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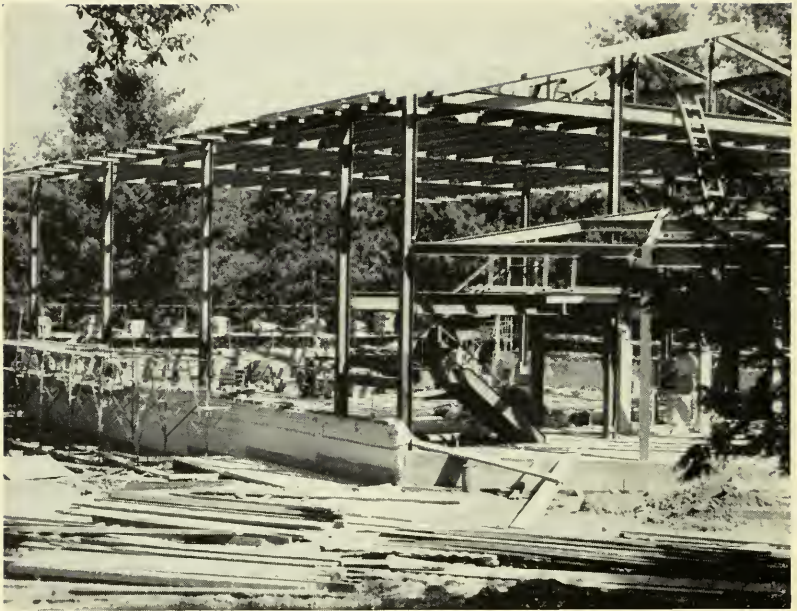
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The Auditorium, shown under construction. Occupancy is scheduled for the Fall, 1956. Picture taken in July.

Report of the President

EXCEPT for the year when we purchased our present home, no year of the Society's existence has had more events of importance than this which we have just finished. The first event was in the line of progress. The Society voted to add an assembly hall to its building. Progress on this has been admittedly slow but the structure has assumed a definite shape in this last week. Progress was followed by disaster in the August flood. Our financial loss was heavy but, strange to say, the damage to our collections which has been reported to you was unbelievably selective in its effect and we lost little of real moment. The incident was most disturbing, particularly because it gave us concern as to possible repetitions of it, as well as casting doubt on the wisdom of proceeding with our assembly hall. After a careful study, there seemed to be no reason why we should not go ahead, taking such precautions as were possible to minimize the hazard. A bright spot in the general gloom which this incident caused was the frequent comment from our out-of-town members as to the value which the Society had been to them and their willingness to contribute in accordance with their abilities.

Your Director will give you the details of this fateful year, as well as our acquisitions and activities, our progress and our future aspirations. Let me devote my part to some comments on the objectives of the Society and the facilities needed to implement them. Article II of our Bylaws, defining the purpose of our organization says:

“The purpose of the Society is to discover, procure and preserve whatever may relate to the civil, ecclesiastical and natural history of Connecticut. Its aim is to collect, preserve and publish historical, genealogical and biographical material relating to the State of Connecticut.”

These purposes are just as important now as they were when the Society was incorporated over 130 years ago. We who are now members must see that they are carried out and that our Society is primarily a reservoir of useful source material which is used, and not just a safe-deposit vault where it is stored. To be used, our collections must be properly listed and catalogued. When this is done, we must maintain an adequate staff to serve the public. We

now have a willing and competent staff, inadequate in number, and there is an indescribable accumulation of uncatalogued material which they cannot readily make available.

Praise of the staff is not given here as a routine item in my report. Last summer they spent not only days, but weeks and months working on damp, smelly, dirty papers, or at least in an unpleasant atmosphere from which they could not escape. They deserve a special vote of thanks.

Aside from the flood expense, our operating expenses this past year were kept within our budget and showed a surplus both in the administrative and property accounts. The outlook for the coming year is such that there is a possibility of adding another member to our staff. My recommendation to the Standing Committee will be that any accumulation of surplus funds from our operating accounts be added to the Building Fund, where it will be needed on account of the general increase in costs, and that we employ an assistant to the Director. Frequently I have reported my opinion that we were expecting far too much from him. If any of you are at all familiar with his labors this last year with the flood and the new building, added to his routine work, you will second my recommendation.

