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REV. O. F. SAFFORD, D. D.

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REGULAR MEETINGS, 1903—1904.

1903.

MAY 6. Annual Meeting. Reading of annual reports. Account of formation of Bay State League, by Rev. O. F. Safford, D. D. Election of Officers. Informal talk about trees by several members of the Society.

SEPT. 2. Annual Field Meeting, postponed from Aug. 5th, held at the residence of Miss S. J. C. Needham of West Peabody. The party assembled in the late forenoon, and had lunch on the lawn at 1.15. The meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. by Vice President Carroll. Miss S. J. C. Needham read a paper on the "Needham Homestead"; Mr. William P. Upham read a paper on "Morey's Bound"; Dr. Frank Gardner presented a paper on "The Military Service of the Gardner Family"; informal remarks were made by Hon. Francis H. Appleton, President, and by several other members of the Society, touching the local history of the neighborhood. An opportunity was given to go over the old house, the earliest part of which was built in 1665.

- Nov. 4. Informal talk on "Mount Pleasant" by Mr. Daniel H. Felton, whose ancestors were among the early settlers of this locality. Mr. Richards B. Mackintosh gave a talk on "Mushrooms," which he illustrated by means of a chafing-dish.
- DEC. 2. Informal talk on "Life in the Philippines," by Mr. S. P. R. Thomas.
- 1904.
- FEB. 3. Paper on "Poe and Hawthorne" by Rev. Geo. D. Latimer of Salem.
- APR. 19. Celebration of the Battle of Lexington. Opening remarks by Rev. O. F. Safford. Paper, "Thoughts Suggested by the Anniversary," by Miss S. J. C. Needham. Informal talk on "The Study of History," by Mr. W. W. Woodman, principal of the Peabody High School.

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### POST CARDS.

The Society has had printed during the year picture post-cards of some of the places of historic interest in Peabody, viz.: The Peabody Institute, Birth-place of George Peabody, the Lexington Monument, the Bowditch House, Ship Rock, Peabody Square and the South Church, the Old Proctor House, and the Proctor Memorial.

These are for sale at Grosvenor's drug store, Raymond's periodical store, at the Historical rooms and by members of the Society.

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### BAY STATE LEAGUE.

The Bay State League is an organization composed of the Historical Societies of Massachusetts, so far as these shall apply for membership and fulfill its conditions, the object of the League being to foster the historical interest in the cities and towns of the Commonwealth. The League was organized in Boston Feb., 1903, and the Peabody Historical Society was represented in the charter membership. The President and the Secretary are ex-officio members of the League, and Rev. O. F. Safford, D. D., of this Society, is a member of the League Executive Committee. The League has made a promising beginning, and a field meeting under its auspices at Lexington, June 4, 1904, remains a pleasant memory with several of our members who were in attendance.

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### INVITATIONS RECEIVED.

1903.

June 24. Annual Field meeting, Danvers Historical Society, on Winter Island, Salem harbor.

1904.

Jan. 21. Haverhill. Exercises at the opening of "The Buttonwoods," the new home of the Haverhill Historical Society.

Feb. 16. Midwinter meeting of the Old Planters' Society, Salem.

Mar. 23. Annual meeting, Old Planters' Society, at the Rooms of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston.

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### REPORT OF CURATOR AND LIBRARIAN.

Present number of gifts in accession book, 2,117. Gifts during the past year number 220, from 16 members and 39 non-members. These include 21 articles for Cabinet and Room, 8 pictures, 4 maps, 103 bound volumes, 62 pamphlets, 42 leaflets, 37 newspapers, 41 manuscripts. One of the most interesting additions to the room is that of marble busts of Gen. William Sutton and Mr. Eben Sutton, the property of Mrs. John Sutton of Salem.



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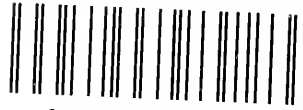
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