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## DEDICATION OF THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING OF THE MAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

FEBRUARY 27, 1907.

The dedication of the new library building, recently completed, was arranged to be given on the very appropriate date of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and was participated in by the following members of the Society :

Prayer by Rev. Asa Dalton, D.D.

Presentation of the Keys of the Building by Fritz H. Jordan, Esq.

Introductory Address by Hon. James P. Baxter.

Address by Rev. John Carroll Perkins, D.D.

Address by Hon. Augustus F. Moulton.

Address by Professor Allen Johnson of Bowdoin College.

Adjourned.

MARCH 20, 1907.

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

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

Mr. George Smith Rowell of Portland, read a paper on Dr. Benjamin Vaughan of Hallowell, a charter member of this Society.

Adjourned.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN, MARCH 20, 1907.

*Mr. President and Members of the Society:*

Since my last report, November 22, 1906, has been a most important era in the history of the Maine Historical Society. We have made a great stride and it is but the beginning. During this intervening time our library and cabinet have been moved and installed in this new fire-proof library building without confusion, loss, or damage, and at a most reasonable expense. We have increased the usefulness of our library many fold and enlarged the interest in our Society.

The presentation of the Wadsworth-Longfellow house, which included the erection of this library building, is the greatest event of its character that ever occurred in Portland. All is now the property of a perpetual Society, whose instincts are the preservation of all that enriches our history and extends our State's fame, and it should be something of a satisfaction to be of a generation who will leave more beautiful and interesting this city in which we all take so much pride.

This accomplishment has not been solely the work of this Society, but the many who have contributed of their time and means and made evident their interest. Every visitor has contributed and the ladies of Portland deserve well of us. They have been a great factor that we could not have done without, and we hope the results meet their approbation.

Since my last report we have received from gifts, purchase and exchange, 363 bound volumes and 424 pamphlets, also a chair once owned by Governor John Gilman of New Hampshire from his grandson, Edward H. Daveis, Esq., of Portland. We have had contributed a portion of a beam from the Moore house, where the papers were drawn up for the surrender of Cornwallis's army at Yorktown, in 1781, also two Revolutionary and one Civil war



bullet, from the same locality, the gift of Mrs. Chauncey Rea Burr of Portland. Miss Elizabeth Sampson Owen of Cambridge, has contributed a fragment of the coffin of Miles Standish and a silver spoon once the property of John and Rebecca Brewster, the approximate date of which is 1732.

The following are the acquisitions to the library since the last report :

By gift :

- Essay to Do Good. Cotton Mather, Mrs. E. C. Cummings.  
 General Washington's Account with the United States, W. W. Brown, Esq.  
 Auditor's Report, 1905, City of Portland.  
 Five pamphlets, two bound books, two army registers, Regulations of the Navy and The Empty Sleeve, H. W. Bryant.  
 Francis Adrian Van de Kemp, and the Journals of John Linklaen, Mrs. Charles S. Fairchild.  
 James Wilson, Patriot, Andrew Carnegie.  
 Shetnar Genealogy and the Lasnar Genealogy, C. S. Williams.  
 History of Boothbay, Southport and Boothbay Harbor, Francis B. Greene.  
 Hammond Genealogy, two volumes; Memoir of S. D. Warren, and many pamphlets, George W. Hammond, Esq.  
 Colorado Volunteers in the Civil War, Colorado Historical Society.  
 The Dennison Family, A. L. Dennison.  
 The Franklin Bi-Centennial Celebration, American Philosophical Society.  
 Additional History of Bowdoinham, Capt. Silas Adams.  
 Iowa Journal, Iowa State Library.  
 History of the Fifth Maine Regiment, Mrs. H. R. Millett.  
 Early Records of Providence, City of Providence.  
 Harvard University Catalogue, Harvard University.  
 The Robinsons and Their Kinsfolk, Robinson Family Association.  
 Pamphlets, Autographs, Letters, etc., Miss Harriet Hobson.  
 Directory of Portland, 1906, Fred L. Tower.  
 Thomas B. Reed's College Algebra, Portland Ordinances of 1868 and two reports, Clarence M. Brown.  
 Parentage and English Progenitors of Nathaniel Coney, Thomas Hills.  
 Brown University Catalogue, F. R. Barrett, Esq.  
 No. 1, Cambridge Historical Society publications, from that society.  
 New Haven Historical Society publications, from that society.  
 Five Railroad Commissioners' Reports of Maine, Fritz H. Jordan, Esq.  
 Reminiscences, Edmund S. Hunt.  
 The Sokoki Trail, Herbert M. Sylvester.  
 Vol. 1, Pine Tree Magazine, Charles Dunn, Jr.  
 Two Maine State Year Books, Abbie M. Hodgkins.

- Blockade of Quebec, 1775-1776, Quebec Historical Society.  
 Letters of James Savage, Memoir of James Savage, Mrs. W. B. Rogers, his daughter.  
 Letters to Washington, five volumes, Colonial War Dames of America.  
 Massachusetts Senate Journal, French Grammar, Hon. James P. Baxter.  
 Copies of Eastport Sentinel, F. E. Nutt.  
 Thirteen bound volumes of New York Tribune, 1861-5, Mrs. Marion D. Noyes.  
 Laws of Vermont, Vermont State Library.  
 George Rogers Clark, John D. Vandercook.  
 Good Old Times, Elijah Kellogg; Pearl of Orr's Island, Stowe; Bozzaris, Nathaniel Deering; Polar and Tropical Worlds; One Hundred Years of Progress of the United States, two volumes; Men of Our Times, Stowe; Nathan Gould.  
 Fifteenth Biennial Report, Kansas Historical Society.  
 Ancestors of My Children, Hugo Clark.  
 Memoir of William Carruthers and Facts Relating to Rights in Sebago Lake, George W. Hammond, Esq.  
 Sixteen Miscellaneous Pamphlets, Prof. Leslie A. Lee.  
 America's Successful Men, two volumes.  
 Seventeen Town Reports.  
 History of Eastern Star Encampment.  
 Illustrated Bath, Picturesque Camden, Guide to Brunswick, Flora of Mount Desert, and Sundry Pamphlets, Joseph Wood.  
 Town Reports and Sundry Pamphlets, L. B. Chapman, Esq.  
 Publications of American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia.  
 Two volumes, seventy-six pamphlets, 157 magazines, Edward H. Daveis, Esq.  
 Twelve Fleet's Boston Almanacs and one Almanac of 1799, Henry Deering, Esq.  
 Longfellow's Inaugural Address, 1830, Hubbard Library.

