


REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.


THE librarian's reports of the past eighteen years have called attention to many Society items of minor value, yet perhaps too important to be overlooked. Such are the three following entries which appear in the handwriting of our founder in volume one of "Donors and Donations": 1. "1814 March 18th. The Book of the General Lawes and Libertyes Concerning the Inhabitants of the Massachusetts &c. Folio Printed at Cambridge Massachusetts, 1660. Presented to the Society, by William Stedman Esq. of Worcester. Value 10 dols." * * * . 2. "1814 May 4th The portrait of the late Charles Paxton Esq'r of Boston, in a handsome frame. The Painting by Copely. Mr. Paxton was one of the Board of Commissioners and an officer of the Customs, under the royal Government for several years previous to the Revolution. [The picture is injured.] Presented to the Society, By a Lady—Value"— * * * . 3. "Note. Aug^t. 4th 1823. By the Catalogue of the Society's Library taken some years since by Mr. Jennison and referring to this Book for additions since added, the volumes, pamphlets, &c. in the Library may be ascertained."


The introduction of electric light suggested in the last reports of the treasurer and of the librarian, became an accomplished fact soon after the opening of the new year, at the charge of the Salisbury building fund. While the time-honored Society has always been "given to hospitality," this modern innovation has produced a cheery effect, which has impressed our guests, members and the library staff. Safety and convenience were sought by our library committee, who personally superintended the work. The removal of the dwelling-house on the west—now


owned by the County of Worcester—will add light in the west side of our building as well as relieve us from what has long been a real source of danger from fire. On the fly-leaf of an early volume of "Donations to the American Antiquarian Society with the Names of its Benefactors," Isaiah Thomas made the following entry: "No fire is ever to be made in the room occupied for the Library & Cabinet, and no fire must be made in the room appropriated for the Librarian until the wood work of the fire place is taken away or covered at least half way up with tin or sheet iron, and the floor adjoining the hearth covered at least four feet each way where the hearth projects, with tin or sheet lead, after which a stove should be used, placed back from the hearth. No fire or lights to be used after sunset. Too much care cannot be taken as it respects fire."


A recent study of the social customs of New England during the early part of the nineteenth century, made by a guest from Vassar College, again shows the advantage of our inclusive collections. Furthermore it emphasizes our indebtedness to such wise librarians as Samuel Jennison, William Lincoln and Christopher C. Baldwin. Fortunately they kept not only the replies to Cattle-Show ball and other invitations, but left vivid descriptions of the good times they enjoyed. An invitation of eighty-six years ago follows:






Miss Betsey Waldo,




 IS INVITED TO ATTEND A BALL, ON
 



 THURSDAY EVENING NEXT, at WHEEL-
 



 ER'S HALL.
 


 * * * Dancing to commence at 7 o'clock.
 




 O. FISKE,
 



 L. LINCOLN, jr.
 


 R. NEWTON,
 


 E. D. BANGS.
 

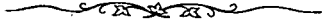
 } Managers.
 


 Worcester, 9th April, 1813.
 



A second specimen is given as being of peculiar interest at the present time :

CELEBRATION OF PEACE.



THE Company of

Mrs. Paine

*is requested, at WHEELER'S HALL, on
THURSDAY next, at 6 o'Clock, P. M.*

WILLIAM STEDMAN,

LEVI LINCOLN, jun.

JOHN W. LINCOLN,

SAMUEL JENNISON, jun.

GARDNER BURBANK,

SILAS BROOKS,

} Managers.

Worcester, Feb. 28, 1815.

The book of Accessions furnishes the following library statistics: Number of givers, three hundred and twenty-three; *viz.* thirty-four members, one hundred and forty-five persons not members and one hundred and forty-four societies and institutions. We have received therefrom five hundred and seventeen books, forty-one hundred and nineteen pamphlets, two bound and one hundred and eleven unbound volumes of newspapers, fifteen photographs, three proclamations, two broadsides, one manuscript, a medal and one coin. By exchange, fifty-four books and one hundred and twenty-four pamphlets; and from the bindery, forty-six volumes of newspapers and six

of magazines ; making a total of five hundred and seventy-seven books, forty-two hundred and forty-three pamphlets, forty-eight bound and one hundred and eleven volumes of unbound newspapers, *etc.* We acknowledge to Hon. George F. Hoar and Charles Francis Adams, LL.D., their important papers on the duty of the nation in the recent critical state of affairs. They once more remind us of a present opportunity. It will be an easy matter at a later period to secure the larger works upon our war with Spain, its causes, lessons and results. But the ephemeral literature in monograph, magazine and newspaper form should be secured at once or it will be difficult to obtain. To this end—as in the Civil War period so now—I bespeak the aid of our members and friends in a special effort to place within our walls the history of the short but decisive war of 1898.

