

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

OUR honored Councillor, the late Dr. Charles Deane, said to your librarian upon his advancement to that office: "Ask for what you need but be thankful for what you have." Herein is wisdom and comfort. For many years, it has been the good fortune of this Society to have on its Library Committee its President and its Treasurer; two officers having an intimate knowledge of our requirements and our treasures. The recent improvements within the Hall, made under their personal supervision, need only to be seen to be appreciated. Members, guests and the library staff all enjoy the changed conditions.

In this connection Mr. Christopher C. Baldwin's modest letter of acceptance of the librarianship of this Society is here recorded:—

Sutton, Nov. 26, 1831.

REJOICE NEWTON, Esq.

My dear Sir,

Your communication under date of 25th inst., informing me of being elected Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, has been placed in my hands. I accept the appointment:—and I will endeavor, by industry and fidelity in promoting the objects of the Society, to deserve the confidence of the Council.

I am with great respect and regard

your friend

CHRIS= C: BALDWIN.

The fulfilment of the "endeavor by industry and fidelity in promoting the objects of the Society," appears not only in our treasure-house, but in the record of the diarist so wisely preserved in our latest major publication.

The binding of the doings of learned societies, college serials, general magazine and other literature, and small folio newspapers, has made a heavy draft upon the fund so wisely established for that purpose. Lack of space as well as lack of funds has prevented any attempt to bind the blanket folio newspaper files of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, which now fill the tables of our newspaper room. We receive from the Worcester Free Public Library and from the Worcester County Mechanics Association more than one hundred unbound files of current representative journals, and, from other sources, perhaps an average of twenty-five files. What disposition to make of this mass of more or less important historical material, has become a problem difficult of solution. Your librarian in previous reports has suggested a fund for the purchase of needed eighteenth century papers, and has referred to the apparent present duty of the City, State and Nation. The important breaks in our nineteenth century collection disturb the investigators; while the twentieth century student wonders why we have not in bound form the latest products of the newspaper press.

The book of accessions records three hundred and three sources of gifts; namely, forty-one members, one hundred and twenty-nine persons not members and one hundred and thirty-three societies and institutions. We have received from them seven hundred and five books, thirty-five hundred and ninety-six pamphlets, fifty-one bound and two hundred and eight unbound volumes of newspapers, thirty-five photographs, eleven lithographs, seven broadsides, three manuscripts, one medal and a table; by exchange, nine books, eight pamphlets and nine book-plates; and from the bindery, two hundred and twelve volumes of magazines and forty volumes of newspapers: a total of nine hundred and twenty-six books, thirty-six hundred and four pamphlets, fifty-one bound and two hundred and eight unbound volumes of newspapers, *etc.*

Dr. James D. Butler places in our alcove of biography a copy of Kingston's New Pocket Biographical Dictionary, formerly owned by John Howard Payne, as indicated by his autograph. The giver writes the librarian that "The circumstances of finding this relic where and when least looked for, appeared so noteworthy that they were described by me in *The Nation* in 1883 (No. 937, p. 510). A copy of that article I have placed in the volume. When Payne, on June 16, 1834, visited the Library he promised, as your predecessor Baldwin relates, to give it 'his own books and some others of which he made a memorandum.' Let the trifle I now express to you be considered a fulfilment of this promise." Dr. Butler adds: "Hope of seeing Trumbull's Natick Dictionary is to me very cheering, for I am confident it will throw light upon many of our Western Algonkin names which still sit in darkness, notably the word *Wisconsin* itself."

No explanation need accompany the following communication :

San Francisco, Dec. 4th, 1901.

Honorable STEPHEN SALISBURY,
President of the American Antiquarian Society,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sir :—

Herewith please receive a sealed package containing letters of Governor John Davis and his wife, Eliza Davis, written between 1825 and 1853. I place them in the custody of the American Antiquarian Society with the consent of my brothers J. C. Bancroft Davis and Andrew McF. Davis and on the condition that they shall not be opened until 1950. You have already what remains of Governor Davis's political correspondence. This bundle represents mainly his domestic and personal affairs. Please acknowledge receipt, and believe me, with great respect,

Yours very truly,

HORACE DAVIS.

