

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

SINCE my last report we have enjoyed the usual calm activity within our walls, but "The Annals of a Quiet Neighborhood" could hardly have been written with reference to our immediate surroundings. However, the stonework of the new Court House is approaching completion, and a return to more peaceful conditions may soon be expected. The anticipated loss of light proves to be most serious in our newspaper hall on the first floor of the Salisbury Annex, and to a lesser degree in the stack-room, and the introduction of electric light may become a necessity. The latest portrayal of our founder, Isaiah Thomas, has been purchased, framed and placed in the hall. As an elaborate work of art it is quite effective, but as a likeness it is weak and unsatisfactory. While the figure is drawn from the life portrait by Ethan A. Greenwood, the fact is not stated, presumably because some liberties with the original have been taken by the engraver. The framed figure, which is placed in a temple niche, is surmounted by the Thomas coat of arms, at the right and left of which appears *Antiquitates Typothetae*, while on either side are busts of Johann Gutenberg and Benjamin Franklin. An elaborate scroll which depends from the frame bears the legend 1749-1831 | Isaiah Thomas Esq. | Printer Worcester Massachusetts | President of | The American Antiquarian Society | And Author of the History of Printing | Made for | The Society of Ichnophiles | New York | 1898. Designed | and engraved on copper By | F. S. King. A second recent reproduction of the portrait by Greenwood appears on page 171 of our associate John

Fiske's *Critical Period of American History*, published this year by Houghton, Mifflin and Company. It is a wood cut of a high order, in which the marked characteristics of the portrait have been strengthened. A spirited half-tone from the Greenwood—small but effective—may be found opposite page 44 in "A Centennial History of Morning Star Lodge, A. F. and A. M.," issued at Worcester in 1894. As Thomas was the first master of Morning Star, the square, compass, *etc.*, have been modestly introduced. The earliest use of this portrait appears to have been by Thomas, who some time after its publication inserted the portrait opposite the title-page of his own copy of his *History of Printing in America*, which was printed in Worcester in 1810. It is marked "Isaiah Thomas Esq. President of the American Antiquarian Society & Author of the History of Printing &c. Marchant from painting by Greenwood, Pendleton's Lithography Boston." Copies of the original—in oil—hang in the Masonic Temple, Boston, and in Masonic Hall, Worcester. Opposite the title-page of his own copy of the first edition of his *History of Printing* the author also inserted the plate marked "Henry Williams Pinx. J. R. Smith Sculp." It is possible that Thomas thus intended to indicate his preference for the Greenwood and Williams portraits. The original of the latter—for further reference to which see the librarian's report of October, 1895—has not yet been located. The masonic portrait so-called faces page 81 of *The Freemason's Magazine and General Miscellany*, Vol. 2, No. 2, for November, 1811, published in Philadelphia. It is marked "Doyle Pinxt, W. R. Jones Sc." while below is engraved "M. W. Isaiah Thomas Esq. P. G. Master of Massachusetts: and Author of the History of Printing." The occasion of its use was the printing of "R. W. G. M. Thomas's Resignation Address G. L. of Massachusetts 1805." Mr. Thomas, who, as before stated, was the first Master of Morning

Star Lodge at Worcester in 1793, was also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts 1803—1805 and 1809. I have not been able to trace the original portrait by Doyle, nor any other reproduction than that by Jones.

In volume one of Joseph T. Buckingham's *Reminiscences*, Boston, 1852, is a very strong—perhaps the most effective—representation of Isaiah Thomas. It was published by Charles C. Little and James Brown from a drawing by Hammatt Billings. The engraver was Stephen Schoff, who also engraved the striking portrait of Benjamin Russell for Buckingham's second volume. The Boston Directory of 1852 happily registers Billings as a "Designer" and Schoff as an "Historical Engraver."

A good etching from the marble bust of Dr. Thomas by Benjamin H. Kinney is in Hersey's republication of *Lincoln's History of Worcester*, published in 1860. The original—which is in our main hall—was ordered by the Society in 1859, and delivered the same year.

The last of the Thomas portraits which I name, is the miniature painted by Miss Sarah Goodridge and engraved by H. W. Smith for the second edition of our founder's *History of Printing in America*, which was published by the Society in the year 1874. It is generally preferred to all other portraits of the patriot-printer. His friend, the late Rev. George Allen, said to the writer, "All things considered, it should be known as the best likeness of Isaiah Thomas."