#### By exchange :

- Missouri Historical Society Collections.  
 Columbian Sentinel, one volume.  
 Jewish Historical Society publications.  
 Washington Historical Society publications.  
 New England Historical and Genealogical Quarterly.  
 Essex Institute publications.  
 Arkansas Historical Society Quarterly.  
 Pennsylvania Historical Society Quarterly.

#### By purchase :

- Devon Notes and Queries.  
 Vital Statistics of Keene, N. H.  
 History of North Adams, Mass.  
 Twelve volumes, Collection de Documents Inidits.

Town Registers of Waldoboro and Nobleboro, Jefferson, Oxford, Hebron, Minot, Damariscotta, Bristol, Newcastle, Bremen, Muscongus Island, Phippsburg, Georgetown, Arrowsic, West Bath, Westport, Paris.

Histories of the following places: Freetown, Mass., Norton, Mass., Marshfield, Mass., Newton, Mass., Roxborough, Mass., Northfield, Mass.

Rambles about Greenland, N. H., in rhyme.

Longfellow's Poetical Works, London edition.

Indian Deeds.

History of Berlin, Mass.

History of the 17th Maine Regiment, 7th Maine Battery, 16th Maine Regiment.

Sir Robert Walpole.

History of Walpole, Mass.

Acadiensis.

Index to New England Historical and Genealogical Registers.

Gettysburg and Lincoln.

Two volumes of Records of the Virginia Company.

Longfellow—Cambridge Centennial Book.

Volume 15, Massachusetts Sailors and Soldiers of the Revolution.

Genealogical Magazine.

Magazine of History.

Essex Antiquarian.

American Historical Review.

American Catholic Researches.

Early English and French Voyages.

The England and Holland of the Pilgrims.

Plymouth Memories of an Octogenarian.

Vital Records of the following Massachusetts towns: Sutton, Gardner, Williamstown, Dracut, Medford, West Stockbridge.

Massachusetts Bay Freeman, 1630-1691.

The real problem that now confronts the Society is that with our much increased capacity we still should have more room for growth, and it behooves us to be slow in accepting contributions and trusts that are not advantageous and for the best interests of the Society. We have now several fine collections promised that we should be prepared to receive, as we never shall get better, and they illustrate branches of our work. I would recommend that the acceptance of gifts, outside of the smaller contributions of books and relics, be left with the library committee, because necessarily they are most familiar with the library and the capacity of the building. The cost of

maintaining a library of this size is considerable, and with our limited funds and our debt we must exercise caution in assuming responsibilities, as our wants now are many.

Since our last meeting a very full and excellent history of the old town of Boothbay has been published by a member of our Society, Francis B. Greene, Esq., of Boothbay Harbor. It is a credit to him and the towns it treats of. We have had just come from the press Volume 9 of our documentary series, Baxter manuscripts, which is being delivered to our members. It is a handsome uncut volume of 497 pages, which is a credit to our Society.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN GOOLD, *Librarian.*

APRIL 26, 1907.

Meetings of the Society were held at the new library hall and was called to order at 2.30 P. M. Mr. Harold M. Sewall of Bath presided and introduced the Rev. Henry S. Burrage, D.D., of Togus, who read a paper on the origin and use of the designations Province of Maine and District of Maine.

Adjourned at 4 P. M. to the evening session which was called to order at 8 P. M., and the Honorable Clarence Hale was introduced, who gave an address on the late Honorable Nathan Webb.

Adjourned.

MAY 29, 1907.

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

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

Rev. John Carroll Perkins, D.D., of Portland, read a paper on the Rev. George Burroughs, the first minister of Falmouth Neck.

Adjourned.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

MAY 29, 1907.

The librarian's last report was March 20, since which time the library has been visited by many and the books are being freely used by the visitors. It is becoming more appreciated. The Maine Commandery of the Loyal Legion has voted to transfer its valuable library of books relating to the Civil War to our library and the stacks have been arranged for its reception. This is, without doubt, the best library on that subject in the State, and its removal here is without question the best disposition that could be made for its preservation and usefulness.

Since my last report we have added to our cabinet several articles. They consist of a framed portrait of Hon. John M. Wood from Mrs. Prudie A. Brooks; a piece of the gown painted for Marie Antoinette, but worn by Mrs. John Adams, from Annie F. H. Boyd of Portland; bronze medal to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Thomas Robbins, D.D., librarian and benefactor, from the Connecticut Historical Society; piece of the belfry on the Lexington, Mass., Common, April 19, 1775, from Miss Ellen A. Stone, of Lexington, together with other contributions; bullet carried by William Tukey of Portland in the Revolution, and a miniature almanac from Warren P. Chase of Portland; several mementoes of Artemus Ward from Judge Enoch Knight of Los Angeles, Cal.; maps of Cumberland, Lincoln and Penobscot counties and State of Maine, from Charles C. Harmon, Portland.

There have been added to the library since the last report 375 bound volumes and 302 pamphlets. The principal gifts were as follows:

Greely Genealogy, Gen. John Marshall Brown.

Poets of Maine, Albert W. Tolman.

Nineteen bound books, Edward H. Daveis, Esq.

- Henry W. Longfellow, Dr. John C. Perkins.  
 Louisburg Memorial, Seville and Cadiz, Directories, Hon. Darius H. Ingraham.  
 John Melville Shaw, Miss Frances M. Shaw.  
 Life of Jay Gould, addresses of John H. Sheppard and twenty-three pamphlets, Joseph Wood.  
 One hundred and eighty-six volumes from the State library.  
 Works by John Woolman, History of England and the Annual Monitor of 1859, Miss Ellen A. Stone, Lexington, Mass.  
 Wisconsin Society of Colonial Wars, from the society.  
 One volume Canadian Archives, Canadian government.  
 Willis Records, Pauline Willis.  
 Two volumes Suffolk deeds and pamphlets, Dr. S. A. Green.  
 Historical Ticonderoga, George P. Bascom, Ticonderoga, N. Y.  
 Church List of Almanacs, Correspondence of Washington with the Continental Congress, Volume 7, Library of Congress.  
 Volume 2, American Historical Society's papers, A. Howard Clark.  
 Abraham Lincoln, Pennsylvania Loyal Legion.  
 Volume 1, Christian Mirror, and Events at Williston Church, Dr. Smith Baker.