The parcel was received 12 December, 1901, and immediately placed in our steel safe.

At the October meeting in 1873, Mr. John T. Doyle's "Memorandum as to the Discovery of the Bay of San Francisco," was presented by Hon. John D. Washburn, with introductory remarks. A second paper from the same author and upon the same subject appears in the Proceedings of April, 1889. I submit for preservation in print, a recent letter received from Mr. Doyle with the Costanzo map, followed by a second letter relating thereto :

Menlo Park, Cal., October 29th, 1901.

EDMUND M. BARTON, Esq.,
Librarian, &c.

Dear Sir :—

I have, since the receipt of your letter stating that the blue print of Costanzo's map of the west coast of America from the "Rio de los reyes" to the "Cabo de corrientes" had not been received by you, been waiting, I know not how long, for some one to send me something in one of those straw-board cylinders, used for mailing such things, and thus enable me to comply with your suggestion to duplicate the gift. Only this morning the hoped-for missive arrived, and I now lose no time in removing the directions to myself and substituting one to yourself and enclosing the map in question, which you will see bears date in Mexico, just one hundred and thirty-one years ago tomorrow. The case is not quite large enough, and I had to fold the enclosure, but I trust that it will reach you uninjured. The original is in the possession of the Bohemian Club of San Francisco, by whose permission I had it traced. If Col. Washburn is still living (which though I earnestly hope I can hardly feel assured of) he will I think be much interested in this map and glad of an opportunity to compare it with ours of the Coast survey. Such a comparison will show that so far as the expedition of 1769, whereof Costanzo was engineer, followed the shore from San Diego up, Costanzo's map was very accurate; but from the point where the expedition, leaving the shore line entered the Santa Lucia mountains up as far as the Bay of Monterey, it is laid down conjecturally. From

Point Pinos again, up as far as Point Corral de tierra it becomes accurate, and north of that and up to, and including the "Estero de San Francisco" it is sketched as closely as possible, as seen from the summit of the hills overlooking Milbrae and San Mateo. This tends to confirm my conjecture, of many years since, as to the furthest point reached by that expedition.

Yours very truly,

JOHN T. DOYLE.

Note on the early exploration of Upper California.

In the library of the Bohemian Club, is a quarto volume (quite thin) entitled "A historical journal of the expedition by sea and land to the north of California in 1768, 1769 and 1770, when Spanish establishments were first made at San Diego and Monterey. From a Spanish manuscript, translated by William Reveley, Esq." Published by Dalrymple, 1790. "London, printed by George Bigg, sold by P. Elmsley, opposite Southampton Street, Strand; F. Wingrave (successor to Mr. Nourse) opposite Catherine Street, Strand, and J. Stockdale, Picadilly." In the advertisement, in the front of the book and signed by Dalrymple, which is dated November, 1790, it is stated that in 1783, he "received from Dr. Robertson, a present of a Spanish ms. of which the following is a translation. It was written by an officer employed in the expedition, but I think proper to omit his name." The ms. is entitled "Diario Histórico de los viages de mar y tierra, hechos al norte de la California, del orden del Exmo. Sr. Marques de Croix, Gov. y Capitan General de la Nueva Españay por direccion del Illo. Sr. D. Jose de Galvez, del consejo y Camera de S. M. en el Supremo de Indias, Yntendente de exercito, Visitador General de este reyno; Executedas por la tropa destinada á dicho objeto al mando de D. Gaspar de Portolá capitan de dragones en el regimiento de España y Gobernador de dicha peninsula; y de los paquebotes *El San Carlos y San Antonio*, al mando de D. Vicente Vila, Piloto del numero de primeros, de la Real Armada, y de Juan Perez, de la navegacion de Filipinas."

In the Sutro Library is a copy of the diary of D. Miguel Costanzo, who was the engineer of Portolá's expedition, which I compared, in company with Prof. Duniway of

Stanford University, with the translation in Dalrymple's publication, and we concluded that the *ms.* translated by Mr. Revely was a copy of Costanzo's diary. We did not read it through, but the commencements of the paragraphs of each led to this conclusion. Mr. Revely's rendering of many words and expressions is, however, very faulty: thus he translates "*esteros*" into "creeks," reducing the great estuary we call by the general name of the Bay of San Francisco (including Suisun and San Pablo) to the rank of a *creek!*

Menlo Park, Dec, 11th, 1901.

