

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

THE fortieth report of your librarian follows lines laid down in his first. A few library notes with brief statistics, acknowledgments of gifts of special value or interest, with the lessons they convey, and occasional suggestions born of library experience,—these seem to answer the purpose of the semi-annual reports.

Bound volumes of Proceedings XIV. New Series are now ready for delivery to those who prefer the Society's binding.

We are interested in the recent establishing of a "Library Clearing House" in Chicago and trust that its practical working may help to solve the library problem of "The Best Use of Duplicates." Under this title your librarian read a brief paper, September 9, 1885, at the Lake George Conference of the American Library Association. The liberal policy relating thereto which the Library Committee has encouraged, has surely brought liberal returns to this storehouse of American history. It may be added that we have been pioneers in the re-distribution of documentary matter issued by municipalities, states and the nation.

A critical examination of the tankard bequeathed to the Society in 1843 by Hon. William Winthrop has recently been made by Mr. J. H. Buck, an expert, who thus describes it: "Jug. Height 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches of brown mottled stoneware, mounted in silver gilt as a tankard. It is enclosed with a neckband, the cover engraved with the Fall of Adam; the purchase is of conventional ornament; the foot enriched with an upright band of strawberry

leaves. There are no marks, but it has the appearance of having been made about 1590." As the manuscript vouchers which accompanied the tankard are even now not easily deciphered they are printed herewith:

1. "At y^e feast of S^t Michael An^o 1607 my sister y^e Lady Mildmay did give me a Stone pott tipped and covered with a Silver Lydd. The above memorandum was taken out of my Great Grandfather Mr. Adam Winthrop his Notes & given me Oct. 13th 1707 by my Cousin John Winthrop relating to the Stone pott given him by his Sister one hundred years ago, which is now in my possession. Adam Winthrop | the Son of Adam | the Son of Adam | the Son of John | Governor of Massachusetts | the Son of above n^d Adam | to whom the pot was at | first given."

2. "Be it remembered that the '*Stone pot tipped and Covered with a Silver Lid,*' descended to me upon the death of my Father in 1779; and that it has, on this twenty ninth day of September 1807, (being the Feast of St. Michael) been Two Hundred years in the family, and is now in my possession. William Winthrop | the Son of John, | the Son of Adam, the Son of Adam, | the Son of Adam, | the Son of John (Governor | of Massachusetts), | the Son of Adam, to | whom the Pot was at | first given."

In this connection Mr. Buck says: "The Standing CUP belonging to the First Church Boston, with the London hall-mark for 1610, was given by Governor Jno. Winthrop."

In the librarian's report read ten years ago today, reference was made to the poor quality of much of the paper then in use. Under the title "Paper of Today" Rev. Dr. Hale reprinted these notes in his *Boston Commonwealth* of December 17, 1892. Our later observation and experience confirm the judgment then expressed. It would seem to be the bounden duty of learned societies which not only keep but make books, to encourage such chemical research as shall secure to us for all time, if possible,

the preservation of at least the best literature of our day. The claim of permanence made by the great manufacturers of wood pulp paper does not appear to be well founded. The problem is one which we may hope the modern student of applied, mercantile chemistry, will successfully solve.

The doctrine of protection still prevails in most of the libraries of our land. In the Providence Public Library respect for the bound files of newspapers is encouraged by the use of the following

NOTICE.

Readers are earnestly requested to use especial care in closing these volumes, in order to avoid the permanent folding over or creasing of the pages.

Any damage of this kind, already done, as well as any missing pages, should be at once reported at the Delivery Desk, so that it may be remedied as promptly as possible.

WILLIAM E. FOSTER,

LIBRARIAN.

Library service rendered often brings a quick return, as witness the following biographical contribution :

298 Commonwealth Avenue,
Boston, Massachusetts,
20 May, 1902.

Dear Mr. Barton :—Many thanks for your help in the William-Price view of Boston. Clearly he is one of our forgotten worthies; as clearly he set up our first church organ, at King's Chapel, and played it (Foote, *Annals of King's Chapel*) in 1714.

