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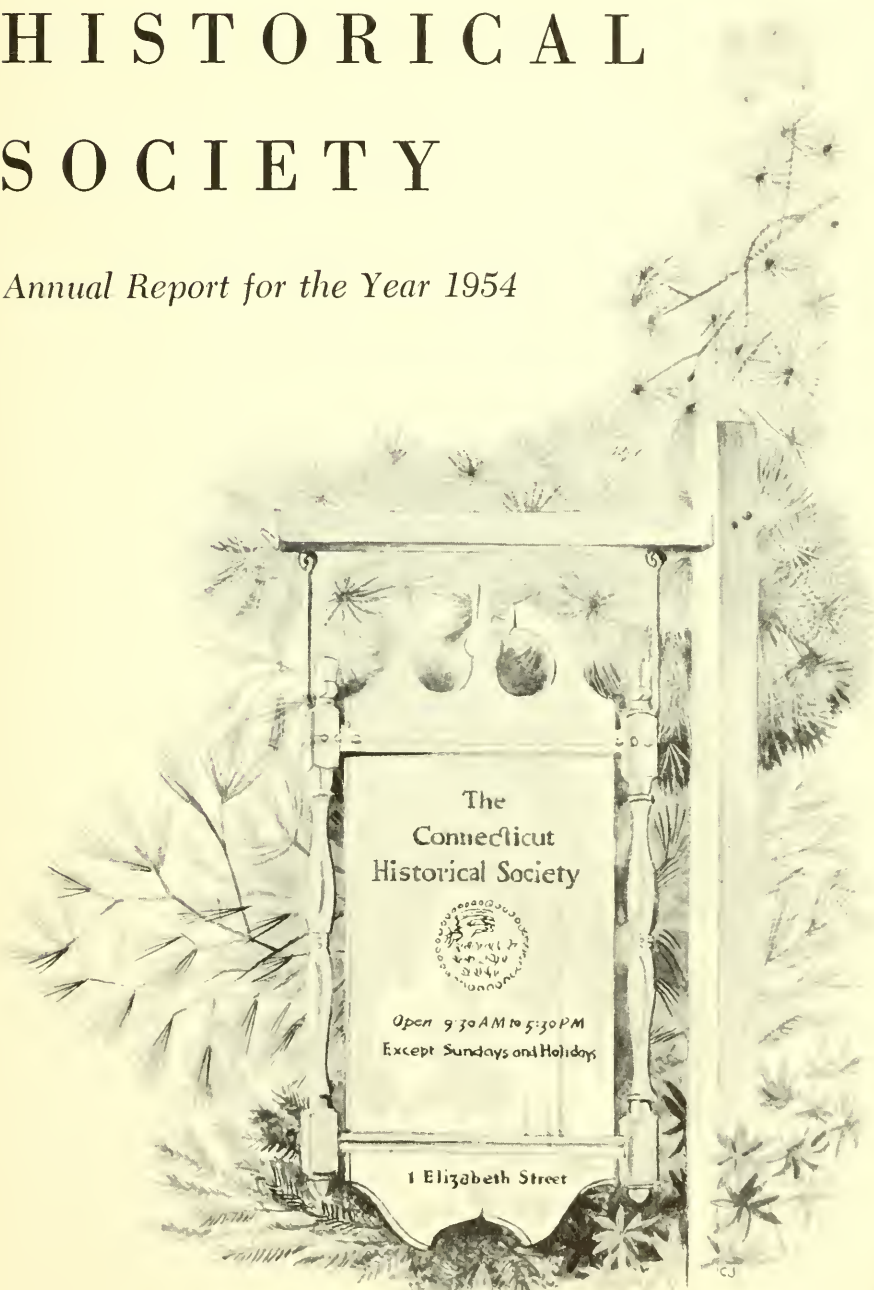


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Recently installed plaque in Smoking Room by John Howard Benson of Newport over Fountain by Evelyn B. Longman, 1927 (Mrs. Nathaniel Horton Batchelder, 1874-1954)

Report of the President

Introduction

IT is customary for the President of the Society to deliver an address at the Annual Meeting. Fortunately, the nature of the address is not specified, so that this evening you will be spared the tedium of having to listen to an inadequately prepared historical paper. Instead I propose to discuss with you some of the problems of the Society, as they appear to me, after my first year in office. When I use the word "problems," I do not mean that we are facing any crises but use it to bring out the fact that the officers of the Society, and the members, will always have decisions to make which will affect the future of the organization.

Your officers will welcome your comments on these topics as well as your suggestions of other ways to improve the Society.

Assembly Hall

Let me mention problem No. 1, which is a real problem; that is, a suitable place for our monthly meetings. To those of us who look back at the pleasure we got when perhaps fifty persons attended a meeting at the Atheneum, this room, which seats eighty, seemed adequate for years to come. It is now filled at almost every meeting and we know that some members fail to attend because they cannot be sure of a seat.

It may be necessary to secure a meeting room elsewhere for the present. This would be most undesirable, since it would lose the contact with this building, which means so much to us. Is it too much to hope that some day a generous donor will provide us with a modest building to house an assembly hall and possibly our museum?

Museum

This is a good place to discuss what the operation of a museum means.

The major problems of a museum are physical. Fortunately, when the Society defined its objectives a few years ago, it enabled us to limit our additions and to eliminate items which did not pertain to Connecticut. It is generally realized now that no collection can be kept on exhibition in its entirety. Instead, confined to special subjects, several regular exhibits are held each year.

There is, however, a pleasure in wandering through the miscellaneous collections of a museum, which is not satisfied by these specialized showings, and which requires us to have some general exhibition space. Then, too, even if we can limit our items on view to ten percent of our collection, at any one time, we must have storage for the other ninety percent.

A good museum requires a curator, with some assistance. Unless one has been behind the scenes, it is hard to realize the thought and effort which goes into the preparation of a successful showing. Few objects are fit for exhibition when they are received. A technician of some skill is a necessity in a growing museum.

The museum can well be housed in the same building as the assembly hall, but again we run up against those unpleasant words,—light, heat, power, janitor service and maintenance.

Membership

To your officers our desire for new members, which has suddenly been satisfied to a reasonable extent, has brought with it the need for careful thought as to how we can hold their interest.

For many years our membership was static,—below five hundred. The number began to increase even before there was prospect of our new building, and has risen with surprising rapidity since then, until, as you have been told, we now have more than eleven hundred members.

To hold them we must develop a general program of activities which will have at least one feature of interest to each member. If this is done, there seems to be no reason why we cannot increase our numbers as fast as we can take care of them.

Meeting Topics

We have been fortunate up to date in having friends who could talk to us on interesting topics and who were willing to come here at no fee, or a nominal one. The list of such speakers is limited and we often receive suggestions that talks would be appreciated by persons of recognized reputation on antiquarian or historical topics. Once again we go around in circles. More eminent speakers would draw larger crowds and we cannot accommodate our present attendance. Able speakers now receive a surprising number of invitations to talk for generous remuneration. The physical and financial resources need to be provided.

Bulletin

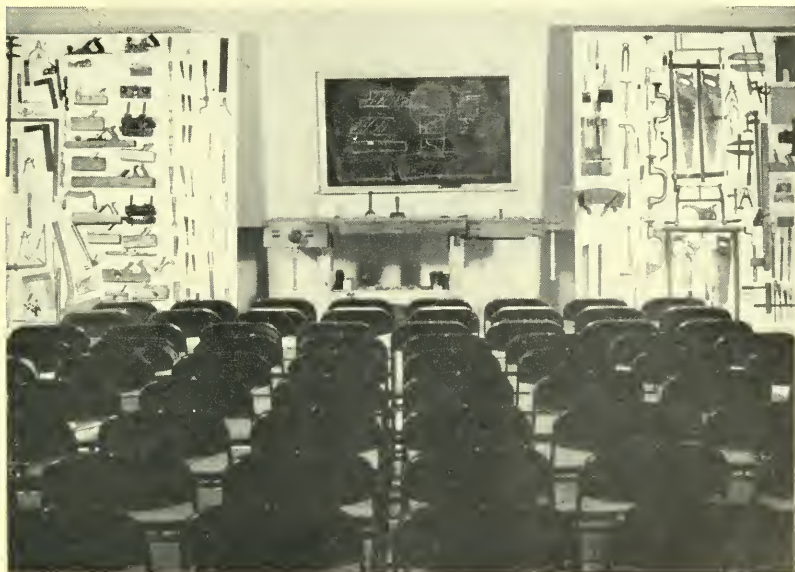
You have seen our first efforts to improve the *Bulletin*. Your President is not yet satisfied with it but realizes that success must be the result of gradual development.

Book Publication

One of our greatest opportunities is in the publication of historical books. Few of these will be profitable and all will require sponsorship and financing. At the same time, the reputation of the Society in the scholarly world will be much enhanced if we can increase the number of worth-while publications published under our name.

Classes

We have benefited much this last year by the addition of a considerable number of younger members to the Society. They have been patient and loyal, but your President and the Director have been well aware that they would not stay with us unless we could offer something to interest them.



Second Session Antique Furniture Seminar on "Tools"

At their suggestion we have held a series of seminars on antique furniture. They wanted to be told what to collect and what to avoid. They wanted to know what details made a piece good and how to distinguish the antique from the modern factory product. They were particularly interested in learning how to restore and refinish, with their own hands, the objects which they might collect on a modest budget. They organized the course. We were able to find in Hartford a competent speaker and we believe it was a real success. The Society owes a debt to the group who organized this work for prodding your officers to the point of putting their ideas to a test. We hope that we can find, in similar courses, a new attraction in the Society's work.

Dues

By this time you have probably noticed that all of my suggestions are going to require hard work and, in almost every case, financial support. We are very fortunate in having from the Hoadley Fund an income which takes care of our properties. The generous bequests which we have received in the past have put us in a much more comfortable financial situation than most historical societies. However, we have many unsatisfied needs which can only be met by added income. Are our dues adequate? It is possible that we are the only organization which still has the same dues for active and associate members as those which were decided on at the foundation of the Society over 125 years ago. We must never put our dues on a scale where any member will have to drop out because of them. Our effort to have voluntary payments of greater sums for different classes of membership were only moderately successful. We cannot hope to raise dues by any great amount. However, during this year we should consider whether or not we can ignore the value which would accrue to the Society by the receipt of a few thousand dollars additional from this source. Our dues for this year are set but I put the matter before you for decision during the coming year.

