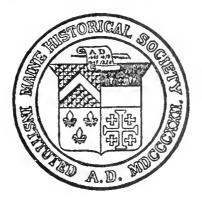
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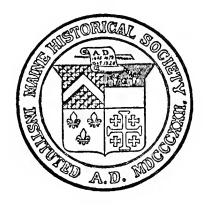




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FEBRUARY 7, 1912.

A meeting of the Society was held at the library hall, February 7, 1912, and was called to order at 2.30 P. M., by Mr. Fritz H. Jordan, the president, Mr. Baxter, being absent.

The librarian, Mr. Nathan Goold, read a report of accessions to the library and cabinet.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

FEBRUARY 7, 1912.

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen:

My last report was made November 28, 1911. Since that time we have kept the library and cabinet in good condition and have added all that has been given and all we could afford to buy. The library consists of about 43,000 books and pamphlets and the cabinet is all in good condition.

We have added since my last report 164 books and pamphlets, making a total for the year of 545. The gifts have been 108, the exchanges have been 20 and the purchases have been, since last report, 36.

The contributions have been as follows:

Seventeen Public Documents from the Maine State Library.

The Farmer's Boy Who Became a Bishop, from Bishop Aaron Rogers Graves.

Bowdoin College Bulletin No. 38, from the College.

Burning of Harvard College, in 1746, from Francis Apthorp Foster.

Indianapolis and the Civil War and Lincoln's Body Guard, from Indiana Historical Society.

History of Kennebunk, Me., from Mrs. Carrie E. Remick.

The Tyng Family of America, from Judge Fabius M. Ray.

The Archives of the General Episcopal Convention, from the Committee.

American Monthly Magazine, from Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter, D. A. R.

Popes and Science by James J. Walsh, Pioneer Priests of North America, and Charles Francis Donelly, from Bishop Louis S. Walsh.

Report of the Archives Branch of the Ottawa Government, Canada. Transactions of the Royal Historical Society of Canada, from that society. Fifteen pamphlets, from Dr. Samuel A. Green of Boston, Mass.

Life and Character of Elbridge Augustus Thompson, from Hon. John F. Sprague.

Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, 1911, of Philadelphia, from the society.

Major Robert Anderson and Fort Sumter in 1861, and an Artillery Officer in the Mexican War, 1846 47, from Mrs. Elba Anderson Lawton.

Five volumes Editorials of Hon. George F. Emery, from Hannibal H. Emery, Esq.

Chase's Chronicles, from W. E. Gould, Esq.

Church of My Boyhood, Free Street Church, from the author, Dr. Henry Melville King.

Increas Blake of Boston, His Ancestors and Descendants, 1898, from Francis E. Blake, Esq.

Six East Maine Conference Journals and two Minutes of East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, from Rev. C. A. Plumer.

American Historical Review, January, 1912, from the publishers.

County Government in Colonial North Carolina, from North Carolina Historical Society.

A History of the Boston Public Library, from the trustees.

The exchanges have been as follows:

Pennsylvania Historical Magazine, October, 1911, and January, 1912.

Maryland Historical Magazine, December, 1911.

Collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, Vol. 3.

Essex Institute Collections, January, 1912.

Report Kansas History Society.

Quarterly of Oregon Historical Society.

New England Historical-Genealogical Quarterly, January, 1912.

Massachusetts Historical Society Proceedings, Vol. 44.

Pinkham Genealogy.

Benjamin Genealogy.

Thompson Genealogy.

Johnson Genealogy.

Sennett Genealogy.

Our Perry Family of Maine.

Wigwam and War Path, 1875.

Bibliography of Wisconsin in the Late War.

Lawyers of Western Maine, manuscript, W. E. Morris.

Iowa Journal of History and Politics, January 1912.

We have purchased the following:

History of Acushnet, Mass.

History of Rochester, Vt.

History of Salisbury, Vt.

History of Ware, Mass.

History of Ridgefield, Conn.

Centennial Celebration and Historical Sketch of Reading, Vt.

American Catholic Researches, January, 1912.

Youthful Man-of-war's Men, McClay.

New England Family History, January, 1912.

History of Mount Mica, South Paris, Me.

Gravestone Records of Shaftsbury, Vt.

Historic Shepherdstown, Vt., Dandridge.

American Prisoners of the Revolution, Dandridge.

Revolutionary Characters of New Haven, Conn.

Magazine of History, for September and October, 1911.

Century Book of the Revolution.

The O'Briens of Machias, Me.

Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Mass., 1636-1656.

Landmarks of the Old Bay State. Comer.

Devon and Cornwall, England, Notes and Queries, January, 1912.

Holyoke Diaries, 1709-1856.

Emil's Collection of Military Buttons, 1911.

Diary of William Bentley, D. D., 3 volumes, 1911.

Winterport, Me., An Old River Town.

Jenny Lind in America, 1851.

Vital Records of Lynn, Mass.

Memoir of Count Rumford, Ellis.

Two volumes Prince Society, Colonial Currency.

Massachusetts Magazine, for July, 1911.

Journal of American History, No. 4, 1911.

American Small Arms, Farrar.

Journal of a Young Man of Massachusetts, Benjamin W. Whitehouse, M. D., War 1812.

The additions to the cabinet have been as follows:

The last work that Paul Akers did, A Child's Head, from Mrs. Philip W. McIntire.

Two letters of Thomas B. Reed's, one letter each of William P. Frye and Francis Fessenden, from John T. Fagan, Esq.

A badge given Thomas F. Ward, Battery A, First Maine Heavy Artillery, for services in Cuba. Entered service July 26, 1898, and discharged March 31, 1899. From his father, Thomas Ward, Esq.

One box muster rolls, etc., of Gen. Peleg Wadsworth, Jr., 1830-5, and a journal kept on Frigate President, Wm. Bainbridge, commander, also under James Baron and another on Frigate Constitution, Commander Isaac Hull, kept by Alexander S. Wadsworth, from Mrs. Cora L. Pike of Hiram, Me.

Roll of Co. A, 25th Maine Regiment, 1862, the property of John Emery, from his brother, Hannibal H. Emery, Esq.