By 1722 we have his advertisement as our first map and printseller (2 *Boston Memorial History* 531); by 1725 he sold and afterward controlled the plate of the beautiful Bonner map, which he issued often and as late as 1769 with such modifications as the plate would bear and local engravers could manage.

In 1726 he issued the Harvard view, which appears to have been engraved here, and in that case is our first considerable landscape engraving done by home talent, though the Bonner map, engraved by Francis Dewing, 1722, is

our first considerable copperplate. (See S. A. Green's recent facsimiles.)

The Boston view was drawn for Price in 1723; it was engraved in England by John Harris, the most suitable man for such architectural work, and on sale here in 1725. It was published from time to time, the plate being modified (our Public Library has a damaged copy marked 1743) to keep up with the times.

William Price dealt in prints and maps, also in music, musical instruments, toys, artistic furniture, mirrors, frames, optical instruments, china, oil paintings, etc. He was our first art dealer.

He helped to establish and build Christ Church and Trinity, and was an officer and pewholder in each, also in King's Chapel. In 1727 he married the niece of Samuel Myles, rector of King's Chapel and the rector's heiress. He kept shop for some fifty years at 219 Washington Street, where Thompson's Spa is, and in 1736 bought the estate along the south side of Court Avenue, from Washington Street to Court Square.

He died 17 May, 1771 [*sic*], leaving a good estate to support his widow and nieces during their lives, after which it was to go for church work. Trinity still maintains the Price Lectures in Lent (sometimes called half-price lectures, because each of the eight sermons is paid forty shillings). The estate is held by Trinity, but the net profit is divided with King's Chapel, and amounts to about \$25,000 a year.

On the law aspect of the trust I know nothing better than our Supreme Court decision in the 9 Allen, q. v. The fact is, Price made a will contemplating the impossible (either he was senile, or obstinate in making such a will), and no law court can decide how far such a will may be violated. Men of the world must agree about spoils, or lose them. Price expected the King to remain in power here, and his will treats the Church of England and our Protestant Episcopal church as one. In law, they are not one.

When Faneuil died, Price caused his portrait by Smibert to be placed in Faneuil Hall. He was intimate with the Pelhams, the Copleys, and the Myles family. He is the father of fine art in Boston. He was devout, sincere, active, and apparently the most eminent layman connected

with the Episcopal Church here before the Revolution. The Boston view, you will notice, was mainly architectural, Price setting out to show how our buildings looked, especially those in which he was concerned. Notice the three Episcopal churches.

It is so very easy to dissent from the Prices and the Mathers. The market has been glad to pay what they asked or very much more. A good copy of the Price views is easily worth \$1,000. I have no knowledge of a copy of his Boston view published in 1725. How many men of today will leave so good a name, so fragrant a memory, so rich a bequest, and so memorable an achievement?

Very truly yours,

C. W. ERNST.

As statements of what we *need* or what we *have* of certain serials have helped to complete sets, such lists will from time to time appear in the librarian's reports. Of Massachusetts election sermons—the last of which was delivered January 2, 1884—we *have* 1661, 1663, 1667, 1678 imperfect, 1670, 1701 imperfect, 1703, 1705, 1706, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1718, 1719, 1720 and 1722 to 1884 inclusive. It is understood that no sermon was delivered in 1752 on account of the prevalence of smallpox and that none was printed in 1775.

The library statistics for the six months ending the 15th instant show that gifts have been received from two hundred and eighty-four sources, namely: from thirty-one members, one hundred and twelve persons not members and one hundred and forty-one societies and institutions. From them the library has received eleven hundred and sixty-six books, six thousand and sixty-six pamphlets, one hundred and six bound and one hundred and thirty-five unbound volumes of newspapers, eleven broadsides, seven book-plates, five engravings, four photographs, four maps, two manuscripts and a plaster cast. We have received by exchange eighteen books, six pamphlets and one manuscript; and from the bindery thirty-

two volumes of magazines and six of newspapers; a total of twelve hundred and sixteen books, six thousand and seventy-two pamphlets, one hundred and fourteen bound and one hundred and thirty-five unbound volumes of newspapers, *etc.*

Two of Vice-President Hoar's gifts should receive special mention. The first is referred to in the following letter:

Worcester, Mass., June 30, 1902.