NEWTON C. BRAINARD, *President*

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REVEREND WARREN SEYMOUR ARCHIBALD

Reverend Warren Seymour Archibald, D.D., of Hartford, who became a member of the Society May 22, 1923, died at Hartford Hospital two hours after an automobile accident on May 16, 1954. He was Pastor of the South Congregational Church in Hartford since December 3, 1917.

The Reverend Doctor Archibald was born in Boston June 17, 1880, the son of David W. and Martha Jane (Williams) Archibald. He was a graduate, *magna cum laude*, of Harvard in 1903, received his M.A. in 1904, and S.T.B. from Harvard Divinity School in 1908. Trinity College awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1943.

Dr. Archibald wrote *Horace Bushnell*, 1930; *Thomas Hooker*, 1933, Tercentenary Commission of Connecticut, Publication No. 4; *What a Modern Church Believes*, Hartford, 1929; *A Book of Prayers*, Hartford, 1929, numerous brief biographical sketches of prominent churchmen, including The Reverend John Eliot; and a large number of published sermons and hymns.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Bushnell Memorial, a Trustee of the Hartford Public Library, the Watkinson Library, and the General Theological Library of Boston; as well as Trustee of Kingswood School in West Hartford. He was Secretary to the Missionary Society of Connecticut, was Harris Lecturer at Bangor Seminary, Bangor, Maine, and served as a member of the committee to visit Harvard Divinity School for the Overseers of that college.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Archibald; two sons, Warren S. Archibald, Jr., of Concord, Mass., and Thomas L. Archibald of West Hartford; and two grandchildren. The Reverend Doctor Archibald is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

FRED HART ATCHISON

Fred Hart Atchison of West Hartford, a life-member of this Society since October 6, 1942, died at his home August 4, 1953. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, December, 1869, Mr. Atchison was the son of John and Olive (Chapin) Atchison. When he was three years old his family, originally from Hartford, returned to this city. He attended school here until he went to work for Thomas A. Honiss, an Englishman, in 1883 as errand boy in the oyster depot. At that time the shop was located under the old United States Hotel, at the east end of the present Honiss Oyster House. There were then three tables in the dining room, illuminated by one gas jet. The Oyster Bar first saw service in 1845, and was restored in 1933. Mr. Atchison's collection of photographs and prints began over forty years ago when Thomas Saunders, a member of the Putnam Phalanx, gave him a picture of the Phalanx. After his retirement, Mr. Atchison continued going to the Oyster House at 6:40 every morning to inspect his oysters.

He was a member of the Elks Club of Hartford.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Rose Grant Atchison; one stepson, Leon O. House of West Hartford; a brother, John Atchison of New York City; and two nephews.

MRS. MARY ESTELLE BENHAM

Mrs. Mary Estelle Benham of New Britain, who first joined the Society November 9, 1920, died at the Jerome Home where she had lived nearly twenty years, October 30, 1953. Mrs. Benham was 101 years old, and is buried in Hemlock Cemetery, Colebrook.

She was born in Hampton August 20, 1852, removing to New Britain in 1856 where she was a resident most of her life. She was the daughter of Nelson and Fidelia (Bulkeley) Higgins, and the widow of Frederick W. Benham, associated with the Stanley Works of New Britain. She was eight years old when the Civil War broke out, lived through twenty-six presidential campaigns and twenty-one presidents, casting her last vote—an absentee ballot—in 1952.

Mrs. Benham was descended from Connecticut's Governor Bradford, Stephen Hopkins, Elder Brewster, Thomas and Joseph Rogers, and Reverend Peter Bulkeley. She was much interested in the genealogical field, having traced the history of many New Britain families, as well as her own. She was the oldest member of

the Connecticut Society of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Women's Club of New Britain, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, Esther Stanley Chapter.

Her only survivors are a cousin, Mrs. Frank Wilcox of Berlin, and numerous nieces and nephews.

ROUSE KENDALL BREWSTER

Rouse Kendall Brewster of Suffield, son of Frank H. and Margaret (VanHouten) Brewster, died at Hartford Hospital June 24, 1953. He joined the Society November 4, 1947.

He was born in New York City June 25, 1886, and was a graduate of Columbia School of Mines in 1908. He was the fifth generation to live in the family home in Suffield. For thirty odd years he was a manufacturer of explosives, and upon his retirement fifteen years ago he came to Suffield and was Trustee of the Suffield Academy and the Suffield Bank. He was also a Trustee for thirty-five years of the Barnard School for Boys in New York. Mr. Brewster served as Vice-Chairman, Suffield Chapter of the Red Cross, heading its home service department until 1952.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rae Humphrey Brewster; and a sister, Mrs. Madeline Brewster Pratt of Bronxville, New York. Mr. Brewster is buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Suffield.

MRS. MARY HADSELL CASTLE

Mrs. Henry Allen Castle of Plainville became a member of this Society November 2, 1937. She died at her home, aged 83, after a long illness, on August 25, 1953, and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Watertown.

Mrs. Castle came to Plainville over sixty years ago. Born Mary Clarissa Hadsell October 24, 1869, in Farmington, she attended local schools. She was graduated from Mt. Holyoke College, and later taught in private schools in Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Mrs. Castle spent many years teaching Sunday School classes at the Plainville Congregational Church of which she was a member.

Her husband, Henry Allen Castle, known as Plainville's historian, has compiled a four-volume history of the town.

Mrs. Castie leaves her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Nystrom, Chief Librarian, Plainville Public Library; and Mrs. Henrietta Wyckoff, both of Plainville; two sons, Roger Clapp Castle of Schenectady, New York, and Samuel J. Castle of West Hartford; as well as nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

WARREN STORRS CHAPIN

Warren Storrs Chapin of Wethersfield died at his home February 11, 1954, and is buried in the Village Cemetery, Wethersfield. He became a member of this Society February 5, 1952.

Mr. Chapin, son of Gilbert Warren and Delia Persis (Campbell) Chapin was born in Brooklyn, New York, July 4, 1885; graduated from Amherst College, 1907; and married September 10, 1919 in Hartford to Avelina Gabrielle Parent, born September 22, 1887. He was a member of the First Church of Christ Congregational, Wethersfield, the Wethersfield Rotary Club, the First School Society of Wethersfield, the Wethersfield Historical Society, and the Mansfield Library Association. He was also a member and past President of the Wethersfield Businessmen's and Civil Association.

Mrs. Chapin was confined to her bed by illness from 1942 until her death in 1951. Mr. Chapin took a leave of absence from his work in the Publicity Department of the Ætna Casualty and Surety Company, and finally retired to attend for her himself.

Mr. Chapin leaves a son and daughter; David S. Chapin of Buffalo, New York; and Mrs. Howard R. Hastings of Wethersfield. Also surviving him are three grandchildren.

MAJ. GEN. KENNETH FRANK CRAMER

Maj. Gen. Kenneth Frank Cramer of Wethersfield, Southern Area Command, American Forces in Germany, died of a heart attack while on a hunting trip near Heidelberg February 18, 1954. He became a member of the Society December 5, 1933.

He was born in Gloversville, New York, October 3, 1894, the only son of Frank and Stella (Brown) Cramer. A graduate of Princeton, *magna cum laude*, in 1916, he was a member of Phi

Beta Kappa. He received his master's degree from Princeton and, during 1916-1917, was an Elias Boudinot Fellow in American History at that college. During World War I he served as infantry Lieutenant and was discharged June 4, 1919. He taught school for a short period in New Jersey. The K. F. Cramer Coal Company of Hartford was established by Mr. Cramer in 1927. In January of 1920 he married the former Rose Fuller of Gloversville. He was active in many civic organizations in Hartford County and in Wethersfield. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Society of the Mayflower Descendants, General Society of the War of 1812, Sons of the American Revolution, and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

General Cramer had an illustrious military career in the Pacific as Assistant Commander of the 24th Division during World War II. He was Commander of the 43rd Division as part of the NATO forces in Southern Germany. On November 10, 1952 he assumed the Southern Area Command with headquarters near Munich. Among his decorations were Four Silver Stars with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Besides Mrs. Cramer, he leaves two daughters; Mrs. Don Ellsworth Olmstead of Rocky Hill whose husband was killed in action in Korea on June 8, 1951; and Mrs. Roderick Van Pelt of Alexandria, Virginia.

LOUIS EVERETT DAY

Louis Everett Day of Hartford, elected to membership in the Society August 31, 1948, died in St. Petersburg, Florida, December 2, 1953. He is buried in Center Cemetery, Granby.

Mr. Day, son of Everett Wilbur and Annie Elizabeth (Jewett) Day, was born in Westchester June 12, 1881, and had been a resident of Hartford since 1919. Following his graduation from Springfield College in 1906, he went to New York City, assisting in the religious work of the West Side YMCA for one year. He then became Assistant Secretary of the YMCA in Albany, followed by Secretary of the YMCA, Washington Heights, New York City. At the time of his death, Mr. Day had given fifty-five years of active service to this organization.

He was employed by the Automobile Insurance Company from 1919 to 1936. Until his retirement in 1946, Mr. Day was Superintendent of the Inland Marine Department of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company. He taught at the Hartford College of Insurance and Law; and for several years, until his illness in November, 1946, he was on the faculty of The University of Connecticut as instructor of Inland Marine Insurance. He was a member of the South Park Methodist Church, and on its Board of Trustees for many years.

Mr. Day leaves his wife, Lena E. Alling of Hartford, whom he married in 1911; two sons, Graham A. Day of Los Angeles, California, and Donald J. Day of Hartford; a brother, William Day of Barkhamsted; a sister, Mrs. Harriet Fenn of Wilmington, Delaware; and five grandchildren.

EARLE EMERSON DIMON

Earle Emerson Dimon of Farmington died at his home after a long illness on November 13, 1953. He joined the Society January 6, 1920, and was a Contributing Member. Born in Putnam May 16, 1879, he was the son of John Jay and Alice (Rawson) Dimon.