Brief references to the subject herein treated may be found in the librarian's reports of October, 1895, and October, 1896. The special interest in the indexing of portraiture has led him to submit these more extended notes. It is possible—and certainly most desirable—that all the originals mentioned may at some future day be found in our safe-keeping.

Gifts have been received from two hundred and ninety sources; namely, from thirty-three members, one hundred

and twenty-four persons not members, and one hundred and thirty-three societies and institutions. We acknowledge therefrom eight hundred and thirty-one books, twenty-nine hundred and seventeen pamphlets, nine bound and one hundred and eighty-five unbound volumes of newspapers, twenty-seven maps, ten broadsides, three photographs, three portraits, two coins, two seals, one medal, one tomahawk, and a collection of postage stamps. We have added by exchange seventeen books and three pamphlets, and from the bindery fifteen volumes of newspapers and thirty-seven volumes of magazines; making a total of eight hundred and eighty-five books, twenty-nine hundred and twenty pamphlets, twenty-four bound and one hundred and eighty-five unbound volumes of newspapers, *etc.*

I gratefully acknowledge to President Salisbury, Vice-President Hoar and Councillor Davis the receipt of volumes XXI.-XXV. of B. F. Stevens's "Facsimiles of Manuscripts | in European Archives | Relating to America | 1773-1783." They have, by request of the librarian, subscribed the five hundred dollars necessary to secure, as they have been issued, the twenty-five volumes which form the first series of these reproductions of civil, confidential, diplomatic and political correspondence, and other papers during the Revolution down to the Treaty which acknowledged the Independence of the United States. This work—which has been called "our greatest historical monument since Force's Archives, and altogether the stateliest in form"—required the use of nine thousand negatives, besides three thousand title-pages, *etc.* A recent communication from our associate says: "I regretfully find from increasing infirmities that I must stop with the first series, which includes a copious Index. I must devote the evening of my life to finishing my great Catalogue-Index of the large mass of manuscripts relating to America which I have been able to peruse—the public and

private Archives of England, France, Holland and Spain, from the Paris Treaty of Peace in 1783; a work upon which I have been engaged for about thirty years with a considerable staff of assistants, and the end of which appears to be within a reasonable distance of time. It is now being fair copied in about one hundred folio manuscript volumes. With the aid of this Catalogue-Index a younger, enterprising man can carry out the second, and quite independent, companion series of 'Facsimiles of Military and Naval Papers.'" The local coloring supplied by some of these manuscripts is suggested by number two of the first volume of the Facsimiles, which is a clearly written Addisonian specimen from the Auckland manuscripts at King's College, Cambridge, bearing neither name nor date. Its long, unpunctuated title follows: "General Reflexions & Remarks on the State & Disposition of the Country & People of New England & particular Descriptions of Worcester in the Province of Massachusetts Bay & other Parts of the four Provinces tending to furnish Ideas & Hints towards a Plan for its speedy Reduction to the legal Authority of Parliament by an Army of about 10 to 12000 Land Forces (marine Regiments included) & 4 to 5000 Canadians & Indians—assisted by 9 ships of the Line Frigates sloops and schooners of about 60 or 70 Tons Burden Mounting six carriage and 10 swivel guns each & manned with about 40 men officers included."

The descriptive portions of the paper indicate that it was prepared by a close observer, who was also an accurate delineator. I transcribe a few paragraphs which relate to the Society's domicile and its surroundings:

"Second part of the Proposed Premises towards a plan of operations &c. Having taken a cursory View of the Country & the local Circumstances of its inhabitants, as they apply to their military capacity & power—it will be necessary to give a topographical description of such parts as with the coasts and adjacent Rivers are fitted for offence

and defence & therefore usefully to be occupied by the King's Troops. Worcester in the county of Worcester is the place which is chosen for the magazines & Head Quarters of the Provincials; & it seems very much to answer the purposes of Security and convenience, & for collecting & distributing intelligence & assistance to all the parts of New England. The County extends over the whole Breadth of the middle part of the province from North to South, & between the Six maritime Provinces to the East & a Gore on Connecticut River on the West. The Town is about 50 miles from Boston westward & about 42 N: N: of W: from Providence in Narragansett Bay. In the N: W: parts of the Township of Worcester meeting with the Highlands of Rutland & Leicester, there are very Considerable Springs & Rivers, supplying others, which are navigable to every part of the New England Provinces.