We have purchased a chart of Boston Harbor, drawn by Alexander Scammell Wadsworth, in 1817, by command of Commodore Wm. Bainbridge.

Two pieces wall paper from the Knox Mansion, Thomaston, Me., from Arthur II. Norton, Esq.

Respectfully submitted, NATHAN GOOLD, Librarian.

The chairman then introduced the Hon. Clarence Hale of Portland, who read an instructive and valuable paper, giving an account of the town histories that have been written and printed in Maine.

ANNUAL MEETING.

June 25, 1912.

The annual meeting of the Society was held in the lecture room of Hubbard Hall, Brunswick, Tuesday, June 25, 1912, at two o'clock, P. M., President Baxter in the chair.

Members present: James P. Baxter, Hubbard W. Bryant, Frederick O. Conant, Ira Crocker, Frederick H. Gerrish, Nathan Goold, Fritz H. Jordan, George T. Little, Augustus F. Moulton, William D. Patterson, Moses A. Safford, Asbury C. Stilphen, Albert R. Stubbs, Henry S. Webster, Joseph Wood.

The records of the last annual meeting having been printed, the reading thereof was by vote waived.

The annual report of the librarian and cabinet keeper, Nathan Goold, was made by him and it was accepted and placed on file. The report of the auditors on the last annual report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

The annual report of the treasurer, Fritz H. Jordan, was read by him and it was accepted and placed on file.

The annual report of the biographer and corresponding secretary, William D. Patterson, was read by him and accepted.

The report of the standing committee was read and accepted.

Mr. Goold proposed the following amendment to Section 2 of the By-laws, to be voted upon at the next annual meeting: to strike out the words "two hundred and fifty" and insert in place thereof the words "four hundred," so as that when so amended the first sentence of said section shall read: "Resident members must be residents of Maine, and shall not exceed four hundred in number."

Messrs. Safford, Patterson and Stilphen were appointed a committee for bringing to the attention of the people of Maine and their representatives in the legislature the importance of resuming the publication of the documentary history of Maine.

Messrs. Conant, Jordan and Webster were appointed a committee to consider upon the establishment of a monthly or quarterly publication by the Society.

Mr. Wood moved that a committee be raised to interview personally the influential members of the Portland city government to try to have the sum of one thousand dollars annually paid by the city as a consideration for throwing open our library to the public as a free historical library; and the president and Messrs. Moulton, Crocker and Jordan were appointed as such committee.

The committee appointed at the annual meeting in 1911 to consider the bequest of Arthur J. C. Sowdon made report, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the trust created in the bequest of the late Arthur J. C. Sowdon to this Society be accepted.

Messrs. Fritz H. Jordan, Clarence Hale and Robert Codman were appointed a committee to carry the purposes of said trust into effect.

Resolved. That the treasurer of this Society be and he hereby is authorized and directed to receive of the executor or executors of the said Arthur J. C. Sowdon the amount of said Sowdon's bequest to the Society and proper receipt therefor to give.

The president appointed Messrs. Goold and Crocker a committee to receive, sort and count votes to be cast for members. The ballot being taken the following named persons were declared elected:

RESIDENT MEMBERS.

Mrs. Eva E. (Waterhouse) Bean,
Old Orchard.
Herbert J. Brown, Portland.
Hon. E. K. Gould, Rockland.
John M. Glidden, Jr., Newcastle.
James Henry Hall, Portland.
John Adams Hinckley, Gorham.
llarrison J. Holt, Portland.
Herbert Edgar Holmes, Lewiston.

Howard R. Ives. Portland.
Harry C. Josselyn, Portland.
Miss Alma C. Manning, Portland.
Leon S. Merrill, Orono.
Mrs. George W. Moody, Portland.
H. W. Shaylor, Portland.
Edgar Crosby Smith, Dover.
William E. Youland, Biddeford.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

Captain Thomas Jefferson Woodward, New Orleans, La.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Charles K. Bolton, Boston, Mass. Francis Apthorp Foster, Boston, Mass. Nathaniel J. Rust, Boston, Mass.

The president appointed Messrs. Moulton, Little and Webster a committee to nominate a board of officers for election for the ensuing year. The committee reported the following nominations:

President-Hon. James Phinney Baxter.

Vice President-Prof. Henry L. Chapman.

Treasurer—Fritz H. Jordan.

Corresponding Secretary and Biographer-William D. Patterson.

Librarian and Curator-Nathan Goold.

Recording Secretary—Hubbard W. Bryant.

Standing Committee—Rev. Henry S. Burrage, of Togus; Fred Odell Conant, of Portland; Henry Deering, of Portland; George A. Emery, of Saco; Prentice Cheney Manning, of Portland; Augustus Freedom Moulton, of Portland; Asbury Coke Stilphen, of Gardiner; Albert Roscoe Stubbs, of Portland; Joseph E. Moore, of Thomaston.

The report being accepted, and no objection appearing, the entire ballot was cast by Mr. Patterson, and each officer so nominated and balloted for was declared duly elected to his respective office.

The meeting was dissolved.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER.

Brunswick, Me., June 25, 1912.

Mr. President and Members of the Maine Historical Society:

Sirs:

I have the honor to make the following report of receipts and expenditures for the past year, viz.:

RECEIPTS.

June 20, 1911, balance on		
hand as per last report,		\$63.33
Income of of invested funds,	\$736.92	
Admittance fees, thirteen		
new members, \$10,	130.00	
Annual dues, 1912, 203		
members, \$3,	609.00	
Arrears of dues,	78.00	
		1,553.92
Sales of publications of the		
Society,	\$156.74	
Sales of duplicates,	170.25	
		326.99
Longfellow Memorial Fund,		500.00
		\$2,444.24

PAYMENTS.

Union Safe Deposit & Trust			
Co., rent of box and bond			
of treasurer,	\$	25.00	
Salaries of librarian, assist-			
ant and recording secre-			
tary,	Ι,	240.39	
Janitor,		361.20	
Fuel, lights and water,		229.58	
Repairs and maintenance,		13.69	
Printing,		76.8o	
Sundry miscellaneous items,		97.95	
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Furniture,	\$	19.75	
Additions to library,		344.40	
Binding,		35.10	
	_		399.25
June 25, 1912, cash on hand,			.38
			\$2,414.24

The invested funds of the Society consist of stocks and bonds of the par value of \$16,500.

