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JANUARY 23, 1908.

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at the library hall Thursday, January 23, and was called to order by the president, Mr. Baxter, at 2.30 P. M.

Mr. Baxter read some extracts from early records of the town of Portland which he presented for the archives of the Society.

Mr. Goold, the librarian, read a report of accessions to the library and art collections of the Society.

Hon. Joseph W. Symonds read a paper on Nathaniel Deering of Portland and his associates.

Adjourned.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

JANUARY 23, 1908.

The last report of your librarian was made November 22, 1907. Since that time there have been additions and improvements in our library. The rooms are kept open from 10 A. M. until 5 P. M. and every effort is made to accommodate applicants, that the greatest usefulness may be derived from the library. Our efforts appear to give satisfaction. During the intervening time, since my last report, we have added to our library 103 books and 208 pamphlets, a total of 311 titles. 86 books and 198 pamphlets were gifts, 2 books and 3 pamphlets were by exchange and 11 books and 7 pamphlets were purchased. Our most notable donations of books were :

Valley Forge, a Chronicle of American Heroism, from Hon. F. E. Boothby.  
 Life of William Pitt Fessenden, two volumes, from James D. Fessenden, Esq.  
 Biographical Sketches of Eight Generations of Hoopers in America, from  
 Mrs. William Sumner Crosby.

A Political History of Slavery, two volumes, from the author, William  
 Henry Smith.

York Deeds, five volumes, from Maine State Library.

History of Dakota County, Minnesota, from John F. Larrabee, Esq.

Volume 2, Cambridge Historical Society publications, from that society.

John Paul Jones Commemoration, from Hon. Amos L. Allen.

Fifteen bound books and fifty-five pamphlets, from Hon. Darius H. Ingraham.

Victor H. Paltsits, Esq., State historian of New York,  
 contributed the following books :

Public Papers of Daniel Tompkins, two volumes.

Third Annual Report of the State Historian of New York.

New York Ecclesiastical Records, Vol. 4.

Council of Appointment, Military Records of New York, four volumes.

Public Papers of George Clinton, four volumes.

For the adornment of our reading room we have had  
 the following valuable contributions :

A large framed oil portrait of Sir William Pepperell, by Kahill, from Henry  
 Deering, Esq.

A handsome marble bust of Hon. John B. Brown, Portland's greatest mer-  
 chant, with a marble pedestal, also a bust of President Andrew Jackson, with  
 pedestal, both from the family of Mr. Brown.

An unmounted oil portrait of a brigadier general, in full uniform, his name  
 unknown to the donor, from Charles G. Kenney of Portland.

We have purchased :

History of Merrimac and Belknap Counties, Mass.

History of Taunton, Mass.

History of Stoneham, Mass.

History of Arlington, Mass.

History of St. Albans, Vt.

History of Newport County, R. I.

History of Smithfield, R. I.

History of New London, Conn.

Genealogical Sketches of the Early Settlers of West Simsbury, Conn., now  
 Canton.

The Longfellow Collector's Hand Book.

Complete Index to the Magazine of American History.

History of Rockingham, Vt., including Bellows Falls.

Poems of Rod and Gun, Isaac McLellan.

Fun Jottings, Nathaniel P. Willis.

Divine Tragedy, Henry W. Longfellow.

For our cabinet we have been presented by Joseph Wood, Esq., an engraved copper plate from which were printed the bills of the Lincoln and Kennebec bank of Wiscasset.

Since our last meeting the Society has published the exercises at the Popham celebration, last August.

This will also be printed in the next volume of collections and for that reason it was thought wise to distribute copies to the historical societies, state libraries, public libraries and to those particularly interested, which has been under the direction of your president.

Respectfully,

NATHAN GOOLD, *Librarian.*

FEBRUARY 26, 1908.

A meeting of the Society was held at the library hall in Portland, Wednesday, February 26, 1908, and was called to order at 2.30 P. M., the president in the chair.

The Reverend John Carroll Perkins, D. D., was introduced, who read a paper on George Foster Talbot, a former member of this Society.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Perkins for his paper and a copy requested for the archives.

Adjourned.

MARCH 25, 1908.

A meeting of the Society was held at the library hall March 25, 1908. The president in the chair introduced John Albree, Esquire, of Boston, who gave a very entertaining and instructive address on "How time was kept when we lived under a king." The address was illustrated by an exhibition of ancient time pieces contributed by the president, and Mr. Albree. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Albree.

Adjourned.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, MARCH 25, 1908.