We have, with some success, collected and preserved, and, as far as our funds would allow, we have published. Our publications have of necessity been limited usually to transcripts of early records. This year we have undertaken an experiment in sponsoring modern, scholarly writings in our field. By careful selection we hope that the sale of such works as we publish may replenish a revolving Publishing Fund which can bring great credit to the Society.

NEWTON C. BRAINARD, *President*

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HUGH MEAD ALCORN

Judge Hugh Mead Alcorn of Suffield, elected to the Society as a member April 4, 1911, died at his home May 26, 1955. Mr. Alcorn, who had served thirty-four years as Hartford County's Attorney before his resignation in 1942, was the son of Hugh Glenn and Susan (Ford) Alcorn. He was born in Suffield October 24, 1872.

Judge Alcorn was elected President of the Connecticut State Bar Association in 1934, and was a member of the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, the American Law Institute, and the American Trial Bar Academy. He was also a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the University Club, the Hartford Club, the Suffield Country Club, the Masons and the Shrine. He received an honorary Master of Arts degree from Dartmouth College in 1928, and the medal of the United States Flag Association in 1933.

Mr. Alcorn leaves his wife, the former Cora Terry Wells, and three sons, Superior Court Judge Howard Wells Alcorn, Robert Hayden Alcorn, and Hugh Mead Alcorn, Jr., all of Suffield; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur B. Easton and Mrs. William A. Pimm, both of Hartford; four granddaughters and a great-granddaughter. Funeral services were held at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, Suffield, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery.

EDWARD LYMAN BILL, JR.

Edward Lyman Bill, Jr., of Lyme, a member of the Society since October 7, 1955, died while in Capetown, South Africa, on April 22, 1956. Born May 4, 1897, he was the son of Edward Lyman and Caroline (Lee) Bill.

Mr. Bill was President of the Bill Brothers Publishing Company of New York City, publishers of ten trade magazines which include *Rubber World*, *Plastics Technology*, and *Sales Management*. He was also founder and director of the Business Publications Audit of Circulation, Inc., a trade association; and was a former director of the National Business Publications, Inc. As President of

the Bill Brothers Publishing Company, he was associated with his brother, Raymond E. Bill, who survives him.

Edward L. Bill studied at the University of Wisconsin and Columbia University. During World War I, he served with the American Field Ambulance Service and with several branches of the French forces, including the Air Force and the Foreign Legion. He was a founder, director and first president of the Bonnie Briar Country Club, Larchmont, New York, and also served as president of the Adventurers Club. Other memberships included the Lotus Club, Canadian Club, National Republican Club, and the University Club of Boston. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Army Ordnance Association. His residence was at Raymond Farms in Lyme.

Mr. Bill leaves a daughter, Mrs. Frederick Gahagan of New Canaan; a brother, Raymond E. Bill; a sister, Mrs. Randolph Brown, Sr.; and three grandchildren. He was buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Lyme.

JULIA AVERY BUTLER

Julia Avery Butler of West Hartford joined the Society as a member on March 3, 1953. Miss Butler was a teacher, a member of one of Hartford's oldest families, and died at her home on June 7, 1955.

She was the daughter of the late Francis G. and Julia (Morris) Butler, and was born in West Hartford May 16, 1865. In 1886 she was graduated from Wheaton College, and was the school's oldest living alumna. Following her graduation, she went to Colorado Springs, Colorado, to teach, returning four years later to Newtonville, Massachusetts, where she taught for eighteen years.

Miss Butler's main interests centered around music. As a young woman, she studied piano, and was a subscriber to the Hartford Symphony Society. She was active in the First Church, Congregational, West Hartford, and her memberships to organizations included the Women's Literary Club of West Hartford, Hartford Auxiliary of the American McAlli, and Society of the Mayflower Descendants. She is survived by a sister, Kate L. Butler of West Hartford. Funeral services were held at the First Congregational Church, West Hartford, with burial in North Cemetery, West Hartford.

HOWARD TYLER CASE

Howard Tyler Case of Wellesley, Massachusetts, a member of this Society since December 7, 1937, died at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital November 16, 1955. He was a retired member of the Boston Insurance Company.