JOHN T. DOYLE.

Vice-President Hale has added to his works already upon our shelves. In his "Seven Spanish Cities, and the Way to Them," I find one of the kindly deeds for which his four-score useful years have been noted. In his chapter on Madrid, under Museums, he writes: "They are not overrun with visitors. They do not think you are a wretched tourist 'doing the gallery.' They receive you as Mr. Barton would receive a stranger who comes to Worcester to the Antiquarian Society and wants to draw the Michael Angelo's Moses, or to consult an old volume of the *News-Letter*. They seem to know that you are decent people, and are really interested in their treasures." And here I venture an appeal for copies of Dr. Hale's "Man without a Country" in the foreign tongues into which it has been so wisely translated to further a love of country. By reference to the librarian's report of April, 1889, it will be observed that we have a special interest in the birth and history of this American classic. Vice-President Hoar echoed the sentiment of many American librarians when he said: "He has told us the sorrowful story of the man without a country. But how sorrowful will be the condition of the country without the man."

Mr. Henry P. Upham upon learning that we possess the original quarto edition of Charlevoix's "*Histoire et Description Générale de la Nouvelle France*," but not Dr. Shea's six volume translation of 1866-1872, promptly sub-

scribed for the new edition, the sixth and last volume of which is hereby acknowledged. It supplements in a way "The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents," received from the same source. Sabin, in his *Bibliotheca Americana*, says of the first edition of Shea: "This is the first translation into English of Charlevoix's celebrated and important work. Dr. Shea has added notes, corrected references and improved the bibliography, at the same time retaining in all its originality Charlevoix's text." The second edition of Shea's translation contains everything that was in his first edition, with the addition of a memoir of Dr. Shea and a bibliography of his writings.

Mr. Henry Vignaud of Paris, in presenting his work on "Le Lettre et la Carte de Toscanelli, 1474, sur la route des Indes par l'ouest," writes "I seize this opportunity to send to your Society a book of mine just published, which has attracted some attention. I send it as a mark of the high esteem I entertain for the learned members of an Association which has done me the enviable honor of admitting me as a member."

Mr. Charles C. Beale, Court stenographer, Boston, sends us the *Typewriter and Phonographic World* of October, 1901, containing his paper upon "The Cummings shorthand books. American Antiquarian Society." I quote therefrom the following paragraphs:

"To students of shorthand history, the American Antiquarian Society is known by reason of its possession of the original shorthand manuscripts of John Hull, the first Mint-Master of Massachusetts, written 1655-1665; of Thomas Shepard, Jr., of Cambridge, Mass., son of the first minister in Cambridge; of Thomas Lechford, the first lawyer in New England; and other notable seventeenth century shorthand writers: but it may not be so generally known that they have also one of the choicest collections of shorthand books to be found in any library, public or quasi-public, in this country. . . . The collection of shorthand books is not exceeding large as compared with

some private collections, consisting of about a hundred works, but it includes many rarities and some items which are, so far as I am aware, unique. . . . The collection is in the main a donation from one collector, Mr. Herbert R. Cummings, of Worcester, once an enthusiastic stenographer, but now engaged in the insurance business in the same city. The books represent a very considerable outlay of money and time; and in order to secure their permanent preservation, in May, 1894, Mr. Cummings donated them to the Society. . . . Anyone interested in shorthand history and literature who has an opportunity to visit this fine collection will be well paid for so doing."

The gift of Mrs. Penelope Lincoln Canfield, a daughter and granddaughter respectively of two of our charter members, is of the same quality as all of her many contributions. It has been her custom for many years to send us, soon after their issue, some of the best editions of the choicest books from the leading presses of America.