Mr. Dimon was a banker, and was Trust Officer of the Security Trust Company. He was the first Treasurer of the Hartford Community Chest, one of the original founders of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Vice-President and Director of the Farmington Savings Bank, Secretary of the D. N. Barney Corporation, past President and member of the Hartford Club, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Watkinson Library, a member of the Board of the Hartford Seminary Foundation which he served more than twenty years, and a member of the Farmington Congregational Church. He was also a member of the Committee on Endowment of this Society.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha Hubbard Dimon; a daughter, Mrs. Ralph M. Williams of West Hartford; two sisters, Mrs. Robert L. Murdock of West Hartford, and Mrs. Myra D. Bosworth of Putnam; two brothers, Winfred B. Dimon of Wethersfield, and Raymond C. Dimon of Hartford; and two grandchildren.

MRS. ELLA KITTREDGE GILSON

Mrs. Ella Kittredge Gilson of Hartford died November 13, 1953. Mrs. Gilson was admitted to the Society on November 7, 1939.

Daughter of Walter A. J. and Ella (Fuller) Kittredge, Mrs. Gilson was born in Merrimack, New Hampshire, September 20, 1881. She was a grand niece of Walter Kittredge, author of "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground." Her husband, Valentine E. Gilson, long affiliated with a New York publishing firm and for twenty-seven years a member and Senior Color Sergeant of the First Company, Governor's Foot Guard, died in 1937.

Mrs. Gilson was an active member of the Center Church. She was a generous benefactor of various philanthropic causes, including Trinity Church, and several other churches. The restoration of the First Congregational Church in Lebanon, which was destroyed in the 1938 hurricane, especially interested her. She was a member of the state committee to rebuild the steeple. One gift, besides that given to the Restoration Fund and the church itself, was a memorial pew in honor of her late husband. At the time of the organization of the State Guard in World War II, Mrs. Gilson presented a set of state and national flags to the First Battalion, composed of former members of the Foot Guard, also in memory of her husband.

She leaves one sister, Mrs. Ruby Kittredge Eastman of Lebanon, New Hampshire. Mrs. Gilson is buried at the Cedar Hill Cemetery.

CHARLES F. HEARTMAN

Charles F. Heartman, Bookseller of New Orleans, Louisiana, elected to membership in this Society May 22, 1923, died May 8, 1953. He was born in Braunschweig, Germany, April 4, 1883. He attended grade schools and the Gymnasium abroad, emigrating to America in 1911. His first book auction was held June 9, 1913, the last, sixteen days after his death, making a total of 312 book sales. A catalogue was prepared and edited by him for each sale.

Besides his book auctions, Mr. Heartman started the *Americana Collector* which later became the *American Book Collector*, a

monthly magazine for book-lovers. His *Heartman's Historical Series* were begun in 1915. Seventy-seven issues appeared, some written or edited by him, some devoted to the reprinting of rare books. The last of this series appeared in 1949. His book, *John Peter Zenger and His Fight for Freedom of the American Press* was one of the fifty best printed books of the year.

Mr. Heartman was a member of the Author's League of America, and the National Society of Autograph Collectors. He was also a member, and sometimes life-member, of nearly fifteen historical societies in this country, including the Friends of the Bodleian Library, Oxford, England.

His wife, Mrs. Martha E. Heartman, whom he married in 1908, survives him. He also leaves a daughter, Mrs. Neil A. McKinney.

JOHN AVERY INGERSOLL

John Avery Ingersoll of West Hartford, a member of this Society since July 6, 1950, died March 23, 1954 in Clearwater, Florida.

Born in New York City November 29, 1889, the son of Horace L. and Nettie (Avery) Ingersoll, he attended Phillips Andover Academy; was graduated from Yale University in 1914; and was a member of Book and Snake at Yale. Mr. Ingersoll was the founder of the John A. Ingersoll Agency of Hartford.

He served in Squadron A, New York Cavalry, during the Mexican Border Campaign of 1916. He was a Lieutenant of field artillery in World War I.

Mr. Ingersoll was a member of the Hartford Golf Club, the Hartford Club, the Fenwick Yacht Club, Yale Club of New Haven, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Eleanor H. (Bulkeley) Ingersoll, his wife, survives him, as well as a son, John A. Ingersoll, Jr., of West Hartford; three daughters, Miss Eleanor B. Ingersoll of West Hartford, Mrs. Rockwell S. Staniford of Rochester, New York, and Mrs. Wolcott G. Ely of Riverside; a brother, Horace Ingersoll; and two sisters, Mrs. Stanley A. Sweet and Mrs. Francis Whitmarsh, all of New York City; and four grandchildren.

EDWARD PAYSON JONES

Edward Payson Jones of Winsted, who became a life-member of this Society January 4, 1927, died at Litchfield County Hospital November 9, 1953. He is buried in the family plot at East Hartland Cemetery.

On April 2, 1866 Mr. Jones was born in Barkhamsted at what is now the Ira LeGeyt farm. He was the son of Edwin Pitkin and Mary G. (Coult) Jones. He attended Barkhamsted schools and the West Winsted High School, and was graduated from Williston Academy, East Hampton, Massachusetts, in 1886.

Mr. Jones was first Secretary of the State Board of Examiners of Embalmers, established in 1893. For fifteen years, he was Chairman of the Conference of Examining Boards of Embalmers of the United States.

In 1897 he purchased the Winsted Steam Laundry, and for fifty years conducted the business. He was also active in the Winsted Chamber of Commerce, and served for two terms, as President, of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. He was Director of the Hurlbut National Bank until its sale to the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company, serving then on the local Advisory Board of the latter bank. In 1924 he was elected Representative to the General Assembly, serving one term.

Mr. Jones was a member, Deacon emeritus, of the Second Congregational Church, President of the Beardsley and Memorial Library; a charter member of the Litchfield County Choral Union; a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, AF and AM; a member of the Odd Fellows; and a 32nd degree Mason. He was much interested in genealogical research.

His wife, Mrs. Frances Bronson Jones; two sons, Dr. Roderick B. Jones of New York, and Edward P. Jones, Jr. of Chicago; two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, survive him.

MRS. BERTHA MCKEE LEWIE

Mrs. Thomas J. Lewie of Manchester, who was elected a member of this Society August 12, 1936, died at Manchester Memorial Hospital April 22, 1954, after a long illness.

She was born Bertha Louise McKee, daughter of Revillo and

Alice (Humphrey) McKee, June 6, 1877, in Bolton, though she lived most of her life in Manchester. She was educated at Rockville High School, and held a life-long interest in genealogical and historical subjects. She was past Regent of Orford Parish Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; a member of the Center Congregational Church; a member of the New England Women; and the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Lewie is buried at East Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, former assessor, Thomas J. Lewie; and several cousins.

ROBERT CLARK MALLETT

Robert Clark Mallett of Bridgeport, who was elected to membership in this Society January 4, 1949, died December 19, 1953.

Mr. Mallett was born in Trumbull January 30, 1868, son of Theo A. and Sarah E. (Wooster) Mallett. On September 30, 1890 he married Ella A. Phillips. He was an Attorney of the firm of Spafford and Mallett, and was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. He is buried in Long Hill Cemetery.

GEORGE LEWIS MYLCHREEST

George Lewis Mylchreest of Hartford, who became a member of the Society December 4, 1951, died April 25, 1954, in Hartford Hospital. He was a Consulting Engineer of the architectural firm, Mylchreest and Reynolds.

Mr. Mylchreest was born in Middletown May 1, 1884, the son of William and Ann (Senogles) Mylchreest. He attended Middletown public schools, continuing his education at Wesleyan University, from which he was graduated, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was a past President of the Wesleyan Alumni Club of Hartford.

First associated with the firm of Buck and Sheldon, Consulting Engineers, he then joined Mylchreest and Reynolds, founded in 1923. He was a former President of the Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers; and the Hartford Engineers Club. He was a member of the Technology Club of Hartford, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as well as the City Club of Hartford, the

Kiwanis Club, and Indian Hill Country Club. He was also associated with Tuscan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Sigma Chi fraternity, and a member and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, North Methodist Church, Hartford.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Ira A. Harris Mylchreest; a son, G. Dudley Mylchreest of Wethersfield; a daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Redmond of Bloomfield; a brother, Richard E. Mylchreest; two sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Williamson, and Miss Clara J. Mylchreest, all of Middletown; and several grandchildren. Mr. Mylchreest is buried in Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown.

MRS. GERTRUDE HILLS THOMSON

Mrs. Gertrude Hills Thomson died February 11, 1954, at the age of 87. She had been a member of the Society since February 1, 1921.

Mrs. Thomson was born in Hartford February 22, 1866. She was the daughter of William Howell and Margaret (Best) Hills, and niece of Jonas Coolidge Hills. A trust established in 1913 by her uncle terminates with her death, and a substantial bequest will come to the Society shortly.

Mrs. Thomson, in 1887, arrived at 36 Lewis Street, the house in which she spent the remainder of her life, as the bride of Conrad Millard, then affiliated with the Society for Savings. After his death, she married his cousin, William B. Thomson. Known as "the Last Lady of Lewis Street," she saw the financial section of Hartford grow steadily about her.

Mrs. Thomson was a life-member of the Center Congregational Church. In her last twenty years, she became an accomplished artist in needle-point.

Having outlived her childhood friends and relatives, she leaves numerous nieces living outside of the state.

Mrs. Thomson is buried at Spring Grove Cemetery.

FRANK LANDON WILCOX

Frank Landon Wilcox of Berlin died at his Worthington Ridge home after a long illness December 1, 1953. He was 94 years old. He is buried in the Wilcox Cemetery, East Berlin. He became a member of the Society August 9, 1920.

Mr. Wilcox was born January 6, 1859, the son of Samuel Curtis and Ann Scovill (Peck) Wilcox. He was the oldest alumnus of Trinity College from which he was graduated in 1880. He was also the oldest bank Trustee in Connecticut, starting in 1884 as Trustee of the Berlin Savings Bank, and holding that position in an honorary capacity until his death.

He was at one time Major Commandant of the First Company, Governor's Foot Guard. His various positions throughout his long life, included: Treasurer of the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, the firm which he joined immediately following his graduation from Trinity College; Chairman of the Board of the Berlin Savings Bank; President of the Fidelity Trust Company of Hartford; President of J. O. Smith Manufacturing Company; Director of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company and Director of Peck, Stow and Wilcox Company.

He represented Berlin at the State Legislature, 1893, and was Senator from the 5th Senatorial District, 1903. He was a member of the Berlin Congregational Church, the Connecticut Agricultural Society, Delta Psi fraternity, and Free and Accepted Masons.