The George E. Ellis fund has provided important biographical and bibliographical works ; the Benjamin F. Thomas fund valuable local histories ; and the George Chandler fund has enriched our alcove of genealogy. The Isaac and Edward L. Davis fund has secured for us—in a foreign market—desirable material relating to Cuba and Porto Rico as well as to the South American countries. A few authorities on the Philippines were included in the order.

The latest gift from our associate the Duc de Loubat is "Clave General de Jeroglificos Americanos de Don Ignacio Borunda." This important work on American hieroglyphs, recently discovered and published by Dr. Loubat, contains an introductory chapter by him. Mr. Charles P. Bowditch has presented his Pickering Genealogy of 1887, and the elaborate work in three volumes royal quarto on the same family brought out by him and Mr. Harrison Ellery, in 1897.

Our associate Mr. Andrew McF. Davis sends not only a collection of his own monographs, but the remainder of

the edition of one of the most noteworthy of them. Such remainders are of special value to a Society which has learned that valuable historical material may wisely be held for a rise in its market value as well as for purposes of exchange. President Daniel C. Gilman and Dr. Daniel G. Brinton always recognize their membership by placing upon our shelves, as soon as issued, the printed results of their studies; and Judge William T. Forbes manifests his interest by sending an important biographical work—properly vouched for—which contains the personal biographical material so much desired.

Mr. Charles W. Wilson of Worcester,—a soldier of the war for the preservation of the Union,—has placed in our keeping a family letter written in the field during our War for Independence. It is addressed "To | Capt. Ebenezer Holbrook | at Pomfret | in New England | pr Henry Morriss | Post," and is here given as a sample of the soldiers' letters of the period:

Camp Burdetts Ferry Sep^t y^e 1st 1776

this place is about 12 miles up North River from New York—on the Jersey Side.

Hon^d Parents I Take this opportunity to write to you hoping these may find you and the Family in good health, though they Leave me under Some Indisposition (*sic*) of Body, my Difficulty is purging and Some Feaver, But I hope to be well again in a (*sic*) few Days.

we have abundance of News but it is So much Confounded that I Know not what to Say. But this is true that part of our Army that went onto Long Island are Returned to new York with Considerable Loss on our Side & a greater on the Side of our Enemy as we hear, But as to any Certain Number on Either Side, we have heard that several of the head officers on the side of the ministerial party have fell in Battle how that is we Cannot Certainly Know. on our part we Know not of any in particular. it Said that Lord Sterling of New York fell in Battle. a Small Island a Little to the Southward of New York City Called

Governors Island is Taken from us and we have Lost Some Cannon and other Warlike Stores.

our People are in high Spirits although things at present Bear a Dark aspect on our Side, we have hope in him who Rules all things in Infinite Mercy and for the Best good of those that Trust in him. So no more at present but I Remain your Dutiful
Son EBENEZER HOLBROOK Jun^r

P. S. S^r as I Wrote for Your Son I ask^d his Consent to Infor my Parents of my Health which I Enjoy in as Great a Degree as Ever Hoping they are under the Same Inestimable Blessing Remember me to Brother Samuel & Sister and Tell him to Write to me and, Let me Know how he Does & the Health of my Ever hon^d parents I being in hast Conclude and Subscribe my Self
Your Friend & Humble Serv^t JOHN DRESSER.

Mrs. William L. Chase has presented a file of *The American Mechanic* for the past twenty-one years, and Mrs. Henry Clarke historical material gathered by her father, the Hon. Alfred Dwight Foster, formerly Councillor, Treasurer and Member of the Committee of Publication of the Society. The gifts of Messrs. Edward Deacon, William L. Elkins and Warren Hapgood to the department of family history are the more gratefully received since the material for the genealogies of their respective families was not to any great extent obtained in our library.