My dear Sir:

I have sent this morning to the American Antiquarian Society a considerable number of books, clippings from newspapers, pamphlets bound and unbound, and other material relating to the Philippine Islands. I wish to retain the ownership of all these, and to have the right to recall any of them that I may choose any time during my life. It is not likely that I shall ever exercise this right. Such of them as I do not remove during my life are to be the property of the Society. I think you will find that they constitute a valuable and quite complete collection of material on this important subject. I inclose a copy of this letter. Please return the copy with a statement that you understand the arrangement as above set forth.

I am, Faithfully yours,

GEO. F. HOAR.

EDMUND M. BARTON, Esq.

Librarian American Antiquarian Society,
Worcester, Mass.

On the day of receipt the duplicate letter was returned with the endorsement; "30 June, 1902. Received this day the collection named herein, which will be held according to the desire of Hon. George F. Hoar, the depositor. Edmund M. Barton, Librarian American Antiquarian Society." The second reference is to a plaster cast from the tablet recently erected in Washington to the memory of Vice-President Wilson. The inscription, which is by Mr. Hoar, reads: "In this room | Henry Wilson | Vice-President of the United States | and

a Senator for eighteen years | Died November 22, 1875,
| The son of a farm laborer, never at | school more than
twelve months, in | Youth a journeyman shoemaker, he |
raised himself to the high places of | fame, honor and
power, and by unwearied | study made himself an author-
ity in the | history of his country and of liberty | and an
eloquent public speaker to | whom Senate and People
eagerly | listened. He dealt with and controlled | vast
public expenditures during a great | Civil War, yet lived
and died poor, and | left to his grateful countrymen the
| memory of an honorable public service, | and a good
name far better than riches."

Mr. Nathaniel Paine completes today forty years of faithful service as Treasurer of this Society. He has also served for twenty-two years on the Committee of Publication and for twenty-one years—with our honored President—as a member of the Committee on the Library. Attention is called to the admirable portrait of Mr. Paine which he has given to the Society.

We are reminded by Mr. William A. Smith's gift of a fine copy of Gilchrist's "Life and Times of William Blake," that during his thirty-five years' membership he has frequently made such transfers from his own library to that of the Society.

Dr. Alexander F. Chamberlain has made a noteworthy contribution of his linguistic and folk-lore publications, and Mrs. Charles W. Smith and Dr. Merrick Bemis generous additions of a miscellaneous character.

Mrs. Francis H. Dewey sends us the rare volume of photographs of "Citizens of Worcester Past and Present," in which the names of nearly five hundred men are duly listed; and a second volume containing photographs of members of the Massachusetts Senate of 1869, in which and on which no names appear. Judge Dewey's associate in the Senate of '69—Hon. George H. Monroe—and State Librarian C. B. Tillinghast have aided your

librarian in his quest, but the work is not yet completed. The moral is obvious.

Mrs. Ellen A. Stone has allowed us to select from her collection of early text-books to enrich our own. For this gift we are no doubt indebted to some friend's kind suggestion, as well as to many another known and unknown adviser for like favors.

The following need no introduction :

Springfield, Illinois, Apl. 21, 1902.

EDMUND M. BARTON, ESQ., Libn. American Ant. Society.

My Dear Sir :

I recently sent you a deed, or bill of sale, to one William Holmes, issued to his wife the purchaser of the said "chattel." I herewith enclose a duly certified copy of a deed of manumission, which also contains an "abstract of title," issued to the said wife, Amanda Holmes—several years prior to the date when she purchased her said husband.

The two papers, taken together, will serve to illustrate the working of that "*institution*" to eradicate which cost the lives of 1,000,000 of men, and millions of money, and which in God's own time was overthrown & our native land made in fact, as well as in name, the *Home of the Free*.