By exchange we have received :

- History of the 1st, 10th, 29th Maine Regiment.  
 Sixteen volumes of lineage books of the Daughters of the American Revolution.  
 Pennsylvania Magazine.  
 New England Historic and Genealogical Register.  
 Chicago Historical Society Collections.  
 Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Vol. 7.  
 Portland Transcript, Vol. 3.  
 Wisconsin Historical Society Proceedings.

We have purchased :

- Lynn, Mass., vital records.  
 Templeton, Mass., vital records.  
 Hubbardston, Mass., vital records.  
 Archives of Maryland.  
 Register of Searsport and near towns.  
 Storming of Stony Point.  
 The Narragansett Bay.  
 The Connecticut River.  
 Histories of Norwalk, Conn., Mattituch, N. Y., Fitchburg, Mass., and Greenfield, Mass.  
 Horton Genealogy.  
 History of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, Vt.  
 Devon Notes and Queries.

Historical Sketch of Campobello.  
 The Spanish Explorers in Southern United States.  
 The Northmen, Columbus and Cabot.  
 Magazine of History.  
 Volumes 48 and 50 of the Portland Transcript.  
 Journals of Henry Dearborn, 1775-1783.  
 Acadensis.  
 Indexes of the New England Historical and Genealogical Registers.

It is hoped that the fence may be completed and the yard in order by the time of the opening of the Longfellow house to the public, June 17, that we may give as good an impression to our summer visitors as possible. Our library will probably be visited by many people during the summer months, much to their satisfaction, and we hope to the credit of our Society.

Respectfully submitted,  
 NATHAN GOOLD, *Librarian*.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

JUNE 25, 1907.

The annual meeting of the Society was held at the history room of Adams Hall, Brunswick, June 25, 1907, and was called to order at 2 P. M., by the president, Mr. James P. Baxter.

Members present: Messrs. Charles E. Allen, James P. Baxter, S. C. Belcher, Rev. H. S. Burrage, H. W. Bryant, H. L. Chapman, F. O. Conant, Henry Deering, George A. Emery, Nathan Goold, F. H. Jordan, Prof. Allen Johnson, J. M. Larrabee, J. F. Larrabee, Rev. George Lewis, Leslie A. Lee, George T. Little, Ira S. Locke, P. C. Manning, John A. Morrill, Joseph E. Moore, E. B. Norton, W. D. Patterson, John W. Penney, Rev. John C. Perkins, M. A. Safford, George M. Seiders, A. C. Stilphen, A. R. Stubbs, I. Fred Sturdivant, Archie L. Talbot, Joseph Wood.

The reading of the annual records was dispensed with, as they had been printed and distributed.

The librarian and curator, Nathan Goold, read his annual report, and it was accepted to be placed on file.

The annual report of the corresponding secretary and biographer, William D. Patterson, was read by him, and it was accepted to be placed on file.

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

The annual report of the standing committee was read by the recording secretary, H. W. Bryant, and it was accepted to be placed on file.

The final report of the building committee of the new library was read by the secretary, Rev. J. C. Perkins, and it was accepted with the thanks of the Society and the committee discharged.

Some discussion was held on the matter of admitting women as resident members, and finally Mr. Stilphen gave notice that he would at the next annual meeting propose a change in the By-laws, increasing the limit of resident membership to 350 and admitting women as members on the same terms with men.

The president appointed Messrs. Charles E. Allen, Joseph Wood, Rev. John C. Perkins as a committee to nominate a board of officers for the ensuing year.

The committee reported that they recommended the election of the same board as of last year, and on motion it was voted that Mr. Allen cast the ballot for the members present, which was accordingly done and the following were declared elected :

President—James P. Baxter.

Vice President—Henry L. Chapman.

Treasurer—Fritz H. Jordan.

Corresponding Secretary—William D. Patterson.

Recording Secretary—Hubbard W. Bryant.

Librarian and Curator—Nathan Goold.



Standing Committee—Rev. Henry S. Burrage, Togus; Gen. John Marshall Brown, Portland; Franklin A. Wilson, Bangor; George A. Emery, Saco; Augustus F. Moulton, Portland; Asbury C. Stilphen, Gardiner; Prentice C. Manning, Portland; Albert R. Stubbs, Portland; Henry Deering, Portland.

The president appointed Messrs. Edward D. Noyes and William H. Moulton as auditors of the treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year.

The ballot of seventy names, candidates for resident membership, having been sent to each resident member was distributed to the members present and, after some discussion, it was voted to proceed with the election and the following were declared elected resident members of the Society. The ballot for corresponding members was also cast and the following declared elected as corresponding members of the Society.

## BALLOT FOR RESIDENT MEMBERS.

Amos L. Allen, Alfred.	Frank M. Higgins, Limerick.
Frank E. Allen, Portland.	Andrew Hawes, Portland.
Rev. James F. Albion, Portland.	Rev. Henry W. Hulbert, Portland.
Charles O. Bancroft, Portland.	Darius Holbrook Ingraham, Port-
Charles Addison Bean, Portland.	land.
Rev. David N. Beach, Bangor.	William M. Ingraham, Portland.
William M. Bradley, Portland.	Henry M. Jones, Portland.
Dr. Chauncey Rea Burr, Portland.	Rev. John E. Kealy, Waterville.
Dr. Thomas J. Burrage, Portland.	William B. Kendall, Bowdoinham.
Harry Butler, Portland.	Dr. Alfred King, Portland.
Frank Hardy Damon, Bangor.	Dr. Irving E. Kimball, Portland.
George F. Duncan, Portland.	Thomas S. Laughlin, Portland.
Ami Louis Dennison, Wilton.	Arthur E. Marks, Yarmouth.
Charles Dunn, Jr., Portland.	John Clair Minot, Augusta.
Hannibal Hamlin Emery, Portland.	Thomas Bird Mosher, Portland.
Frank Devereux Fenderson, Port-	Everard E. Newcomb, Eastport.
land.	Edward Alling Noyes, Portland.
George Emory Fellows, Orono.	Clarence W. Peabody, Portland.
Melvin Porter Frank, Portland.	Clifford A. Plummer, Oak Hill.
George B. Goodwin, Biddeford.	Rev. F. M. Preble, Auburn.
Dr. Seth C. Gordon, Portland.	Fabius M. Ray, Westbrook.
George Warren Hammond, Yar-	Gen. John T. Richards, Togus.
mouth.	Rev. Lucien Moore Robinson,
James C. Hamlen, Portland.	East Sumner.
John Howard Hill, Portland,	David Wm. Snow, Portland.