Mr. Charles A. Hoppin, Jr., has strengthened our collection of amateur newspapers, to which reference was made in the librarian's report of April, 1897. The additions are from States far and near, cover a period of more than twenty years, and are many of them complete files.

We have received from The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, Volume III. of their exhaustive History by Roberts. This volume—which like the previous ones is received for service rendered—covers the period from 1822 to 1865 and contains illustrations of great value and interest.

Special mention is made of the gift of the reports of the Intercontinental Railway Commission, which has been received from them and placed in the Davis Spanish American alcove. The four volumes of text are fully illustrated by the best modern processes, and the three volumes of tables, maps and profiles add greatly to their value. It is perhaps the most elaborate American work of its class since the government reports on the Pacific Railroad survey of 1853-54.

I note the receipt of two Bibles containing brief manuscript entries under "Family Record." 1. A quarto "Imprinted at London by ROBERT BARKER | Printer to the King's Most Excellent | Maiestie: And by the Assignes | of John Bill Anno Dom. 1638." Therein may be found a fruitful record of the birth of five children of Edward and Elizabeth NEWMAN in the years 1721, 1722, 1723, 1725 and 1726. There also appears the following entry by Hon. Ledyard Bill of Paxton, Massachusetts: "Note. This Bible was published by my ancestor John Bill as per Title page in New Test." 2. A royal quarto, printed and published by Mathew Carey at Philadelphia in 1811, which contains three WHITNEY entries, the earliest of which is 1760.

While many of the valuable government publications have come to us direct from the various departments, the greater portion of them have reached us through Mr. L. P. Ferrell, Superintendent of Documents.

It may be well to note the fact that the Society has not only received our government publications since December, 1814, but that it has done much in return for these favors of so many years. We need only mention the direct literary contributions—in archaeological and historical lines—through such distinguished members as Peter Force, Samuel Foster Haven and Increase Allen Lapham; and the important aid in the upbuilding of the National, the Surgeon-General's Office and the War Department libra-

ries. The first-named library was greatly strengthened by the addition, from our duplicate room, of early files of American newspapers; while many of the government publications sent to the Capitol for redistribution remained there to assist in completing sets of their own department reports. In this connection, and that the fact of the Society's good intention may appear in its printed proceedings, I submit from the Council Records of August 30, 1840, the following: "Voted to subscribe the sum of \$250.00 towards the expense of preparing a work entitled *Bibliographia Americana* by Henry Stevens, to be paid according to the terms of Mr. Stevens's Prospectus; when the work shall be completed and accepted for publication by the Smithsonian Institution."

We have had an unusual number of calls for our duplicate material needed by the various departments at Washington and elsewhere. The same may be said of information desired by newly born or recently revived historical societies throughout the land. It has been taken for granted that our long experience would be useful to the latter, and our duplicate accumulations of many years, to the former. It is always a pleasure to answer such appeals and also to certify that such service is recognized as something more than its own reward.

A librarian of to-day remarks that "Books are neither card racks, crumb baskets nor receptacles for dead leaves." The suggestion appears to be a modern need; for the great collections which our founder and his contemporaries gathered in Antiquarian Hall are happily free from such intruders. It is quite possible that greater respect was shown our friends, the books, when they were less numerous.

Your librarian desires to place on record his appreciation of the service rendered by the late Hon. John Russell Young in successfully organizing and carrying forward—in our new National Library building—the great work committed to his charge. Without doubt "He showed

clearly a disposition to adjust matters to the modern view, to appoint efficient subordinates, and to make the library perform the great function for which its best friends believe it was destined." It once more appears that the personality and executive power of such a head are always important factors in ventures of such magnitude. We may hope that the President's appointment of Mr. Herbert Putnam—a librarian of experience and executive ability—as Mr. Young's successor will meet the approval of the Senate as it certainly does the approval of his fellow-librarians.