" 1st Quinnepuxet & Cedar R. falling in a N: E: direction into Nashaway R.—which falls after a long even Course into Merrimack R. at Dunstable in the Province of New Hampshire which empties itself into the Sea at Newberry a very great Seaport & Ship Building Town, receiving by this River vast quantities of ship & other Timber. On Nashaway R. lies the Townships of Rutland Holden, Lancaster, Bolton, Harvard, Groton & Dunstable, Townships generally Contain about six miles sq. which with allowances for swamp wastes &^{cc} may measure about 30000 acres—

" 2^d Quinsimagog Pond, Swift R. & Halfway R. Running in a S: E: direction to Blackstone R. which falls into Narragansett R. and this into Narragansett Bay at *Providence*, extending by Rhode Island to the Sea. The Townships are Worcester, Grafton, Sutton, Uxbridge, Mendon, Attleborough & *Seakork* in Massachusetts; and Cumberland, Smithfield Providence & Warwick in Rhode Island Government.—

" 3^d Stony, Chestnut & French R. which fall in a South Direction, into Quenebaugh R. at *Norwich* in Connecticut both form the River Thames which Empties itself at *New London*, into the Sea in Long Island Sound. The Townships are Worcester, Leicester, Oxford, & Dudley in Massachusetts Bay; Killingsly Woodstock, Pomfret, Plain-

field, Canterbury, Norwich, Groton, and *New London* in Connecticut Province

"4. Seven Mile R. falling in a S: W: direction, into Quibang R. & this into Chickabee R. called also the Elbows; which falls into Connecticut R. at Springfield, a large, populous & Central Town; hence it empties itself in Long Island Sound at *Seabrook*. The Townships are Rutland, Leicester, Brookfield, Western, Kingston & Springfield in Massachusetts—E & W: Windsor, *Hartford*, Weathersfield, Glassenbury, Middleton, Hadham, E. Hadham, Lime Killingworth, & *Seabrook* in Connecticut."

Vice-President Hoar's interest in the details of library administration is indicated by gifts, large and small. Of the latter class we are thus allowed to preserve the three numbers of *The Youth's Companion* of March 10, 17 and 24, 1898, containing his "Life of a Boy of Sixty Years Ago"; and a copy of *The Journal of Education* of August 18, 1898, in which appears the first of a series of articles by the editor on the much sought subject of Massachusetts Indian Names. Unfortunately, such contributions are not likely to be reprinted.

Dr. Joseph F. Loubat has placed in the Spanish-American Alcove a reproduction of the *Codice Messicano Borgiano*. Like the *Codice Messicano Vaticano*, received from the same source last year, the form, color and binding of the original have been exactly secured at the charge of our associate.

Dr. William DeLoss Love has added to our college department, now in our stack-room, the Quarter Century History of the Class of 1873 of Hamilton College, of which class he is the secretary. As such material is largely autobiographical, it is used with more confidence than most of this class of literature otherwise obtained. We therefore urge its careful preservation with the catalogues, reports, periodicals, broadsides, and other issues which so fully portray the history and workings of our American schools of higher learning.

A gift from the children of the late Hon. John S. C. Knowlton of Worcester was accompanied by a note containing the following suggestive paragraphs:

"We would like to offer to the American Antiquarian Society several bound volumes of newspapers edited by our father. One is a volume of the *Chelmsford Phoenix* for 1825; and there are also three volumes of the *Lowell Journal* for the years 1827-1830. We should be glad to continue to own and keep them; but, as that is impossible, it will be pleasant to know that they are still in the city which has been for so long time our home, and in which we shall always continue to take a sincere interest."

Col. Charles F. Morse has placed in the Civil War Alcove—at the request of the librarian—his "Letters written during the Civil War, 1861-1865." This volume of two hundred and twenty-two octavo pages was privately printed thirty-three years after the close of the war by one of whom Chaplain Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., in his "Record of the Second Massachusetts Infantry," says: "Either with the regiment or on staff of a general officer he was in every action of the regiment." Its value will still further appear when we consider that the writer of the Letters filled every regimental office from that of lieutenant to a colonelcy, in a regiment largely officered by other Harvard graduates of a high order. In our Proceedings of October, 1866, and again in those of April, 1887, appeals were made—though with little success—for soldiers' letters of 1861-65. Since our April meeting war with Spain has been declared and peace restored. While the details of this later army life have been unusually well preserved in the many field and camp letters furnished the press, it is hoped that it will be our mission to preserve many original letters relating to the war of 1898.