Horace H. Shaw, Portland.  
 Burton Smith, Portland.  
 John C. Stacey, Popham Beach.  
 John C. Stewart, York.  
 Frederick F. Talbot, Portland.  
 Jeremiah W. Tabor, Portland.  
 Dr. Addison S. Thayer, Portland.  
 Benjamin Thompson, Portland.  
 Dr. John F. Thompson, Portland.  
 Elias Thomas, Portland.  
 Hon. Levi Turner, Portland.  
 Philip Foster Turner, Portland.  
 Rev. Frank Vernon, Portland.

Harry Mighels Verrill, Portland.  
 Rt. Rev. Louis Sebastian Walsh,  
 Portland.  
 Dr. Stanley P. Warren, Portland.  
 John Clifford Warren, Westbrook.  
 David Simmons Waite, Lewiston.  
 Richard Webb, Portland.  
 Edward True Wing, South Port-  
 land.  
 Dr. William A. Wheeler, Portland.  
 Theodore Walter Wells, Portland.  
 Dr. Charles D. Witherle, Portland.  
 Arthur C. Yeaton, Portland.

#### BALLOT FOR CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Miss Alice May Longfellow, Cam-  
 bridge, Mass.

John Albee, Jr., Swamscott,  
 Mass.

Edmund Dana Barbour, Boston,  
 Mass.

Charles Seabury Ensign, Newton,  
 Mass.

Bernard R. Green, Washington, D.  
 C.

William Prescott Greenlaw, Sud-  
 bury, Mass.

George A. Gordon, Somerville,  
 Mass.

William Lincoln Palmer, Cam-  
 bridge, Mass.

Walter Gifford Leland, Washing-  
 ton, D. C.

William M. Olin, Boston, Mass.

Horace G. Wadlin, Boston, Mass.

On motion of Mr. Jordan, the Rev. Asa Dalton, D.D., was retired from the list of resident members and made an honorary member.

The Rev. Dr. Burrage presented a report from Rev. Henry O. Thayer, now of Brooklyn, N. Y., concerning the memorial of the Preble massacre on the Kennebec river.

Dr. Burrage also made a report concerning the arrangements for the celebration, August 29, of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Popham Colony at the mouth of the Kennebec and asked for an appropriation to be added to the State appropriation for the recutting of the memorial stone now in the enclosure of Fort Popham and its removal to its new location on land within

the limits of Popham's Fort, whereupon it was voted that a sum not exceeding fifty dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

Dr. Burrage presented an agreement prepared by the Maine Commandery of the Loyal Legion of the United States offering to give its library of Civil War books to the Maine Historical Society and it was voted to accept the same by the following :

VOTED : WHEREAS, the Commandery of the State of Maine of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America has offered to give to the Maine Historical Society the library of said Commandery consisting of books, pamphlets, maps, pictures, and papers, on condition that said Maine Historical Society shall give to said "Library" a proper place in an alcove or alcoves in the library building of said Society, which alcove or alcoves shall bear the inscription "Loyal Legion Library;" each of said books, pamphlets, maps, pictures and papers included in said "Loyal Legion Library" to be properly marked as a gift of "The Commandery of the State of Maine of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States to Maine Historical Society;" and that said "Library" shall be cared for by said Society with the same care as other books of said Society; and that the members of said Commandery shall have the same privileges in the use of said "Loyal Legion Library" as was enjoyed by said members while said library was the property of said Commandery; and that any duplicate volumes of said books owned by said Society shall be exchanged by said Society for other War Books which shall be added to said "Loyal Legion Library;" that this Society accept the gift of said "Loyal Legion Library" upon the aforesaid terms, and the president be and is hereby authorized to execute in the name of Maine Historical Society an agreement with said Commandery, accepting said library, and on the terms hereinbefore set out.

#### LOYAL LEGION AGREEMENT.

This agreement made this 29th day of June, 1907, by the Maine Historical Society, a corporation created by

law and located at Portland, in the County of Cumberland in the State of Maine, of the first part, hereinafter designated as said Society, and the Commandery of the State of Maine, of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of the second part, hereinafter designated as said Commandery

WITNESSETH :

That WHEREAS said Commandery is the owner of a valuable Library consisting of books, pamphlets, maps, pictures and papers relating chiefly to the War of the Rebellion in the United States, which said Library and all additions hereafter made thereto, said Commandery is desirous of donating to said Society upon the terms hereinafter stated, and whereas said Society has recently constructed and now owns a Library Building on the Longfellow lot, so called, in said Portland, and is desirous of acquiring said Library of said Commandery upon the conditions hereinafter stated.

Now therefore in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenant and the agreements herein contained, said Commandery does hereby give and donate to said Society the Library now belonging to said Commandery, including all books, pamphlets, maps, pictures and papers now owned by said Commandery, and further agrees to donate to said Society all books, pamphlets, pictures, maps and papers hereafter acquired by or given to said Commandery, on condition that said Society shall give to said Library a proper place in an alcove or alcoves in said Library Building which shall bear the inscription, *Loyal Legion Library*; each of said books, pamphlets, maps, pictures and papers to be marked as the gift of said Commandery to the said Society, and that said books, maps, pictures and papers shall be cared for by said Society with the same care as other books of said Society, and that the members of said Commandery shall have the same privileges in the use of said Library so donated by said Commandery to said Society, as heretofore enjoyed by said members, while said Library was the property of said Commandery; and that any duplicate volumes of such books owned by said Society shall be exchanged by said Society for other war books which shall be added to said Loyal Legion Library.

