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No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — The President, Appleton, Budington, Deane, Ellis, Everett, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Lamson, Shurtleff, Sibley, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1851.

Thursday, Jan. 30, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. J. Wingate Thornton, Justin Winsor, J. S. Loring, Horace Mann, E. C. Herrick, Librarian of Yale College, William B. Shedd, William G. Brooks, Don Lucas Alaman, of Mexico, Signor Oreste Brizi, of Italy, the American Antiquarian Society, the American Philosophical Society, Mr. J. S. Loring, and from Messrs. Harris, Shurtleff, Greenleaf, Wheatland, Robbins, and Quincy, of the Society.

On the written request of Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop,

Voted, That he be allowed by the Librarian to take a copy of "a letter to the undertakers of Brattle Street Church from the Salem ministers, objecting to the principles of the manifesto of said undertakers, signed by Higginson, Hubbard, and Noyes." Also, a copy of

who shall have authority to certify copies from the same; and in case of refusal to surrender the same upon due notice and demand by such clerk, the offender shall pay a fine not exceeding _____ dollars."

The result of this memorial of the Society to the Massachusetts Legislature was the enactment of a law covering the principal points suggested in the Report. See Acts and Resolves for 1851, pp. 655-657. — Eds.

“a brief note, signed by Increase Mather and James Allen, refusing, on the part of the Boston ministers, to accept the invitation of Brattle Square Church to unite with them in keeping a day of fasting and prayer,” — said copies being designed for publication in Mr. Lothrop’s discourses upon the history of Brattle Street Church.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from John M. Bernhisel, Esq., Jan. 23, 1851, requesting a copy of the Society’s Collections for the Library of the Territory of Utah. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That a set of the third series be given to the Library, on condition that the printed public documents of the Territory from its commencement and in future be sent to this Society.

Voted, That the Committee for publishing the next volume of the Society’s Collections be desired to report at the ensuing meeting of the Society on the state of forwardness of the volume, and what quantity of material is prepared for insertion, and when, in their opinion, the volume may be ready for delivery.

Rev. Dr. JENKS read, from a manuscript in the handwriting of President Dunster, an interesting letter from the President to the learned Christian Ravis, of Berlin, chiefly of a philological character.*

Mr. DAVIS presented to the Society a copy of the Diary of Timothy Newell, of Boston, kept by him during the siege of 1775–1776; and it was

Voted, To refer this Journal, together with the one presented by Mr. Everett at the last November meeting, to the Publishing Committee for the next volume.†

The subject of the enlargement of the Society’s accommodations having been introduced,

* This letter is printed in 4 Collections, I. 251–254. — Eds.

† The Diary of Timothy Newell was printed in 4 Collections, I. 261–276. That of Thomas Newell, a transcript of which was presented by Mr. Everett, was printed in the Proceedings for October, 1877, pp. 335–363. — Eds.

Voted, That Messrs. Appleton, Sears, and Ticknor be a committee to ascertain upon what terms the Society can obtain the property in the third story of the Savings Bank building, and also to report upon the manner in which the funds for that purpose can be procured.

Present — The President, Appleton, Davis, Deane, Everett, Felt, Francis, Jenks, Livermore, Quincy, Robbins, Shurtleff, Willard, and Worcester.

Voted, To dissolve this meeting.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Rev. Samuel F. Clarke, O. A. Taylor, H. R. Storer, Joseph G. Cogswell, William G. Brooks, Bickford Pulsifer, Jr., Jesse Chickering, the New York Mercantile Library Association, and from Messrs. Winthrop, Shurtleff, and Harris, of the Society.

Dr. SHURTLEFF, from the Publishing Committee, reported progress in the preparation of the next volume of the Collections.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee on the enlargement of the Society's accommodations, reported that they had addressed a letter to the Provident Institution for Savings on the subject committed to them, but had not yet received an answer.

Voted, That Mr. Neal Pease, of Lenox, have liberty, pursuant to his written request, to take copies, under the direction of the Libra-

rian, under the Rules, of the Baldwin Roll among the "Trumbull Papers," to aid him in his purpose of obtaining pensions.

The President, at the request and in the absence of Mr. Appleton, nominated, for Corresponding Member, Robert Bigsby, Esq., of Repton, Derbyshire, England.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from John M. Bernhisel, Esq., of Utah, acknowledging the receipt of the third series of the Collections, and agreeing to take and pay for the first and second series.