The account of the Longfellow Memorial Fund is as follows, viz.:

RECEIPTS.

June 20, 1911, balance on			
hand as per last report,		\$	11.28
Income of Wadsworth-Long-			
fellow House:			
Admissions season of 1911,	\$2,213.75		
Profit on articles sold at			
house,	459.54		
Contributions of visitors at			
house,	9.41		
		2,	682.70
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PAYMENTS.

Expenses of Wadsworth-Longfe	ellow Hou	se:
Salaries of attendants and		
janitor,	\$786.08	
Repairs and maintenance,	228.35	
Grounds and trees,	37.40	
Furnishing,	7.06	
Fuel, lights, water and cleaning,	30.77	
Printing, signs and record books	8, 41.95	
Sundries,	8.71	
		\$1,140.32
Interest on debt,		528.52
Reduction of debt,		500.00
General fund Maine Histor-		
ical Society, account run-		
ning expenses of Society,		500.00
June 25, 1912, cash on hand,		25.14
		\$2,693.98

Present debt, \$11,500.00.

Respectfully submitted,
FRITZ H. JORDAN, Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND BIOGRAPHER.

Brunswick, June 25, 1912.

To the President and Members of the Maine Historical Society:

The members who have died since our last annual meeting are reported as follows:

RESIDENT MEMBERS.

Charles Edwin Allen, born August 26, 1839, at Springvale; admitted, 1890; died at Dresden, October 27, 1911.

Franklin Ripley Barrett, born January 21, 1835, at Portland; admitted, 1890; died at Portland, January 5, 1912.

William Wentworth Brown; admitted, 1899; died at Portland, October 22, 1911.

Henry Bradstreet Cleaves, born February 6, 1840, at Bridgton; admitted, 1897; died at Portland, June 22, 1912.

Samuel Thurston Dole, born January 17, 1831, at Windham; admitted, 1897; died at Melrose, Mass., April 1, 1912.

John Fremont Hill, born October 29, 1855, at Eliot; admitted, 1889; died at Boston, Mass., March 16, 1912.

Hiram Kelley Morrell, born September 25, 1827, at Gardiner; admitted, 1862; died at Gardiner, June 27, 1911.

Frederick Robie, born August 12, 1822, at Gorham; admitted, 1891; died at Gorham, February, 2, 1912.

John Smith Sewall, born March 30, 1830, at Newcastle; admitted 1869; died at Bangor, October 11, 1911.

Franklin Angustus Wilson, born November 6, 1832, at Bradford; admitted, 1889; died at Bangor, July 2, 1911.

HONORARY MEMBER.

William Pierce Frye, born September 2, 1831, at Lewiston; died at Lewiston, August 8, 1911.

Of the twenty-one persons elected resident members last year thirteen have accepted membership, one has definitely declined, and some have made no response.

Those members who have not furnished the biograpical information desired are again respectfully requested to fill and return the blanks sent to them for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. PATTERSON, Corresponding Secretary and Biographer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee beg leave to report that they have received sixteen formal applications for resident membership. Approvals have been signed and filed with the secretary.

The name of Captain Thomas Jefferson Woodward of New Orleans, La., is highly approved for corresponding member; and also the names of Charles K. Bolton of Boston, Frederic Apthorp Foster of Boston, and Nathaniel J. Rust of Boston, as honorary members.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

June 25, 1912.

Mr. President and Members of the Society:

The property of the Maine Historical Society in my charge is in the best condition. It has been put in the best of repair. The boiler and heating apparatus are reported to be good for twenty years. The library now consists of about 43,000 volumes and pamphlets all in prime condition and ready for use. The Longfellow House was opened to the public the 17th of this June with the prospect of a good season. This is the twelfth season of its opening.

We have added to the library the past year 978 titles, of which 403 were bound books and 575 pamphlets, with numerous additions to our cabinet. Since our last report, Feb. 7, 1912, we have added to the library 166 bound books and 245 pamphlets and to the cabinet many interesting articles.

The principal gifts have been as follows:

History and Proceedings of the Pocumtuck Valley Historical Association, Volume 5, from Hon. George Sheldon, Deerfield, Mass.

Five volumes Holy Bible, Scott, from E. H. Davies' estate.

Historia, from Oklahoma Historical Society.

A Narrative of the Life of Miss Lucy Cole of Sedgwick, Me, by Rebecca P. Pinkham, in 1830, from W. A. Galpin.

The Archives of the General Convention, Hobart Correspondence, Volumes 3 and 4, from the Commission of Archives.

Seventy-two historical books and pamphlets, from the estate of Rev. Edw. Ballard

General Index to the Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, Volumes 1 to 50, from that society.

American Historical Review for April, 1912, from Prof. J. F. Jameson.

Three Great Epoch Makers in Music, from Edw. C. Farnsworth, Esq.

Bulletin No. 2 of the Newport Historical Society, 1912, from that society.

Two volumes, The Stone Age in North America, by Warren K. Moorehead, from the author.

Walter Titus Avery, and John Sheldon and the Old Indian House Homestead, by J. Arms Sheldon, from the author.

Finding List of Virginia State Library, from that library.

General Catalogue for Yale College Library, from that library.

The Graves of Capt. Danl. Lane and his son, Col. Isaac Lane, and their wives, from Ellis Baker Usher, Esq.

Five volumes, Transactions, Volumes 8 to 12, and Volume 21, part of Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, from that society.

A large lot of volumes, pamphlets and articles of historic interest, from Hubbard W. Bryant.

Proceedings, 1910-1911, of the Rhode Island Historical Society, from that society.

The American Monthly Magazine, from the Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter, D. A. R.

Volume 15, Studies of the Niagara Frontier, from the Buffalo Historical Society.

Exercises at the Erection of a Monument in Memory of the First Settlers, 1725, from the Leominster Historical Society.