I mention the receipt of Mr. Willard Fiske's paper on *The Missing Manuscript of the Rev. Louis Rou's tract relating to Chess (1734) in aid of his search therefor.* The title is: "Critical remarks upon the Letter to the Craftsman on the Game of Chess occasioned by his paper of the 15th of Sept. 1733, and dated from Slaughter's Coffee-House, Sept. 21." Mr. Rou was Pastor of the French Protestant Church in New York City. Information may be sent to the library of Cornell University.

Mrs. Alice Morse Earle kindly writes in a copy of her *Old Time Gardens*— "To the American Antiquarian Society. In its library at Worcester, the birthplace of the author, she found so much of value in the making of this book."

Mr. Oscar Wegelin sends a copy of his "Early American Fiction, 1774-1830," for service rendered, and Dr. Cyrus Thomas his important contributions relating to the Mayan Calendar Systems; and the numeral systems of Mexico and Central America, in recognition of aid in

comparison and illustration. From the Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology we have received the "Codex Nuttall, Facsimile of an Ancient Mexican Codex belonging to Lord Zouche of Harynworth, England, with an introduction by Zelia Nuttall." This remarkable reproduction has been placed with our growing collection of codices.

Mr. Lawrence Waters Jenkins — at the request of Mr. Henry F. Waters — has forwarded the receipt given the Hon. Joseph G. Waters by the artist Mr. George Southward for our portrait of the Rev. William Bentley, D.D., of Salem, Massachusetts. In the list of Givers and Gifts of April, 1870, it is credited to Mr. Waters, but in the librarian's report Dr. Haven refers to it as "A fine copy of a painting of Dr. William Bentley, the liberal gift of friends in Salem, through Hon. Joseph G. Waters, expressly for the Bentley alcove in our library." I recall the fact that the portrait reached us from the artist — who is now first known to us — soon after Judge Waters and Dr. Henry Wheatland had greatly enjoyed a day or two among our Bentley manuscripts.

With Mr. Daniel Murray's essay on "Paul Jennings and his Times," which is carefully typewritten, sumptuously bound and inscribed in gold, we received the following letter :

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS,
LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., March 8, 1902.

Hon. GEORGE F. HOAR,

U. S. Senator.

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir :

In handing you the accompanying biographical sketch of Paul Jennings, a colored man who sustained an intimate confidential relation to President Madison, for transmission to the American Antiquarian Society, I am animated, first, by a desire that a knowledge of him may

be brought to the attention of the eminent literary men of the American Antiquarian Society, and secondly, to attest my gratitude to Mr. Edmund M. Barton, the Librarian, for valuable assistance afforded me in the work of compiling a bibliography of books and pamphlets by Afro-American and Afro-European authors, a work to which I was detailed by Librarian Putnam at the request of Hon. Ferdinand Peck, Director-General of the Paris Exposition, 1900.

When the Exposition opened I was able to place on exhibition a list showing a little over nine hundred titles and more than two hundred books, and this in a field of literary endeavor, where, ordinarily little might be expected. Being deeply interested, I have continued the quest for titles of this character and have now about twenty-three hundred.

Believing the enclosed biographical sketch of Paul Jennings would be of interest, I have great pleasure in presenting it.

Very sincerely yours,

DANIEL MURRAY.

By bequest of Mrs. Sarah I. Rockwood, late of Westborough, Massachusetts, there has been added to the Hall furniture an eight-legged table formerly owned by the Reverend Thaddeus Maccarty. It is of maple, is in a perfect state of preservation, and has been put to immediate use. Major William T. Harlow adds to our Revolutionary material a reproduction of a family document of that period. It is Nathan How's Commission as "Captain of a Company in the Regiment whereof Josiah Whitney Esq. is Colonel raised by this Colony to reinforce the American Army untill the first day of April next." It bears date of Fifth Day of February, 1776, and is signed by Perez Morton, D. Sec'y.

I present for publication, without note or comment, the letter and bill of sale which follow :

Springfield, Illinois, Mar. 25, 1902.

EDMUND M. BARTON, Esq., Librarian.

My dear Sir :

I enclose herewith a document executed fifty-two years ago, which, as will be seen, is of historical

interest and value, as relating to the institution of Slavery as it still existed in the year 1850, about the time of the passage of the famous "compromise measures," to the passage of which Daniel Webster gave his supreme effort, and in consequence of which action his political sun went down to rise no more.