Present — The President, Adams, Austin, Blagden, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, Hoar, Livermore, Paige, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 27, 1851, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. James H. Foster & Son, Walter Shattuck, Charles A. Green, Oliver Hall, the United States Treasury Department, Artemas Simonds, James S. Loring, William Plummer, Mrs. John W. Webster, Samuel A. Green, and from Messrs. Winthrop, Sibley, and Everett, of the Society.*

ROBERT BIGSBY, Esq., of Repton, Derbyshire, England, was unanimously chosen a Corresponding Member,

* Mrs. Webster's gift was a portrait of Dr. Redford Webster, a former member of the Society, by Harding. — Eds.

— Messrs. WHEATLAND and SIBLEY, Scrutinizing Committee.

Messrs. LIVERMORE and J. C. GRAY were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the last year, and to report at the annual meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from J. Hammond Trumbull, Esq., of his election as a Corresponding Member.

The Treasurer reported that he had addressed several letters to William Gibbs, Esq., in relation to his assessments, but had received no answer.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. PAIGE,

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to make a nomination for Resident Member in the place of Mr. Gibbs.

Mr. EVERETT presented to the Society John Dolbeare's Bill of Lading Book, 1718-1740, and accompanied the present with some remarks.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section; but Mr. J. C. GRAY suggested again for consideration and examination the subject of the origin of our municipal corporations, upon which remarks were made by several gentlemen.

Present — The President, Blagden, Davis, Ellis, Everett, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Greenleaf, Jenks, Livermore, Lunt, Paige, Quincy, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Wheatland, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1851.

Thursday, April 24, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the New Jersey Historical Society, Rev. Joseph S. Clark, Rev. Oliver A. Taylor, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Messrs. J. Wingate Thornton, O. P. Bacon, James S. Loring, Isaac O. Barnes, Samuel A. Green, Thomas Bridgman, Miss D. L. Dix, and from Messrs. Shattuck, Winthrop, and Young, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Don Lucas Alaman, of Mexico, Feb. 1, 1851, accepting his election as Corresponding Member.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of Richard Frothingham, Jr., Treasurer of the Society, have attended to that duty, and report that the accounts are accurately kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears on the books a balance to the credit of the Society of three hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents.*

JOHN C. GRAY,
GEORGE LIVERMORE, } *Committee.*

Boston, April 24, 1851.

* The receipts for the year amounted to \$553.85, of which sum \$161 were for admission fees and assessments, and \$392.85 for sales of books from March 30, 1849, to March 25, 1851. The payments amounted to \$333.94. Of this sum \$45.90 were for taxes, \$100 to Mr. Felt for services as Librarian, and \$188.04 for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

The Society then proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, and Messrs. LUNT and SIBLEY were appointed a committee to collect, assort, and count the votes, and they reported that the following gentlemen were chosen, viz. : —

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
ALEXANDER YOUNG	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, JR.	TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

The matter of a nomination of a Resident Member was postponed to the next meeting.

Mr. Shattuck nominated Theodoric Romeyne Beck, M.D., of Albany, New York, for Corresponding Member.

Mr. PAIGE presented a copy of the Journal kept by Mr. Wadsworth (afterwards President Wadsworth, of Harvard College), who accompanied Captain Sewall and Major Townsend, August, 1694, on their mission to Albany to treat with the Five Nations.*

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Present — The President, Deane, Ellis, Everett, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Hillard, Livermore, Lunt, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

* This Journal is printed in 4 Collections, I. 102-110. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 29, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Dr. SHURTTLEFF was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Robert Dodge, L. M. Fitch, Thomas B. Wyman, Jr., S. G. Whitney, Samuel A. Green, Benjamin A. Gould, Jr., James S. Loring, J. Wingate Thornton, Edwin M. Stone, the Minnesota Historical Society, the Rhode Island Historical Society, and from Messrs. Wheatland and Folsom, of the Society.

THEODORIC ROMEYNE BECK, M.D., of Albany, New York, was chosen a Corresponding Member, — Messrs. SHATTUCK and WHEATLAND, Scrutinizing Committee.

The Standing Committee were instructed to make a nomination at the next meeting for a Resident Member, in place of Mr. William Gibbs.

No communications were received from the members of the First Section.