I am very truly yours,

EDWIN SAWYER WALKER.

Be it known unto all whom it may concern that I William G. Eliot, Jr., of the City and County of St. Louis in the State of Missouri, in consideration of good and sufficient reasons do this day manumit and make free my Servant Amanda Holmes, coloured woman, formerly owned by Capt Crossman of the United States army and by him sold to N. Paschall of the City of St. Louis, from whom I purchased her for the term of her life: and by this act of manumission I do make her a free woman, with all the rights and privileges which can belong to her as such under the Laws of the State of Missouri.

In testimony of which I here affix my hand & seal this seventh day of July A. D. 1845.

WILLIAM G. ELLIOT Jr.

Seal

In the St. Louis Circuit Court—April Term 1845

Monday July 7th 1845

State of Missouri, }
County of St. Louis } ss.

Be it remembered that on this Seventh day of July Eighteen hundred and forty-five comes into Court here William G. Eliot Junior, who is known to the Court to be the real person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing deed of manumission and he acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, hand and seal for the purposes therein expressed, which said acknowledgment is entered on the records of the Court of that day.

Seal

In testimony whereof, I, John Ruland Clerk of said Court, hereto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of St. Louis the day & year last aforesaid.

JN^o RULAND Clerk.

The Worcester Gazette Company before moving into new quarters, thoughtfully gave us ninety-nine bound volumes of *The Worcester Transcript*, *The Ægis and Transcript*, *The Ægis and Gazette* and *The Worcester Evening Gazette*. *The National Ægis* and *The Worcester Transcript* were absorbed by the *Gazette*. This large gift will not only help to complete our files, but will release to the National Library, or to the local historical society, duplicate volumes, which are more or less complete.

The special book funds have been carefully kept for unusual opportunities of purchase. Thus the Benjamin F. Thomas local history fund and the John and Eliza Davis civil war fund have yielded excellent returns. The George Chandler fund for the department of family history, which supplies perhaps the highest priced books we secure, is still the smallest fund of the class mentioned.

We have received from the American-Irish Historical Society a copy of "The Irish Scots and the Scotch-Irish," by Hon. John C. Linehan. It recalls the paper of Mr. Samuel S. Green on "The Scotch-Irish of America," read at our April meeting in 1895. Mr. Linehan thus kindly

refers to its author: "During a correspondence, a few years ago, between Mr. Murray and Mr. Samuel Swett Green, of Worcester, Mass., Mr. Green thus manfully wrote: 'In regard to the use of the term Scotch-Irish, I did not realize that I should give offence by employing it, and I probably should have used some other designation to convey my meaning rather than irritate bodies of men whom I respect. I used the word, however, only in a descriptive sense, just as I sometimes use the term Afro-American and Swedish-American. I entirely agree with Mr. Murray that generally speaking, it is best not to use words which show the differences of the inhabitants of a country rather than the things which they hold in common. For example, it is better to speak generally of Americans, rather than Irish-Americans or French-Americans.'"

The Club of Odd Volumes has presented a copy of the limited edition of "The Triumphs of Early Printing," by its President, Mr. James F. Hunnewell. By invitation of our associates, Messrs. Hunnewell and Paine, it was my privilege and pleasure to speak to the Club of our collection of early newspapers. It was upon an evening which was devoted to the general subject of the American newspaper, past and present.

The Minnesota Historical Society has completed our set of their publications, upon the suggestion of Mr. Henry P. Upham; and the elaborate Register of Members and Ancestors of the Minnesota Society of Colonial Wars has been forwarded by that body at his request. The habit of some of our friends not only to send us their own productions but to recommend the practice to others, is strongly approved.

The appeal of the International Press Clubs for a contribution of duplicate literature to the Journalists' Home Library was promptly answered. It was thought peculiarly fitting that the Society whose founder was the patriot printer and journalist as well as the author of the "History

of Printing in America," should thus show its interest. The chairman and treasurer extends thanks for the gift and coöperation, and expresses the hope that his Society may at some future time be able to reciprocate the courtesy.

