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Western Reserve Historical Society.

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HISTORICAL AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL TRACTS, NUMBER TEN.

ANNUAL MEETING AT THE MUSEUM, MAY 13th, 1872.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Col. Chas. Whittlesey, President and curator.

Dr. J. H. Salisbury, Vice President. Secretary, (vacant.)

Hon. S. Williamson, Treasurer and curator.

Mrs. M. Milford, Librarian.

CURATORS ELECTED.

Joseph Perkins, C. T. Sherman, J. H. A. Bone, C. C. Baldwin, Mrs. J. H. Sargent, John W. Allen, Miss Mary C. Brayton.

CURATORS EX-OFFICIO.

Wm. Bingham, Benj. A. Stanard, H. M. Chapin, James Barnet.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Leonard Case, H. M. Chapin, Joseph Perkins, H. A. Harvey.

General Statement by the President.

—Memorial Notice of Alfred T. Goodman.

Our collection of books, maps, manuscripts, pamphlets, relics and general curiosities continues to increase as heretofore with a rapidity greater than we had anticipated, almost entirely the result of voluntary donations. We have no systematic catalogue of relics, pioneer or war implements, and other articles of general interest, constituting our museum; but our efficient and systematic librarian, Mrs. Milford, reports the relative number of books, pamphlets and registered visitors for 1871 and 1872 to be as follows:

	1871	1872	Increase during the year.
No. of Books.....	1181	2002	321
No. of Pamphlets...	2589	3000	411
No. of Visitors.....	625	1024	409

It is not our purpose to collect a large library. The designs of the institution in this respect are special; to procure as far as possible, and to preserve for reference all the matter within our reach, whether books, pamphlets, maps or manuscripts, which has a bearing upon the early history of Ohio, in particular, and of the Northwestern States in general.

The printed books on this subject are few in number, not exceeding four or five hundred, but most of them are so rare as

not to be found in ordinary book stores. I think when our catalogue is made out we shall find that we are now in possession of three-fourths of them, and that there is not a more complete collection on early history, to be found west of the Alleghany Mountains. It has already become a place much frequented by persons who are working up the local and general history of Ohio. Our historical maps and manuscripts are not as complete as the books and pamphlets, but are highly valuable. Among the old maps in our collection are the following:

A general atlas of the world, very full as to Europe, containing with illustrations 95 sheets folio bound, of date 1701 to 1720 by John Baptiste Homan Nuremberg. Deposited by Breno Nicolais, Cleveland.

Map of "Carolana and the River Meschacebe," by Daniel Coxe, 1727.

British North America, with the French and Spanish settlements adjacent, by Henry Popple, London, 1733.

"Possessions Anglaise et Francaise," by I. Rotter, Amsterdam, 1752.

"British and French Dominions in North America," eight large sheets, bound by John Mitchel, Amsterdam, 1755. Presented by Rev. E. A. Dalrymple, Secretary Maryland Historical Society.

"Middle British Colonies in America," by Lewis Evans, with Pownall's topographical descriptions, London and Philadelphia, 1755; same second edition, with descriptions by Evans, Philadelphia, 1760. Printed by B. Franklin and D. Hall.

"Atlas of British Colonies in North America." including admiralty surveys, twenty-five large sheets, by William Faden, London, 1777.

Charts and illustrations of Captain Cook's voyages around the world, 1772 to 1780, thick volume folio, on deposit by C. C. Baldwin, Esq.

Large map of Pennsylvania, on cloth, by R. Howell, 1792.

Large bound volume of manuscript maps, from the papers of the Connecticut Land Company, 1796-7.

Map of Ohio, 1806, by John F. Mansfield. Presented by Joseph Sullivant.

Map of Ohio, 1815, by Hough & Bourne, Chillicothe, 1816.

Manuscript map of the west end of Lake Erie, apparently for the use of the army in 1813, from the papers of John Walworth.

Manuscript plat of a State road from the forks of Muskingum (Coshocton) to Painesville, by Abram Tappen, 1805.

General Atlas of the World: Dublin, 1800. Presented by Hon. S. Williamson.

General Atlas, by Matthew Carey & Son, Philadelphia, 1818. Presented by J. P. Kirtland, L. L. D.

Maps of northern boundary, commission of 1820. Presented by the late M. B. Scott, Esq.