Mr. Robert C. Rockwell of Pittsfield, Massachusetts—in the wise distribution of historical material left by his father, the Hon. Julius Rockwell—has from time to time remembered this Society. His latest gift not only calls

attention to the temperance movement of sixty years ago, but also suggests its dignified and almost judicial character. Independence Day was thought especially appropriate for their larger gatherings; and the proceedings were often published and distributed in pamphlet form. Three of the signers of the invitation were members of the Council of this Society. The call follows:

WORCESTER, *June 9th, 1838.*

Dear Sir: The Friends of Temperance in this vicinity, believing that the cause might be greatly advanced by a public meeting of its friends, have made arrangements for such a meeting on the approaching fourth of July. The meeting is to be held in this town, and it is hoped will embrace individuals from every part of this County, and that gentlemen from other parts of the Commonwealth will be induced to attend.

In behalf of the Committee of arrangements we take great pleasure in requesting the honor of your attendance on the occasion.

We shall hope for a reply as early as your convenience will permit, and that we may rely upon your approbation of the proposed measure.

Respectfully your obt. servts.

EMORY WASHBURN.

THOS. KINNICUTT.

JOHN S. BUTLER.

ALFRED DWIGHT FOSTER.

JAMES ESTABROOK.

Mr. Alfred F. Simmons has made a large addition to our collection of American periodicals. The sources of such literature are none too numerous, and duplicates can always be used to advantage. We have received from Mr. Robert T. Swan, Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Records, a broadside, which has been hung in our hall, and is herein submitted for wider influence:

"TOWN RECORDS.

"The discovery, from time to time, among the effects of former town officers, especially of assessors, of town rec-

ords and papers which had been in their custody, makes it seem advisable to ask the co-operation of citizens in securing any such not in possession of the town. Many have, unfortunately, been destroyed through ignorance of their character or possible value. To prevent their further destruction, and to enable the towns to procure those now in existence, all persons having knowledge of any such records or papers are respectfully requested to inform the undersigned. Among the missing records and papers are valuation lists, those prior to 1821 usually being in small books without covers, about the size of a bank deposit book; treasurers' records and vouchers; and records of extinct churches and parishes. Annual returns of marriages made by clergymen to the town clerks should be among the papers once in their custody. Members of families of deceased town officers are especially requested to search for such records and papers, and to forward information if any are found. Any information bearing upon the old records will be a benefit to the town, and will receive due acknowledgment."

A large photograph of Franklin, recently obtained by exchange with Mr. Charles Henry Hart of Philadelphia, is marked "Benjamin Franklin. From the original painting by David Martin, 1767, bequeathed by Franklin to the State of Penna., and now in possession of Mr. Thomas McKean of Philadelphia." Replying to my query how this famous thumb portrait, so-called, could have passed from the State into private hands, Mr. Hart writes: "If you will read my monograph on Peale's original portrait of Washington, which you will also find in the report of the American Historical Association for 1896, pp. 189-200, particularly pp. 195-197, you will get an answer to your query 'How can this be?' 'Tis strange but true."

The Society's recent publication of the Account of the Part taken by the | American Antiquarian Society | in the Return of the | Bradford Manuscript | to America | is mentioned as a matter of record. It should be generally understood that it was published in a limited edition and