Index, A-F, to the Public Papers of George Clinton from State Historian of New York.

Litchfield, Me., Debating Society Records, from Rev. Dr. Baker.

Opportunity for Historical Research in Maine, from Hon. John F. Sprague. Orations and Addresses of Hon. Thos. B. Reed, from Mrs. Reed.

Beauties of Nature Delineated, by Mrs. Emma M. Small of Limington, Me.

Five volumes, Maine Congregational Conference Minutes, from Mrs. I. P. Warren.

Thomas Boyden and His Descendants, from Mrs. Gertrude Bates.

Banquet to Chief Justice Lucilius A. Emery by the Maine Bar Association, from Ray M. Fellows, Esq., 1911.

Seventeen volumes, Old Singing Books, from Mrs. Wm. Chamberlain.

The Chase Chronicle, from Wm. E. Gould, Esq.

Report of President and Treasurer of Harvard College, from the college.

Dedication of Brownfield, Me., Soldiers Monument, and Town of Hiram Report, 1911-1912, from Hon. Llewellyn A. Wadsworth.

History of Atlantic Lodge, F. & A. M., Portland, Me., from Almon L. Johnson, Esq.

Dictionary of the Biloxi and Ofo Language, 1912, from Smithsonian Institution.

Volume 40, Portland Transcript, 1876-7, from Mrs. Walter Corey.

Report of 1911 of Metropolitan Park Commission, from the commission.

Eight magazines of American History, 1912, from Mrs. Isabella Merrill.

Orations and Addresses of Thos. B. Reed, from Hon. D. H. Ingraham.

Youth's Companion, 1827-8, and 1839-40, from Mrs. L. A. Wade.

Twenty-three Public Documents, from the State library.

Who's Who in America, 1910 and 1911, Hon. D. H. Ingraham.

Two bound volumes, Gleason's Pictorial, Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4, from John F. Larrabee, Esq.

Portland Directory, 1912, from Fred L. Tower.

Year Book of the Empire State Society, G. A. R., 1911-1912, from Thos. D. Huntting, Esq.

History of the Effort to Combine into One Society the Descendants of Revolutionary Sires, from the same source.

Maine House Documents, also those of the Senate, 1911, four volumes, from the State library.

Maine Legislative Records, 1903, from A. J. Huston.

We have exchanged the following:

The Diary of Rev. Cotton Mather with the Massachusetts Historical Society, 7th Series, Volume 8.

The Woodworth Genealogy of Scituate, Mass.

Descendants of Francis Le Baron of Plymouth.

Missouri Historical Collection, No. 4, Volume 3, 1911.

September, 1911, Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society.

Maryland Historical Quarterly for March, 1912, also April.

Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, 1910 and 1911.

Essex Institute for April, 1912.

Proceedings for 1912 of the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Society.

Iowa Journal of History and Politics for April, 1912.

History of Connecticut by Cruffut and Morris.

Missouri Historical Review, from Missouri Historical Society.

Arkansas Historical Association, Volume 3.

Proceedings of the Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1911.

We have purchased the following:

Gazetteer of New Hampshire.

Dedication of Gen. John Sullivan's Monument at Durham, N. H.

History of Sturbridge and Southbridge, Mass.

History of Suffield, Mass.

History of Harnden, Conn.

History of Reading, Mass.

History of Great Barrington, Mass.

History of Westfield, Mass.

History of Farrington, Conn.

History of West Springfield. Mass.

History of Northampton, Mass.

History of Pawtucket, R. I.

History of Hopkinton, R. I.

History of Plainfield, Roxbury, and Fayston, Mass.

History of Truro, Cape Cod, Mass.

History of Cheshire and Sullivan Counties, N. H.

History of Woodstock, Vt.

History of Needham, Mass.

History of Hanover, Mass.

History of Royalton, Vt., 1,146 pages.

Dictionary of the Abnaki Language, Father Rasle.

History of The French Press in America by Alexander Belisle.

Journal of American History.

Cornwall Parish Registers, Marriages, Volume 20.

King Philip's War, by Ellis and Morris.

Rober. Fulton and the Claremont, 1909.

Atlas of Piscataquis County, Me.

An Islesboro Sketch, by Joel Cook.

One Hundredth Anniversary of Westminster, Mass.

Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Incorporation of Westfield, Mass.

One Hundredth Anniversary of the First Church of Templeton, Mass.

Sketch of Wakefield, Mass., Congregational Church.

Sketch of Beechwood, Mass., Church.

Rev. Robert Mitchell's Journal, Freeport, Me.

Magazine of History.

Life and Letters of Mrs. James G. Blaine, two volumes.

History of 6th New Hampshire Regiment.

Life of Zachariah Chandler.

The Granite Monthly, 1904-1907.

Massachusetts Magazine.

Biographical Review of York County, Me., 1896.

New England Family History, April, 1912.

Nine volumes, 1902–1911, Historical Collections of the Topsfield Historical Society.

Vital Records West Bridgwater, Brockton, Abington and Walpole, Mass.

France and the Confederate Navy, by John Bigelow.

The Canadian War of 1812, by C. P. Lucas.

Life of Major-General Birney, U. S. Volunteers.

English Costumes, Tudor and Stuarts.

English Costumes, Georgian.

The Passion, by Grenville Mellen.

Adventures Ned Minton, by Edwin J. Miller

The Sterling Furnace and the West Point Chain.

Devon and Cornwall Notes and Queries, April, 1912.

Since February 7 we have added to the cabinet:

A 25-cent Scrip of 1862, from Miss Emma Gould.

A Navigating Machine of Dr. Thos. Hill of Portland, from Mr. Lionel Cobb of Somerville, Mass.

One-half of a window shutter from the house and room where the poet Longfellow was born, on corner of Fore and Hancock streets, from Miss Artenam Carney. Liverpool pitcher, formerly the property of Capt. Enoch Preble, from the family of Alexander Wadsworth Longfellow.

Provost Martial Proclamation of 1816, Commission of Uriah Paine in 1816, and an Agreement of the Standish Militia Company in 1806, from Henry Harrison Higgins, Esq.

Tracing of Town of Baldwin, Me., from Walter Flint, Esq.