I submit in print—by request—a brief list of the Laws, By-Laws, Rules, *etc.*, under which this honored Society has been so wisely and steadily governed since its birth eighty-six and a half years ago :

1. In the Account of the Society published in 1813.
2. The first revision of the Laws and By-Laws, pp. 8, published in 1815.
3. The same reprinted in *An Address to Members*, pp. 9-16, in 1879.
4. Again reprinted in our *Archæologia Americana*, vol. I., pp. 51-59, in 1820.
5. An evident revision, though not so stated in the text, pp. 7, 18mo.—which has been long out of print—published in 1831. It appears from the Records of the Council that: "At the house of Rev. Dr. Bancroft Oct. 15, 1831, the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council, to wit Isaac Goodwin and William Lincoln, to revise and report a new code of By Laws, made report of a Code of Laws which was adopted and directed to be laid before the Society at their annual meeting to be held in Boston on the 24th inst."
6. The exhaustive and instructive report of Hon. P. Emory Aldrich for the Council, appears on pp. 453-458 of the first volume of the new series of the Proceedings.

The new By-Laws—which are based upon the By-Laws of 1831—just fifty years before—and the Rules and Regulations of the Library which follow on pp. 459-465 were reprinted the same year—in 1881.

7. The By-Laws adopted at a meeting of the Society October 21, 1889, with the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Council and the Library Committee for the Government of the Library. These were not printed in the Proceedings but in a separate pamphlet of seven pages without imprint. The edition was, however, supplied in ink with the date of publication, which was 1892. There are several sets of our Proceedings which lack only numbers 11 and 13 of Mr. Paine's list of 1883. The text of the latter appears in my report of April, 1898; and that of the former herein, that ready reference may be made thereto:

“BY-LAWS | OF THE | AMERICAN ANTIQUA-
RIAN SOCIETY | 24th. October, 1831. | *Article 1.*—
Officers. | A President, Two Vice Presidents, Recording
Secretary, a Secretary for Foreign and a Secretary for
Domestic Correspondence, and Treasurer, who shall be
Members, *ex officio*, of the Council, and Ten Counsellors,
and also a Committee of Publication, shall be elected at
the Annual Meeting in October, to hold their offices during
a year and until successors shall be elected. ARTICLE
II.—*President and Vice Presidents.* The President shall
preside in the meetings of the Society and Council, and see
that the duties of the several officers are faithfully per-
formed, and the Laws executed. In the absence of the
President, the Vice Presidents shall perform his duties.
ARTICLE III.—*Secretaries.* The Recording Secretary
shall keep a fair Record of the doings of the Society and
Council, to be deposited, when not in use, with all papers
of his department, in the building of the Society. He
shall give notice of each stated meeting of the Society, by
publishing the same in such newspapers in Boston and
Worcester as the Council shall direct. But neglect to give
such notice shall not prevent a stated meeting, or annul its
proceedings. All letters received and copies of those

written by the Corresponding Secretaries, shall be preserved, and communicated by them to the Society.

ARTICLE IV.—*Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall receive and keep the funds of the Society and all Books and Papers relating thereto, and shall manage and invest the funds, under the direction of the Council. He shall keep accurate accounts of the same, and of all receipts and payments, subject at all times to the inspection of the Officers, and shall present a copy thereof to the Council at the meetings next previous to the stated meetings of the Society. He shall give sufficient bonds for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and shall receive such compensation as the Council shall fix. ARTICLE V.

—*Of the Council.* The Council shall hold stated meetings in Worcester on the last Wednesday of October, January, April and July, at 7 o'clock P. M. Special meetings may be called by the Secretary under the direction of the President or a Vice President, upon written notice to each member. At a special meeting, a majority of the whole board shall constitute a Quorum but, at the stated meetings, five members only shall be necessary for that purpose. The Council shall have the general superintendence of all the property and concerns of the Society, and may take, release or transfer securities for any portion of the funds. They may make disbursements for the current expenses and other objects of the Society, to an amount not exceeding the annual income. Twice, at least, in every year, they shall carefully examine the Library, Cabinet and other property, and make report to the Society, of the state of the funds and amount of investment. They may appoint a Librarian and such other Subordinate Officers and Agents as they may judge necessary, allow to them reasonable compensation, and prescribe such duties to them as they shall think proper, not inconsistent with the laws of the Society. They shall at each stated meeting of the Society, make a report of all their doings, which shall then be subject to the control of the Society. ARTICLE VI.—*Meetings.* Two stated meetings of the Society shall be held each year, one at _____ in Worcester, on the 23d day of October, and when the same falls on Sunday, the meeting shall be on the Monday following; and one at _____ in Boston on the last