Surviving him are his wife, the former Harriet Churchill Webster of Berlin; a son, Samuel C. Wilcox of New Britain; a daughter, Mrs. J. Edgar Hunnicutt, Jr., of West Hartford; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

DONALD TURNBULL WILLIAMS

Donald Turnbull Williams of West Hartford became a member of this Society December 1, 1953. He died April 15, 1954, of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Mr. Williams was born in Hartford March 11, 1924, the son of Mrs. Florence (Wilbur) Williams and the late Fred H. Williams. He was a graduate of Kingswood School in West Hartford, and of Princeton University. During World War II, he served as a Navy flight instructor.

He was a senior partner in the firm of Fred H. Williams and Company, insurance agency, founded by his father. The younger Williams was Director of the fund-raising campaigns of the Symphony Society of Greater Hartford, and the United Negro College Fund; a member of the Board of Directors, Hartford Junior

Chamber of Commerce; co-Chairman of the Jaycee-Courant Baseball League; and Secretary and Director of the Hartford Times Little League. Added to these were memberships in the Lions Club; Wyllis Lodge, AF and AM; Sphinx Temple, AAOMNS; the Canoe Club; the Hartford Golf Club; and Immanuel Congregational Church. He was also a 32nd degree Mason.

He leaves, beside his mother, his wife, Mrs. Polly McEldowney Williams; and three children.

MRS. GERTRUDE HUNT WITTER

Mrs. Gertrude Hunt Witter of West Hartford, who was elected to membership in the Society March 3, 1953, died at Hartford Hospital August 9, 1953, after a brief illness. She is buried in Chaplin.

Mrs. Witter was born October 20, 1880, in Chaplin, the daughter of Newell Clinton and E. Jessie (Robbins) Hunt; and was educated at Friend's School, Providence, Rhode Island. She was a member of the Town and Country Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Hartford Hospital Association. She was a former President and life-member of the Christian Activities Council, giving much advice and means to its camp, House-In-The-Fields, New Hartford, as a member of its Women's Auxiliary. She was also a member of Center Church, and was affiliated with the establishment of the Charter Oak Community Church. Prior to her final illness, Mrs. Witter restricted her activities, becoming, instead, an ardent gardener.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Orin R. Witter; a son, Orin Curtiss Witter of Hartford; a daughter, Mrs. Thomas S. Hardenberg of Wellesley, Massachusetts; and a sister, Miss Florence I. Hunt of Chaplin; and four grandchildren.

Report of Director

Mr. President and Members of the Society:

Introduction

A determined effort was made this year to keep this report within reasonable limits. It was achieved by slashing fully two-thirds of the prepared material. To our critics, may I point out the diverse interests of our membership; the library, museum, publications and program. We are attempting to present a true and balanced picture of our daily problems and our solutions to them. For those so interested, the customary lists of accessions and donors has been prepared for inclusion in the printed report.

In accordance with the By-Laws, it is my duty to report on the activities of the Society May 1, 1953—April 30, 1954.

Our building was used by 9260 persons, an increase of more than 2000 over the last year. Sixty-seven groups met at the Society, with a total attendance of 3507. The eight lectures were attended by 760 members and friends and, as already indicated, this forces consideration of expanded facilities. We take these programs for granted, and give little thought to the necessary planning, negotiating, scheduling and arrangements. The Program Committee deserves our gratitude. We are also deeply obligated to our speakers who made these evenings memorable. They include:

Donald B. Engley; "George Brinley, Collector of Americana."

Nelson R. Burr, Ph.D.; "Connecticut's Forgotten Leaders of the 19th Century."

"Williamsburg Restored," 16 mm., sound, motion picture film in color produced by Colonial Williamsburg.

Prof. Theodore Sizer; "John Trumbull of Connecticut."

Alvin Eisenman; "Paige Typesetter, Mark Twain's Folly."

Alexander Viotor; "Connecticut Maps and their Makers."

Prof. Oliver W. Larkin; "Early Artists of Connecticut."

Mrs. Elizabeth T. Halsey; "Homes of our Ancestors."

Worthy of particular notice was the success of the lunches and dinners that were served here. It was demonstrated that for luncheon a caterer can handle thirty-five, and for dinner as many as fifty in one room, without interfering with our normal functions.

I think this type of use will become a regular feature of our activities in years to come.

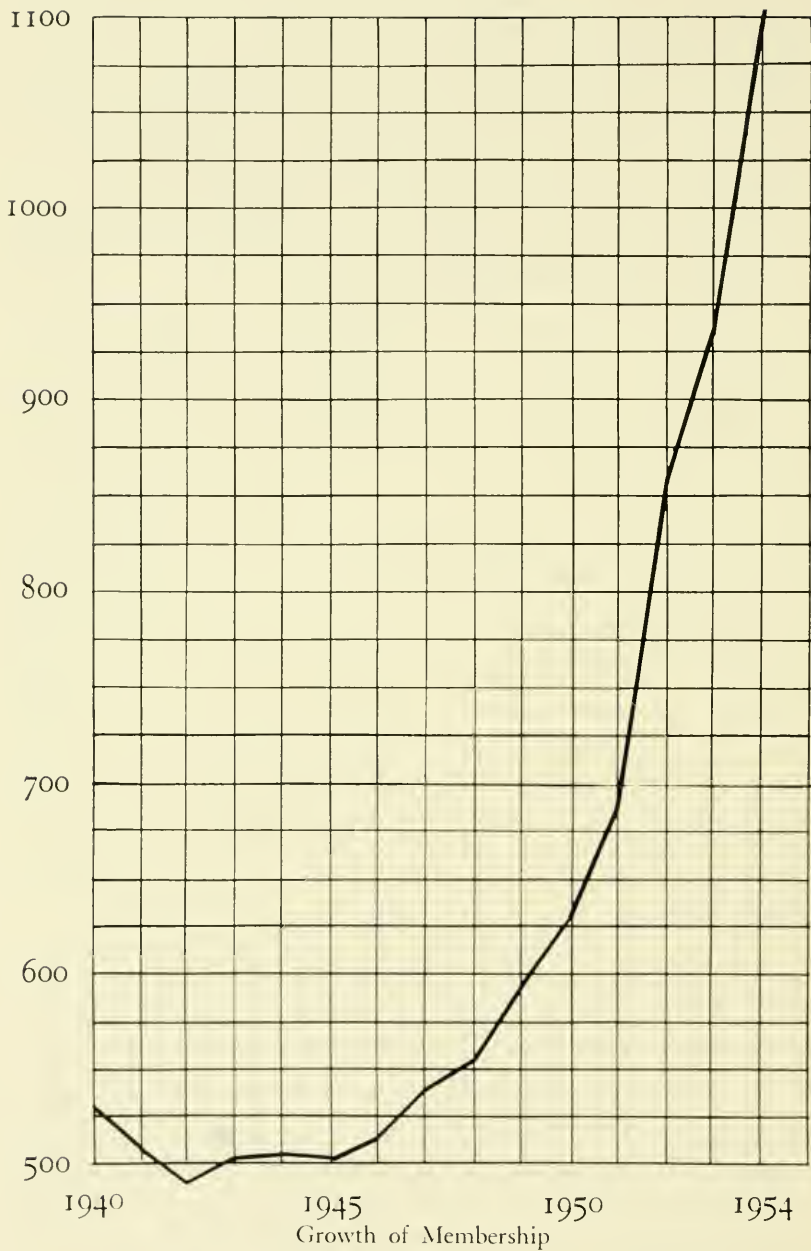
The afternoon teas have been poorly attended. We tried Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in hopes that that might prove to be the answer. I recommend their discontinuance to concentrate on evening affairs for the expense seems hard to justify.

Membership continues a steady growth. Two hundred and two members were admitted, making a total of 1102. Each year sets a new record as the attached graph indicates:

Last year	943
Deaths	22
Resigned	14
Dropped	7
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Admitted	202
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Total	1102
Associate	392
Active	588
Contributing	80
Life	19
Benefactor	1
Ex Officio	22
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	1102

By Counties:

Fairfield	55
Hartford	659
Litchfield	34
Middlesex	19
New Haven	43
New London	21
Tolland	18
Windham	5
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Of particular interest is that we have members in all but eight states: Arizona, Arkansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and South Dakota; and 8 members in Canada and Hawaii.

In an effort to bring our program in line with current activities, we gave an Antique Furniture Seminar last fall. It was an unqualified success with 71 new members as a result. Our problem is to attract people to our rolls and once members, to keep them interested. In planning, we solicited the active help of some of our younger members. Future plans are taking their suggestions into consideration.

We enjoyed a return of 5.87% on the book value of our endowment which resulted in income substantially in excess of expenses. This was due in large part to the delay in securing an Editor who joined us in March.

Gifts continue in fine fashion. Cash for general and specific purposes from eleven donors amounted to \$10,796.58. In addition, there was an anonymous gift of two hundred shares of Ætna Life Insurance stock for the Publication Fund, and a grant of \$7,500 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. This latter, as noted in the *Bulletin*, is for expanding that publication and repairing and preserving valuable library and museum objects.

Miss Florence T. Gay died August 27, 1952 and left a bequest of \$2,152 for the care and increase of her father's collection of Farmington manuscripts. With the death February 11, 1954 of Mrs. Gertrude Hills Thomson, a trust established by her uncle, J. Coolidge Hills in 1913, terminates, and a partial payment of \$6,100 was received today May 18. The principal is to be kept intact, with the income available for general expenses.

Under existing laws the appraised or market value of gifts to the Society may be deducted when computing Federal income taxes. Donors are entitled to this, and it works to the advantage of the Society. Appraising must be done by disinterested professionals. Last year appraisals totaled \$22,614.50, the cost of which was charged to the Robbins Book Fund. Despite this extra expense, for the first time in four years, the overdraft in that fund was reduced \$89.70 through sales of duplicates, gifts, and by cur-tailing purchases in certain classifications.

There has been no change in equipment needs enumerated in previous years. We should commence an orderly replacement of typewriters, several of which are fifteen years old. We also need a vertical file in the Editor's office, and another unit for storing prints, and additional steel shelving in the Genealogical manuscript collection.

Library

By all standards, library acquisitions continue adding materially to the riches of our collection.