It will be remembered that Levi Lincoln and his son Levi were charter members of this time-honored Society. A brief reference to the latter—our first treasurer, a faithful councillor and life-long friend—was recently discovered in Mr. William F. De Wolf's "Recollections of Public Men," a paper read before the Chicago Historical Society, November 15, 1881. It seems well to recover and reprint some such contemporary expressions of regard that they may be readily accessible for use at our Centennial Celebration in 1912. The paragraphs follow :

LEVI LINCOLN OF MASSACHUSETTS.

"Governor Lincoln was a noble man, the son and brother of such men as Massachusetts and Maine, in the olden time, chose for the highest officials. Like the Adamses, his descendants look back through a long line of illustrious ancestry. Of him it might be said in the words of Dryden, 'His tribe were God Almighty's gentlemen.' His home was the abode of genuine hospitality, made lovely by all the enduring charms of true refinement. I shall never forget the time when I once saw him on horseback in company with General Jackson and his cabinet, reviewing sixty thousand troops on Boston Common. Among many of the best appearing men in the Nation, he rode the peer of the best. * * * At the time I saw him on Boston Common, surrounded as he was, passing through an immense throng of his admiring citizens, he reminded me of the description given by Shakespeare of Bolingbroke's entrance into London :

'Whilst he, from one side to the other, turning,
Bareheaded, lower than his proud steed's neck,
Bespake them thus,—I thank you countrymen :
And this still doing, thus he pass'd along.'"

I have been asked to print in the body of this report the following very rare circular which accompanied a

Society report of October, 1821, by Rejoice Newton and Samuel Jennison :

(CIRCULAR.)

SIR,

HEREWITH you will receive a Report on the state of THE AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY, made at the Annual Meeting in October last. The facts it discloses, it is presumed you will be gratified to learn, as they evince its respectable standing and condition. But to communicate this, is not the only motive for addressing you on the present occasion.

It is now nearly a year since the Society published the first volume of its Transactions and Collections. This it was enabled to do, by the liberality of the President. No aid was previously solicited, and no pledge was asked from its friends that they would afterwards contribute, by purchasing the work, towards a remuneration for the expense. It was sent into the world, relying on its intrinsic merits for a favourable reception, not only from the students of science, and the labourers in the field of Antiquarian research, but from the enlightened and discriminating among the more able patrons of literature. With regard to its reception in a literary point of view, the Society has reason for self-congratulation. It has been respectfully noticed, not only in America, but in Europe ; and we hope has contributed to elevate the reputation of our country in distant nations, and to gratify the curiosity, and to excite the inquiries of some of the most illustrious among the learned of the age. Notwithstanding which, but few copies have been sold ; and, extensively as it has been circulated, it has gained no other recompense to the publishers, than the honour of having contributed to the general stock of valuable information. It is still desirable that the Society should continue its Publications, as materials shall be collected. It is unnecessary to offer any arguments to shew the utility of such a course as respects the interests of the Society, independent of any advantages which may be supposed to arise from it to the cause of science ; for it is obviously of little importance to collect facts and opinions, however valuable, relating to the subjects which fall within

its scope, unless the publick are made acquainted with them: while the inducement to communicate may reasonably be presumed to be increased, as the prospect of usefulness, and the chance of sharing the well-earned rewards of honourable exertion are more clear and distinct.

It is from these considerations that the Members of the Publishing Committee, resident in the town of Worcester, have been appointed a Committee for the purpose of preparing and addressing to you the annexed Proposal, and to solicit your subscription, and that of such of your friends as may be disposed to unite with you.

The Committee improve this occasion, in behalf of the Government, again to request of you, also, such aid as from time to time you may have it in your power to afford, by donations of Articles for preservation in the Library and Cabinet, together with such information as you may possess and obtain on those subjects which it is its object to elucidate.

It is requested that the names of Subscribers be forwarded to the Recording Secretary, at Worcester, by the first of June next.