Wednesday of May. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the Secretary, under the direction of a President or Vice President upon notice published in the newspapers. The Society shall not at any meeting proceed to business unless five at least of the Council shall be present, but the Secretary may adjourn from time to time until such quorum shall attend. At each stated meeting, the Secretaries and Council shall report their respective doings since the last meeting. ARTICLE VII.—*Members.* The American members of the Society shall at no time exceed One Hundred and Forty. No person shall be admitted a member, unless he shall have been nominated one month in the Council, and be recommended afterwards by that board; nor shall any member be admitted unless at a stated meeting of the Society, and three fourths of the ballots of the members present are in his favor. ARTICLE VIII.—*Of the Library and Librarian.* A Librarian and Cabinet Keeper shall be annually appointed by the Council, to be subject to their direction, and removable by them for misconduct. ARTICLE IX.—*Amendments.* No new law or alteration of a standing law shall hereafter be made, until recommended by the Council and adopted by the Society at a stated meeting. ARTICLE X. All former Laws and Votes of the Society, are so far repealed, as they may be inconsistent with the foregoing Laws.

The Librarian and Cabinet Keeper shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall have the care of the Library and Cabinet, paying particular attention to security from fire, and shall be accountable for any loss or injury happening from his negligence. He shall register from time to time every book and article purchased or presented, with the donor's name, when given, the value when it can be ascertained, and a brief description. He shall number and mark each volume with the name of the Society, and donor when presented and attach to each article in the Cabinet an appropriate label. He shall arrange the Books, Tracts, Newspapers and Manuscripts of the Society, and the articles of the Cabinet in scientific method, and keep the rooms in neat and good order. He shall prepare, as soon as is practicable, and keep in the Library Room, an accurate descriptive Catalogue of the whole Library and Cabinet; deliver a Copy to

the Treasurer—enter all additions as they are made on the Catalogue and annually on the Copy; and make report thereof at each stated meeting of the Council. On the Catalogue and Copy there shall be a distinct reference to the apartment and case containing the several Tracts and Books therein described. He shall afford such assistance to the Secretaries and such information to other members of the Society, when requested, under the restrictions which the Council may prescribe, as can be rendered without interference with his other duties. He shall attend at the Library Room from 9 to 12 o'clock A. M. and from 2 to 5 o'clock P. M. on all days of the week, Sundays and the afternoon of Saturday excepted, for the accommodation of members, and the reception of visitors. He shall cause the names of visitors to be entered in a Book, and exhibit the same at each stated meeting of the Council. No book or article shall be removed from its place, without the consent of the Librarian, or direction of the Council. Visitors may be admitted on the formal introduction or the producing a ticket of a member of the Society. No visitor shall remain in the Library or Cabinet Rooms without permission of the Council, except in the presence of the Librarian, or an officer of the Society."

Volume XI. new series of the Proceedings is now bound and ready for members and others who prefer the Society's binding.

This is probably the last meeting of the Society in the building of the Boston Athenæum. Some notice of the different places in which the Boston meetings have been held, and an expression of gratitude to The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, our hosts for many years, will be offered by gentlemen whom the Council has designated for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND M. BARTON,
Librarian.

Givers and Gifts.

FROM MEMBERS.

- ADAMS, CHARLES FRANCIS, LL.D., Lincoln.—His “Imperialism,” and “The Tracks of our Forefathers”; and his “Historians and Historical Societies.”
- BALDWIN, SIMEON E., LL.D., New Haven, Conn.—His “Modern Political Institutions.”
- BARTON, EDMUND M., Worcester.—“St. Andrew’s Cross”; “The Church Militant”; and “Worcester’s Young Men,” in continuation.
- BOWDITCH, CHARLES P., Boston.—His Pickering Genealogy of 1887; and the genealogy of the same family by Messrs. Harrison Ellery and Charles P. Bowditch, in 3 vols. royal octavo, Cambridge, 1897.
- BRINTON, DANIEL G., LL.D., Media, Pa.—Ten of his own publications.
- BROCK, ROBERT A., Richmond, Va.—His article on “The Neglect of History.”
- DAVIS, ANDREW MCF., Cambridge.—Eight of his Monographs; thirteen books; and two hundred and four pamphlets.
- DAVIS, HON. EDWARD L., Worcester.—Three books; and thirty pamphlets.
- DEXTER, FRANKLIN B., New Haven, Conn.—Blake’s “Chronicles of New Haven Green, 1638-1862.”
- FIRTH, CHARLES H., Oxford, England.—His “Marston Moor.”
- FORBES, HON. WILLIAM T., Worcester.—Rand’s “Biographical Sketches of one thousand representative men of Massachusetts.”
- GILMAN, DANIEL C., LL.D., Baltimore, Md.—His “Tribute to David Ames Wells.”
- GREEN, HON. SAMUEL A., Boston.—Five of his own publications; twenty-one books; one hundred and ninety-four pamphlets; one manuscript; two photographs; a proclamation; and the “American Journal of Numismatics,” in continuation.
- GREEN, SAMUEL S., Worcester.—His “Public Libraries of Worcester”; and his Report as Librarian of the Free Public Library, 1899.
- GREENE, J. EVARTS, Worcester.—“A Brief Account of the Manor and Parish Church of Green’s Norton.”
- HALL, REV. EDWARD H., Brookline.—His “Papias and his Contemporaries.”
- HOADLEY, CHARLES J., LL.D., Hartford, Conn.—One proclamation.