Two Portland Advertisers and a Log Cabin with a visit of S. S. Prentiss in 1840, from Chas. O. Haskell, Esq.

Desk used by Rev. Edward Payson during his life, from Miss Marcia P. Snyder of Watertown, N. Y.

A physician's certificate of Portland, from W. H. Tucker of Chicago, Ill.

A package of papers relating to Portland, from P. N. Andrews of Roxbury, Mass.

A large family kettle, from Mrs. R. Samuel Rand.

Hon. F. E. Boothby sends a letter of Charles M. Hayes, one of Capt. H. C. Taylor of the Indiana, and one of Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, a historical sketch Union Station, 1888, and a lot of passes.

A framed picture, "Washington Crossing the Delaware," from Hannibal H. Emery, Esq.

Hon. D. H. Ingraham contributes a passport signed by Hon. F. C. Knox.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN GOOLD, Librarian.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOWDON BEQUEST.

At the annual meeting of the Maine Historical Society held at Brunswick, Me., June 20, 1911, the treasurer, Mr. Jordan, stated that it had come to his knowledge that the late Arthur John Clark Sowdon of Boston, Mass., then recently deceased, had made a bequest to the Maine Historical Society of the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of erecting a monument in the town of Nobleboro, Me., to his ancestor, Col. Arthur Noble, an officer under Sir William Pepperell at Louisburg in 1745, and moved that a committee be appointed to enquire into the matter and report at a later meeting whether or not they would recommend that the Society accept the trust. President Baxter appointed as that committee: Fritz H. Jordan, Judge Clarence Hale, Bishop Robert Codman.

Your committee has the honor to report as follows:

Arthur John Clark Sowdon of Boston, Mass., a graduate of Harvard University, Governor-General of the Society of Colonial Wars, member of learned and historical societies, and a prominent churchman, died in Boston, Mass., June 3, 1911. A clause in his will is as follows, viz.:

"To the Maine Historical Society the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars to be used for erecting, in the town of Nobleborough in the State of Maine, a stone or bronze memorial of my ancestor, Col. Arthur Noble, for whom the town is named, lieutenant-colonel at Louisburgh in 1745, colonel, and killed at Minas in 1747."

Members of your committee have interviewed the executor of Mr. Sowdon's will, and have also visited Nobleborough and have conferred with Mr. Mulligan, the chairman of its board of selectmen, and others of its citizens.

The earliest settlement within the limits of the present town of Nobleborough was at Damariscotta Fresh Falls in or about 1730. Among its prominent settlers and land owners at that period was James Noble, a brother of Col. Arthur Noble. It was then a part of Governor Dunbar's township of Walpole. Nobleborough was incorporated by Massachusetts in 1788, and through the influence of Arthur Noble, son of Col. Arthur Noble and one of its leading citizens, the town was given the family name in honor of the brothers, Col. Arthur Noble and James Noble.

There is at present much interest among the townspeople in the matter and it is probable that a suitable site will be provided by the town.

Col. Arthur Noble of Georgetown, Me., was lieutenantcolonel of the eastern regiment; he took a prominent part in the siege and capture of Louisburg, was a most gallant and meritorious officer and in every way worthy of the monument provided for by this bequest. Such a monument will be of benefit to the town and State.

We recommend that the Society accept the trust under the conditions of the will and that a committee be appointed to take charge of and carry out the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Fritz H. Jordan,

For the Committee.

HISTORICAL FIELD DAY.

The field day of the combined historical societies, consisting of the Maine Historical Society, the Society of the Mayflower Descendants and the Society of the Colonial Wars, was held at Dunstan, Thursday, September 26, and was attended by about sixty members and guests. Immediately upon arrival the party went to the King monument, where Fritz H. Jordan, Esq., for the Maine Historical Society, gave a statement of the manner in which the monument and land around it came into possession of the Society. He exhibited a deed from John W. Leavitt to the Society whereby the land is quit-claimed to the Society which undertakes to keep the monument in repair and to cause proper fences to be built, etc.

An old fashioned dinner was served at the Wayland at which Hon. James P. Baxter presided, and an address was delivered by Hon. Augustus F. Moulton.

In his address Mr. Moulton referred to the historical significance of the scene of the field day, as the place had long been known to fishermen and traders before the coming to it of any settlers. He described the early changes in ownership that had taken place among the first settlers, and explained that according to the life of Ferdinando Gorges, the name of the locality should be Dunster, instead of Dunstan.

For a whole generation relations with the Indians were peaceful, but in 1675 they were incited by the French and made a sudden attack in September when the home of the Algers, earliest among the settlers, was burned. The remains of this house had been ploughed up a few years since at Dunstan's Landing. A period of exciting and romantic warfare had followed for nearly twenty years, and the exploits of Charles Pine, the hunter, and Richard Hunnewell, the Indian killer, are among the old traditions of the town.

The speaker also described the founding of the towns, and the building of the canal for the accommodation of shipping, and related that in 1790, when the first United States census was taken, the population of Scarboro was equal to that of Portland, and the people in that town had their full share in the stirring events of colonial days.

He also went into the history of the King family, and then took up some of the ancient traditions of the town, including the bloody hearthstone of the house of William Dearing who suddenly went insane and killed his wife. There was also the tradition of the departure of the wolves, which gathered one night and swarmed around the houses, then left in great numbers never to return.

In the War of 1812 the townspeople were active, and in the War of the Revolution no people made a better record. On the village green at Dunstan where the soldiers of the Revolution gathered, it is now proposed to erect a monument to commemorate the services of the men who died for their country.

The party returned to the city on a special car late in the afternoon, having passed a most delightful day.

NOVEMBER 20, 1912.

The November meeting was held at the library hall, Wednesday, November 20, 1912, and was called to order

at 2.30 P. M. Hon. George Addison Emery of Saco, read a paper on "Col. Thomas Cutts and the Cutts Family."

Mr. Goold, the librarian, read a report of recent accessions to the library and cabinet.

Adjourned.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

NOVEMBER 20, 1912.