Mr. Case was born in Hartford, October 19, 1889, the son of Willis Buell and Henrietta Elizabeth (Tyler) Case. He was graduated from Union College, New York, in 1913, and had been a resident of Wellesley for the past thirty-five years. He was a member of Beth-Horan Lodge of Masons, Brookline; the University Club of Boston; the Wellesley Country Club; the Mangus Club of Wellesley; Sons of the American Revolution; Founders and Patriots of America; and a member of the Wellesley Congregational Church. He leaves a son, John M. Case of Scarsdale, New York; his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Case of Hartford; a sister, Dr. Muriel Downs, also of Hartford; and a brother, Robert H. Case of Wellesley. Funeral services were held at his home, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellesley, Mass.

CHARLES PARSONS COOLEY

Charles Parsons Cooley, a Life Member, who joined the Society January 3, 1899, died at his home in West Hartford on January 18, 1954. He was a member of a family prominently identified with finances in this city for some ninety years.

Mr. Cooley was born in Hartford, February 25, 1867, the son of the late Francis B. and Clarissa (Smith) Cooley. His father came to Hartford from Chicago in the 1860's where he had been a leading merchant. It was he who hired Marshall Field as a clerk in 1857, giving him his start as one of America's merchant princes.

Charles Cooley was graduated from the Hartford Public High School and Phillips Exeter Academy. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale College in 1891, and was a member of Delta Epsilon and Scroll and Key at Yale. In his senior year he was president of the Yale Glee Club.

His genealogical and historical interests were many. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars; the Connecticut Society of Sons of the American Revolution; and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. In 1937 he published a volume of verse

which received favorable reviews. He was also a member of the Choral Club of Hartford, and for many years was active in the Memnon Club, an organization of music lovers who sponsored concerts in their homes. Mr. Cooley was an Episcopalian and Republican, a member of the Hartford Club, the Hartford Golf Club, the Twentieth Century Club, and University Club of New York City.

His wife, the former Zaidee Whitman of Montreal, Canada, died in 1940. He is survived by two sons: Charles P. Cooley, Jr., and Paul W. Cooley, both of West Hartford. Funeral services were held at St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford, with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

WILLIAM C. DOUGLAS

William C. Douglas of Glastonbury, a member of this Society since November 3, 1953, died suddenly at his home September 6, 1955. He was a well-known dealer in rare coins, and proprietor of an ice-cream shop in Glastonbury.

Mr. Douglas, a life-long resident of Glastonbury, was believed to have been in business longer than any other local merchant. He was known as the "dean of Glastonbury Merchants" and had operated the Douglas Ice Cream Bar, 2160 Main Street, for the past thirty-four years. In September, 1954, his shop was held up by a pair of bandits on a Sunday evening just as he was closing the store. They escaped with \$150, overlooking about \$40,000 worth of old coins which he kept locked up in a safe.

He was considered one of New England's top experts on old coins, and was frequently consulted by other dealers and collectors. He was at one time owner of the penny collection belonging to King Farouk of Egypt. This collection included fifty large pennies minted between 1793 and 1823. A 1799 coin was rated at 100,000 times its face value.

Mr. Douglas was a member of the Hartford Numismatic Society, and a member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, in Glastonbury. He was the son of Arthur E. and Effie C. Douglas. Upon his death he is survived by his wife, Edythe (Rutan) Douglas; two sons, Pvt. Arthur R. Douglas, stationed with the army in San Francisco, California, and Malcolm E. Douglas, a student at Monson Academy, Monson, Massachusetts. A sister, Mrs. Doro-

thy D. Hale of Portland, also survives him. Funeral arrangements were made by the Lowe Funeral Homes, East Hartford.

DAVID CLARK EVEREST

David Clark Everest, who joined the Society as a member October 4, 1949, died at Memorial Hospital in Wausau, Wisconsin on October 28, 1955. Mr. Everest, an outstanding leader in the paper manufacturing industry, was president of the Marathon Corporation, Wausau, Wisconsin; and former president of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, 1952-55. He was the son of the late John H. and Gertrude (Clark) Everest, and was born in Pine Grove, Michigan, on October 13, 1883.