Upon distribution of last year's report, Trinity College came to our rescue and deposited with us Sabin's *Dictionary of Books Relating to America*. Our reference section now contains the standard works necessary to the operation of a fine reference library.

From time to time we have mentioned the problem of binding and protection of rare books and manuscripts. It is basically a question of money versus the number of objects in need of special care. Our annual appropriation barely covers the cost of rebinding the well used genealogical collection, let alone current newspapers. Allerton C. Hickmott, Treasurer, presented a beautiful solander case for the Governor Winthrop letter purchased a year ago. This was most thoughtful and much appreciated. Considerable progress with this problem will be made this year due to the grant for that purpose from the Hartford Foundation For Public Giving.

In December, Houghton Bulkeley presented a splendid file of Connecticut Election Sermons, completing our collection; and the first three of Eliot's Indian Tracts. In April he added five more of these Tracts: numbers 4 to 7, and the extremely rare number 11.

The Reverend George Roberts, of West Hartford, gave us a valuable collection of orations on the death of George Washington. These numbered 70 titles from twenty-two places in eight states, all published in 1800. In large part they augment both our collection made by the Reverend Thomas Robbins, and a bound volume of 37 different newspapers between December 20, 1799 and January 15, 1800 on the same subject which has long been in our collection.

We have the largest collection of Connecticut Imprints in existence. To it 17 rare titles were added. This was largely possible due to purchases from the splendid library of our former member, the late Lemuel A. Welles of Ridgefield.

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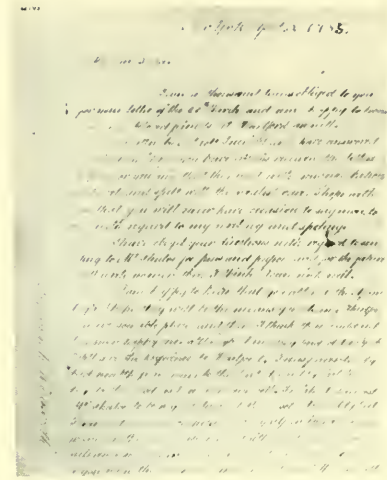
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they be written by a young man, yet they are full of good sense and judgment.* 1639.



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Printed by R. O. and G. D. for *Henry Overton*, and are to be
sold at his Shop in *Papet-Row*. 1643.

First eight Eliot Indian Tracts *Pre-
sented by Houghton Bulkeley*



Fifteen letters from Harriet Wadsworth to her father, mother and brother, 1785-1791 *Gift of Miss Rose W. Terry*

Let us not forget however, that except for perhaps a few hundred unique titles, of which duplicates may be uncovered any day because hundreds and even thousands of copies of each title were printed, all the books in our library can be duplicated in the American Antiquarian Society, Yale University Library and possibly one or two other libraries. On the other hand, every manuscript is unique and our library future is as a regional depository for Connecticut manuscripts. Funds for this purpose must be found and we must continually add to our collection which already exceeds a million pieces. Fortunately, members and friends have been most generous in placing in our custody family accumulations, but when they do appear on the market, we should be prepared to purchase them.

Just to remind you, this is the income available for purchases:

Books	\$226.65
Genealogies and town histories	357.68
Library	603.25
Farmington	45.60
Library and Museum	23.79
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Gown, hat and muff from the trousseau of Frances Eliza Smith who married Ira Miller of Hartford in 1881 *Gift of Dr. James Raglan Miller*

Funds marked library, \$603.25 is all that we have for maps, newspapers, engravings, broadsides and manuscripts. The book sketches and manuscripts shown this evening cost \$187.50 so that already we have spent nearly a third of the money available for the library this year. Only \$23.79 a year is available for museum purchases. Comparable institutions budget four to five times these figures. Our position can not be maintained if this trend continues. Substantial increases in our endowment for this purpose are critically needed and I even suggest that it would be highly proper that surpluses in general expense income, or at least a portion thereof, be allocated for this purpose.

Noteworthy manuscript gifts included that of Rose Wilder Terry of Tryon, North Carolina, who added fifteen more letters to the Wadsworth Collection. These were from Harriet Wadsworth to her father, mother, and brother, Daniel, between 1785-1791. She was already suffering from tuberculosis and was living in New York and Lebanon in hopes of relief. The story of her tragic death is related in the 40 letters presented two years ago, written by Daniel Wadsworth from Bermuda.

We are always pleased when young students are assigned projects in our library. An American History class from Loomis School did considerable research here in compiling "Connecticut Gubernatorial Elections of 1861 and 1862," a copy of which they presented to the Library.

Mrs. C. Edwin Blake presented a number of records and account books of Herman Chapin & Co., makers of tools in Pine Meadow, 1837 to recent times. These are particularly valuable due to the present interest in early tools and crafts.

During the year the Bates Collection of Juvenile Books was catalogued and installed in a locked case which once belonged to the Society's first Librarian, Thomas Robbins. This was at the request of the donor, one of whose last acts was to inspect the future home of his collection. It consists of 2267 titles. In addition, 1400 other books, mostly those presented in memory of Lucius B. Barbour a year ago, were catalogued, resulting in 25,000 cards being filed in the main catalogue.

Accessions totaled:

375	Volumes
2504	Pamphlets
191	Miscellaneous items
239	Manuscripts

Purchases charged to the various library funds were:

	Vols.	Pamphlets	Misc.	Manuscripts
Barbour Fund Income	4			
Boardman Fund Income	9			
Brainard Fund Income	22			
Colonial Wars	3			
Exchange	7	6	1 broadside	25
Hoadly Fund Income	11			
Library Museum Fund	2			
Mather Fund Income	28			
Morris Fund Income	1			
Robbins Fund Income	17			
Russell Fund Income	2			

Though no concentrated effort to unpack has been possible, we still have unearthed significant items which we had no idea we possessed. Perhaps most important was the rarest American edi-



Calash owned by Betsy Otis Gift of
Mrs. J. H. K. Davis

tion of *The Morning and Evening Prayer* in the Indian language, printed by Richard and Samuel Draper, Boston, 1763.

We also discovered *The Practice of Perspective*, London, 1759, a presentation to John Trumbull while he was studying art in London, and two rare engravings: the 1789 Astronomical Chart by Bartholomew Burges; and T. Wightman's map of the State of New York, 1801.

Again our slides were used by Professor C. C. Sellers, and books or documents were lent Sturbridge Village and Trinity College for exhibition purposes.

Museum

Care of the Museum is a constant struggle with a shortage of help. Administration with accession and storage records is a time-consuming job, and planning and installing exhibitions is extremely difficult with the available staff. Four exhibitions were arranged during the year: Tucker China, lent by Philip Hamerslough; John Trumbull, Connecticut Artist; Sketches and Finished Wash Drawings by John Warner Barber; and Coins, arranged by the Hartford Numismatic Society. These necessitated complete changes in Galleries 1 and 2, and the main floor exhibition room.

As a direct result of the Steward exhibition a year ago, we now know of the location of fourteen more of his portraits from Massachusetts to Florida. The bulk of them were purchased from the estate of a descendant. We hope to get a complete record of these paintings for our files.

It is always difficult to single out gifts without being accused of discrimination. All gifts are noted among accessions, and for the first time in some years our records are reasonably up to date. There is time to mention only a few, and perhaps of greatest interest was the collection of field sketches and finished pen and ink wash drawings of Connecticut scenes, by John Warner Barber, presented by Houghton Bulkeley. There are 240 sketches and 123 drawings, done between 1834 and 1836 to illustrate his *Connecticut Historical Collections*, first published in 1836. These views are extremely valuable, for in some cases they did not appear in the published volume and are consequently unique records of Con-



Tin chandelier from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in East Plymouth ca. 1792, presented by Horace R. Whittier

necticut. They must be seen to be appreciated. A portion were matted and exhibited in Gallery I, commencing in January.

An unusual three-tier tin chandelier from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in East Plymouth was presented by Horace R. Whittier, of Bristol. The church was erected about 1792 and it is believed the chandelier dates from that period. We are hopeful of restoring this to original condition, and then displaying it to the best advantage. Since it has a spread of 44 inches and is 32 inches high, this will be somewhat of a problem.

We are particularly interested in 18th century portraiture. Accessions in this field are few and far between. George Gilman, Jr., presented an oil on canvas portrait of Capt. Ashbel Riley. He was born in Wethersfield, 1733/34, and we believe this was painted about 1764. There is some evidence indicating that a group of portraits painted in Hartford, Middletown, and New London during that period were by William Johnston of Boston. We attribute this painting to Johnston and are planning an exhibition of his work next fall.

We have mentioned previously that we have no money earmarked for museum acquisitions. Consequently, when significant objects are available we buy and then try to raise the necessary funds. At best, this is most unsatisfactory.

Few, however, will criticize the purchase of a marked gold necklace clasp by John Gardiner of New London. Marked Connecticut colonial gold is virtually unknown and I know of no other piece. Gardiner was born October 7, 1734, son of Jonathan and Mary (Adams) Gardiner. He married in 1766 and died March 1, 1776. He was a good silversmith and his work is prized by collectors.

Another purchase was the water color of Monte Video by Daniel Wadsworth, described in our last *Bulletin*. Again, we could not pass up the opportunity of adding it to our collection.

We have a fairly large collection of Connecticut glass. When two Willington flasks with sheared and lapped necks and a Westford flask were available, filling gaps in the collection, we felt impelled to purchase them for the Society.

To facilitate records and provide illustrations suitable for reproduction, a four by five inch view camera was purchased and has been very helpful. Largely due to our furniture seminar, more than

200 colored slides were added to our slide file. We also secured five folding tables for dining purposes.

The true value of a museum can in part be measured in terms of use by other institutions. We have always been cooperative and this year lent objects to the Bristol Clock Museum, General Dynamics Corporation, Farmington Museum, Wadsworth Athenaeum, and the Corcoran Gallery in Washington.

Editor

Publications this year consisted of the usual *Bulletin*, index and title page; *Annual Report*; and *Collections*, Volumes 27 and 28. Copy for the next volume of *Collections* has been prepared and sent to the printer. Some work has also been done on the catalogue of the Seymour Furniture Collection.

Some years ago Albert C. Bates turned over to us his *Check List of Connecticut Broadships Before 1800*. This will be published as soon as possible as a Memorial to his forty-seven years of service as Librarian of the Society.

