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to the approaching celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the birth of Alexander von Humboldt, who was at the time of his death an Honorary Member of the Society, and suggested that those who thought of attending should secure seats together at the Music Hall, where the address by Professor Agassiz, was to be delivered.

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### SEPTEMBER MEETING.

A stated monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, Thursday, September 9, at eleven o'clock, A.M.; Vice-President ASPINWALL in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian read the list of donors to the Library for the past month.

The Cabinet-keeper read a list of the donations to the Cabinet for the past month. These included a pair of tongs once owned by the family of Thomas Hutchinson; also a war-club from the Sandwich Islands, brought thence by Captain William Ballard, of Boston; given by his grandson, Mr. William Ballard, of Brooklyn, N.Y., through Mr. John J. May, of Boston.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters of acceptance from M. Thiers, of Paris; and from Mr. William S. Appleton and the Rev. Henry M. Dexter, of Boston.

Mr. DAVIS spoke of the Montcalm letters which had been the subject of a communication from Mr. Parkman at the June meeting, in one of which appeared some remarkable predictions of historical events in this country, of sufficient importance to attract the attention of Mr. Carlyle in his "History of Frederic the Great." Mr. Davis said that Carlyle was mistaken in supposing, as he seemed to do, that

these predictions originated with Montcalm. They undoubtedly represented the common belief of all the French and many of the English statesmen of that day. As early as 1748, according to Bancroft, it was "announced by reasoning men in New York that the conquest of Canada, by relieving the Northern colonies from danger, would hasten their emancipation"; and this opinion was published in Europe by a Swedish traveller who heard it that year in America. Similar opinions were expressed during the negotiations which led to the peace of 1762, by Choiseul and Vergennes, by William Burke, by the anonymous writer of a letter from a gentleman in Guadaloupe, and by many others.

Mr. DEANE presented to the Library, in the name of the author, a book of 323 pages in the Spanish language, entitled "Historia Secreta de la Mision del ciudadano Norte-Americano Charles A. Washburn, cerca del Gobierno de la República del Paraguay. Por el Ciudadano Americano, Traductor titular (*in partibus*) de la misma Mision: Porter Cornelio Bliss, B.A."

Mr. Deane stated some of the circumstances, as communicated to him by Mr. Bliss, under which this fictitious narrative was written by the latter in Paraguay, while in a state of duress from the tyranny of Lopez.

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#### OCTOBER MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, Thursday, October 15, by invitation of our associate, Mr. Lawrence, and with the concurrence of the Standing Committee, at his house in "Longwood"; the President, the Hon. R. C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Recording Secretary read the record of the previous meeting.