The librarian's last report was made January 23, 1908. Since that time we have added to the library 80 bound volumes and 168 pamphlets, a total of 248. 179 were by gift, 45 by exchange and 24 by purchase. The principal gifts were :

- Poet Wildey and His Poem, from Charles E. Jackson.
- Goss Family Chronicles, Manuscript Sermons by Rev. Joseph Wood, and Gouldsboro Land Improvement Co., from Joseph Wood.
- Illustrated Biographies of Prominent Bath Citizens, from Novello Crafts.
- Coffin's Maine Digest, Public Laws of Maine, volumes 8 and 9, and Maine Digest, 1820, 1879, Plaisted & Appleton, from Hon. George E. Bird.
- Volumes 8 and 9 of the publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, from Rev. Dr. John Carroll Perkins.
- Moses Owen's Ballads of Portland, and Mary H. Lastroff's Poems, from Alice May Douglass.
- Families of Perkins, Fairfield and King, from Hon. George C. Perkins.
- Poems of N. D. Albee and Isaac Watt's Sermons, from Mrs. Virgil D. Hilton.
- Genealogical Record of the St. Nicholas Society of New York, from the society.
- Numbers of the Hebron Semester, from Judge Percival Bonney's estate.
- The Leiter Library Catalogue, from Mrs. Mary J. Leiter and Joseph H. Leiter.
- Ten Portland Yacht Club Year Books, from Charles F. Flagg, secretary.
- Bibliography of the Publications of American Historical Societies, from the American Historical Association.
- The Gates Book and Two Country Cemeteries, from Miss Mittie B. Fairbanks.
- Representative Women of New England, American Men of Science, and A Stroll with Keats, illustrated, by Frances Clifford Brown, from Nathan Clifford Brown, Esq.

## The important exchanges we have made are :

- New Jersey Historical Society Proceedings.
- Volume 33, New York Historical Society Proceedings.
- Oregon Historical Society Proceedings.
- New Hampshire Historical Society Proceedings.
- Missouri Historical Society Proceedings.
- Eliab Alden's Ancestors and Descendants.
- Plymouth County Marriages.
- Gov. Bradford's Letter Book.



Brewster, Mass., Vital Records.  
 Ancient Estate of Gov. Bradford.  
 Ancestors of Moses Belcher Bass.  
 Volumes 6, 7, 8 and 9, Mayflower Descendants.  
 Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society.  
 Wisconsin Historical Society Proceedings.

The following have been purchased :

Genealogical Gleanings in England, by Waters.  
 Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, volume 16.  
 Life of N. P. Willis.  
 Annals of Pollock's Cove, Maine.  
 History of Eastham, Mass.  
 Topsfield Congregational Manual.  
 Rural Letters of N. P. Willis.  
 Reminiscences of Ben Perley Poore.  
 History of Penobscot County.  
 Artemas Ward — His Book.  
 Burke's Family Records in England, 1897.  
 Proceedings of the John Bean of Exeter, Association.  
 History of Rochester, N. H., two volumes.

The cabinet has been enriched by the gifts of the following :

A cabinet case for the Father Rasle relics, from Rt. Rev. Bishop Louis S. Walsh.

A bunch of preserved flowers from a wreath placed on the grave of Longfellow by Mary Anderson, from Dr. C. A. Quincy Norton, of Hartford, Conn.  
 Freewill Baptist Church records, 1850-1876, Mechanic Falls, from John W. Penney, Esq.

Mrs. Ruth A. Sturdivant of Boston, has presented a large wooden chest taken from the British brig Boxer in 1813.

Hon. Darius H. Ingraham has given three commissions signed by President Grover Cleveland, with other manuscripts.

Respectfully submitted,  
 NATHAN GOOLD, *Librarian.*

MAY 14, 1908.

A meeting of the Society was held at the library hall, Thursday, May 14, 1908, and was called to order by the president, Mr. Baxter, who introduced Mrs. Abba Goold Woolson.

Mrs. Woolson presented the topic of her address as The National Heraldry of England, America, France and Germany. Mrs. Woolson was listened to with close attention and received a vote of thanks.

Adjourned.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

May 14, 1908.

Since my last report, made March 25, the progress in our library has been kept up. We have made many valuable additions. There have been added 168 bound volumes and 802 pamphlets, a total of 970 items. The gifts have been 504, the exchanges 303 and the purchases 163. The principal gifts have been as follows :

- Two hundred and seventy-five State reports from the Maine State library.
- Soldiers of the King Philip War, third edition, from Rev. Geo. M. Bodge.
- Large volume on Heraldry by Joseph Edmondson, 1780, from Dr. Edwin F. Vose.
- The Scottish Gael or Celtic Manners, from Mrs. Eliza A. Waterhouse.
- Twelve reports from Hon. Andrew Hawes.
- Hunt's Magazine, 1846-1868, from Miss Mary J. E. Clapp.
- Catalogue of the Athenean Society and Volume 2 Old Churches and Families of Virginia, from Hannibal H. Emery, Esq.,
- Genealogical and Family History of New Hampshire, four volumes, from the Lewis Publishing Co. of New York.
- History of Pine Tree Lodge, Mattawamkeag, from Stephen Berry, Esq.
- Journal of the Continental Congress, 1778, Volume 10, from the library of Congress.
- Story of the Milford, Conn., Memorial, from Mrs. Nathan G. Pond.