Mr. Everest is survived by his wife, former Rita (Gouin) Everest of Munising, Michigan, whom he married September 20, 1905. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Laramie G. Evans, Lexington, Kentucky and Mrs. Norman E. Weaver, Wausau; a son, D. C. Everest, Jr. of Wausau; and a sister, Mrs. H. Wilbert Spence of Detroit, Michigan; and twelve grandchildren. One grandson, John Weaver, gained fame as a football player for the United States Naval Academy, playing in the 1955 All-Star football game in Chicago.

Mr. Everest is buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Wausau, Wisconsin, in the Everest Mausoleum.

PHILIP CURTISS HARMANY

Philip Curtiss Harmany of Charleston, Illinois, a member of the Society since December 7, 1954, died at his home on June 28, 1955. He was a traveling salesman for Allith-Prouty, Inc., of Danville, Illinois, a hardware concern, until his retirement two years ago.

Mr. Harmany was born March 18, 1881 in Mattoon, Illinois, the son of Orin Curtiss and Esther (Clinton) Harmany. He was a Presbyterian and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He leaves his widow, the former Perle Newman whom he married November 23, 1904; and a brother, Howard C. Harmany of Tacoma, Washington.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Harper-Swickard Funeral Home, with burial in Dodge Grove Cemetery, Mattoon, Illinois.

EDWARD RUTLEDGE LAMPSON

Dr. Edward Rutledge Lampson of Hartford, a member of this Society since April 1, 1952, died at Hartford Hospital, on June 23, 1955.

Dr. Lampson was born June 14, 1868, the son of the late Edward Rutledge and Charlotte (Bowers) Lampson. He attended St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, and was a graduate of Trinity College, class of 1891. He taught for two years at St. Paul's, then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York, receiving his medical degree in 1896. His internship was served at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, and in 1900 he came to Hartford as practicing physician specializing in surgery. From 1903 to 1937 he served on the active surgical staff of the Hartford Hospital, and was president of the Hartford County Medical Society from 1922 to 1923. In 1927 and 1928 he was again president of the Hartford County Medical Society, and from 1934 to 1936 was president of the medical and surgical staff of Hartford Hospital. In 1941 Dr. Lampson retired from active surgical practice. In the medical profession, he also served as assistant medical director of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was on the medical staff of the Ætna Life Insurance Company and was visiting surgeon at Hartford Hospital, 1918 to 1937, as well as consulting surgeon there and at Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, New Britain General Hospital, Manchester Memorial Hospital, and the Institute of Living in Hartford from 1937 until his death. Other activities included communicant and former vestryman, Trinity Episcopal Church, membership in the American Medical Society, the Connecticut State Medical Society, the New England Surgical Society, and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was a former member of the Hartford Golf Club and a member of the University Club. At his death, Dr. Lampson was the oldest member of the Hartford Hospital honorary staff.

In 1906 he married the former Mary Seabury Starr of Hartford. She died in 1925, and in 1927 he married Elizabeth Leveritt Davenport of Staten Island. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Dr. Rutledge Starr Lampson, a surgeon at Hartford Hospital, and Edward Tudor Lampson, stationed at Bonn, Germany, and in

June, 1955 on new assignment in Washington, D.C. Dr. Lampson has three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Episcopal Church with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

VIRGINIA CLAPP LENNON

Mrs. Virginia Clapp Lennon of West Hartford, who became a member of the Society November 2, 1954, died at Hartford Hospital August 16, 1955. She leaves her husband, Wilfred Lennon; a son, Winfield E. Lennon of West Hartford; a sister, Mrs. James Irvine of West Hartford; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Clapp. Mrs. Lennon was a member of the West Hartford Congregational Church where funeral services were held.

CHARLES WOODWARD MARSH

Charles Woodward Marsh, who became a member of the Society December 4, 1951, died at Hartford Hospital on July 4, 1955. He was born in Wethersfield on October 7, 1878, the son of the late Charles and Ellen Woodward (Pratt) Marsh. He was a graduate of the Hartford Public High School, class of 1898, and was at that time captain of the football team, manager of the track team, and business manager of the school newspaper.

After his graduation, he moved to New York where he spent most of his business years. He was connected with Johns-Manville, the Western Electric, and the Habershaw Wire and Cable companies. His profession was that of electrical engineer.