partly by private subscription. A few copies only remain, which may be ordered of the librarian. The death of our late honored associate, Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, Ex-Ambassador to the Court of Saint James, will remind those who were able to be present at the banquet, of his expressive earnestness and his tremulous voice when he said: "The incidents I have mentioned were pleasant incidents in the duties which occupied my time while in England. Of what I did there, and of what I tried to do, I shall not speak. The record is made up, and I shall stand upon it." This Society's interest in the recovery or discovery of the Bradford manuscript is of long duration. In the private journal of Mr. Christopher C. Baldwin, our third librarian, under date of April 16, 1835, is the following entry: "I went to Templeton today to see my Father, who has sent for me to visit him, he being sick. I went in a chaise. I took the road by way of Princeton, that I might visit Henry Prentiss, Esq., who lives in the edge of Hubbardston, next to Princeton. He was concerned in the settlement of the estate of the late Lieut. Gov. Moses Gill, and I wished to see him to ascertain whether he had not some of the manuscripts belonging to the Rev. Thomas Prince, the Historian. Gill's first wife was the daughter of Mr. Prince. Her name was Sarah, and she died in 1771, I think. She was the only surviving child, and all the books and papers of her father came into her possession. Gill was a very cautious, prudent man, and preserved everything; and at his death all the papers of Mr. Prince, with his books, had been kept. He, Mr. P., gave his Latin and Greek books to the Old South Church in Boston, and also his maps, charts and manuscripts, that were of most value. This I saw in his will, which was in Mr. Prentiss' possession. He was very rich, and his daughter received most of his estate. He owned large tracts of land in Princeton, Rutland, Holden, Hubbardston and Barre, in the county of Worcester, and also at

Rochester and Middleborough, in the county of Bristol, and in the province of Maine. I found Mr. Prentiss a very sensible and intelligent man. He is now sixty-eight. He was born at Berwick in Maine, where his father was a schoolmaster, who was a native, I believe, of Cambridge, near Boston. His father died young. Mr. Prentiss had no papers that belonged to Mr. Prince except deeds or some memoranda of property. These he showed me, and I spent three hours in examining them. I found nothing to reward me for my journey except perhaps the intelligent and interesting conversation of Mr. Prentiss. What I was in pursuit of more particularly was the MS. History of Plymouth Colony by Governor Bradford. Mr. Prince had this in his possession, and it has been said that it perished in the *gutting* Governor Hutchinson's house. Yet, as it has never been found, I entertained a sort of hope that I might find it at Princeton."

While it is our constant mission to furnish facts, it is also an occasional duty to expose fraud. It seems desirable to report a recent case of the latter class, undertaken at the request of one of our associates, and at his charge. The facsimile herein referred to is the one reproduced from our founder's copy of the *Massachusetts Spy* for May 3, 1775, and issued by its proprietors a century later. It will be remembered that Mr. Thomas carefully wrote on his copy, now preserved by our Society: "This is the first Thing ever printed in Worcester. Isaiah Thomas." One of the large editions of 1875 having drifted to a far country, was found by the reverend secretary of a State missionary society in a small town, in which the owner exchanged lumberman's supplies for cedar poles, posts and ties, hemlock bark and wood. Impressed with the apparent age and value of the stained newspaper in its double-glazed frame, he informed an eminent Professor of History, who enclosed the letter to your librarian asking him for the commercial value and a customer for this

rarity. I replied that the find was undoubtedly a facsimile of our original, though, unfortunately, it was not so marked. This reply brought the first letter direct from the secretary, who wrote: "Our friend, Prof. —, wrote you with regard to a paper which purports to be a copy of the *Worcester Spy*. Prof. — forwarded your letter to me. On further inquiry I am informed that this paper has been in the family ever since it was printed. The present owner is forty years old, and it was an old relic in her father's family. This would seem to indicate that it cannot be simply a facsimile. Can you give me any further information as to how to decide positively whether it is the original paper or a facsimile? In case it should prove to be the former, what is its commercial value?" The points of decision having been promptly presented, our correspondent replied: "May I trouble you once more? I do not understand why the sentence, 'This is the first Thing ever printed in Worcester,' written upon the paper in question, indicates that it is a facsimile. Nor do I understand the alternative about your founder's thus marking two copies. Please let me know what year the facsimile was printed. If it can be shown that this particular paper was in the possession of any one before that date, I suppose it must be an original copy. Any further information you may be able to give me will be gratefully appreciated." Both queries were answered in the affirmative, and, with original and reproduction before me, the case for the defendant was restated as follows: 1. The improbability of two copies having been marked by Thomas. 2. The difference in age and quality of paper. 3. The impossibility of the binder's trimming being exactly the same in two copies. 4. The fact that any intelligent photographer would know if the facsimile was made by the photo-lithographic process. The Professor retired early from the case, and the reverend secretary did not seek further light. I then suggested that the associate