By exchange we have received :

- Essex Institute collections.
- N. E. Historic and Genealogical Register.
- Missouri Historical Society collections.
- Nebraska Historical Society collections.
- Proceedings of the N. H. Historical Society.

## Our purchases have been :

- Vital Records of Rockingham, Vt.  
 Vital Records of Beverly, Westminster, Marlborough, Dudley, Lincoln, Middlefield, Holliston, Billerica and Dover, Mass.  
 Marlborough, Mass., Burial Grounds and Inscriptions.  
 History of Rhode Island, Field, three volumes.  
 Journal of Dr. Ellis Cornelius.  
 Final Memorials of Henry W. Longfellow.  
 Rag Bag, Out Doors at Idlewild, People I Have Met, Inklings of Adventure, The Convalescent and A Summer Cruise in the Mediterranean, six volumes, by N. P. Willis.  
 The Dexter Genealogy.  
 Twenty volumes of The Granite Monthly, which completes our set to July, 1903.  
 The Willis Records.  
 N. H. Genealogical Record.  
 Devon, England, Notes and Queries.  
 Acadensis.  
 Journal of American History.  
 History of Peterborough, N. H.  
 Captivity and Sufferings of Zadock Steele.

## The contributions to our cabinet have been :

- A valuable lot of books, charts, plans, letters and manuscripts, from the family of the late Alexander W. Longfellow.  
 An antique water pitcher and a pair of spectacles worn by Elijah Bradbury, a Revolutionary soldier, from Mrs. Eliza A. Waterhouse.  
 Several autograph letters and two passports, from Hon. D. H. Ingraham.  
 A valuable lot of letters, manuscripts and pamphlets, from Edward H. Daveis, Esq.  
 Sampler made by Jane Brooks, then aged nine years, from Mrs. George B. Swasey.  
 Miscellaneous lot of deeds and manuscripts formerly the property of Dr. Aaron Porter, from Miss Mary King Longfellow.  
 The account books and business papers of Thomas and Robert I. Robinson of Portland, from Charles E. Wyer.

Since my last report we have issued and distributed Volume 11 of our Documentary Series. This is the sixth volume of the Baxter manuscripts and covers a most interesting period of the history of our early towns. This Society has published 35 bound volumes ; more in proportion to its financial resources than any State Historical

Society. We rank either third or fourth in the number of volumes of permanent publications. Our future depends on the financial support given us. History is being made every day and should be fully recorded before too late.

We have been presented by A. W. Longfellow his marine collection, which will soon be removed to the library. This is a valuable addition to our cabinet.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN GOOLD, *Librarian.*

## ANNUAL MEETING.

JUNE 23, 1908.

The annual meeting was held at the lecture room of Hubbard Hall at Brunswick, June 23, 1908, and was called to order at 2 P. M. by the president, James P. Baxter.

Members present: Charles E. Allen, James P. Baxter, Hubbard W. Bryant, Samuel C. Belcher, Prof. Henry L. Chapman, Gen. J. P. Cilley, Henry Deering, George A. Emery, Nathan Goold, Hon. Clarence Hale, Prof. Allen Johnson, Prof. Henry Johnson, Fritz H. Jordan, James M. Larrabee, Rev. George Lewis, E. B. Norton, William D. Patterson, Albert R. Stubbs, Archie Lee Talbot, Henry S. Webster, Daniel S. Waite, Joseph Wood, Frederick Talbot.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last annual meeting, as they had been printed and distributed.

The annual report of the librarian and curator, Nathan Goold, was read by him, and it was voted to accept the same to be placed on file.

The annual report of the treasurer, Fritz H. Jordan, was read by him in detail, and it was voted to accept the same to be placed on file.

The annual report of the corresponding secretary and biographer, William D. Patterson, was read by him, and it was voted to accept the same to be placed on file. Mr. Patterson read also letters of corresponding and honorary members accepting membership.

The annual report of the doings of the standing committee was read by the recording secretary, H. W. Bryant, and the same was accepted.

The annual reports of several of the County Historical Societies were also read by the recording secretary, and it was voted to accept the same to be placed on file.

Prof. Allen Johnson on behalf of the committee appointed at the last annual meeting, made a report on the advisability of publishing a periodical journal of history by the Society, but it was deemed inadvisable to publish at present on account of the expense.

On motion the chair appointed as a committee to nominate a board of officers for the coming year, Messrs. Nathan Goold, Archie Lee Talbot, S. C. Belcher.