AARON BANCROFT.
SAMUEL M. BURNSIDE.
SAMUEL JENNISON.
EDWARD D. BANGS.

PROPOSAL

FOR

CONTINUING THE PUBLICATION

OF THE

Transactions and Collections

OF THE

American Antiquarian Society.

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THE work will be commenced as soon as sufficient encouragement is obtained, and continued at indefinite periods, as materials shall be collected.

It will be published in numbers, of such a size as may be conveniently formed into volumes corresponding with that already published.

The price will be at the rate of Three Dollars for 400 pages, including Engravings.

The Subscribers agree to receive and pay for the number of copies set against their names respectively.

The report to which reference is made consists of two pages, is signed by Rejoice Newton and Samuel Jennison, is dated October 23, 1821, and an edition of two hundred was reprinted without the circular at Cambridge in August, 1868. It appears in our "Partial Index and List" as "10. Report at the annual meeting October, 1821: by Rejoice Newton and Samuel Jennison. Circular in relation to publication of first volume of Transactions and Collections (*Archæologia Americana*), pp. 5, October, 1821." This entry is somewhat misleading. The title-page of Volume 1, *Archæologia Americana*, bears date 1820, and the Preface June, 1820. This appeal of 1821 therefore, was not for the publication of volume one, but of subsequent issues. In point of fact the appeal did not bear fruit until 1836, when Volume 2—perhaps the most valuable of the series—came from the University Press, Cambridge.

The forward movement of the Society is shown by comparing the present library privileges of the public with those of seventy years ago as indicated by the Council Records of October 11, 1832. There we find this entry: "Voted—That the rule of the Council in relation to visitors be amended so as to read—Visitors may be admitted on the personal introduction of a member of the Society or on producing a ticket of a member of the Council. Voted—That until further order of the Council visitors be admitted only between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock of each day, except permitted at other hours by a special ticket of a member of the Council."

Ninety years ago the call to organize this Society appeared in the public press, and the galley slip was probably sent to the persons named:

American Society of Antiquaries.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, passed October 22, 1812, Isaiah Thomas, Levi Lincoln, H. G. Otis, Timothy Bigelow, Nathaniel Paine and Edward Bangs, Esqrs. J. T. Kirkland, D. D. Aaron Bancroft, D. D. William Paine, M. D. Jonathan H. Lyman, Elijah H. Mills, Elijah Hammond, Timothy Williams, William D. Peck, John Lowell, Edmund Dwight, Eleazer James, Josiah Quincy, William S. Shaw, Francis Blake, Levi Lincoln, Jun. Samuel M. Burnside and Benjamin Russell, Esqrs. Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris, Redford Webster, Thomas Walcutt, Ebenezer T. Andrews, William Wells, and Isaiah Thomas, Jun. and such others as may associate with them for the purposes therein mentioned, were "formed into, and constituted a Society, and Body politic and corporate, by the name of *The American Antiquarian Society*," for the purposes therein specified.

And whereas, by the fifth Section of said Act, the Undersigned is "authorised and empowered to notify and warn the first meeting of said Society," Therefore, in conformity thereto, he hereby notifies and warns each and every of the persons above named to meet, at the Exchange Coffee House in Boston, on Thursday the 19th day of November instant, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to take such measures as shall be necessary for organizing said Society, establishing such Rules and Regulations as shall be deemed expedient, "agree upon a method for calling future meetings," and to act upon any other matter or thing relating to the objects of said institution.

ISAIAH THOMAS.

Worcester, November 2, 1812.

The headline suggests the Society of Antiquaries of London.

At our annual meeting fifty years ago two notable names were added to our Council roll; namely, those of Rev. Edward E. Hale of Worcester and Hon. Charles Sumner of Boston. Mr. Hale had been on the Committee of Publication for several years previous to his election to the governing board. His personal recollections of the Society's past-masters should be preserved in some form, for the information and encouragement of our antiquarian brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND M. BARTON,
Librarian.

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