Said Society accepts said Library on the terms herein above set forth, and hereby binds itself to carry out all the conditions of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Maine Historical Society has caused this agreement to be executed by its President, thereunto duly authorized by vote of said Society of June 25, 1907, and said Commandery by its Commander and Recorder thereunto duly authorized by vote of said Commandery of May 1, 1907.

MAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Witnesses.	{	N. M. HOWARTH.	JAMES PHINNEY BAXTER, <i>President.</i>
		JAMES L. BLAKE.	STEPHEN H. MANNING, <i>Commander.</i>
		E. M. BURRAGE.	HENRY S. BURRAGE, <i>Recorder.</i>

On the part of the Maine Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Professor Allen Johnson, of Brunswick, in a few remarks advocated the importance of an historical journal, and it was voted that a committee be appointed, of which the president shall be one to consider the advisability of publishing an historical journal and to report to the Society at the next annual meeting. The president accordingly appointed Messrs. Rev. H. S. Burrage and Rev. John C. Perkins as said committee.

Adjourned.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

BRUNSWICK, ME., June 25, 1907.

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

GENTLEMEN:

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

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, June 26, 1906, as per last report,		\$ 316.68
Income of invested funds,	\$700.50	
Income of Walker Fund,	60.00	
Admittance fees, six new mem- bers,	60.00	
Arrears of dues,	69.00	
Annual dues, 1907, 146 mem- bers,	438.00	
Sales of publications of the Society,	252.46	
Sales of duplicates,	17.15	
State of Maine, for 500 copies, Vol. 9, Documentary Se- ries,	1,000.00	
Longfellow Memorial Fund, in payment of cash trans- ferred as per last report,	1,000.00	
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		\$3,913.79

## PAYMENTS.

Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., rent of box and bond of treasurer,	\$ 25.00
Salaries of recording secretary, librarian and assistant,	790.69
Additions to library, account, Walker Fund,	265.92
Printing,	36.90
Binding,	37.27
Balance of cost of Vol. 2, Series 3,	373.06

Balance of cost of Vol. 9, Documentary Series,	\$1,170.55	
Account cost of Vol. 10, Doc- umentary Series,	450.00	
Postage, express and sundries,	182.15	
Removal and rearrangement of library and cabinet,	289.35	
Fuel, lights and water, library building,	110.95	
Janitor,	144.14	
Sundry items for building,	32.19	
	<hr/>	\$3,908.17
Cash on hand,		5.62
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		<u>\$3,913.79</u>

The invested funds of the Society consist of stocks and bonds of the par value of \$17,000, \$1,000 of which belongs to the Walker Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

FRITZ H. JORDAN, *Treasurer.*

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

BRUNSWICK, ME., June 25, 1907.

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

GENTLEMEN:

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 26,	
1906, as per last report,	\$ .82
Subscription,	1.00

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Income of Wadsworth-Long- fellow House :		
Admissions, season of 1906,	\$2,075.50	
Profit on articles sold at house,	598.10	
Contributions of visitors at house,	50.71	
	<hr/>	\$2,724.31
Borrowed on notes of the Society,		5,000.00
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		<u>\$7,726.13</u>

## PAYMENTS.

Account library building :		
Snead Iron Works, third tier of book stacks,	\$1,398.00	
Consolidated Electric Light Co., wiring and installing fixtures,	562.31	
McKenney & Waterbury Co., electric fixtures,	297.00	
Smith & Rumery, carpenters,	516.09	
F. W. Cunningham & Son, mason,	5.29	
Painting,	73.02	
Hollivan & Parker, shutters on basement,	174.00	
Wire guards in vault,	25.00	
Architect's commission,	815.44	
	<hr/>	\$3,866.15
Furniture for library building,		357.95
Interest,		478.75
W. W. Carman, heating plant for house,		500.81



Expenses Wadsworth-Longfellow House :		
Salaries of attendants and janitor,	\$567.75	
Repairs and maintenance,	78.63	
Furnishing,	129.00	
Fuel, lights and cleaning,	82.81	
Printing, signs, and record books,	32.20	
Sundry items,	32.02	
	<hr/>	\$922.41
Returned to general fund Maine Historical Society, cash transferred, as per last report,		1,000.00
Cash on hand, June 25, 1907,		600.06
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		<u>\$7,726.13</u>

Respectfully submitted,

FRITZ H. JORDAN, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW  
LIBRARY BUILDING.

PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, REV. JOHN C.  
PERKINS, D.D.

THE WADSWORTH-LONGFELLOW HOUSE.

On June 26, 1901, the Wadsworth-Longfellow Memorial Committee was appointed to take into its custody the property of the Society coming to it under the will of Mrs. Anne Longfellow Pierce and plan for its future.

This committee met for the first time at the office of Gen. John Marshall Brown on Monday, July 15, 1901, at two o'clock. There were present Messrs. Baxter, Brown,

Chamberlain, Symonds, Chapman, Deering, Jordan, Perkins. Mr. Baxter called the committee to order, Mr. Jordan was voted treasurer, Mr. Perkins was voted secretary. Mr. Symonds and Mr. Chapman were appointed to prepare an appeal to the public for funds; also a form of receipt. Messrs. Brown, Jordan and Deering were appointed a special committee for raising funds. Mr. Perkins was subsequently added to this committee.

After this meeting the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution offered to the committee for raising funds all assistance within their power. It was decided to invite several women's organizations of a patriotic, civic and literary character to lend their aid. A conference was summoned of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, Woman's Literary Union, Women's Council and Civic Club of Portland, Thatcher Relief Corps, No. 26, Thatcher National Relief Corps, No. 75, Bosworth State Relief, No. 1. A meeting was called for Friday, July 26, 1901. On that date delegates were present and plans were discussed with the committee on raising funds at the rooms of Mrs. F. E. Boothby, Falmouth Hotel. The societies there represented voted that the following committee be a committee of consultation with the committee for raising funds: Civic Club, Mrs. E. C. Jordan; Woman's Literary Union, Mrs. John O. Rice; Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. F. E. Boothby; Daughters of 1812, Mrs. Charles A. Dyer; Thatcher Post, No. 75, Mrs. Fred G. Runnells; Thatcher Relief Corps, No. 26, Mrs. Minnie Ilsley; Women's Council, Mrs. E. M. Knight; Colonial Dames, Mrs. F. H. Gerrish. Power was given to this committee to add other names in their discretion.