The committee retired and shortly after reported the following as a board of officers :

President—Hon. James Phinney Baxter.

Vice President—Prof. Henry Leland Chapman.

Treasurer—Fritz Herman Jordan.

Corresponding Secretary and Biographer—William Davis Patterson.

Librarian and Curator—Nathan Goold.

Recording Secretary—Hubbard Winslow Bryant.

Standing Committee—Rev. Henry Sweetser Burrage of Togus; Frederic Odell Conant of Portland; Henry Deering of Portland; George Addison Emery of Saco; Prentice Cheney Manning of Portland; Augustus Freedom Moulton of Portland; Asbury Coke Stilphen of Gardiner; Albert Roscoe Stubbs of Portland; Franklin A. Wilson of Bangor.

On motion it was voted that Mr. Bryant cast the ballot on the part of the members present and the president formally declared the board of officers elected for the ensuing year.

The following ballot for resident members having been distributed was cast and were declared elected :

Charles C. Bickford, Portland.	Warren W. Mansfield, Portland.
John Wm. D. Carter, Portland.	Stanley T. Pullen, Portland.
Solomon B. Cloudman, Gorham.	William Senter, Portland.
Walter Cary, Houlton.	Harold E. Smith, Wiscasset.
John Dennett, York.	George B. Swasey, Portland.
Albert B. Hall, Portland.	Fenton Tomlinson, Portland.
Arthur P. Howard, Portland.	Scott Wilson, Portland.
Adam P. Leighton, Portland.	Eugene P. Webber, Westport.
Frederic V. Mathews, Portland.	

Also the following were elected corresponding members :

Waldo Lincoln,	Worcester, Mass.
John Albee,	Swampscott, Mass.

On motion of Mr. Fritz H. Jordan, Mr. Francis H. Fassett of Portland was elected an honorary member.

A supplementary list of candidates for election as resident members was read by the president, but as the list had not been distributed to the members a month in advance of the annual meeting in accordance with the By-laws, on motion it was voted to lay the same on the table.

On motion of Mr. A. C. Stilphen it was voted that the corresponding secretary be requested to make a collection of letters of acceptance from corresponding members and other important communications received by him, and cause the same to be preserved in a folio volume similar to the volumes of the Kennebec Company papers and properly labelled, the same to be kept in the Society's vault.

Mr. Stilphen also proposed sundry amendments to the By-laws which were laid upon the table without action.

Mr. Henry S. Webster, of Gardiner, made a verbal report of work done by him in collecting vital statistics and grave stone inscriptions in Gardiner and vicinity.

The following were appointed a committee to collect grave stone inscriptions in Maine: Messrs. H. S. Webster, W. D. Patterson, Albert R. Stubbs.

Voted that the president, treasurer and librarian be a committee to procure the usual appropriation from the legislature for continuing the publication of our documentary series.

Auditors appointed, Edward D. Noyes and William H. Moulton.

Adjourned.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

BRUNSWICK, ME., June 23, 1908.

*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.

Balance on hand June 25, 1907, as per last report,		\$ 5.62
Income of invested funds,	\$ 693.48	
Income of Walker Fund,	60.00	
Admittance fees, forty-four new members,	440.00	
Annual dues, 1908, 188 members,	564.00	
Arrears of dues and prepaid dues,	96.00	
Sales of publications of the Society,	84.73	
Sales of duplicates,	24.46	

State of Maine, for 500 copies, Vol. 10, Docu- mentary Series,	\$1,000.00	
State of Maine, for 500 copies, Vol. 11, Docu- mentary Series,	1,000.00	
City of Portland,	1,000.00	
Return premium of insur- ance,	14.50	
Women's Literary Union,	20.00	
Temporary Loan,	146.00	
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		\$5,148.79

## PAYMENTS.

Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., rent of box and bond of treasurer,	\$ 25.00	
Salaries of librarian, assist- ant, and recording secre- tary,	1,195.99	
Janitor,	355.83	
Fuel, lights and water,	226.52	
Maintenance and repairs,	50.36	
Printing,	90.15	
Sundry miscellaneous items,	214.83	
	<hr/>	\$2,158.68
Longfellow Fund, for furni- ture bought in 1907,	370.45	
Furnishing,	20.16	
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Additions to library, account, Walker Fund,	502.23	
Binding,	93.24	
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Balance of cost of Vol. 10, Documentary Series,	\$754.14	
On account Vol. 11, Docu- mentary Series,	928.97	
On account Vol. 12, Docu- mentary Series,	200.00	
Reprints Exercises at Pop- ham Celebration,	68.50	
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Contribution towards cost of memorial stone at Popham,	50.00	50.00
Balance on hand, June 23,		2.42
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		<u>\$5,148.79</u>

The invested funds of the Society consist of stocks and bonds of the par value of \$17,000.

