications of the Society—issued with Mr. Stephen Salisbury, Jr's., Partial Index to the first series of the Proceedings of the Society, number 13 is a "Circular Letter to Governors of the States, asking for State Documents for the Library, 1838."

It bears no name and no date—though ordered in 1838 and doubtless addressed and signed by the Recording Secretary—is printed on a large quarto page, and as the edition was probably limited to about the number of State and territorial governments of the time, it has long been out of print. As it is to be found in but few sets of the Society's publications it might well be reprinted in a small edition. It is also thought best, after sixty years, to embody the matter in the present report for wider preservation as well as for general information :

“TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF

“The Council of the American Antiquarian Society deem no apology necessary while inviting the attention of individuals or public authorities to an object of such common interest and utility as the collection and preservation of materials for the future histories of our country. The Acts and Journals of Legislative bodies, together with the Reports and Statistical papers published under their direct sanction, constitute, of course, the most authentic source of historical information. It is therefore of special importance, that a complete and perfect series of these documents, should be lodged in some permanent and secure place of deposit, where, in connection with other works equally necessary to the historian, they may be kept in a condition for ready and convenient consultation. To provide such a place, and to gather into it the fleeting memorials of past and present times, is the purpose for which The American Antiquarian Society was instituted. This establishment is *National* in its design, and was formed upon the most liberal and comprehensive principles. It is composed of persons of character and reputation scattered over every portion of our land ; and such members and correspondents have been selected in other countries as are best able, and most likely, to take an active interest in the promotion of its objects. To facilitate its operations, an Act of Incorporation was obtained from the Legislature of Massachusetts in 1812. Since that period, by the liberality of a private individual, (the late Isaiah Thomas,) a commodious

and substantial brick edifice, secured by its position, and the mode of construction, from the dangers of fire has been erected in the town of Worcester, and presented to the Society. A large collection of valuable books and manuscripts, was contributed by the same hand, and at his decease, in 1831, he bequeathed a respectable fund for the support of a stated Librarian, and for the incidental expenses necessarily connected with the charge of a public and constantly increasing library.

“Thus this Institution, besides being the only one in America established on so broad a basis, is already placed upon a foundation that must secure its permanence and utility.

“The Library now contains more than twelve thousand volumes, many of them of great rarity and value. There is also a Cabinet of interesting and curious relics, illustrating the arts, the habits and customs of the aborigines, and of our own ancestors. As it is a rule, that no book shall be carried from the building, the historical inquirer may be sure to find on the spot, and ready for examination, every volume named in the catalogue. In other respects, the Library is in the fullest sense, at all times, open to the public, with every convenience provided for prolonged research or incidental observation.

“The funds of the Society being chiefly appropriated to specific purposes, the general growth of the Library is dependent, first upon the exertions of the Librarian in procuring by gift, or exchange for duplicate volumes in the Society’s collections, such productions as are embraced in the design of the Institution—and, secondly upon the liberal donations which authors and public bodies are disposed to make of their publications. The additions from these sources have hitherto been of the most gratifying character, both as to number and worth, and it is believed they will continue to increase, as the object of the association becomes better understood, and its reputation more extended. In the year 1814 the Congress of the United States passed a resolution directing that a copy of the public Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, and of the Documents published under the orders of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, be transmitted to the Executive of the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts for the use and benefit of the American Antiquarian Society. This example has since been followed to a greater or less extent by individual States, though the intended gifts have not in all cases as yet been received. The Government of Great Britain, has also presented a set of the numerous volumes printed under the direction of His Majesty's Commission on the public records.

"Encouraged by these facts, and anxious that such important collections should lose none of their value by remaining incomplete, the Council of the Society venture to suggest whether a copy of *all* the publications authorized and promoted by legislative acts, including Judicial decisions, might not, consistently with the design of general utility in which they originate, be committed to their keeping. Hitherto many of the grants have been less extensive than was probably intended by the States themselves. Some, omitting the past, relate only to the present and future, and all, excepting that of Massachusetts, admit of a limited construction.¹ It is very desirable that the collection should be so perfect as to constitute an entire history of legislation and of judicial progress in our country. Topographical, Agricultural, Geological and other Surveys, and also Plans and Maps, are, not less than other public operations, landmarks in the course of history which it is important to have brought together and preserved in their appropriate place.

"It is respectfully requested, that the subject may, at a proper time, be laid before the Legislature of the State over which you preside, and that information of the result may be communicated to the Society."