HOAR, HON. GEORGE F., Worcester.—Four of his own publications; sixty-two books; seven hundred and eighty-eight pamphlets; twelve photographs; one piece of music; and ten files of newspapers, in continuation.

LÉON, NICOLÁS, Guadalupe, Mexico.—His “*Ensayo Numismatico.*”

LOUBAT, JAMES F., LL.D., New York.—“*Clave General de Jeroglíficos Americanos de Don Ignacio Borunda,*” with Dr. Loubat’s introductory letter.

LOVE, REV. WILLIAM DELOSS, JR., Ph.D., Hartford, Conn.—His “*Hartford, the Keeper of Connecticut’s Charter.*”

MERRIMAN, REV. DANIEL, D.D., Worcester.—His “*What does Christian Patriotism require in view of the National Policy of Expansion?*”; two books; ninety-seven pamphlets; and “*The Nation,*” in continuation.

MORSE, EDWARD S., Salem.—His “*Was Middle America peopled from Asia?*”; and his “*Pre-Columbian Musical Instruments in America.*”

PAINE, REV. GEORGE S., Worcester.—Two portraits of the Right Honorable William E. Gladstone.

PAINE, NATHANIEL, Worcester.—His “*Literary, Scientific and Historical Societies of Worcester*”; seventeen books; five hundred and twenty-four pamphlets; three manuscripts; one photograph; and five files of newspapers, in continuation.

PEET, STEPHEN D., Ph.D., Good Hope, Ill.—“*The American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal,*” as issued.

SALISBURY, HON. STEPHEN, Worcester.—Eight books; two hundred and seventy-one pamphlets; and six files of newspapers, in continuation.

THWAITES, REUBEN G., Madison, Wis.—His report for 1897 as Superintendent and Secretary of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

UPHAM, HENRY P., St. Paul, Minn.—“*The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents,*” volumes 29-38.

WRIGHT, HON. CARROLL D., Washington, D. C.—His Annual Report as Superintendent of the Department of Labor; and the “*Labor Bulletin,*” as issued.

FROM PERSONS NOT MEMBERS.

ALEXANDER, DE ALVA S., Buffalo, N. Y.—His “*The Alexanders of Maine.*”

AMERICAN INVENTOR PUBLISHING COMPANY.—Numbers of “*The Age of Invention and American Inventor.*”

APPLETON AND COMPANY, DANIEL, New York.—“*The Monthly Bulletin,*” as issued.

ART COLLECTOR PUBLISHING COMPANY, New York.—“*The Art Collector,*” as issued.