Map of Paris and its fortifications. Presented by N. C. Winslow, Esq.

Maps of twenty counties in Ohio.

We have been presented during the year with a series of works relating to the antiquities of North and Central America, embracing everything on that subject which we find in the market. This munificent donation includes the great work of Lord Kingsborough in nine folio volumes, reproducing the picture writings of Mexico, in fac simile, with translations, so far as they are accessible in America or Europe. Few libraries in the United States possess these rare and splendid volumes. Next to what relates to general history and antiquities, we desire to have in our library works of a local and statistical character, such as official reports of Legislatures, municipal corporations and public institutions of all kinds, whether new or old; city and county maps of Ohio, and sketches of the settlements of townships, including the earliest settlers.

Public feeling in this community is so favorable to this institution that our donations of articles for the museum, come in more rapidly than we can provide cases to arrange and display them. I believe that an equally liberal feeling exists in regard to money contributions, and that it is only necessary to make an effort in the way of solicitation to put ourselves in a good condition financially. At present the annual subscriptions, for membership do not meet current expenses, without an occasional resort to the legacy of the late Mr. Warner. Something more than a year since we had a special contribution in money for the purpose of developing the antiquities of the State, an investigation which should have attracted the attention of the State geologists. Surveys of the ancient works in the Cuyhoga valley have been made by the help of this fund; of which the members have evidence in pamphlet No. 5, of our series. Examinations have been made, and fac simile copies of several ancient inscriptions upon rocks, within this State, have been procured. These tracings now on exhibition in this room, are taken full natural size, and then photographed to a scale convenient for engraving. In this way they will be made available for antiquarians; by a process, the accuracy of which no one can call in question.

Since the last annual meeting the society has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of our Secretary, Mr. Alfred T. Goodman. The committee appointed by the curators to prepare a notice of his short but busy life, and his ever zealous services in the cause of history, have not fully completed their work. It will soon be ready, and will appear as part of the proceedings of this meeting. The mortality of our officers and members during the year has been unusually great. Besides our lamented Secretary, our First Vice President, M. B. Scott, Esq., an original member and substantial friend of the society, died suddenly on the 2d of February last. The venerable John Harmon of Ravenna, Ohio, an honorary member, who has contributed many valuable papers on the history of the Reserve, died at the ripe age of eighty-two years on the 29th of August, 1871. The Hon. W. B. Castle, one of our active members, and formerly Mayor of Cleveland, departed this life on the 28th of February, and Dr. E. W. Sackrider, one of the original members, on the 12th of April, 1872.

An experiment was tried during the past winter to revive the public interest which existed before the war in useful and scientific lectures. The old Library room in the Case Block was handsomely fitted up for that purpose, and a course of six lectures delivered for the joint benefit of the members of the Library Association, the Kirtland Society of Natural Science, and the Historical Society. The subjects and lectures were, on the Structure of Sponges, by Prof. A. H. Tuttle, of Cambridge, Mass.; The Scenery and Resources of Colorado, by Geo. H. Ely, Esq., of Cleveland; on the Motive Power of Animals, by Prof. E. S. Morse, of Salem, Mass; two on the Extinct Saurian Reptiles, by Prof. S. G. Williams, Superintendent Cleveland High School; The Teachings of Nature, by Hon. H. Rice, Cleveland. The audiences were not large but appreciative, and the lectures were throughout both interesting and highly instructive.

I conclude by urging on the curators the adoption and the energetic execution of some plan to secure a permanent income for this association. The amount required is not large, but it should be certain and permanent.

MEMOIR OF ALFRED THOMAS GOODMAN, LATE SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY.

The committee appointed by the curators to prepare a memorial notice of our late Secretary, believe that nothing can be more proper and acceptable than the spontaneous expressions of his friends, and of the press at the time of his decease. We can add nothing to the earnestness and the tenderness of these expressions, but will give in addition thereto, something more of his personal history. For one who died so young he had already accomplished much.

[From the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Dec. 21 1871]

The late Alfred T. Goodman was a young man of unusual promise, mentally. His mind ran to specialties. He had a mania for gathering autographs, and his collector was one of the finest in the country, containing the signatures of all the American Presidents, and of many crowned heads and literary and other celebrities of Europe. Very few young men were so deeply read in the political and general history of this country, particularly in the early history of the West. The Western Reserve Historical Society owes its present flourishing condition more to his efforts than those of any other man. The historical papers which he contributed to the press of this city attracted general attention.