In closing I venture to make my own, three paragraphs from a circular issued on December 15th, 1862, by our

¹ The Act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, passed Feb. 27, 1815, is as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

"*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively, be authorized and directed to furnish the President of the American Antiquarian Society, or his order, for the use and benefit of said Society, with two copies of each and all the publications, whether the same be bound or unbound, the property of this Commonwealth, which they may now have, or which they may hereafter have, or which may be made henceforth by each branch of the Legislature; provided a sufficient number be reserved in all such cases for the use of the government."

late associate, Dr. William Frederick Poole, then librarian of the Boston Athenæum. I need hardly remind you that he showed the same inclusive spirit whether collecting for the Athenæum, the Cincinnati Public Library, the Chicago Public Library or the Newberry Library. Dr. Poole said, in part: "The Librarian informs the Proprietors and friends of the Athenæum that donations of miscellaneous pamphlets and tracts will be very acceptable at this time, when in consequence of the small supply of paper stock, families are solicited to dispose of their pamphlets for the paper-mills. Unless preserved in public libraries, many of the publications of the day will not be found when they are needed to illustrate the history of the times. It has been the policy of the Athenæum from its foundation, to collect and preserve a copy of *every* pamphlet and tract printed: and its collection (now systematically arranged and accessible) is one of the largest and most valuable in the country. It is desirable to increase it, and particularly to obtain every document that shall show to posterity 'the very age and body of the time.' To this end no publication is unimportant." I will only add that it has also been the policy of *this* venerable, national society to gather freely the literature of the past and of the present, leaving to posterity the responsibility of keeping, pruning, distributing, exchanging or destroying what it has been our glad mission to collect.

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND M. BARTON,

Librarian.

Gibers and Gifts.

FROM MEMBERS.

- BARTON, EDMUND M., Worcester.—Eighteen numbers of magazines; and two photographs.
- BUTLER, JAMES D., LL.D., Madison, Wis.—His "Account of the birthday of Madison, Wisconsin"; and one newspaper.
- CHASE, CHARLES A., Worcester.—Twenty-two pamphlets.
- DAVIS, ANDREW MCF., Cambridge.—"Money the Sinews of Trade," an 1880 reprint of the rare original of 1731.
- DAVIS, Hon. EDWARD L., Worcester.—Eight books; one hundred and forty-seven pamphlets; and one photograph.
- DAVIS, Hon. HORACE, San Francisco, Cal.—His "Political Status of California as determined by Election Statistics."
- DEXTER, FRANKLIN B., New Haven, Conn.—"Record of Births. Marriages and Deaths in Sharon, Conn."
- EAMES, WILBERFORCE, New York.—Twenty-one pamphlets relating to the Lenox Library.
- GAGE, THOMAS H., M.D., Worcester.—Eight books; and thirty pamphlets.
- GILMAN, DANIEL C., LL.D., Baltimore, Md.—Three of his own productions.
- GREEN, Hon. ANDREW H., New York.—Gibbon's "A Political Crime. The History of the Great Fraud."
- GREEN, Hon. SAMUEL A., Boston.—Three of his own publications; eight books; three hundred and six pamphlets; sixteen manuscript sermons; one map; one proclamation; and the "American Journal of Numismatics," as issued.
- GREENE, J. EVARTS, Worcester.—A Fifteenth Massachusetts Regiment Association badge.
- HALE, Rev. EDWARD E., D.D., Roxbury.—United States Weather Bureau Maps, in continuation.
- HOADLY, CHARLES J., LL.D., Hartford, Conn.—Two proclamations.
- HIGGINSON, THOMAS WENTWORTH, LL.D., Cambridge. — His "Cheerful Yesterdays."
- HOAR, Hon. GEORGE F., Worcester.—His "Tribute to Gen. Francis A. Walker"; fifteen books; six hundred and thirty-one pamphlets; ten files of newspapers in continuation; and one photograph.

LEÓN, Dr. NICOLAS, Guadalupe, Mexico.—Two of his own publications; and one pamphlet.

LOUBAT, JOSEPH F., LL.D., New York.—Donoill's "Histoire de la Participation de la France à l'Établissement des États-Unis D'Amérique," five vols., small folio, Paris, 1886-1892; "Raccolta di Documenti e Studi pubblicate della R. Commissione Colombiana." Vol. 1, Parts 1-6. Vol. 2, Parts 1-5. Vol. 3, Parts 1, 2, 5. Small folio, Rome, 1892; "Le Duc de Loubat, 1831-1894"; and Hamy's "Galerie Américaine du Musée d'Ethnographie du Trocadéro." Part 2.

MERRIMAN, Rev. DANIEL, D.D., Worcester.—Four books; three hundred and three pamphlets; and "The Nation," in continuation.

PAINE, NATHANIEL, Worcester.—His "Biographical Sketch of Benson John Lossing, LL.D.,"; his "List of Early American Broad-sides," illustrated; two hundred and thirty-one pamphlets; three files of newspapers in continuation; and four photographs.