President Honorable James P. Baxter and Ladies and Gentlemen:

The last report of your librarian was made at the annual meeting, June 25, 1912, about six months to this time. Since that time the library and the old Longfellow House have kept on in the even tenor of their way. They have been eminently successful.

The Wadsworth-Longfellow House was opened to the public on June 17, 1912, and closed September 28, 1912, with one of our most successful years. We had 9,058 paid admissions, but did not sell as many souvenirs as some years. Our admissions have been exceeded by but one year, 1907, when they were very large. It was the second year in attendance. The management of the house is very grateful to the seven guides for their faithful services through the entire season. They all received compensation. This is the twelfth season the house has been opened to the public. Ninety thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight have paid admission in that time, and it is safe to say they are all satisfied. The wisdom of the acceptance of the old house is very apparent at this time, and no doubt will be for all time.

The library and cabinet are in as good condition as is possible with the funds at my disposal. We have added, since my last report, 151 bound volumes and 240 pamphlets, making a total of 391. We have also added to the

cabinet many articles of interest. By gifts we have added 262 bound volumes and pamphlets. By exchange we have added 48 bound volumes and pamphlets, and we have purchased 81 bound volumes and pamphlets. Sometime we shall have to use more care in the acceptance of books and articles for the cabinet or we shall be overstocked.

We have received the following gifts:

American Monthly Magazine, 5 numbers, from Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter, D. A. R.

Roster of Officers of New Jersey Continental Line in Revolutionary War, Society of Cincinnati, from Lewis D. Boggs, secretary.

Lakes and Glaciers of the National Park, season of 1912, from Department of the Interior.

The Legendary and Myth-making Process in Histories of the American Revolution, from Sydney G. Fisher, Esq.

Cadillac and Early Detroit, 1912, from Detroit Public Library.

Fifty cartoons from "If the Devil should come to," Among the Humorists and After Dinner Speakers, 2 volumes, The Depew Story Book, and book by Bud Reeve, North Dakota, all from Col. T. T. Baldwin, Esq.

Connecticut Historical Society's Annual Report, May, 1912, and List of Family Genealogies in Library of Connecticut Historial Society.

Year Book of Sons of the American Revolution, Hawaii, 1912, from that society.

The Hills Family in America, from William S. Hills, Esq.

Monthly List of State Publications, 1912, and Descriptive List of Maps of Spanish Possessions in the United States, 1502–1820, from Library of Congress.

Fifth Charge of the Diocese of Maine, by Rev. George Burgess, D. D., 1862.

Chicago Historical Society; Report of 1911, 1 volume, from that society.

Proceedings and Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada, from that society, 1911.

Proceedings of Brooklyn Historical Society at Annual Meeting, January, 17, 1912, from that society.

Response for Class of '62 at Newton, Mass., Alumni Meeting, June 5, 1912, from Henry M. King, D. D.

Descendants of Dea. John Dana of Dover, N. H., 1633, by John Scales, A. M., gift of author.

Twelfth Annual Reunion of Alden Kindred of America, August 7, 1912, gift of Alden Kindred Association.

A Souvenir of New Haven, Conn., 1908, from George T. Hewlett, Esq., and same from Dr. Charles Banks, U. S. Marine Hospital.

The Chase Chronicle, Volume 3, July, 1912, from Chase-Chace Family Association.

Records of Old Home Day, at Standish, Me., 1900, from Samuel T. Dole estate.

Complex Index to Stith's History of Virginia, 1912, by Morgan P. Robinson, Esq.

The Cause and Outbreak of War Between the States, 1861-1865. A Memorial Day speech.

A Finding List for Virginia State Library, July, 1912, from Virginia State Library.

Catalogue, Loan Exhibition of Relics and Heirlooms at Newport Historical Society, 3 pamphlets, from that society.

Annual Report, Bangor Public Library, 1911, from that library.

Oneida Historical Society Year Book, 1912, from that society.

Sketch of Yosemite National Park, 1912, and Report of Gettysburg National Military Park Commissioners, 1912, of U. S. Government.

Maine Official and Classified Business Directory, 4 volumes, 1909-1912, from Hon. Llewellyn Barton.

Early Days of Church and State in Maine, by Robert Hale, 1910, from Albert E. Gould, Esq.

Monthly List of State Publications, June, 1912, in Library of Congress, gift of Congressional Library.

Dedication of Soldiers' Monument, Bridgton, Me., July 21, 1910, from Henry B. Cleaves estate.

The History of the Town of Bowdoinham, 1762-1912, by Capt. Silas Adams, from the author.

Monhegan Island, Me., 1912, from Rev. Walcot W. Ellsworth.

Proceedings of Bunker Hill Monument Association, 1912, from that association

Records and Papers of New London County Historical Society, 1912, from that society.

Bryantville News—Historical Pembroke, 1712-1912, from Mrs. O. W. Charles, Bryantville, Mass.

History of the Reed Family, by Jacob Whittemore Reed, 1861, from the late James Neal Reed, Deering, Me.

Archives of the General Convention—Hobart Correspondence, September, 1805-April, 1808, from Commission of Archives.

Memoranda, Historical, Chronological, to those interested in Pilgrims Memorials and History, 1870.

Old Copps Hill and Burial Ground, Boston, Mass., with historical sketches, by Edward MacDonald, July, 1895, from Smith Baker, D. D., Lowell, Mass.

Archives of Maryland, Volume 32—Proceedings of the Council, 1761, from Maryland Historical Society.

Sparks—A Series of Popular Reflections on Ethical and Social Topics, by and from Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, S. D.

Certain Comeovers, 2 volumes, 1912, from Hon. Henry Howland Crapo, of Massachusetts.

History of Battle of Bennington, Vt., 1912, from Frank W. Coburn, Esq. Several old books, 12 volumes, from Mrs. John E. Brazier.

Report of the Society of the Colonial Wars, 1907-1911, from Edward Deering Noyes, Esq.

Descendants of John Gamage of Ipswich, Mass., compiled and given by Arabella L. G. Morton.

Act of Incorporations and By-laws of the Piscataqua Pioneers, Portsmouth, N. H., 1905.

Dedication of the Building of New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, N. H., 1912, from that society.