Mr. Marsh was a former vice president of the Automobile Club of Hartford, joining the club in 1928 and elected to its board of governors in 1944, followed a year later by his function as vice president. He had been a member of the Engineer's Club of New York since 1924. He was also a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, the Civitan Club of Hartford, the finance committee of Greater Hartford Council of Churches, the Wadsworth Atheneum, the Choral Club of Hartford, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Citizens Charter Committee. He was a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church. His hobby was deep sea fishing.

Mr. Marsh leaves two nieces, Mrs. Walter Tubbs of New Jersey, and Mrs. Jack W. Lightbourn of Bermuda; and two cousins, James T. Pratt and Porter W. Pratt, both of Hartford.

Funeral services were held at the James T. Pratt Funeral Home, with burial in Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown.

ETHELBERT ALLEN MOORE

Ethelbert Allen Moore of New Britain, admitted to membership in this Society May 2, 1905, died at his winter home in Ormond Beach, Florida February 13, 1956. Mr. Moore was ninety-one years old, and retired president and board chairman of the New Britain Stanley Works.

In 1929 Mr. Moore relinquished presidency of the Stanley Works, but continued as its director. In forty years of active association with the firm, he saw it grow from a \$40,000 to a \$27,000,000 business. He was made president in 1918, and five years later was named chairman of the board, holding both positions until his retirement. He had entered the firm as cost clerk, becoming director in 1903, a vice president in 1905, and first vice president in 1915. Under his direction, the firm acquired the Stanley Rule and Level Company, and plants in Ohio, Canada, Japan, and Europe.

The son of the artist Nelson Augustus and Ann Maria (Pickett) Moore, Mr. Moore was born November 30, 1864 in Kensington. He was educated at the Hartford Public High School where he was graduated in 1885. On June 18, 1891 he married Martha Elizabeth Hart who died in 1948. He was once a school principal in Watertown, was a former State Representative, and a former member of the Board of Education, New Britain. Mr. Moore was also an author, artist, and poet, his books including his autobiography *Tenth Generation*, and *Four Decades*, a forty-year history of the Stanley Works. His collection of seventeen sonnets, *Life's Interlude*, was published in 1952. He donated land in New Britain, giving the city two parks—the Martha Hart Park in memory of his wife, and the Sherrod E. Skinner Park. To the first he also donated \$23,000 for its development. Mr. Moore was also founder and charter member of the Shuttle Meadow Club, and during World War I served on the War Labor Policies Board and as chairman of the Young Women's Christian Association war fund committee. He is sur-

vived by three sons, Allen Moore of Kensington, Roswell Moore of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Maxwell Moore of Farmington. His daughters are Mrs. Maurice H. Pease of Hartford and Mrs. Martha McDowell of Kent. He also leaves several nieces and nephews.

EVELYN WALLACE PRESTON

Evelyn Wallace Preston of Hartford joined the Society as a member on December 5, 1950. She was the daughter of the late Major Edward V. and Clara (Litchfield) Preston. She was born April 9, 1867, and died at her home in Hartford June 15, 1955. Miss Preston was the oldest charter member of the Asylum Avenue Baptist Church, as well as a charter member of the Town and County Club, and a member of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Funeral services were held at her home, with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

HENRY SHERMAN REDFIELD

Henry Sherman Redfield of Hartford, a member of the Society since March 1, 1921, died at Palm Beach, Florida on April 17, 1955. He was a retired broker and former state golfing champion in 1935.

Mr. Redfield was born January 19, 1865, the son of Henry A. and Caroline (Peck) Redfield. His father, deceased in 1907, had been president of the Phoenix National Bank, Hartford, for twenty-six years.

Henry S. Redfield was a retired member of the brokerage firm, Stedman and Redfield, and was associated for many years with the Phoenix National Bank. He was one of Hartford's best left-handed golfers, and a member of the American senior golf team in competition against Canada, an event which took place shortly before his eightieth birthday. He was once an amateur first baseman and a champion figure skater, as well as an expert big pin bowler and a curling enthusiast. Mr. Redfield was also a member of the executive committee of the United States Senior Golf Association, and a charter member of the Lake Placid Club.

Surviving are his wife, Grace D. Redfield of Palm Beach, Florida, and a son, H. Alexander Redfield of Hartford.