With the increase in size of the *Bulletin*, editing is now a full-time job, and we were pleased in March when Phyllis Kihn of Hadlyme joined us. It is hoped the *Bulletin* will be on schedule by fall, and that these other publications will proceed speedily.

Through the generosity of Edgar F. Waterman, Volume 3 of *The Waterman Family* is being published and should be ready for distribution this summer. Proceeds from this augment the Principal of the Waterman Fund.

A revision of our *Books for Sale* was distributed, and resulted in sales of \$1,060.18, credited to Principal of the various funds.

Additional sales were credited to the following:

Duplicates	\$510.40
Exchanges	1,203.50
Publication Fund Income	191.01
Publication Fund Surplus Income	36.90
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We are indebted to Connecticut Printers for their gift of the remainder of the *Hadley Chest* by Clair Franklin Luther. Sales of this book are credited to the Brainard Fund Principal. James C.

Kimberly of Neenah, Wisconsin, donated a number of copies of *The Genealogy of the Kimberly Family*, compiled by Donald L. Jacobus, 1950. Sales of this volume are to be credited to the principal of the Library-Museum Fund. Gifts such as these are most encouraging for proceeds from the sales augment our Library funds, providing increased income every year.

Building and Grounds

The widening of Asylum Avenue provided an opportunity to close the middle driveway entrance, and to amesite the space between the sidewalk and curbing. All overgrown shrubs along the Elizabeth Street wall were removed. Through the generosity of our President, a truck-load of laurel was planted on the hillside adjoining the Hartford Seminary Foundation property, and foundation planting was placed alongside the book stack wing.

The exterior woodwork of the building was treated with two coats of Cuprinol, and an office was painted. A snow guard was erected along the northern edge of the main roof. A new carpet was placed on the stairs and second floor hall. At the request of the ladies, a mirror was put in the main floor coat-room. In memory of George E. Hoadley, whose bequest made this building possible, a slate plaque by John Howard Benson of Newport was set on the wall in the Smoking Room. He also designed the plaque in memory of George Dudley Seymour whose collection, generously endowed, is exhibited in the Seymour Room.

The Hartford Fire Alarm bell, 1881-1921, weighing 8975 pounds, six feet seven inches in circumference, was placed near the north end, and an old Connecticut boundary marker was set at the south end, of the parking lot.

Along with other institutions, we were plagued with unanticipated increases in certain of our fixed costs. Liability Insurance rates went up. Our elevator service contract increased \$4.00 a month. With more staff members, Workman's Compensation Insurance was more costly.

Conclusion

In conclusion your Director has attended several conventions of professional organizations, and participated in meetings of inter-

est to the Society. He has addressed thirty-seven groups, both here and throughout the state, appeared twice on television, and traveled several thousand miles searching for and locating acquisitions. He was honored by election to The American Antiquarian Society, Corresponding Member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and non-resident member of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts.

I am grateful to the staff for their sincere efforts to improve the work of this Society. Marjorie F. Waterman, especially, accepted a scholarship on behalf of the Society, and attended a sixteen session TV Workshop, gift of WTIC. Her counsel and experience in preparing material for use in this medium will be of great value in the future. Our loyal volunteers, Miss Eleanor Ferguson and Mrs. Alfred H. Terry, have been of great service. Committees have functioned well. To all I acknowledge my personal debt of gratitude, as well as that of the Society.

I would be less than candid not to admit the sobering realization that to equal or surpass, in gifts and accessions, the accomplishments this year will be next to impossible. There are also some things with which we are decidedly unhappy. We are frustrated with our apparent inability to add substantially to endowment for the increase of the Library and Museum. Lack of manpower makes unpacking painfully slow, and complete removal from our former quarters depends upon clearing floor space. We finally are faced with the problem of an Auditorium. Yes, we can take pride in what has been done, but we should accept the fact that we must give even more effort in the future if our plans for this great and venerable institution are to succeed.

Respectfully,

THOMPSON R. HARLOW, *Director*

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Ball, Mrs. Warren T.
Bartram, Evelyn R.
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Marshall, Joseph S.
Mary Little Deere Chapter, D.A.R.
Mecham, Leonidas Devon
Montgomery, Robert H.
Montgomery, Mrs. Stanley F.
Moulthrop, Mary A.
Neff, Mrs. T. H.
Peterson, C. Stewart
Pierce, Mrs. Ruth H.
Thompson, Arthur R.
Wessell, Mrs. Fred A.
Whitman, John C.
Widener, George D.
Wood, W. Herbert

Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Walter F.

MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS

- Mrs. Warren T. Ball, Denver, Colorado.*
Willey family data in the 7th and 8th generations.
- In memory of Lucius B. Barbour.*
Cutler painting notes. 5 pages.
Miscellaneous genealogical notes. 80 pages.
Probate notes. 300 pages.
- Evelyn R. Bartram, Brooklyn, N.Y.*
Bartrams of Connecticut; genealogy of a Puritan family. 1953.
- Mrs. C. Edwin Blake, West Hartford.*
Account book of N.H.J.S. Co. New Hartford, 1838-1841.
Account book of Pine Meadow School District, 1856-1883.
Account books, principally of Herman Chapin & Co., carpenters' tools, Pine Meadow.
Cash book of Kellogg, Brown & Chapin Co., New Hartford, July-Dec. 1837.
Records of East School District, New Hartford, 1833-1864.
Records of Pine Meadow School District, 1865-1903, 1904-1908.
Report of pupils in East School District, New Hartford, 1839-1845.
Washington Munger's cyphering book, ca. 1816.
- Mrs. Edmund B. Boatner, West Hartford.*
Composition books belonging to Jane Melissa Fessenden while at the Hartford Female Seminary, ca. 1854.
Compositions (53) of Jane Melissa Fessenden, written while attending Hartford Female Seminary.
Invitations and notes addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Edson Fessenden, Trumbull House, Hartford, ca. 1860-66. (31)
Letters of Jane Melissa Fessenden, 1821, 1851, 1855, from Carthage, Ill., Buffalo, N.Y. and New York City. (3)
- S. W. Boggs, Washington, D.C.*
"Earliest American Sealers in the Antarctic." 1954. (typescript)
- Morgan B. Brainard, Hartford.*
Document concerning Masonry, signed by Eben N. Thomson, Goshen, Nov. 3, 1827.
- Newton C. Brainard, Hartford.*
List of Connecticut bookbinders before 1800.
Miscellaneous references and items from Connecticut Fish and Game reports on Shad.
Notes on the Eli Brown drum.
References to the Old State House, Hartford.
Saybrook events abstracted from the diary of W. B. Tully, 1882.
- Houghton Bulkeley, Hartford.*
Letter of Admiral George Dewey to Hon. Morgan G. Bulkeley, Feb. 18, 1907.

- Mrs. George Cleveland Capen, West Hartford.*
 Letter of Gen. William T. Sherman to Gen. W. B. Franklin, Washington, D.C., Dec. 17, 1872.
 Letter of Louis Philippe d'Orleans to Gen. W. B. Franklin, Paris, July 28, 1872.
- Edward P. Cody, Wethersfield.*
 Record of the Richard Beckley family. (photostat)
- Mrs. Roger M. Eldred, West Hartford.*
 Additions and corrections to the Thomas Lord genealogy.
- Mrs. Ralph T. Fulton, Minneapolis, Minn.*
 Diary of George B. Paddock, Co. C, 7th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, 1863.
- Geoffrey Gilbert, Victoria, B.C.*
 Ancestry of Ezra Holton of Northfield, Mass. and Soperton, Ontario, 1785-1824.
 Ancestry of William Forbes of Barre, Mass. and Montreal, Canada. (mimeograph)
- Goodspeed's Book Shop, Boston, Mass.*
 Letter of William Wallace Lee, Meriden, Oct. 27, 1897.
 Descriptive sketch of Rev. Joshua Belden of Newington.
- James Lippincott Goodwin, Hartford.*
 "History of the Old Ox Pasture . . . Farmington Ave. Congregational Church."
- Philip Hansling, Hartford.*
 Autograph letter of William McKinley, addressed to P. Hansling, Jr., father of the donor.
- Mrs. Carle R. Hayward, Quincy, Mass.*
 Thomas Smith and his descendants.
- Penrose R. Hoopes, Philadelphia, Pa.*
 Correspondence of, concerning clocks and clockmakers. (sealed until 1968)
- L. Marsden Hubbard, Hartford.*
 Letter of Joseph R. Hawley to L. M. Hubbard, Jan. 24, 1887, accepting election as U. S. Senator.
- Myrtle M. Jillson, Waterbury.*
 Genealogical data on the Barnum family.
- Mabel Johnson, Hartford.*
 Letter of Mary A. Shields to her mother, Philadelphia, Dec. 23, 1824.
 Marriage certificate of Griffin A. Stedman and Mary S. Shields. Philadelphia, May 2, 1833.
 Original poem by Mrs. Lydia H. Sigourney on the death of Gen. Griffin A. Stedman, Aug. 6, 1864.
 Receipts of Charles W. Johnson, Hartford, for taxes paid Sept. 1862-3, Sept. 1863-4.
 Recommendation of Charles W. Johnson, Hartford, as Clerk of the Superior Court, n.d.

Ruth Keeler, Stamford.

Enrollment list of Litchfield-Fairfield County, 1863-64.

Return of Military, Aug. 1, 1861.

Mrs. Don Kelty, Temple City, Calif.

Goold family genealogical notes.

Edward J. Lay, Hartford.

Letter of Horace Lay to his wife, Leesboro, Md., Sept. 8, 1862.

Loomis School, Windsor.

"Connecticut Gubernatorial Elections of 1861 and 1862." Prepared by American History Class, Loomis School.

Joseph Marshall, Wilmette, Ill.

Marshall family of Pennsylvania. 1952. (mimeograph)

Miss Porter's School, Farmington.

Letter books of Julius Gay, of Farmington.

Mrs. Stanley F. Montgomery, Newington.

Theological Institute of Connecticut, 24th subject, written by William Barnes, 1840, first summer term.

Mary A. Moulthrop, Rochester, N.Y.

Daboll-Dibble family notes.

Ford lineage. (chart and 1 page ms. notes)

Mrs. T. H. Neff, Lakewood, Ohio.

The Knapp family of Connecticut, New York and Ohio.

Mrs. Ruth H. Pierce, Delphos, Ohio.