When quite young he was connected with the Harrisburg *Patriot*. After his return to Cleveland, he studied law for some time in Judge Ranney's office, but had abandoned the idea of completing his studies and permanently entering the profession, owing to ill health. His education was entirely obtained in the schools of this city, and what accrued through self-government. Mr. Goodman was but twenty-six years of age at the time of his death. It seems lamentable that this young man, apparently moulded for a career of mark, should be taken so early; but "man proposes and God disposes."

[From the Cleveland Herald Dec. 21, 1871.]

We have just learned of the decease of Mr Goodman, late Secretary to the Historical Society, which occurred in this city. Wednesday evening, December 20th. Those who have taken an interest in the work of the Historical Society know how much of his short life has been devoted to historical researches. In 1868 he was elected Secretary and has given since then, without pecuniary compensation, at least half his time and labor to its affairs, besides numerous and valuable donations of coins, autographs, maps, pamphlets and books. He was attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs about two years since, and has been constantly sinking until the fatal hour arrived. It is a disease which entails incessant physical suffering under which he has borne up heroically, even after all hope of recovery had been abandoned. His brilliant mind was clear throughout the depressing influences of a malady known to be fatal. We have recently made note of his edition of the journal of Captain Wm. Trent, through Ohio in 1752 with copious and learned notes. Gen. Arthur St. Clair, first Governor of the Northwest Territory, was a favorite of his, and for several years with great assiduity, he had labored upon a biography, which is nearly complete, calculated to do justice to that unfortunate public man. To one so young his acquaintance with the sources of history, especially in manuscript, was probably without a parallel. The pamphlets and tracts published by the Society

are largely original historical matter, prepared by him. In the pursuit of valuable manuscripts he persevered until every chance of recovery was gone. Mr. Goodman is an example of the value of our High Schools, and the completeness of home education. He had no other training to literary life, and probably had all that was necessary to success. As a penman he was not only plain and elegant, but very rapid. His most hasty composition left no excuse for errors of the compositors.

Why one so promising, and apparently destined to be honored and useful, should so soon be removed from life and his beloved pursuits, is one of the inscrutable acts of that Supreme Providence, who, to use his own words: "doeth all things well."

REMARKS OF THE REV. W. H. GOODRICH
AT THE FUNERAL, DEC. 24th, 1871.

It was one of the last requests of our young friend and brother, whose remains we are now to lay in the grave, that I should assist at his funeral, and speak some words of remembrance and of sympathy. I have known him for many years, since he was about fourteen years old, and have held him from that time in peculiar esteem. No one could become acquainted with him even as a boy, without being struck by his marked traits of character, and unusual tokens of promise. Though my meetings with him have not been frequent, they have always been warm and interesting. I recall especially an hour spent with him in Harrisburg some years ago which heightened my regard for him, and impressed me with his development and worth. He always seemed to seek and value the society of older men. He had his own young friends and associates as others have, but he sought every opportunity to gain knowledge from those who could impart it, and was always aspiring after some new acquisition. He had great capacity for gathering facts and reasoning about them. How far he cultivated recondite science, I do not know, but for the broader and commoner sciences he had peculiar aptitude, and was making steady attainment. He was already of value in our community. He was unconsciously making a place for himself which no one is at hand to fill; and had he lived, would have occupied an honorable position, as a man of high self culture, and of authority in certain branches of knowledge. Meanwhile he neglected no duty to the household, which in its trials and amenities, relied much on his counsel and care. How faithful a son and brother he has been these mourning hearts could testify. His memory will remain fresh and precious in all this circle of kindred.

It is these remembrances of his worth and promise which makes this affliction bitter. Death does sometimes seem, to our reason, without order. It has no respect of persons, and takes away the very one we least could spare. It regards no seasons or circumstances, but breaks with

its summons upon the gladdest holiday of the year. It is blessed to know that strange as it may seem to us, it never is without order in God's sight. Our times are in His hands. The number of our months is with Him, and He hath appointed our bound that we shall not pass. Nothing passes unpermitted by His wisdom. And all the circumstances of trial, the attendant pains and weariness that accompany a death like this, are fully comprehended in the thoughts of our Heavenly Father. Our friend and brother submitted to disease and death patiently as to the will of God. He was comforted by a child-like trust in His gracious love. He rested, yes he rejoiced in the knowledge of a Savior on whom he laid his sins, and to whom he committed the keeping of his soul till the day of God.