referred to—whose collection of Worcester imprints is, perhaps, already unequalled—try to reach the thus far undiscovered owner of the supposed original. The former soon responded: "I have heard from the *Spy* out west. They are willing to sell it for \$100, and they are also willing to send it here for examination provided the charges are guaranteed. Mr. O. says that the family have had it since Colonial times; that it is in good condition, having been preserved between two panes of glass in a frame, and that at the bottom of the first page is written: 'This newspaper is the first Thing ever printed in Worcester. Isaiah Thomas.' It seems to me almost an impossibility that Isaiah Thomas should have written on two papers, and that it is probably an *unintentional* fraud. Still there is a possibility of its being true, and an examination and comparison with the copy in the possession of the American Antiquarian Society would be likely to reveal the truth. I write to ask if you think it worth while my offering to pay express charges there and return for the sake of locating the genuine or exposing the fraud? If worth while, would you be willing to receive it, and hold it for comparison, to protect the owner and myself at the same time?" Upon accepting the commission the owner sent to the librarian his only direct communication, as follows: "By request of Dr. — I send you by express a copy of the *Massachusetts Spy*, date May 3, 1775. The price is \$100.00, less expressage. You have privilege of examining." The parcel—which arrived soon after the letter—was marked "C. O. D. \$100,00." I declined payment, and reported to my client, who replied: "I did not agree to pay anything but the express, and have not decided to take the paper, even if it is proved to be genuine." The Express Company informed the owner, who consented to the opening of the box by the company's agent. This was done at the library in the presence of the representative of the Express Company, my chief assistant, and the libra-

rian, the original and a second copy of the facsimile being before the three for comparison. As it was perfectly clear to all that the framed newspaper is a nineteenth century reproduction of an eighteenth century newspaper, it was carefully reboxed by the agent, and—after four months of correspondence relating thereto—was returned to its owner, who has not yet acknowledged its receipt. In our associate's last letter upon the subject he says: "I enclose check for four dollars and forty cents for express on that which you so kindly exposed for me. So it is with life. The great unknown one day—the next of no value. Fortunately, blood will tell in the end, and true worth has its reward." No apology seems necessary for the length of this recital, for it points a much needed moral lesson. In this connection I am reminded of a remark by our associate, Mr. Benjamin F. Stevens, of London, who said to me at the International Library Conference last year: "I recall an incident connected with my last visit to Antiquarian Hall. Mr. Haven graciously introduced me as a buyer of early American imprints to a reverend gentleman who sometimes sold such material. He at once drew from his capacious pocket a rare tract, and, placing his hand affectionately upon the title-page, said 'this is one of a very few unique copies!'"

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND M. BARTON,

Librarian.

Givers and Gifts.

FROM MEMBERS.

- BARTON, EDMUND M., Worcester.—Papers relative to the International Library Conference of 1897; and files of three magazines, in continuation.
- BOURINOT, JOHN G., LL.D., Ottawa, P. Q.—Dawson's "The Voyage of the Cabots."
- BRINTON, DANIEL G., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.—Five of his own publications.
- BROCK, ROBERT A., Richmond, Va.—Virginia newspapers containing articles by him.
- DAVIS, ANDREW MCF., Cambridge.—His "Brief of the State of the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England."
- DAVIS, HON. CUSHMAN K., St. Paul, Minn.—His address at the Laying of the Corner Stone of the Capitol of Minnesota, 1898.
- DAVIS, HON. EDWARD L., Worcester.—Seven books; fifty-four pamphlets; and one portrait.
- DEXTER, FRANKLIN B., New Haven, Conn.—His "Historical Study of the Powers and Duties of the Presidency in Yale College"; and his tribute to J. Hammond Trumbull.
- FOSTER, WILLIAM E., Providence, R. I.—His Twentieth Annual Report as Librarian of the Providence Public Library.
- FRANCIS, GEORGE E., M.D., Worcester.—Nine books; and sixty-one pamphlets.
- GILMAN, DANIEL C., LL.D., Baltimore, Md.—Two of his own monographs.
- GREEN, HON. ANDREW H., New York.—His Fourteenth Annual Report as Chairman of the Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara.
- GREEN, HON. SAMUEL A., Boston.—Three of his own productions; fifteen books; two hundred and seventy-eight pamphlets; two proclamations; one map; a collection of early newspapers; and the "American Journal of Numismatics," in continuation.
- GREEN, SAMUEL S., Worcester.—His "Use of Pictures in Libraries"; and his Annual Report as Librarian, 1898.