Manual of Union Congregational Church, East Bridgewater, Mass., June, 1894, from Miss M. B. Fairbanks, Boston, Mass.

The James Sprunt Historical Publications, Volume 2, 1912, from University of North Carolina.

A pamphlet on Hopley Yeaton, First Revenue Officer in State of Maine, died 1812, aged 73, from R. W. Sawyer, Esq.

Proceedings of New Jersey Historical Society, Volume 7, 1912, from that society.

Ancestry of William Dyer, "The Abington Pioneer;" Proceedings of the Dyer Association, September 16, 1911, from Dr. Charles E. Banks.

History of Eliot Centennial, 1910, edited by Aaron B. Cole and J. L. M. Willis, 1912, gift of Mr. Willis.

Location of the Monuments, Markers and Tablets on the Battle of Gettysburg, 1912, from Gettysburg National Park Commission.

Henry William Haynes and Edward Henry Hall; Tributes at March Meeting of Massachusetts Historical Society, 1912, from Samuel A. Green, Boston, Mass.

The Hamiltons of Waterborough, York County, Me., 1912, by and from Samuel K. Hamilton, Esq

Records of American and Foreign Shipping, 1908, 1909—American Lloyds, New York, from Fritz II. Jordan, Esq.

Unprinted Letters of Washington, Carnegie Institution, Washington, D. C., Department Historical Research, June 23, 1912, from that institution.

The Story of Two Portland Schools, by Mrs. Elizabeth McL. (Gould) Rowland.

Poems and Prose of Charles L. Billings, from D. H. Knowlton, Esq.

Lost in the Maine Woods, T. W. Burr, from H. N. Fairbanks, Esq.

Annual Report of American Historical Association, 1910, from that association.

Annual Report of Scarboro, Me., 1912, from L. B. Chapman, Esq.

Probate Manual by Southgate, by Fabius M. Ray, Esq., 1830.

October, 1912, Chase Chronicle, from the association.

Portsmouth, N. H., the City by the Sea, from Portsmouth Board of Trade. Garland, Me., Congregational Church Centennial, 1911, from Misses Curtis. Nine miscellaneous pamphlets, from Charles T. Libby, Esq.

Thirteen pamphlets, from H. W. Bryant, Esq.

Charles P. Illsley, Editor and Founder of the Portland Transcript, extracts from the Transcript regarding his life, from Leonard B. Chapman, Esq.

We have exchanged the following:

Meriwether Genealogy and their connections, by Louisa A. Minor, 1892.

Lindsays of America, by Margaret I. Lindsay, 1889.

Pelton Family in America, by J. M. Pelton, 1892.

The Family of Ormsby of Pittsburg, 1892, by Oliver Ormsby Page.

Hurlburt Genealogy, 1888, by Henry H. Hurlburt.

Binney Genealogy in the United States, collected by Charles J. F. Binney, 1886.

Dixon Genealogy, followed by a History of the Clan Dickson and a brief account of the author, B. Homer Dixon, R. N. L., 1889.

The Lee Genealogy of Ipswich, Mass., 1888, compiled by William Lee.

History of the Family of Early in America, by Samuel S. Early, 1896.

Jeffreys Neck and the way leading thereto, 1912, Mass., Ipswich Historical Society.

New England Historical and Genealogical Register, July, 1912, October, 1912., 2 volumes.

Essex Institute Historical Collection. July and October, 1912, Volume 48.

The Iowa Journal of History and Politics, July and October, 1912.

Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections, 1912.

Reminiscences of East Winthrop, by W. Harrison Parlin, 1891.

Loyalism in New York during the American Revolution, by Alexander C. Flick, 1901.

Transactions of the Illinois State History Society, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 4 volumes.

Illinois Historical Collections; Volume 2, of Executive Series, Gov. Letterbook, 1840–1853.

Illinois Historical Collections; Volume 2, of Virginia Series, Kaskaskia records, 1778–1790.

Catalog Historical Library, Illinois, 1900.

The County of Illinois, 1907, by Clarence W. Alvard.

Journal of Illinois State Historical Society, July 12, Nos. 1 and 2, 2 volumes.

Phases of Royal Government in New York, 1691-1719, by Charles W. Spencer.

The Tobacco Industry in the United States, by Meyer Jacobstein, A. M.

Factory Legislation in Maine, by E. Stagg, Whitin.

DeWitt Clinton and the Origin of the Spoils System in New York, by Howard L. McBain, A. M.

History of Military Pension Legislation in the United States, by William H. Glasson.

The Abolition of Privateering, and the Declaration of Paris, by Francis Stark.

History of Transition from Provincial to Commonwealth Government in Massachusetts, by Harry A. Cushing.

The Financial History of Massachusetts, by Charles H. J. Douglass.

History of Elections in the American colonies, by Cortlandt F. Bishop.

The Struggle between President Johnson and Congress over Reconstruction, by Charles E. Chadsey.

Rhode Island and the Formation of the Union, by Frank G. Bates.

New Hampshire as a Royal Province, by William H. Fry.

A Picture of Town Government in Massachusetts Bay Colony, by T. McClure Peters.

Legal Development in Colonial, Massachusetts, 1630–1686, by Charles J. Hilkey.

The Dunkers, by John Lewis Gillin.

Ohio before 1850, by Robert E. Chaddock.

Historical Development of the Poor Law in Connecticut, by Edward W. Capen.

Constitutional Conflict in Provincial Massachusetts, by Henry R. Spencer. Colonial Immigration Laws, by Emberson E. Proper.

The Development of School Support in Colonial Massachusetts, by George Leroy Jackson.

Early New England Towns, by Annie B. Maclear.

The Province of New Jersey, 1664-1738, by Edwin P. Tanner.

Columbia University Bulletin, 1911.

The Library in Colonial New York, by Austin B. Keep.

The Hayes-Tilden Disputed Presidential Election of 1876, by Paul L. Haworth.

Public Permanent Common School Funds in United States, 1795-1905, by Fletcher II. Swift.

II. W. Bryant has given the Highway of France, by Margaret J. McTwist, Who 's Who, in 1902, &c.

Maryland Historical Magazine Quarterly for June and September, 1912.