- AVERY, ELROY, Cleveland, Ohio.—Numbers of his “Avery Notes and Queries.”
- BALCH, THOMAS W., Philadelphia, Pa.—His “Brooke Family of Whitechurch, Hampshire, England.”
- BARTON, Miss LYDIA M., Worcester.—“The Association Record,” in continuation.
- BATCHELOR, ALBERT S., Concord, N. H.—His “Historical and Biographical Notes on Military Annals of New Hampshire.”
- BENZIGER BROTHERS, New York.—Numbers of “Our Boys and Girls Own.”
- BERRY, JOHN C., M.D., Worcester.—Worcester Directory, 1897.
- BINGHAM, Hon. HARRY, Concord, N. H.—His “Annexation of Hawaii: A Right and a Duty.”
- BOSTON BOOK COMPANY.—“The Bulletin of Bibliography,” as issued.
- BOUTELL, Hon. HENRY S., Chicago, Ill.—Tributes to Louis H. Boutell, LL.D.
- BRIGHAM, CLARENCE S., Providence, R. I.—His “Brown’s Record in the Revolution”; and “Brown University Bibliography.”
- BROWN, ALEXANDER, LL.D., Norwood, Va.—His “History of our Earliest History.”
- BROWN, FREEMAN, *Clerk*, Worcester.—His Annual Report of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, 1898.
- BRYANT, H. WINSLOW, Portland, Me.—Ten historical pamphlets.
- BUFFINGTON, ELISHA D., *Commissioner*, Worcester.—Report of the Massachusetts Commissioners on Inland Fisheries and Game, 1898.
- BULLARD, HENRY N., *Editor*, Parkville, Mo.—Park College “Library Bulletin,” as issued.
- BURTON, CHARLES M., Detroit, Mich.—His “In the Footsteps of Cadillac.”
- BUSH, L. P., New Haven, Conn.—Tributes to Othniel Charles Marsh, LL.D.
- CALDERHEAD, J. H., *Commissioner*, Helena, Montana.—The Sixth Annual Report of the Montana Bureau of Agriculture, Labor and Industry.
- CALDWELL, Rev. AUGUSTINE, Eliot, Me.—His “The Old Ipswich Meeting House, 1747-1838”; and one pamphlet.
- CANFIELD, Mrs. PENELOPE S., Worcester.—“The Army and Navy Gazette” for 1898-99, in continuation.
- CARROLL, CLARENCE F., *Superintendent*, Worcester.—Report of the Worcester Schools, 1898.
- CHASE, Mrs. WILLIAM L., Worcester.—Nine books; one pamphlet; “The Engineering Record,” for 1893; and “The American Mechanic,” 1878-1898.

- CHENOWETH, MRS. BERNARD P., Worcester.—Her "School History of Worcester."
- CHICKERING, Prof. JOSEPH K., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Twenty pamphlets; and a collection of circulars.
- CLARKE, Mrs. HENRY, Worcester.—Twenty-seven books; and four hundred and sixteen pamphlets.
- COATES AND COMPANY, HENRY T., Philadelphia, Pa.—Numbers of "The Literary Era."
- CONANT, LEVI L., Ph.D., Worcester.—The Fiftieth Anniversary medal and badge of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
- COREY, DELORAINE P., Malden.—His "Joseph Hills and the Massachusetts Laws of 1648."
- CORNISH, LOUIS H., New York.—"The Spirit of '76," as issued.
- CRANE, JOHN C., Millbury.—His "The Nipmucks and their Country."
- CRAWFORD, Lord, Wigan, England.—"Biblioteca Lindesiana: Catalogue of English Broad-sides, 1505-1897."
- CRAWFORD, Rev. SIDNEY, Rutland.—His "Rufus Putnam and his Pioneer Life in the Northwest."
- CRITIC COMPANY, New York.—Numbers of "The Critic."
- CURRIER, FREDERICK A., Fitchburg.—His "Co-operative Banking."
- DAVIS, Mrs. ELNATHAN, Worcester.—Six photographic portraits.
- DAWSON, SAMUEL E., Lit.D., Ottawa, Canada.—His "The Voyages of the Cabots: Latest Phases of the Controversy."
- DEACON, EDWARD, Bridgeport, Conn.—His "Descent of the Family of Deacon, and Allied Families."
- DE MENIL, ALEXANDER N., St. Louis, Mo.—Numbers of "The Hesperian."
- DODD, MEAD AND COMPANY, New York.—Numbers of "The Bookman."
- DODGE, REUBEN R., Sutton.—His "Record of Inscriptions in the Cemeteries of Sutton, Mass.,"; and a Tribute to Lydia H. Dodge.
- DODGE, Hon. RUFUS B., Jr., Worcester.—His Inaugural Address, January 3, 1898.
- DOE, CHARLES H., Worcester.—Thirteen pamphlets relating to the Currency.
- DOLE, NATHAN H., *Editor*, Boston.—Numbers of "Book Culture."
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