- HALE, REV. EDWARD E., D.D., Roxbury.—His address at the Dedication of the Sixth Meeting House of the First Parish in Dorchester, Massachusetts; twelve books; nine pamphlets; one bound volume of newspapers; and the United States Weather Map, in continuation.
- HOADLY, CHARLES J., LL.D., Hartford, Conn.—Two proclamations; and the Connecticut State Register and Manual for 1898.
- HOAR, HON. GEORGE F., Worcester.—His "Justice and Humanity, not revenge, the only Justification for War"; his "Rufus Putnam, Father and Founder of Ohio"; twenty-five books; four hundred and thirty-three pamphlets; twenty maps; two seals; one photograph; one broadside; and ten files of newspapers, in continuation.
- HOLST, HERMANN E. VON, Ph.D., Chicago, Ill.—one pamphlet.
- HUNTINGTON, REV. WILLIAM R., D.D., New York.—His "The Theocratic Republic."
- JAMESON, J. FRANKLIN, LL.D., Providence, R. I.—Papers of the Historical Seminary of Brown University, as issued.
- LEÓN, NICOLAS, Ph.D., Guadalupe, Mexico.—"Concilio Provincial Mexicano" IV.; and Gilberti's "Arte de la Lengua Tarasaca ó de Michoacan."
- LOUBAT, JOSEPH F., LL.D., New York.—Reproduction of the "Codice Messicano Borgiano."
- LOVE, REV. WM. DELOSS, Ph.D., Hartford, Conn.—Quarter Century History of the Class of 1873, Hamilton College, containing contribution by Dr. Love.
- MERRIMAN, REV. DANIEL, D.D., Worcester.—"The Nation," in continuation.
- MOORE, CLARENCE B., Ph.D., Philadelphia, Pa.—His "Certain Aboriginal Mounds of the Coast of South Carolina," etc.
- MORSE, EDWARD S., Ph.D., Salem.—His "Spiritualism as a Survival."
- PAINÉ, NATHANIEL, Worcester.—Twenty-three books; two hundred and eighty-two pamphlets; seven lithographs; five broadsides; one photograph; and seven files of newspapers, in continuation.
- PEET, REV. STEPHEN D., Ph.D., Good Hope, Ill.—The "American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal," as issued.
- SALISBURY, HON. STEPHEN, Worcester.—Eleven books; ninety-five pamphlets; and six files of newspapers, in continuation.
- UPHAM, HENRY P., St. Paul, Minn.—"The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents," Vols. 19-28.
- WALKER, HON. JOSEPH B., Concord, N. H.—Six of his historical publications.

FROM PERSONS NOT MEMBERS.

- ABERCROMBIE, DANIEL W., *Principal*, Worcester.—The Annual Catalogue of Worcester Academy, 1898-99.

- APPLETON, DANIEL, AND COMPANY, New York.—“The Monthly Bulletin,” as issued.
- BAILEY, ISAAC H., *Editor*, New York.—“The Shoe and Leather Reporter,” as issued.
- BARTON, CLARENCE W., *Editor*, Ontario, Cal.—Numbers of his “Ontario Observer.”
- BARTON, E. BLAKE, Worcester.—The “Record of Christian Work,” as issued.
- BARTON, Miss LYDIA M., Worcester.—“The Association Record,” in continuation.
- BENT, ALLEN H., Roxbury.—His “Walter Allen, of Newbury, Mass., 1640, and some of his Descendants.”
- BENTON, J. H., JR., Concord, N. H.—His “What is Government Injunction? Does it exist in the United States?”
- BOSTON BOOK COMPANY.—“The Bulletin of Bibliography,” as issued.
- BOYDEN, MASON H., Worcester.—The Specifications and Contract for building Antiquarian Hall, in 1852.
- BROOKS, Rev. WILLIAM H., D.D., *Secretary*, Boston.—Journal of the Annual Meeting of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, 1898.
- BULLARD, Rev. HENRY, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.—one pamphlet.
- BULLARD, HENRY N., Parkville, Mo.—His “Maximilien Robespierre”; and his Essay on the English Novel.
- CALDWELL, Rev. AUGUSTINE, Eliot, Me.—His “Hammatt Papers, No. 4”; and “Old Ipswich,” compiled by Messrs. Caldwell and Dow.
- CANFIELD, Mrs. PENELOPE S., Worcester.—Eleven selected books.
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