On July 30, 1901, the committee on Wadsworth-Longfellow memorial met at the office of Mr. Baxter in the Portland Savings Bank. It was voted to accept the appeal to the public, provided for at the meeting July 15 inst.,

and now presented by Mr. Symonds; to arrange with Mr. Cobb of the *Portland Press*, through Mr. Symonds, for best bringing the purpose before the public; to commit the task of printing the appeal in the form of a circular and distributing it to the committee for raising funds. About 8,000 circulars were thus sent out into all parts of the world.

The Wadsworth-Longfellow house was opened to the public, on payment of an admission fee of twenty-five cents, August 1, 1901. Mr. Nathan Goold took charge of the house, assisted by Mr. E. S. E. McLellan and Miss M. E. Fox, and many voluntary guides furnished by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

At a meeting of the Wadsworth-Longfellow Memorial Committee, June 9, 1902, it was voted that the committee for raising funds be authorized to engage Mr. A. W. Longfellow of Boston, as architect to prepare plans for the new library building, and Mr. F. H. Fassett of Portland, as associate architect.

The committee for raising funds voted to open the house to the public June 23, 1902; to engage Mr. E. S. E. McLellan and Miss M. E. Fox to be present at the house each week day during the summer; to recommend to the committee on the Wadsworth-Longfellow memorial that the new library building be placed on the eastern line of the property, thus making the garden available in beautifying the property and also preserving the vista through the house and down the garden so precious in the Longfellow family traditions. These suggestions were followed.

At a meeting of the Wadsworth-Longfellow memorial committee on July 11, 1902, and on motion of Mr. Libby it was voted that Mr. Baxter, together with Messrs. Barrett, Brown, Jordan, Perkins be a committee on the construction of the new library building. Mr. Deering and Mr. Goold were subsequently added to this committee. This committee with its special sub-committees on lighting,

heating, grading and other special work inaugurated and carried to a successful fulfillment the work of building a library on the property in accord with the requirements in the will of Mrs. Pierce.

The first shovelful of earth for the foundations of the library was thrown out October 29, 1902. The stone work was completed that winter. The first brick for the walls was laid May 27, 1903.

The committee on construction of the new library building at a meeting July 25, 1904, discussed, and at a meeting July 26 voted to change the architect's plans by placing a floor at the level of the originally planned galleries. This decision was reached because of the evident need of more room.

The building was dedicated February 27, 1907, the slowly maturing plans of construction having at last reached their purpose and the transfer of the Society's possessions having been safely accomplished.

While it is naturally not the desire of members of the committee that discriminating credit be considered, yet it seems to me due to those who care for the Society's records that a few statements be made. To Mr. Jordan belongs the credit of having most patiently and with great fidelity managed the financial details of this undertaking, a task that was never easy, but always demanding the closest enterprise and oversight. The interior arrangements and decoration, the furniture and all fittings of the building, while nominally in the care of all, were generally found following the good taste and acute judgment of Mr. Deering. To him more than to any other one we owe the general effect that meets the visitor's eye. As the antiquarian instinct of Mr. Goold, joined to a peculiar business quality of exploiting the memory of Mr. Henry Longfellow in connection with the residence of his family, has made the Wadsworth-Longfellow house one of the most attractive literary shrines and a typical New England

home of a century ago, so Mr. Goold's added qualities of most generous industry, painstaking toil and absolutely uninterrupted devotion in the moving of the books and memorabilia of the Society from the Baxter building to the new library have completed a task which involved an amount of labor not readily appreciated, but when appreciated a cause for general gratitude.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR, JUNE 25, 1907.

The past year has been an eventful one in the history of our Society. During the year the library and cabinet have been installed in the new library building. The dedicatory exercises were held February 27, 1907, the centennial birthday of Henry W. Longfellow, a former librarian of our society, and were of a character that gave us honor. Since that time the library room has been kept open for the use of the public both forenoons and afternoons. We hear nothing but praise for the good taste exhibited by the library committee in the furnishings and in the adornment of the walls. The arrangement of the books and cabinet appears to be to the satisfaction of our members and the visitors. We have a most valuable and useful library and have many rare historical articles in our cabinet, all of which must give us prestige among the historical societies of the country. We have broadened in our work and opened our treasures to all.

The Fogg collection of autograph letters has been placed in the case arranged for it in the fireproof vault, but owing to risk of injury by handling it has been deemed wise by the library committee to have the greatest care taken for its preservation. Later some arrangements will be made for the exhibition of these letters in a glass case where they cannot be harmed. It is one of the great collections

of the country and of itself will make us known among the historical students of the land.

The Wadsworth-Longfellow house, with its priceless collection, the peer of which cannot be found in the world, open for public inspection, with our new library building in the rear, on land made holy by the feet of Longfellow and his distinguished relatives, given to our Society by the poet's sister, Anne Longfellow Pierce, whose name now adds lustre to her father's famed family, and the house built by that distinguished general and citizen, Peleg Wadsworth, gives to the Maine Historical Society a home of more historic interest than that of any society of which we have knowledge. Our debt is as naught to what we possess. We have something to be proud of.

Since my last report, May 22, 1907, numbers of books, pamphlets, etc., have been added to the library by gift, exchange and purchase. The principal gifts were as follows :

Volume 27, Archives of Maryland, from the Maryland Historical Society.

Pine Tree Magazine from the publishers.

History of Fall River from the city clerk.

Thirty-nine numbers American Historical Record from Mrs. Sarah B. Lawrence.

Twelve numbers Potter's American Monthly from the Merrill Memorial Library.

Agnes Stanhope, A Tale of English Life, from Lieut. Oliver P. Remick.

Two volumes Portland Gazette, 1807 and 1808, and a framed picture of the old Cumberland county court house, also one of the post office in Portland, from Mrs. Nathan Webb.

A framed oil portrait of Isaac Ilsley, one of the most prominent citizens of Portland in his time, from his grandson, Stephen Cummings, Esq.

By purchase we have acquired the History of Barnstead, N. H.

Memorial History of Hartford County, Conn., 2 volumes.