EXTRACT FROM A PRIVATE LETTER.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29th, 1871.

"I have just learned with great regret of the death of our young friend, Alfred T. Goodman. Though I have not had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with him, my correspondence for the last two years has been so frequent, so profitable, and so pleasant to me, that I esteemed him very highly as a personal friend. His death is a great loss, not only to his family and your society; but to the State of Ohio, as I know of no one whose knowledge, taste and perseverance in historical matters, presented the prospect of so important and profitable a future; especially valuable to this State, where that particular talent is rare." R. C.

L. C. Draper, the veteran historian of the West, wrote to us "that among the promising young men of this new country, it is rare to find one of historical talent, such as our young friend possessed, and who may take the place of the fathers who are so rapidly passing away."

His parents, John Goodman and Ann Goodman (nee George) are natives of Warwickshire, England, near Leamington and Warwick Castle. They emigrated to Washington, Washington county, Pennsylvania, where Alfred was born December 15th, 1845. The family removed to Cleveland just in time to give him the benefit of the public schools in this city. A fixed number of the scholars of the primary schools who stands highest are selected for the high school, which is practically a college. Young Goodman took the lead in his classes throughout. The Superintendent of the High School says his capacity to acquire knowledge was remarkable, and that his industry kept pace with his capacity.

In 1864, soon after graduating, he joined the 150th regiment of Ohio National Guards, and served at Washington, D. C., in the defence of that place against the attack on Fort Saunders under General Breckenridge. Soon after the discharge of those regiments, he became assistant editor and Legislative Reporter to the *Daily Patriot and*


Union, at Harrisburg, Pa., a connection which lasted until 1868. He was attracted to Harrisburg more by his historical than by his political bias. The State papers, the archives of the State Historical Society, and especially the collection of the late General Wm. H. Miller, presented irresistible attractions to him. His remarkably rapid use of his pen, coupled with—what is so unusual—a clear and plain chirography, enabled him to report speeches and take notes, which were ready for the press without revision. Old and indistinct manuscripts were deciphered by him as it were by instinct. He was never happier than while engaged picking out, here and there, an historical fact, from a pile of old letters—an occupation that to most men is tiresome, if not disgusting.

As Secretary of this Society he was engaged in collecting historical letters and manuscripts. His fondness for correspondence enabled him to trace out and recover valuable papers or copies of them from the most distant and obscure places."

He had a capacious memory, without which no one can gather up and marshal the detached facts which constitute history. From 1868 to 1870 his health was apparently robust, and his promise of life uncommonly good. In stature he was small, but compact and active, with a fair and fresh complexion, dark hair and eyes; well represented in the photograph which is placed over his desk in our hall.

During these two years of perfect health, he wrote and published in different newspapers a brief notice of the Governors of Ohio, of William Crawford, who perished on the Sandusky plains, tortured to death by fire, in 1782; and a history of the campaign of General Harmar to the Maumee River in 1790. Of our historical tracts, he wrote those entitled "First White Child in Ohio," "First White Settlers in Ohio," and "Judges of the Supreme Court of Ohio." He had labored assiduously upon a biography of General St. Clair, which is nearly completed, but is not in proper shape for publication. In 1871 after his health became visibly impaired; and by frequent hemorrhages of the lungs; he became conscious of his doom; the "Journal of Captain Wm. Trent" in 1752, was prepared for publication, and issued by Wm. Dodge of Cincinnati, only a few weeks prior to his death.

More than an hundred of the sketches, in Drakes American Dictionary of Biography, were furnished by Mr. Goodman, but the work itself, he was not permitted to see. Before the fatal disease assumed such proportions, as to take away the hope of prolonged life, he was looking forward to the composition of a history of Ohio, for which a large part of the materials are already collected in our library. His last days were characterised by intense physical suffering, which he bore without complaint, looking forward to the hour of death, with resignation and hope, and not with dread.



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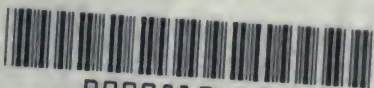
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