Respectfully submitted,

FRITZ H. JORDAN, *Treasurer.*

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

BRUNSWICK, ME., June 23, 1908.

*Mr. President and Members of the Maine Historical Society:*

SIRS:

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

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, June 25, 1907, as per last report,	\$600.06
General fund for furniture for new building bought in 1907,	357.95

Income of Wadsworth-Long-	
fellow House :	
Admissions, season of 1907,	\$2,420.75
Profit on articles sold at house,	709.32
Contributions of visitors at house,	36.40
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	3,166.47
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	\$4,124.48
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## PAYMENTS.

Iron fence, foundation, etc.,	\$1,227.58	
Brick walk,	228.08	
Grading and loam,	64.75	
Expenditures on building,	69.71	
	<hr/>	\$1,590.12
Expenses Wadsworth-Long-		
fellow House :		
Salaries of attendants and janitor,	584.82	
Repairs and maintenance,	128.64	
Furnishing,	61.71	
Fuel, lights and cleaning,	41.89	
Printing, signs and record books,	39.70	
Sundry items,	17.27	
	<hr/>	874.03
Interest on debt,	643.26	
Reduction of debt,	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	1,643.26
Cash on hand, June 23,		17.07
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		\$4,124.48
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With the completion of the fence in front of the Wadsworth-Longfellow lot the construction account of the new library building has been closed. The amount expended on construction, on book stacks, heating plant, electric wiring and fixtures, architect's commission, fence and walk, is \$38,201.18. Of this amount, \$16,682.42 has been raised by subscription, \$15,000 by loan, and the balance, \$6,518.76, has been paid from the income of the house.

Under present conditions the net income of the house is sufficient to pay the interest on the debt and to reduce it by at least one thousand dollars each year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRITZ H. JORDAN, *Treasurer.*

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND BIOGRAPHER, JUNE 23, 1908.

Your corresponding secretary and biographer begs leave to report that notices of their election were promptly sent to those who were chosen members last year. Of the forty-five then elected, who have paid their admission fees as resident members, nine have furnished biographical material. Of the corresponding members elected last year seven have accepted such election.

Long delayed notices of the election, before the present incumbent assumed the duties of the office, of Miss Sarah Orne Jewett, Mrs. Kate Douglass Wiggin and Mrs. Abba Gould Woolson to honorary membership have been sent, and acceptances of such membership by each of those members are filed herewith.

Seven resident members have died during the past year. Their names and the dates of their admission to the Society are as follows :

John Marshall Brown,	1865
George Frederick Evans,	1898
George Warren Hammond,	1907
Leslie Alexander Lee,	1889
Albert Ware Paine,	1881
Frederick Dummer Sewall,	1861
George Foster Talbot,	1867

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. PATTERSON.

### PROFESSOR ALLEN JOHNSON'S REPORT.

At the last annual meeting of the Maine Historical Society, a committee was appointed to take under advisement the project of publishing an historical journal upon lines suggested by Professor Allen Johnson, of Bowdoin College, at the dedication of the new library of the Society. Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

A creditable journal of the format adopted by the Pennsylvania Historical Society, published quarterly, would cost approximately fourteen hundred dollars, if an edition of one thousand copies were printed. Figures furnished by the editor of the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, which is the best among historical journals in the Middle West, confirm this estimate. It is assumed by the committee that the Society would not wish to undertake to publish a journal inferior to these in quality. Under the circumstances, the committee deems the financial burden of publishing such a journal too great to be undertaken, however desirable otherwise such a publication might be. It was hoped at first by the chairman that an appropriation might be secured from the legislature to aid the Society in this undertaking; but further consideration convinced him and the rest of the committee that such an appropriation, even if it could be secured, would limit the

scope of the journal, inasmuch as articles of a religious and sectarian character would have to be excluded, or at least presented in a way that would divest them of much of their historical value. Another difficulty, perhaps not insurmountable, but still very great, besets the enterprise. Such a journal as has been contemplated would require the services of scholarly editor, who would expect remuneration for the time and labor incident to his laborious work. The committee confesses its inability to name anyone competent to undertake these labors who could be persuaded to serve by the small salary which would be paid. And it is hardly to be expected that anyone could be found to serve as editor "for the love of the working."

Your committee would therefore recommend that further consideration of the project be abandoned for the present, and that it be discharged from further service.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN JOHNSON,  
HENRY S. BURRAGE,  
JOHN C. PERKINS.

## ANNUAL REPORT ON LIBRARY AND CABINET.

*Mr. President and Members of the Society:*

Your librarian has to report the practical completion of the library building, the grounds and the effort for the preservation of the Wadsworth-Longfellow House, although a debt remains with us. It is worth the effort we have made, for in them we have a combination that any society might well be proud to possess, whose value increases with the years, and the knowledge of which is world wide.