Newell family genealogical notes.

Margaret A. E. Rankin, Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court, Hartford.

Documents relating to the U. S. Circuit Court, Connecticut district, 1790-1866.

Mrs. Robert K. Richardson, Beloit, Wis.

"Following the Flag."

Rev. George Roberts, West Hartford.

Deeds of the Pitkin family of Hartford, 1754, 1773 and 1783. (framed)

Prof. Charles C. Sellers, Carlisle, Pa.

Commissions of John Congdon, 1810, and Charles F. Day, 1824 and 1833.

Dr. J. Eugene Smith, Willimantic.

"Changes and Decay." School theme, n.d., probably Windham High School.

"Polly Peablossom's Wedding." Original play, Oct. 27, 1854.

Jared B. Standish, Wethersfield.

The Hartford Center Cemetery history. 1950.

Josephine S. Starr, Northampton, Mass.

Journal kept by Lieut. William Starr, of Middletown (1730-1764) from 19 May-29 Nov. 1762. (typescript)

Robert Storrs, West Hartford.

Z. A. Storrs' index of searches, Tolland, 1849-1857, Hartford 1862-1872. (2 vols.)

Rose W. Terry, Tryon, N.C.

Letters (15) and fragment from Harriet Wadsworth to her parents, Col. and Mrs. Jeremiah Wadsworth and brother Daniel, 1785-1791.

Arthur R. Thompson, West Hartford.

The name and family of Hedge(s). Media Research Bureau, Washington, D.C.

Thompson-Thomson cemetery inscriptions, Medina Co., Ohio, 1788-1888.

R. W. G. Vail, New York, N.Y.

List of imprints of John Holt and Samuel Loudon, New York City and Fishkill, N.Y. printers, 1776-1783.

Watkinson Library, Trinity College, Hartford.

Genealogical collection of George L. Parmelee with W.P.A. index.

Mrs. Fred A. Wessell, Vernon Center, N.Y.

Ancestry of, including Mayflower descent and notes on the Hawley, Harding, Swan, King and Hicks families.

Wessell-Bartholomew-Norton-Buell-Ives-Lucas family data.

W. Herbert Wood, New Haven.

Part of genealogies of published volume on Bridgewater, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Wright, Detroit, Mich.

Wright family chart. 1952.

Exchange.

Letters to Rev. Thomas Foxcroft, Boston, 1714-1759 from various ministers in Connecticut. (14)

Miscellaneous account books from the residence of Florence T. Gay, Farmington.

Purchase.

Account book, Farmington, 1760-1768, either of Gay or Lewis.

Amos and Fenn Wadsworth account book, 1774-1783, Farmington, and Amos and Luke Wadsworth accounts, 1794-1817.

Bible and genealogical records of the Dart, Slater, Tyler, Rogers and Bushnell families.

Bible records of Adams, Amidon, Buxton, Cushman, Elliott, Gorham, Harper, Hawes, Hibben, Kellogg, Phelon, Pierce, Smith and Thwing families.

Deed of land from Caesar (Indian) to Thomas Leffingwell, Norwich, 1721-2.

Descendants of John Fairfield of Wenham, vol. I. Compiled by Wynn C. Fairfield. (mimeograph)

Diary of Capt. Michael Kelly, Sharon, 1861-1865, of Civil War experiences.

Diary of Joseph H. Barnum, Capt., 16th Regt., Connecticut Volunteers, Jan. 1-Mar. 19, 1864.

Diary of Joseph Joslin, teamster in the Revolutionary War.

Diary of Samuel G. Hartshorn, Franklin, 1851-52.

Genealogical data concerning families of Gillett-Gillette. Compiled by E. G. Latham, 1953. (mimeograph)
 Horton family record.
 Invoice book of Amos and Fenn Wadsworth, Farmington, 1773-1777.
 Invoice book of Fisher Gay, Farmington, 1768 and 1774.
 Letters of Daniel W. Norton and his family, letters of Suffield interest, and letters with various insurance company letter heads. (250)
 Letters of S. Whittlesey, Thomas P. Williams and Henry Champion, 1786-89, 1720. (4)
 Letters to G. & C. Merriam, Springfield, mostly concerning publishing and orders for books, 1833-1849.
 Record of deaths kept by John Gager and Miss Emily O. Gager, Franklin, 1790-1879.
 Records of John Burgis, Justice of the Peace, Guilford, 1772-1788.

PRINTED GENEALOGIES

Allen, Bentley, Bishop, Booth, Butler, Carruth, Curtiss, Davison, Davoll-Dee, Denny, Eager, Fowler, Farme-Fraim, Frost, Gardiner, Gentry, Haggman, Jackson, Knapp, Lane, Leavitt, L'Hommedieu, Meacham-Mecham, Marvin, Munson, Olafsson, Paine, Peck, Robinson, Smith (2), Stevens, Widener ancestry, Wiggin-Smith-Robinson.

MANUSCRIPT GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Barnum, Bartram, Daboll-Dibble, Fairfield, Forbes, Ford, Gillett, Goold, Hawley ancestry, Hayward, Hedge, Holton, Horton, Knapp, Lord, Marsh, Marshall, Marshall (chart), Newell, Phelps (chart), Smith, Thompson-Thomson, Wessell, Willey, Wright (chart).

BIBLE RECORDS

Adams, Amidon, Barnes, Bowers, Bushnell, Buxton, Cushman, Dart, Elliott, Gorham, Harper, Hawes, Hibben, Kellogg, Phelon, Pierce, Rogers, Slater, Smith, Thwing, Tyler.

MUSEUM DONORS

Bates, Albert C.	Kellogg, Lilla E.
Betts, Lois W.	Miller, Mrs. James Raglan
Blake, Mrs. C. Edwin	Nichols, Mrs. George L.
Brainard, Newton C.	Royce, Helen E.
Castle, Henry A.	St. John's Church, West Hartford
Cole, Clara B. M.	Taylor, Carolyn B.
Davis, J. H. Kelso	Waterman, Edgar F.
Davis, Mrs. J. H. Kelso	Waterman, Helen G.
Ensign, Gertrude	Waterman, Marjorie F.
Harvey, Fred	White, H. Wade
Kashman, William	Wilson, Mary

MUSEUM ACCESSIONS

apron, Masonic
bed ticking (3)
bodice (2)
bonnet (3)
breeches, cavalry
brush
bugle
cannon ball
cap box, (ammuni-
tion) (4)
cape
cape, military
card case
chair, doll's
clarinet
clock, shelf
clothing, child's (5)
clothing, doll's (2)
comb
communion service
(4 pieces)
copperplate (3)
daguerreotype (5)
dolman
dress (3)
fan (2)
fichu (3)
inkwell
jacket
jewelry, hair
kerchief
lithograph (3)
map (on cloth) (8)
mitts (2)
mud shoe
necklace clasp
needle book
parasol (3)
petticoat
pestle
photograph (49)
picture (punchwork)
plane, moulding
plate, child's (4)
plate, china
portrait, oil
powder keg
purse (4)
ring
runner, paisley
sash, paisley
sewing kit
shawl, mourning
shawl, paisley
shoes (6)
silhouette
sleeves (4)
spoons, silver (4)
stockings (5)
table cloth
toy or game (5)
trimming
uniform, army
(18 pieces)
veil (2)
water color

FINANCIAL REPORT

*Summary of Financial Report of
Allerton C. Hickmott, Treasurer*

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Endowment Funds designated General Expense	\$258,239.42	\$ 15,040.46
Charles G. Woodward Trust		5,381.04
Annual dues		2,384.03
Miscellaneous		418.75
Reserves		3,938.79
Endowment Funds designated Building Expense	340,000.91	21,772.73
Endowment Funds designated Library	22,449.16	1,256.97
Special Funds, Ancient Vital Records	238.48	75.20
State Appropriation		1,000.00
	from reserve	777.24
Restricted Funds		
Publication Fund, <i>Bulletin</i>	36,279.58	1,074.52
Anonymous Museum Fund	1,242.16	27.42
Hungerford Fund	2,000.00	137.54
Seymour Museum Fund	25,117.49	1,476.31
Welles Fund	482.17	26.64
Hartford Foundation For Public Giving, Grant, <i>Bulletin</i>		3,000.00
Preservation		4,500.00
Gift, Edgar F. Waterman, Vol. 3, <i>Waterman Family</i>		7,000.00
Others		757.39
From Sales:		
Duplicates		510.40
Exchanges		1,203.50
Publication Fund Income		191.01
Surplus Income		26.00
Total Endowment	\$686,049.37	
Total Income		\$ 71,986.84

ADDED TO PRINCIPAL

From Sales:		
Barbour Fund	\$	152.30
Boardman Fund		60.40
Brainard Fund		105.42
Connecticut Society of Colonial Wars Fund		7.50
Hoadly Fund		41.07
Library-Museum Fund		161.08
Morris Fund		22.40

Publication Fund	85.56	
Putnam Fund	14.00	
Russell Fund	4.00	
Shepard Fund	5.28	
Waterman Fund	318.01	
Welles Fund	2.40	
from Income	<u>26.64</u>	
	<u>29.04</u>	
		\$ 1,006.06
Bequest		
Florence T. Gay, October 21, 1953		\$ 1,402.00
Gift		
Publication Fund, Anonymous		\$ 21,000.00
Waterman Fund, Edgar F. Waterman		\$ 500.00
Admissions		
Publication Fund		\$ 590.25
Total added to principal		\$ 24,498.31

ENDOWMENT FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR GENERAL EXPENSES

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Albert C. Bates Fund, established by gift in 1906	\$ 1,023.70*	\$ 24.30
Silas Chapman, Jr. Fund, bequest November 1926	68,500.00	4,026.19
Sophia F. Coe Fund, bequest April, 1916	1,050.00	61.72
Wilbur L. Cross Fund, established in December 1947 by gift from an anonymous donor	100.00	5.87
George Henry Fitts Fund in memory of Colonel Thomas Knowlton, bequest January, 1925 ...	10,000.00	587.76
General Fund, established in 1849	12,308.67	664.94
James J. Goodwin Fund, established in October 1915 by Mrs. James J. Goodwin in memory of her husband	20,000.00	1,175.53
E. Stevens Henry Fund, bequest February, 1922	550.00	32.33
James B. Hosmer Fund, bequest September, 1878	5,000.00	293.88
Dr. William Ward Knight Fund, bequest December, 1923	8,000.00	470.21
Francis T. Maxwell Fund, bequest March, 1942	5,000.00	293.88
Henry L. Miller Fund, bequest of Annie C. Miller in 1943 in memory of her father	4,182.43	245.83
Charles Morris Mills Fund in memory of Jonathan Flynt Morris, bequest 1951	500.00	29.40
Edward C. Peck Fund, bequest October, 1928 ..	32,500.00	1,910.23

* Deposited in savings bank.