THOMAS BOND SHAW

Thomas Bond Shaw of Worcester, Massachusetts, who became a member of the Society on November 4, 1930, died August 29, 1955 in Danforth, Maine. He was vacationing at the summer home of his niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Goddard.

Born in Lyme, New Hampshire, he was the son of Thomas Asa and Marie (Persis) Shaw. He received his pre-medical training at Yale University where he was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1890. His post-graduate work was done at Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, and he was a graduate from Dartmouth Medical College in 1893. He also studied in Vienna and Paris in 1895 and 1896. He went to Worcester, Massachusetts, as practicing physician in 1896, retiring from the medical profession in 1928. His wife, the former Effie Morse, died twelve years ago, and he leaves a niece and two nephews in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Hollywood, Florida.

His memberships to organizations included Yale Clubs of Worcester, Boston, Philadelphia, and New York; Worcester University Club; Bancroft Automobile Club; Commonwealth Club; Crescent Athletic Club of New York City; University Clubs of Boston, Providence and Hartford; New Haven Country Club; Graduates Club of New Haven; and the Lake Placid Clubs of New York and Florida.

Funeral services were held at Sessions Chapel, Worcester, with burial at Hope Cemetery, Worcester, Massachusetts.

DOUGLAS TRACY SMITH

Douglas Tracy Smith of Hartford, long one of the city's prominent insurance brokers, died at Hartford Hospital August 9, 1955. He had become a member of the Society January 3, 1950.

Mr. Smith was born in Hartford, October 7, 1888, son of the late James Allwood and Helen Louise (Tracy) Smith. He was graduated from Hartford Public High School, class of 1906, and from Yale College in 1910. He served as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War I, and in the 2nd World War he was actively engaged in War Bond, Red Cross and other campaigns. From 1922 to 1925 he served on the Board of Aldermen, representing the 4th and later 11th Wards. At that time he was also a Council

representative on the Board of Finance, and more recently served as treasurer of the Citizens Charter Committee, being active in support of the committee's program and in helping to set up headquarters for the organization. Also among his civic activities was a directorship of the Family Service Society, of which he was past president. On that board he was especially interested in improving the living conditions of aged persons.

As an associate of the insurance brokerage firm, Allen, Russell and Allen, Mr. Smith specialized in life, accident and group insurance lines. He was leading producer for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, his sales volume resulting in life membership in the President's Club, and the 25-Year Club of Connecticut General. He was also a member of the Hartford and National Life Underwriters organizations. Other affiliations included the University Club of Hartford, Hartford Club, Hartford Golf Club, Twentieth Century Club, Get-Together Club, Yale Club of New York, and Madison Beach Club.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Potter. Funeral services were held at the James T. Pratt chapel with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

HARRY TYLER SMITH

Harry Tyler Smith of West Hartford, a member of this Society since November 7, 1950, died at his home on September 7, 1955. He was prominent in this city as counsel for the Ætna Casualty and Surety Company.

Born in Flint, Michigan, April 15, 1870, Mr. Smith was the son of the late William and Anna Maria (Olcott) Smith. His early years were spent in Detroit with graduation from the University of Michigan in 1892. He was graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1895.

Admitted to the Bar in Boston shortly thereafter, he entered the law office of Nason and Proctor, remaining with the firm two years. Later he became associated with Dickson and Knowles, a company which handled liability business in New England for four insurance firms—The Maryland, the London Guarantee, the Ocean, and the Standard of Detroit. In 1906, he was employed as attorney in the claims department for the Ætna Casualty and

Surety Company, and in 1915 became associate attorney in the accident and liability departments. In 1917 he was elected associate counsel at Ætna, later becoming counsel for the accident and liability departments of the Ætna Casualty and Surety Company. Mr. Smith retired after fifty years of service with the firm on May 1, 1955.

Mr. Smith was one of the few Americans to make a trans-Atlantic flight on the zeppelin "Hindenburg," which was later destroyed by fire over Lakhurst, New Jersey. In 1939 he was one of the sixteen passengers aboard the Pan-American Yankee Clipper which made the first Atlantic flight over the northern route from Ireland. He was an enthusiastic bicyclist, and for many years was known to walk from his Ætna offices to his house in West Hartford.