Our library collection has become a most valuable one, although we need many books, particularly the town and county histories of New England that are not yet on our

shelves. Many of these rarely come into the market, but when offered should be secured. This has been the policy as far as our funds would admit. It is the most useful expenditure of our funds.

Our accessions during the past year have been very satisfactory. We have added a total of 3,689 titles, both bound books and pamphlets; 2,952 were gifts, 433 exchanges and 304 purchased. The principal gifts, since May 14, are as follows:

- Descendants of Capt. Joseph Miller, from C. S. Williams, Esq.
- King Spruce, Day, from Henry Deering, Esq.
- Twenty-three Board of Trade Journals to complete our file, from Maurice C. Rich, Esq.
- Family of Capt. John Butler, from Charles B. Fillebrown, Esq.
- History of the United States Capitol, two quarto volumes, from Henry M. Maling, Esq.
- History of Chelsea, Mass., two volumes, The Massachusetts Historical Society Members, By-laws, etc., and nine pamphlets, from Dr. Samuel A. Green.
- Wilhelm's Military Dictionary and Gazetteer, nine volumes, Diplomatic Correspondence, Tribute to the Memory of the Pilgrims, History of Farmington, Maine, Universal Knowledge, Victoria Britannia, History of Bowdoin College, with other bound books and eight pamphlets, from Mrs. Israel P. Warren.
- Journal of the Continental Congress, 1778, volumes 11 and 12, from the Library of Congress.
- Panama to Patagonia, from J. C. Jennings, Esq.
- George Morton of Plymouth Colony and some of his descendants, from John K. Allen.
- The Exiles Lay and other Poems, from the author's widow, Mrs. Frances Leland of Lincoln, Maine.
- Maine at Valley Forge, from Maine Society, S. A. R.
- Casco Bay Directory, from J. Harry Lamson.
- Life of P. T. Barnum, and The Mexican War and Its Warriors, from Wilhelmina M. Mantine.
- Three W. L. U. Year Books, from Mrs. Charles F. Roberts.
- New England Primer, reprint of 1849, from George F. Junkins, Esq.
- Croswell Memorial, Alice Williams Bradbury.
- Dr. William Warren Greene, Address of Henry P. Anthony, Banks Family, Maria Mitchell, Journal of Dr. Caleb Ray, Maps, Plans, Pamphlets, etc., from the family of the late Alexander W. Longfellow.
- Four Pamphlets, from F. R. Barrett, Esq.
- Memorial of Judge Percival Bonney, from Colby College.

The American Atlas, 1822, and a portrait of Gov. King, from Albert S. Mitchell, Esq.

Pepperell Portraits, from Frances Leighton Gregg.

Life and Writing of William Law Symonds, from Judge Joseph W. Symonds.

Our accessions by exchange have been :

Adjutant General's Report of Kansas, 1862, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868 and 1898.

Kansas Troops in the Spanish and Philippine Wars.

Rolls of the Men of the 3d, 4th, 18th and 19th Kansas Regts. in 1861.

Columbia History of Education in Kansas.

Volumes 3 and 7, Kansas Historical Society Collections and their 3d, 5th, 10th and 12th reports.

Volumes 21, 22 and 23 Worcester Society of Antiquity Proceedings.

Volume 31, New Hampshire State papers.

History of Bennington County. Vt.

Registers of the New Hampshire towns of Marleborough, Jaffrey, Troy, Swanzey, Ossipee, Treftonborough, Freedom, Henniker, Warner, Fradford and Hopkinton.

Subject Index of the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.

Vital Records of the Massachusetts towns of Saugus, Lynnfield, Hamilton and Essex.

To the cabinet has been given since May 14 :

Twenty-eight documents relating to old Falmouth, formerly the property of Capt. Moses Pearson, from Hon. Andrew Hawes.

Passport signed by Hon. John Sherman, with other contributions, from Hon. D. H. Ingraham.

The first book of records of the Third Parish of Portland, from Mrs. S. Lizzie Emery.

A tassel from the death bed of President William Henry Harrison, from N. B. Tracy, Esq.

A rare Enterprise and Boxer China pitcher, from Prof. Henry L. Chapman, Henry Deering, Esq., and Nathan Goad.

During the past year the Loyal Legion has given for their library in addition to other contributions thirty-four bound volumes and forty-one pamphlets relating to the Civil war, for which they should receive due credit.

The Wadsworth-Longfellow house was again opened to the public yesterday with a better exhibition of the family relics and with better arrangements and in better condition than ever before. It will give us even more credit than last year, which was the most successful season, the net

receipts being over \$2,000. Since first opened about 50,000 persons have visited the house and the net receipts have been between nine and ten thousand dollars, which have been spent on the new library building. Much of the credit for this belongs to many persons not members of the society, mostly ladies of Portland, who are still engaged in the work. It is hoped that they are gratified with the results.