Remainder of above funds are invested in the Consolidated investment fund, the income from which is apportioned in accordance with the capital amount of the various funds.

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
William H. Putnam Fund, derived from sales of <i>The Two Putnams</i>	281.98	16.05
Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Fund, bequest in 1909 of \$3,000 and bequest of Mrs. Russell in 1922 of \$5,000	8,000.00	470.21
James Shepard Fund, bequest in 1929 with addi- tions from sale of books given for the purpose	1,836.53	107.70
Edwin Simons Fund, bequest December, 1915 ..	5,400.00	317.39
Grace F. Smith Fund, bequest in 1950	1,000.00	58.77
Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fund, bequest in 1939	10,000.00	587.77
Mary K. Talcott Fund, bequest in 1920	6,100.00	358.53
Mabel C. Tuller Fund, bequest in 1951	5,000.00	293.88
Tuttle Fund, bequest in 1940 of \$5,000 from Jane Tuttle and bequest in 1941 of \$4,925 from Ruel C. Tuttle	10,000.00	587.77
Edgar F. Waterman Fund, established by gift in 1947 with additions from sale of books given for the purpose	6,906.11	363.14
Albion B. Wilson Fund, bequest in 1951	10,000.00	587.77
Charles G. Woodward Fund, bequest in 1950 ..	20,000.00	1,175.53
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	\$258,239.42	\$ 15,040.46
Income from Funds designated for General Ex- penses		15,040.46
Publication Fund Income, <i>Bulletin</i>		576.65
Annual Dues		2,384.03
Miscellaneous Income		413.50
Income from Charles G. Woodward Trust		5,381.04
Income from Genealogical Loan Collection		5.25
From Reserves		3,938.79
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Total Income		\$ 27,739.72

GENERAL EXPENSES

Bank Fee	\$ 1,744.89
Binding	372.93
Meetings	286.88
Miscellaneous	346.80
Photographing	73.62
Postage and Stationery	776.98
Portrait Restoration	105.00
Printing	1,461.39
Salaries	14,000.00
Social Security	132.93

Library Supplies	595.08
Telephone	230.28
<i>Bulletin</i>	576.65
Insurance	827.29

Total General Expenses \$ 21,530.72

Surplus \$ 6,209.00
 Surplus 1953 3,037.91

Balance 4/30 54 \$ 9,246.91

ENDOWMENT FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
George E. Hoadley Fund, bequest in 1922	\$308,700.91	\$ 19,933.03
George Dudley Seymour Endowment Fund, bequest in 1945	31,300.00	1,839.70

\$340,000.91

Total Income \$ 21,772.73

BUILDING EXPENSES

Bank Fee	\$ 980.67
A.D.T. Service	848.77
Fuel	1,277.88
Gas	58.72
Insurance	993.24
Electricity	1,286.97
Repairs	733.06
Supplies	465.40
Water	68.94
Grounds	1,493.52
Wages	10,319.22
Equipment	348.09
Social Security	132.93
Miscellaneous	194.00
Hoadley Tablet	320.00
Fire Bell	162.78
Carpet for Hall and Stairs	807.87

Total Building Expenses \$ 20,492.06

Surplus \$ 1,280.67
 Surplus 1953 1,704.15

Balance 4/30 54 \$ 2,984.82

ENDOWMENT FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR LIBRARY

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Lucius B. Barbour Fund, derived from the sale of Manwaring's <i>Early Connecticut Probate Records</i>	\$ 817.31	\$ 39.58
William F. J. Boardman Fund, derived from sale of copies of <i>Boardman Genealogy, Wethersfield Inscriptions, Boardman Ancestry</i> and <i>Greenleaf Ancestry</i>	1,137.93	63.80
Lucy A. Brainard Fund, established by gift in 1892 which is being further increased through the sale of books presented for the purpose by Morgan B. Brainard, Newton C. Brainard, and The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.	2,636.03	150.00
Connecticut Society of Colonial Wars Fund, established in 1925 by gift of the Society of one-half interest in remaining unsold copies of <i>Vital Records of Norwich</i>	238.75	13.84
Florence T. Gay Fund, bequest in 1953 for the care and increase of the Julius Gay collection of Farmington manuscripts	1,402.00	45.60
Charles J. Hoadly Fund, derived from sale of <i>Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut</i> and Volume 3 of the <i>Public Records of the State of Connecticut</i>	3,721.74	216.46
Library-Museum Fund, derived from sale of books presented in 1948 by Mrs. J. C. Hills augmented by books from Barclay Robinson and Kenneth Lord	554.53	23.79
Horace E. Mather Fund, bequest in December, 1933 by Lucy O. Mather in memory of her father	5,000.00	293.88
Jonathan Flynt Morris Fund, derived from sales of <i>Morris Register</i> presented by the daughters of Mr. Morris	150.40	8.06
Thomas Robbins Fund, bequest in 1856 by the Society's first Librarian	6,580.63	386.79
Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Book Fund, derived from sale of <i>Descendants of John Russell</i>	259.84	15.17
	<hr/> \$ 22,499.16	<hr/> \$ 1,256.97

BALANCE OF INCOME FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR LIBRARY

Barbour Fund			
Interest 1954		\$	39.58
Overdraft 1953	\$	5.33	
Books purchased		18.43	23.76
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Balance on hand 4 30 54			\$ 15.82
Boardman Fund			
Interest 1954		\$	63.80
Balance 1953			18.92
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Books purchased		\$	82.72
			31.70
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Balance on hand 4 30 54			\$ 51.02
Brainard Fund			
Interest 1954		\$	150.00
Balance 1953			33.45
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Books purchased		\$	183.45
			177.81
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Balance on hand 4 30 54			\$ 5.64
Connecticut Society of Colonial Wars Fund			
Interest 1954		\$	13.84
Balance 1953			35.21
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Books purchased		\$	49.05
			37.58
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Balance on hand 4 30 54			\$ 11.47
Gay Fund, received October 21, 1953			
Interest 1954		\$	45.60
Balance on hand 4/30/54			\$ 45.60
Hoadly Fund			
Interest 1954		\$	216.46
Balance 1953			8.52
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Books purchased		\$	224.98
			220.75
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Balance on hand 4/30/54			\$ 4.23

Library-Museum Fund			
Overdraft 1953	\$	38.24	
Interest 1954		23.79	
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Balance overdrawn 4/30/54			\$ *14.45
Mather Fund			
Interest 1954	\$	293.88	
Overdraft 1953		69.33	
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Books purchased	\$	224.55	
		343.20	
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Balance overdrawn 4/30/54			\$ *118.65
Morris Fund			
Interest 1954	\$	8.06	
Balance 1953		16.86	
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Books purchased	\$	24.92	
		8.50	
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Balance on hand 4/30/54			\$ 16.42
Robbins Fund			
Overdraft 1953	\$	4,419.89	
Interest 1954		386.79	
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Gifts, sales	\$	4,033.10	
		757.39	
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Books purchased	\$	3,275.71	
		1,054.48	
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Balance overdrawn 4/30/54			\$ *4,330.19
Russell Book Fund			
Interest 1954	\$	15.17	
Balance 1953		49.24	
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Books purchased	\$	64.41	
		18.33	
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Balance on hand 4/30/54			\$ 46.08
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*Overdraft			\$ *4,267.01

SPECIAL FUNDS

Ancient Vital Records Fund,
established by subscription

in 1907 for publishing town records			
Balance 1953	\$	163.28	
Sales of books		75.20	
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Balance 4/30/54	\$	238.48	
State Appropriation, for publishing purposes			
Balance 1953	\$	4,530.25	
Appropriation		1,000.00	
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	\$	5,530.25	
<i>Collections, Vol. 27</i>		1,777.24	
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Balance 4/30/54	\$	3,753.01	
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	\$	3,991.49	

BALANCE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS INCOME

Publication Fund, derived from sale of publication and admission fees. Income restricted for <i>Bulletin</i>			
Balance 1953	\$	509.31	
Book sales		198.65	
Interest		866.87	
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	\$	1,574.83	
<i>Bulletin</i> , and General expenses	\$	576.65	
Supplies		22.95	
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		599.60	
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Balance 4/30/54	\$	975.23	
Publication Fund Surplus Income			
Balance 1953	\$	1,690.83	
Books sold		48.48	
Interest		46.90	
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Balance 4/30/54	\$	1,786.21	
Anonymous Museum Fund			
Balance 1953	\$	1,097.08	
Interest		27.42	
Accumulated Interest		117.66	
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Balance 4/30/54	\$	1,152.16	

Newman C. Hungerford Fund, for care and increase of coin collection	
Interest	\$ 117.54
Old cases sold	20.00
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Overdraft 1953	\$ 137.54
	31.84
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Balance 4/30/54	\$ 105.70
Seymour Museum Fund, income accumulated to publish a catalogue of his Collection	
Balance 1953	\$ 1,566.32
Interest	1,476.31
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Expended	\$ 3,042.63
	418.55
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Balance 4/30/54	\$ 2,624.08
Welles Fund, income available when \$600 has accumulated	
Amount of Fund 1953	\$ 453.13
Books sold	2.40
Interest	26.64
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Amount of Fund 1954 ..	\$ 482.17

BALANCE OF SPECIAL FUNDS

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Grant received December 22, 1953 for Preservation of Museum and Library	
Expended	\$ 4,500.00
	269.28
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Balance 4/30/54	\$ 4,230.72
for <i>Bulletin</i>	\$ 3,000.00
Expended	241.08
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Balance 4/30/54	\$ 2,758.92
Waterman Fund, gift for publishing Vol. 3 of <i>The Waterman Family</i>	\$ 7,000.00

ALLERTON C. HICKMOTT,
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The account of the Treasurer with securities shown therein has been examined by me and found correct.

HAROLD G. HOLCOMBE,
Auditor.



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