Oregon Historical Magazine Quarterly for March, 1912.

Wyoming Historical and Genealogical Society, Volume 12 of their Publications.

Minnesota Historical Society Collections, Volume 14.

Pennsylvania Historical Society's Magazine for April, 1912.

Annual Report of the Maryland Historical Society for 1911.

We have purchased the following:

History of Newfield, N. H., 1638-1911, by Rev. James H. Fitts.

The New England Town, its Spirit and Meaning, by Jacob L. Greene.

The Crown of New England, Grand Old Town of Minot, Me., 1904, by Crosby S. Noyes.

History of Peru, Me., 1781-1911, by Hollis Turner.

History of Messalonskee Lodge, West Waterville, Me., 1870.

History of Forest Lodge, No. 148, Springfield, Me., 1868-1869.

History of Tremont Lodge, No. 77, Tremont, Me., 1854-1871.

History of Meridian Lodge, Pittsfield, Me., 1864-1878.

History of Lewys Island Lodge, Princeton, Me., 1866, 1870 and 1880.

History of Crescent Lodge, Pembroke, Me., 1854-1870.

History of Paris Lodge, South Paris, Me., 1872.

History of Hancock Lodge, Castine, Me.

History of Arundel Lodge, Kennebunkport, Me., 1854-1870.

History of Alna Lodge, Damariscotta, Me., to April, 1874.

History of Howard Lodge, Winterport, Me., to 1870.

History of Casco Lodge, Yarmouth, Me., 1821-1870.

History of Eastern Frontier Lodge, Fort Fairfield, Me., 1862-1871.

History of Mt. Desert Lodge, Mt. Desert, Me., 1867-1871.

History of Cumberland Lodge, New Gloucester, Me., 1803-1873.

History of Rising Sun Lodge, Orland, Me., 1852-1874.

History of Canterbury, N. H., 1727-1912, by James Otis Lefford, 2 volumes.

Magazine of History, extra number, The American Tars in Tripolitan Slavery.

Devon & Cornwall, Notes and Queries, Volume 7, July and October, 1912, Subscription.

New England Magazine, Bound, Volumes 1 to 10.

Harbor Chart Book, No. 3, Boston to Bar Harbor, George W. Eldridges.

History of Cheshire, Conn., 1694-1840, by Joseph P. Beach.

Centennial Proceedings and Historical Facts Relating to Newfane, County Seat of Windham County, Vt., 1774-1784.

Waltross' Vermont Register, 1913.

History of Hiram Lodge, No. 180, 1875-1891, Cape Elizabeth, Me., by Stephen Scamman.

The Heritage of Dress, by Wilfred M. Webb, 1912.

Magazine of History, Volume 15, February, 1912, Subscription.

In Old South Hadley, Mass., by Sophia E. Eastman.

History of Cornish, N. H., 1763-1912, by William H. Childs, 2 volumes.

History of Montague, Mass., by Edward P. Pressey, 1910.

Proprietors' Records of Mendon, Mass.

20th Century Biographical Dictionary of Notable Americans, 10 volumes.

Natural History and Topography of Groton, Mass., by Dr. Samuel A. Greene.

Battle of April 19, 1775, Lexington, Concord, Lincoln, Arlington, Cambridge, Somerville and Charlestown, Mass., by Frank W. Coburn.

The Liberty Pole, A tale of Machias, Me.

Naval Battle at Machias, Me., June 12, 1775, Published by D. A. R.

Titled Americans, List of American Ladies who have Married Foreigners of Rank.

History of 8th Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, 1861-1865, by George N. Carpenter.

The Pioneer Mothers of America, by Harry C. Greene and Mary Wolcott Green, 3 volumes.

Poems, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Boston, 1857, 2 volumes.

Waltham, Mass., Past and Present, by Charles A. Nelson, 1879.

History of Town of Cheshire, Mass., 1885, by Ellen M. Raymond and Emma L. Petichere.

History of Gilsum, N. H., 1752-1879, by Sylvanus Haywood.

National Genealogical Society Quarterly, April and July, 1912.

Cyclopedia of Architecture in Italy, Greece and the Levant, 1895, edited by William P. P. Longfellow.

Dorset Parish Register, Marriages, Volume 6, 1912.

Who's Who in America, 1903-1905.

Men of Progress in Maine, 1897.

The Hoosac Valley, Niles, 1912.

Honor Roll, Rev. Soldiers, Litchfield Co., Conn.

Novelas Espanolas, &c., 1845, by Henry W. Longfellow.

The cabinet has been improved with the following:

County Tax of Windham, Me., 2 Books, 1789 and 1790, Package of Deeds and 13 Books of Records of Windham, from the Estate of Samuel Thomas Dole.

One piece of Rafter of Faneuil Hall and one piece of the Foundation of the Old State House, Boston, from Ruggles S. Higgins, Esq.

A number of Original Letters and Invitations, from Hon. F. E. Boothby.

A large lot of Confederate Currency captured during the last of the war, from the United States Treasury Department.

One Old Pewter Mug and Plate and One Old Wooden Plate and Bowl, from Mrs. John E. Brazier of Portland, Me.

Framed Picture of President Franklin Pierce, from Edward S. Osgood, Esq. Order for Military Duty in 1793, from Horace W. Field, Esq.

Albert B. Hall, Esq., has given Commission signed by Gov. Albion K. Parris.

Bed Quilt made by ten young ladies, as facsimile of an American Flag, of Portland, and after the war bought at auction by Mrs. Jackson and presented to the Jewett family, from Mary E. Jewett, daughter of Mayor Jedediah Jewett, of Portland.

St. Stephens Parish of Portland, Me., has deposited with the Society six record books of that society for safe keeping.

Rev. Smith Baker has given a manuscript album of Bowdoin College.

Miss Henriette A. Jordan, a letter from Seth Paine to his son, Thomas Paine, dated October 14, 1793.

Mrs. Harry M. Verrill, 2 Massachusetts tax bills of 1790.

The Littlefield Family of Rhode Island, from Mr. Scott of the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN GOOLD, Librarian.

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