Respectfully submitted,  
NATHAN GOOLD, *Librarian.*

NOVEMBER 12, 1908.

A meeting of the Society was held at the library hall, Thursday, November 12, 1908, and was called to order at 2.30 P. M., the president in the chair.

Chauncey Rea Burr, M. D., of Portland, was introduced, and announced as the topic of his address Religious Conditions in England During the Reign of Queen Elizabeth. Dr. Burr's address was attentively listened to and called forth remarks from some of the audience.

A vote of thanks was passed after which adjournment.

DECEMBER 10, 1908.

A meeting of the Society was held at the library hall, Thursday, December 10, 1908, and was called to order at 2.30 P. M. by the president, Mr. Baxter.

The librarian, Mr. Nathan Goold, read a report of accessions to the library since June last.

Rev. Dr. Burrage read a paper on State archives throughout the United States.

On motion of Mr. Deering a vote of thanks was passed for the paper read and a copy requested for the archives of the Society.

On motion of Mr. Stilphen, it was voted that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to present to the



legislature the importance of providing a systematic method for the better preservation of the archives of the State.

The chair accordingly appointed Messrs. A. C. Stilphen, Henry S. Burrage and Prof. Allen Johnson as said committee.

An invitation was received from the American Historical Society to send delegates to the annual meeting to be held in Washington, January, 1909, and Messrs. Allen Johnson, Rev. Dr. Burrage and Augustus F. Moulton were nominated as said delegates.

Adjourned.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

DECEMBER 10, 1908.

The librarian's last report was made at the annual meeting in June. Since that time we have added to the library 262 bound volumes and 220 pamphlets, a total of 488. By gift we have received 175 bound volumes and 154 pamphlets, by purchase 67 bound volumes and 29 pamphlets, and by exchange 20 bound volumes and 43 pamphlets.

The principal gifts were :

Five volumes, five account books and six pamphlets from Miss Mary Woodman.

Poems of Fabius M. Ray, from the author.

Ancestors of My Children, W. C. Clark, from Harriet E. Shaw.

History of Claremont, N. H., from David S. Waite, Esq.

Old Colonial Houses of Maine, from Maine Society of Colonial Dames.

Volume I, 1907, Proceedings of the Royal Society of Canada, from that society.

History of Sir Charles Grandison with several pamphlets, from Hon. D. H. Ingraham.

Miscellaneous Writings of Hon. Joseph P. Bradley, from Charles Bradley, Esq.

Dorchester Day Celebration, from James H. Stark, Esq.

Fifty-nine volumes, six pamphlets and autograph letters, from Mrs. Truman S. Perry.

History of the United States, from Emily F. Jacobson, two volumes.

Five volumes, three pamphlets and articles of interest, from Miss Ella N. Hayes.

The County Regiment and the Sport of Bird Study, from the Litchfield County University Club.

The Southgate Family, from L. B. Chapman, Esq.

Don Finemondon and Mr. Whitman, from Mrs. Elizabeth Pullen.

Eleven volumes and one pamphlet, from the family of James L. How.

Six volumes, Beverly City Documents, from the Beverly Historical Society.

Revolutionary Colors in the Revolution, from Gherardi Davis, Esq.

Canada Year Book of 1907, from the Department of Agriculture of Canada.

Calendar of the Papers of Benjamin Franklin, in the Library of the American Philosophical Society, five volumes, from that society.

Public Documents of Vermont, from the State Library.

Middlesex County, Mass., Genealogical History, four volumes, with books and pamphlets, from Nathan Goad.

Springfield, Mass., Present and Past, and Springfield Art Museum, from G. W. V. Smith, Esq.

Ten publications from Dr. Samuel A. Green.

Acts and Resolves of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, 1753-1756, from the State of Massachusetts.

Merchants' Assistant and Clerks' New Magazine, from Fritz H. Jordan, Esq.

Ten pamphlets, from Dr. F. W. Putnam.

Connecticut at the Columbian Exposition, 1893, and Connecticut Men in Southern Military Prisons, from the Connecticut State Library.

Mormon Menace, from citizens of Salt Lake City.

Bust of Capt. Walstein Phillips, of the First Maine Calvary, from Capt. and Mrs. A. L. Emerson.

Thirteen De Barre's Charts of the Maine Coast, 1781, from Edward Woodman, Esq.

Manuscript Drama, written by Isaac McLellan, the poet, from Henry B. McLellan, Esq.

Two Commissions signed by President Lincoln and W. H. Seward and a Passport signed by Mr. Seward, from Dr. John W. Whidden.