Present — The President, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Hoar, Livermore, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Wheatland, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 26, 1851, 12 M. In the absence of the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Francis Jarvis, A. B. Davenport, W. G. Brooks, James S. Loring, J. Wingate Thornton, Dr. Edward Jarvis, John Dean, the Boston Society of Natural History, William End, Esq., of New Brunswick, Rev. Messrs. Samuel K. Lothrop and Alonzo Hill, and from Messrs. Greenleaf, Young, Winthrop, and Davis, of this Society.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — Austin, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Paige, Robbins, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 31, 1851, 12 M. In the absence of the President, Hon. F. C. GRAY was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the American Philosophical Society, Messrs. William H. Montague, James S. Loring, Samuel A. Green, Thomas Kirkbride, Bick-

ford Pulsifer, J. Prescott Hall, William G. Brooks, E. B. Corwin, Rev. Lyman Whiting, Rev. S. Adlam, and from Messrs. Adams, Everett, Sibley, and Willard, of this Society.

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Dr. SHURTLEFF exhibited at the meeting impressions in wax of the corporate and Admiralty seals and the Mayor's official seal of Boston in England, set in a frame wrought from a beam in the church there, in which Cotton preached, and presented by the Mayor, &c., of Boston in old England to the Mayor and Aldermen of Boston in New England.

Present — Blagden, Davis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Shurtleff, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Aug. 27, 1851, 12 M. In the absence of the President, Hon. F. C. GRAY was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Congress of the United States, the United States Indian Department, the Smithsonian Institute, Right Hon. Earl of Ellesmere, Messrs. Joseph Leonard, J. S. Loring, Parker & White, Hon. John Davis, Charles B. Norton, and from Messrs. Sibley and Winthrop, of the Society.

On the written request of Mr. James S. Loring,

Voted, That he have leave to take copies from the "Hancock Manuscripts," for an historical purpose, under the Rules adopted at the September meeting, 1849.

No communications were received from the members of the First Section.

Present — Deane, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Livermore, Paige, Shurtleff, Wheatland, White, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 25, 1851, 12 M. In the absence of the President, Rev. Mr. PAIGE was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Secretary's Department of the Commonwealth, the Historical Society of Wisconsin, the family of the late Rev. Dr. Pierce, C. M. Morris, of United States Navy, Rev. J. T. Tucker, Messrs. Edward Jones, James S. Loring, Samuel A. Green, William S. Russell, and from Messrs. Winthrop and Willard, of this Society.

Mr. SEARS, from the Committee on the subject of additional accommodations for the Society, reported verbally that, in consequence of the absence of two of the members of the Committee from the country until recently, no progress had been made in the subject-matter of their appointment.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — Austin, Barry, Davis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hillard, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Sears, Shurtleff, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. J. Wingate Thornton, William G. Brooks, N. I. Bowditch, James S. Loring, Matthias Ellis, Thomas B. Pope, Captain Henry Larcom, Rev. Charles Brooks, Mrs. Mary B. Longhurst, the United States Patent Office, and from Messrs. Shurtleff, Sibley, and Winthrop, of this Society.

A copy of an interesting letter, chiefly political, from General Joseph Warren to Edmund Dana, in England, afterward Rev. Edmund Dana, of Wroxeter, dated "Boston, March 19, 1766," enclosed in a letter from Mr. William H. Wood, of Salisbury, England, and forwarded from England by the Hon. Abbott Lawrence, was laid before the Society by the President. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Lawrence for this kind service.*

* This letter was not printed in the Collections, but was published in Frothingham's *Life of Warren*, pp. 20-22, from the Society's copy. — Eds.

Also, *voted*, To refer the Warren letter to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Society be held on Thursday, 20th November, — the annual Thanksgiving falling on the day of the Society's stated meeting.

On motion of Judge WHITE,

Voted, That Messrs. Young and Shurtleff be a committee to revise the By-Laws of the Society, with special view to a change of the time of holding the Society's monthly meetings, and to propose any other amendments that may suggest themselves in the premises.

Present — The President, Appleton, Barry, Davis, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Jenks, Paige, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, GEORGE LIVERMORE was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. D. L. Alaman and James S. Loring; also from Messrs. Savage and Sibley, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Robert Bigsby, Esq., in reply to a note from him respecting his election as a Corresponding Member of the Society.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Society be held on Thursday the eighteenth day of December next, — Christmas falling on the day of the Society's stated meeting.

Present — The President, Appleton, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Robbins, Sibley, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Wheatland, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 18, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the New Jersey Historical Society, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Mr. Samuel A. Green, and from Mr. Sibley, of this Society.

Voted, That the Librarian, Dr. Shurtleff, and Mr. Livermore be a committee to contract with Mr. Caloran O'Brien to make a catalogue of the Library under their direction, for a compensation not exceeding four hundred dollars.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Voted, That this meeting be now dissolved.

Present — The President, Appleton, Davis, Deane, Everett, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Wheatland, and Willard.