History of Bridgeport, Conn.

The Scotch Clans and their Tartans.

During the past year we have acquired 755 bound volumes and 754 pamphlets.

We have loaned to us for exhibition in our library room the portrait of Commodore Edward Preble, "The Bom-

bardment of Tripoli," "The Burning of the Philadelphia" and "The Knight in Armor," a most historic family collection, from Mrs. Alice Preble Anderson, the granddaughter of Commodore Preble. These pictures with the battle between the Kearsarge and the Alabama, by Norton, presented to the Society by eleven public spirited citizens of Portland early in this year, are of great interest to ourselves and must be to our visitors. Commander Edward Ernest Preble of Portland was the navigator of the Kearsarge during this engagement and is entitled to much credit for its successful termination. He was a grandson of Commodore Preble.

John W. Penney, Esq., a member, has donated to the Society his collection of Indian pottery and implements, found in Maine and elsewhere, arranged in a handsome oak case, which stands in the hall of the library building. This is a generous contribution and cannot be duplicated.

The Wadsworth-Longfellow house was opened to the public June 17, with every prospect of the largest attendance. The exhibit gives universal satisfaction.

Now that the completion of our outside work at the library is so near at hand, and while we all live, I wish to call your attention to the indebtedness of the Society to the members of the committee who have carried the work to completion, especially Mr. Deering, Mr. Jordan and Rev. Dr. Perkins. Henry Deering, Esq., has devoted his interest, time and his strength, at times beyond its limit, for our good, a service rendered that can never be recompensed. For seven years he has been engaged, more or less, in this work, and I wish to express my own obligation to him and the other members of the committee for their confidence in me and for their uniform courtesy, the remembrance of which is one of the precious possessions of my life. My hope is that the results have brought justification. The year has been a strenuous one for your librarian, but that was expected.

## POPHAM TER-CENTENARY.

AUGUST 29, 1907.

Pursuant to the call issued by the ter-centenary committee of the Maine Historical Society, Rev. Henry S. Burrage, D.D., chairman, members of the Society and, by invitation, members of the Society of Colonial Wars of Maine, and members of the Society of Colonial Dames of Maine, assembled at the little church at Popham Beach on the morning of August 29, 1907, and listened to an historical address by the president of the Society, Hon. James P. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter's address was followed by an oration by Professor Henry L. Chapman, of Bowdoin College.

A poem, entitled "Virginia of Sagadahoc," by Mr. Harry L. Koopman, librarian of Brown University, was read by the Rev. John Carroll Perkins, D.D., of Portland.

The company then repaired to a rocky spur of Sabino Head, a part of the site of the original Fort St. George of the Popham Colony, and Rev. Henry S. Burrage, D.D., of Togus, told the story of the discovery at Simancas, Spain, of the plan of Fort St. George, and of its disclosure of the site of the fort.

A memorial tablet of granite, placed there at the expense of the State of Maine, the Maine Historical Society, the Society of Colonial Wars of Maine, and the Society of Colonial Dames of Maine, was then unveiled by Mr. Fritz H. Jordan, governor of the Society of Colonial Wars, and Mrs. William Addison Houghton, president of the Colonial Dames of Maine. The tablet bears the following inscription: "The first English colony on the shores of New England was founded here, August 29, N. S. 1607, under George Popham."



After the unveiling of the tablet, a governor's salute of seventeen guns was fired from the revenue cutter Woodbury in honor of George Popham, who was governor of the first colony and was buried within the inclosure of Fort St. George.

Adjourned.

OCTOBER 24, 1907.

The regular monthly meeting was held at the new library hall, and was called to order by the president, Mr. Baxter, at 2.30 P. M.

In the absence of Mr. Goold, the librarian, his report of accessions to the library and cabinet was read by Mr. Joseph Wood.

A paper, descriptive of a collection of stone implements gathered by him from various localities in and out of the state, was read by Mr. John Witham Penney, of Mechanic Falls, Me.

Mr. Baxter read his paper on the beginnings and endings of the Popham colony, which was prepared especially for the Popham celebration of August 29, 1907.

Adjourned.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

OCTOBER 24, 1907.

The librarian's last report was at the annual meeting, June 25. Since that date probably more people have visited our library room than ever, in the same time, in our history. We hear nothing but words of praise for our efforts, from our guests. They have been mostly tourists, who are interested in historical matters, although we have many students.

The books of the Maine Loyal Legion are now arranged on our shelves to the satisfaction of the members of that

society. They have since contributed thirty-eight bound books, relating to the Civil War, to the collection, and each book has a book plate, giving that society credit for the contribution. We have had several valuable contributions to our cabinet, among which are the following: A marble bust of Edward Everett, by Paul Akers, given by ten members of our Society, namely, Hon. Charles F. Libby, Hon. James P. Baxter, Nathan Goold, John Carroll Perkins, D.D., Henry Deering, Esq., Franklin R. Barrett, Esq., Judge Clarence Hale, Franklin C. Payson, Esq., Judge Joseph W. Symonds and Charles S. Fobes, Esq. From Mrs. Margaret J. M. Sweat we have two signed manuscript poems of R. H. Stoddard, with valuable manuscripts, pamphlets, etc. Another most valuable contribution is the original manuscript of the autobiography of Gen. Peleg Wadsworth, written for his little children while in Congress in 1795, given by his granddaughter, Mrs. Susannah W. Hubbard, of Hiram, Me.

Since the last report we have added to the library 133 bound volumes and 987 pamphlets and publications of interest to our members. Among the most notable are the following:

A rare life of Commodore Preble and also "The Naval Monument," 1815, from Charles T. Harbeck, Esq., of New York, a visitor.

Four volumes relating to Bowdoin College, from John Clair Minot.

The Whaley Record, from Mrs. S. D. Whaley, Riverhead, N. Y.

Macaulay's History of England, five volumes, also History of Russia and History of Italy, by John S. C. Abbott, from Nathan Goold.

Twenty-two volumes relating to the United State Army, West Point, etc., from Hon. Amos L. Allen.

Youthful Haunts of Longfellow, from George T. Edwards.

Eight hundred and thirty numbers of the London Notes and Queries, 1882-1900, from Charles Edwin Hurd, of Dorchester, Mass.