PEET, STEPHEN D., Ph.D., Good Hope, Ill.—His "American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal," as issued.

PERRY, Rt. Rev. WILLIAM STEVENS, D.C.L., Davenport, Iowa.—Seven of his publications; three pamphlets; and one broadside.

PORTER, Rev. EDWARD G., Dorchester.—His "Cabot Celebrations, 1497-1897"; and three pamphlets.

PUTNAM, FREDERIC W., S.D., Cambridge.—His "Report for 1896-7 of The Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology."

SALISBURY, Hon. STEPHEN, Worcester.—Twenty books; five hundred and fifty-two pamphlets; fifteen files of newspapers, in continuation; and one proclamation.

SMITH, CHARLES C., Boston.—His "Memoir of John Amory Lowell, LL.D.,"; and his report of 1898 as Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

SMYTH, Rev. EGBERT C., D.D., Andover.—His "Jonathan Edwards's Idealism."

THWAITES, REUBEN G., Madison, Wis.—His "History of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin; and Description of its new library building."

UPHAM, HENRY P., St. Paul, Minn.—"Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents," Vols. IX.-XVIII., in continuation.

WHITNEY, JAMES L., Cambridge.—Catalogue of Oriental books in the Astor Library; and seven selected pamphlets.

WRIGHT, Hon. CARROLL D., Washington, D. C.—His report as Superintendent of the Department of Labor; and the "Labor Bulletin," as issued.

FROM PERSONS NOT MEMBERS.

ABBOT, WILLIAM F., Worcester.—Ten college pamphlets.

AIKEN, HENRY M., Worcester.—Four volumes of early music.

- ALDRICH, MRS. P. EMORY, Worcester.—Two books; ten pamphlets; and “The Boston Daily Advertiser,” in continuation.
- APPLETON AND COMPANY, DANIEL, New York.—Their “Monthly Bulletin.”
- AUSTIN, JOHN O., Providence, R. I.—His “Roger Williams’s Calendar,” 1897.
- AVERY, ELROY, Cleveland, O.—His “Avery Notes and Queries.”
- BAILEY, ISAAC H., *Editor*, New York.—“The Shoe and Leather Reporter,” as issued.
- BALCH, EDWIN S., Philadelphia, Pa.—“Letters and Papers relating chiefly to the Provincial History of Pennsylvania.”
- BALL, CASSIUS, Block Island, R. I.—“Edward Ball and some of his Descendants.”
- BARRETT, FRANCIS T., Glasgow, Scotland.—His “Brief Notices of Glasgow and its libraries.”
- BARTON, E. BLAKE, *President*, Worcester.—Harvard Y. M. C. A. Handbook, 1897-98; and two photographs.
- BARTON, MISS LYDIA M., Worcester.—“The Association Record,” in continuation.
- BATES, HON. THEODORE C., Worcester.—One book; and eighty pamphlets.
- BOSTON BOOK COMPANY.—“The Bulletin of Bibliography,” as issued.
- BROOKS, REV. WILLIAM H., D.D., *Secretary*, Boston.—One pamphlet.
- BROWN, FRANCIS H., M.D., *Editor*, Boston.—Ten of his own publications.
- BRYANT, H. WINSLOW, Portland, Me.—One pamphlet; and two book-plates.
- BULLOCK, CHARLES J., Ph.D., Madison, Wis.—One pamphlet.
- BURGESS, REV. FRANCIS G., Florence, Italy.—Two pamphlets.
- BURCHELL, JAMES E., Sydney, C. B.—One newspaper.
- BURRAGE, MAJOR HENRY S., Portland, Me.—“My Capture and What Came of it.”
- CANFIELD, MRS. PENELOPE L., Worcester.—⁶Nine selected books; and “The Army and Navy Journal,” in continuation.
- CAREY, ARTHUR A., Boston.—“The Spectator,” 1883-97.
- CHARITIES REVIEW COMPANY, New York.—Numbers of “The Charities Review.”
- CRANE, JOHN C., Millbury.—One pamphlet.
- CRITIC COMPANY, New York.—Numbers of their magazine.
- CUMMINGS, HERBERT R., Worcester.—His “Portraits of Worcester City Government and Department Officials, February, 1898.”

- CURRIER, FREDERCK A., Fitchburg.—His "Tavern Days and the Old Taverns of Fitchburg and Stage Coach Days and Stage Coach Ways."
- CURTIS, Hon. GEORGE M., New York.—His "Address in the Fair Case, California, 1897."
- CURTIS AND CAMERON, Boston.—One pamphlet.
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