This deed was presented to me by the grantee, Amanda Holmes, in the year 1870. The husband whom she purchased, William Holmes, survived until after the close of the Civil War, about the year 1866 or 7. Soon after that event, she removed from St. Louis to Springfield where she died in 1870.

The records of St. Louis County will show for all time to come, how, under the banner of the United States, a man was sold to his wife, for "thirty pieces of silver"—dollars.

The old woman was intelligent and cheery, and lived long enough to enjoy the blessings of freedom which emancipated her race from bondage.

I take great pleasure in presenting the document to the "American Antiquarian Society" for preservation among its archives.

I am very truly yours,

EDWIN SAWYER WALKER.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we Adam D. Stewart and Mary B. Stewart his wife, at present of the City of Saint Louis and state of Missouri a Colonel of and in the Army of the United States of America Have this day bargained, sold, assigned and made over unto Amanda Holmes (a free woman of colour) of the City aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty Dollars, to me in hand well and truly paid by the said Amanda Holmes the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and acquit her for ever,=One negro man named William Holmes in or about forty five years of age of a dark brown colour and about five and one half feet in height a slave for life, and which said sum of Thirty dollars is in full payment of and for said William Holmes. It is hereby expressly understood by these presents that I do not guarantee that the said William Holmes is of sound mind or body. But I do hereby warrant and defend the right and title of all and against any claims or demands of any and all persons whatsoever previous to the date hereof. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this

twenty ninth day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty 1850

Signed Sealed and Delivered

in the presence of us

The words "and Mary B. Stewart his wife,"
interlined before signing.

JNO. H. WATSON.

ADAM D. STEWART [SEAL]

MARY B. STEWART [SEAL]

State of Missouri,
County of Saint Louis.

} ss.

Be it remembered that on the Sixth day of February A. D. Eighteen Hundred and fifty, before me the undersigned "The Law Commissioner of Saint Louis County," in the State aforesaid, came Adam D. Stewart and Mary B. his wife, who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing as parties thereto and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned; that the said Mary B. wife of the said Adam D. Stewart having been by me first made acquainted with the contents of the said instrument of writing, acknowledged to me on an examination separate and apart from her said husband, that she executed the same freely, and without compulsion or undue influence of her said husband.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office,
the day and year above written.

JNO. H. WATSON.

The Law Com^r of St. Louis County.

County of St. Louis ss I Stephen D. Barlow Recorder for said
County certify that the foregoing deed was filed in my office
Feb'y 6 1850 & is truly recorded in Book I no. 5 page 463 & foll

Witness my hand & official seal
the date last aforesaid

S. D. BARLOW Recorder

Our varied service is rendered not only to individuals but to States and Nations. For instance, the late Chief Justice of Vermont, Hon. Russell S. Taft, has been allowed to reprint certain pages of the laws of that State. They have been reproduced by our printer, under the direction of Mr. Benjamin J. Dodge, who has so faithfully superintended the Society's Worcester printing for the past thirty-three years. In a letter received just before his lamented death, Judge Taft, referring to his last request, says: "I do not know of any copies of the forty-one

pages other than yours." It is quite possible that these fragmentary pages were turned over to this Society in 1838, when a circular-letter calling for such material was sent to the Governors of the various States.

It is the desire of the Council as well as of the librarian to place in the Alcove of Biography all available material relating to our members. This should include extended sketches, newspaper clippings and manuscript notes suggesting other trustworthy authorities. Lists of their publications supplied by the writers and annually perfected by them, could be kept in folders with the other personal *data*.

In closing, I quote from an editorial in the *Library Journal* of October, 1901, the following paragraph: "Yet it must not be forgotten that the spirit and force underlying the best library work of the present time has been almost wholly a result of the cordial personal relations, mutual confidence and good-will developed through the personal and informal associations that have from the beginning been a special feature of library organization." As a member of the American Library Association since its birth in September, 1876, and as a member of our library faculty since April 1, 1866, I would heartily endorse this vigorous statement.

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND M. BARTON,

Librarian.

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