Autograph copy of "Rock Me to Sleep Mother," from Mrs. Elizabeth Akers Allen.

### By purchase we have received :

Twelve Naval Captains.

Hawthorne's Diary.

History of the House of Percy, two volumes.

Volume 3, Marblehead Vital Records.

Subject Index, N. E. Historical and Geneological Register.

Trenton Falls, N. P. Willis.

- Hyperion, Excelsior, Hanging of the Crane and Building of the Ship, H. W. Longfellow. First editions.
- Scarlet Feather, J. H. Ingraham.  
Gen. N. B. Forrest.
- Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and North and South Carolina, Heads of Families, by the Census of 1790.  
Life of Gov. Thomas Pownall.  
Two volumes, Dollar Magazine, 1841-2.  
Personal Recollections of Hawthorne, Horatio Bridge.  
Gazetteer of Cheshire County, N. H.  
Gazetteer of Grafton County, N. H.  
Town records of Fitchburg, Mass., five volumes.  
Inscriptions, Groveland, Mass., Cemetery.  
The Sabbath in Puritan New England.  
Index to American Genealogies, 1900 and 1908.  
Quebec Tercentenary Commemorative History.  
Whittier Land, S. T. Pickard.  
Wild Roses of Cape Ann, Roadside Poems, Poems and the Unseen Friend, Lucy Larcom, four volumes.  
Oxford, N. H., Centennial.  
Fern Leaves, Fanny Fern.  
Autograph Letter of Fanny Fern.  
Register of Shrewsbury, Mass., Families.  
American Ancestry, Volume 9.  
New England Legends and Folk Lore and Historic Mansions and Highways around Boston, S. A. Drake, two volumes.  
Reminiscences of the Old Navy, Maclay.  
Autobiography of Andrew Sherburne.  
Derby, Conn., Records.  
True Womanhood, John Neal.  
Memoirs of Rufus Putnam.  
Town Registers of Sidney, Vassalboro, China and Albion, Me., and Ashland, Plymouth, Sandwich, Campton, Holderness, Centre Harbor, and Moultonboro, N. H.  
Histories of Brattleboro, Vt., Francestown, Pembroke, Troy and Charlestown, N. H., Roxbury, Uxbridge, Murrayfield, Danvers, and Webster, Mass., Litchfield County, Plymouth and Middletown, Conn., Washington County, Vt., Carroll County, N. H., Ancient Windsor, Conn., and the First Light Battery of Connecticut, in two volumes.  
History of the Continental Paper Money.  
The Ancient Plummers and Mortons, by Jane P. Thurston.

By exchange, we have acquired :

- Five volumes, Buffalo Historical Society Publications.  
The Mayflower and her Log.  
Volume 3, Second Series New Jersey Archives.

- Two Reports New England Society of Brooklyn.  
 1904 Year Book of the N. E. Society.  
 Official Register of the United States, 1907.  
 Ruth Hall, Fanny Fern.  
 Macdonough-Hackstaff Ancestry.  
 Malaeske, J. H. Ingraham.  
 Redfield Family History.  
 Four bound volumes Portland Transcript.  
 Volume 16, York Deeds.  
 Kansas Historical Society Transactions, 1907-1908.  
 New York Historical Society Collections, 1901 and 1902.  
 Massachusetts Historical Proceedings, 1907-1908.  
 New Hampshire Historical Society Collections, Volumes 9 and 10 and three pamphlets.  
 Yale Biography and Annals, two volumes.  
 Yale Catalogue of Officers and Graduates, 1701-1904.  
 Yale Directory of Living Graduates and Tucker, Dodge, Morris, Hale, Batchelder and Seymour Genealogies.

We have also the quarterly publications of the Pennsylvania, Maryland, Missouri, Iowa and Oregon Historical Societies, the Essex Institute and the American Antiquarian Society, also those of other societies when issued.

In November we issued to the members and the exchange list, Volume 12, the Baxter Manuscripts, of the Documentary Series.

The library is kept open from 9.30 A. M. until 5.00 P. M., and seems to meet the approval of its visitors. We have no complaints.

The Wadsworth-Longfellow House was opened to the public, June 22, and closed October 19. There was a paid attendance of 8,108. Every year improvements are made. The exhibit has never been as satisfactory as this season. We were assisted, as heretofore, by the ladies of the Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter, D. A. R., the Daughters of 1812 and the members of the Woman's Literary Union. We are under obligations to these ladies, and those who have kindly assisted us since the house was opened in 1900.

The library is in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. More could be done had we sufficient funds. We need many books that should be purchased whenever offered, for the chances of obtaining them lessen each year and they are indispensable to a library like ours. Our purchases are only the most important offered. During the year 1908, this Society has published more pages than any other state historical society.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN GOOLD, *Librarian.*





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