Almanacs of Roger Sherman, from Victor H. Paltsits, of Albany, N. Y.

Seven numbers of the Lynn, Mass., publication, from the Lynn Historical Society.

One volume of Canadian Archives, from Arthur G. Doughty.

Journal of the Continental Congress, 1777, from the Library of Congress.

## By exchange we have acquired :

Volume 29, New Jersey Archives.  
 Vols. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, Nebraska Historical Society publications.  
 "Logan," a novel in two volumes, by John Neal, from Library of Congress.  
 Writings of Washington, twelve volumes.  
 Writings of Jefferson, nine volumes.  
 Volume 8 of New York Historical Society publication.  
 Pennsylvania Historical Society publication.  
 Maryland Historical Society publication.  
 New England Historical and Genealogical Society publications.

## We have purchased :

Voyages of Champlain.  
 History of Western Massachusetts.  
 History of Roxbury Town.  
 History of Windsor County, Vt.  
 History of Camden and Rockport, Me.  
 History of Danbury, Conn.  
 Three Books of Song, Henry W. Longfellow.  
 Life of John Brown.  
 Revolutionary Orders of Washington.  
 Bradford, Mass., vital records.  
 Heads of Families of New Hampshire, Census of 1790.  
 Heads of Families of Vermont in same year.  
 Heads of Families of Maryland, same year.  
 Town register of Brownfield, Denmark, Hiram and Porter, 1907.  
 Town register of Fryeburg, Lovell, Sweden, Stowe and Chatham, 1907.  
 Town register of Bucksport, Orland, Orrington and Verona, 1907.

As custodian of the Wadsworth-Longfellow House, a report is due. The house was opened to the public June 17, and closed October 19, a period of eighteen weeks. The attendance was 9,810, which is 1,503 more than last year. The net income will be over \$2,000. The house is conducted on business principles and made as attractive as possible, hence its success. It certainly gives satisfaction to the visitors, and we have every reason to be pleased with the results. We are indebted to many for the unselfish labors in the effort to establish this most interesting attraction for Portland, but the work is only partially done, and will not be completed until all the debt

is paid, but that will be done sooner or later. Our Society has assumed the responsibility, and will show that it is equal to the task that it has taken upon itself.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN GOOLD, *Librarian.*

NOVEMBER 22, 1907.

The regular monthly meeting of the Society was held at the new library hall and, in the absence of the president, was called to order by Mr. Charles H. Boyd, who took the chair at 2.45 P. M.

Mr. Nathan Goold read his report of accessions to the library and cabinet.

Rev. Dr. John C. Perkins read a poem written by Hon. James P. Baxter entitled "The Garden," referring to the garden of the Wadsworth-Longfellow homestead now occupied by the Society's library building.

Hon. Augustus F. Moulton read his address, which was prepared for the celebration at Valley Forge Park, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1907, by the Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution, and especially commemorative of the heroism of the soldiers of the Revolution who enlisted from Maine and were present at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78.

The Rev. Dr. Burrage followed by a report of the celebration and dedication of the tablet in honor of the soldiers from Maine in the war of the Revolution. Dr. Burrage presented a list of the soldiers from Maine who were believed to have been at Valley Forge in General Washington's army, which had been carefully prepared from the muster rolls in the archives of Massachusetts.

Adjourned.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

NOVEMBER 22, 1907.

We have added to our library since October 13, 1907, 203 bound volumes and 677 pamphlets, making a total of 880 titles. By gift we received 156 bound volumes and 660 pamphlets; by purchase, forty-six bound volumes and fourteen pamphlets, and by exchange, two bound volumes and three pamphlets. This is a valuable addition. Among the gifts were 385 titles from the estate of the late Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, 326 titles from Edgar Nichols, Esq., of Cambridge, Mass., forty-nine titles from Edward M. Rand, Esq., and the Brackett genealogy from Herbert I. Brackett, Esq., of Washington, D. C.

The principal books we have purchased are :

Histories of Chicopee Street, Mass., Nonatum and Natick, Mass., Old Dunstable, Mass., Greenfield, Mass., two volumes, Nutfield, Mass., Lawrence, Mass., South Boston, Mass., Holden, Mass., Stockbridge, Mass., Clemsford, Mass., Old Dorchester, Mass., Wenham, Mass., Andover, Mass., Amesbury and Merrimac, Mass., Franklin, Mass., Somerville, Mass., Raynham, Mass., Warren, Mass., Hampden County, Mass., Plymouth County, Mass., Norfolk County, Mass., Worcester County, Mass., two volumes, Berkshire County, Mass.

West Springfield Centennial, Mass.

Records of the Town of Cambridge, Mass.

Old Dartmouth Centennial, Mass.

Records of Dedham, Mass.

Cambridge Epitaphs.

Dorchester Epitaphs.

Hollister and Its First Century.

Histories of Dublin, N. H., Coos County, N. H., Hillsborough County, N. H., Rockingham and Strafford Counties, N. H., Keene, N. H., Holderness, N. H., Lancaster, N. H., Windham, N. H., Maverick, R. I., Norwich, Conn., Cromwell, Conn., Northfield, Vt.

Historic Harpswell, Me.

Chronicles of Casco Bay, Me.

Two Centuries of New Milford, Conn.

Among the donations are four scrap books containing a newspaper history of the Spanish war, from Dr. Stanley P. Warren, and a muster roll of Capt. James Means's

Company in Col. Ebenezer Sprout's Second Massachusetts Regiment in 1781, from Charles F. Porter, Esq.

We have greatly enlarged the usefulness of our library, but still much more can be done when we have sufficient means to do so. Our manuscripts should be repaired and arranged for their preservation and usefulness, but our first effort should be to acquire the town and county histories of northern New England, acquiring those of Rhode Island and Connecticut as convenient. The opportunity to purchase such books grows less every year and the prices higher. These are the books most called for. Our collection on Maine history is very complete and we are continually adding to it. We are laying the foundation of an historical reference library that the people of Maine will be proud of, and it only remains for them to give us sufficient financial support that it may be brought to the highest standard.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN GOOLD, *Librarian.*









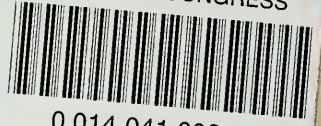
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