He was a member of the Connecticut and American Bar Associations; the Hartford Club; the Hartford Golf Club; Dauntless Club of Essex; and the Twentieth Century Club; and also served at one time on the West Hartford Board of Finance.

Mr. Smith is survived by a son, Olcott Damon Smith of Farmington; a brother, Walter Olcott Smith of Pasadena, California. His four grandchildren are Damon Brainerd Smith, Wendy Morgan Smith, Tyler Smith and Olcott Whitman Smith, all of Farmington. Funeral services were held at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, with burial at Arlington, Massachusetts.

WALLACE STEVENS

Wallace Stevens of Hartford, a member of this Society since November 13, 1945, died at St. Francis Hospital on August 2, 1955. He was vice president of the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company and the Hartford Livestock Insurance Company; a successful lawyer, skilled in statistical knowledge of insurance; and one of America's most brilliant poets.

Wallace Stevens was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1879, the son of the late Garrett B. and Margaretta Catherine (Zeller) Stevens. After a formal education at Harvard University and New York University Law School, he received honorary degrees from Harvard, Mount Holyoke, Wesleyan, Yale, Bard, and Columbia colleges, and the Hartt College of Music.

Mr. Stevens' contribution to American letters caused the *London Times Literary Supplement* to call him "the best poet writing in America and one of the best poets now writing in English." He was virtually unknown in Hartford until he was awarded the Bollingen Poetry Prize by Yale University in 1950. In 1951 and 1955 he won the National Book Award for his poetry; in 1951 he received the gold medal of the Poetry Society of America. In 1946 he was made a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, crowning his career with the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1955. His first honor for poetry was received in 1916 from *Poetry Magazine* for his one-act play *Three Travelers Watch a Sunrise*. The Bollingen Prize and Second Book Award were for *The Auroras of Autumn*; and for *Collected Poems* published in 1954, he received the Second National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. Though recognition came late to Mr. Stevens, he had been writing poetry for more than fifty years.

Mr. Stevens leaves his wife, Elsie V. (Kachel) Stevens; a daughter, Mrs. Holly B. Stevens of Hartford; and a grandson. Funeral services were held at James T. Pratt Funeral Home, with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

MARY SWIFT WHITTLESEY

Mary Swift Whittlesey of New Britain, who joined the Society as a member on October 2, 1951, died at her home January 23, 1956 at the age of ninety. She was a former president of the Connecticut Chapter, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.

Miss Whittlesey was particularly active in historical and genealogical groups, including past regent of the Esther Stanley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; member of the Daughters of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the Historical Society of New Britain; the National Society of Colonial Dames of America. She was also a member of the National Federation of Republican Women, the New Britain Musical Club, the Shuttle Meadow Country Club, and one of the oldest members of the Women's Club of New Britain. She also served as a former board-member of the Visiting Nurse Association to which she contributed knitting for the Women's Auxiliary of New Britain General Hospital.

Miss Whittlesey is survived by one sister, Frances Whittlesey. Funeral services were held at her home with burial at Fairview Cemetery, New Britain.

ISIDORE WISE

Isidore Wise of Hartford, a leading merchant in this city and member of the Society since October 4, 1932, died at his home January 24, 1956, aged ninety. The son of Leopold and Rosalie Wise, he was born November 19, 1865. He attended the old North School, now the Henry Barnard School, until he took his first job as cash boy at \$2.00 a week for Stern and Mandelbaum, a local dry goods store. He was then eleven years old. By the age of twenty-one, Mr. Wise opened a small store at Main and Kinsley streets with two youthful partners—Godfrey Olschefski, Jr. and Solomon Youngman. The partnership then bought out the Clark Company, operating it under the name of I. Wise and Company. This firm, with a new store and additional partners, was in operation from 1897 to 1948. Mr. Wise again resumed control in April, 1954, and one month later the store was closed, ending a life-long career as owner of one of the city's three largest merchandising establishments.

In 1891 he married Selma Stern who died in 1931. He leaves his second wife, Mrs. Rose Stern Wise; two daughters, Mrs. Louis A. Samuels and Mrs. Edward A. Hart, both of West Hartford; four granddaughters, Mrs. Nathan Rose of New London, Mrs. Isidore Pollack of Quebec, Canada, Mrs. Kenneth Libby and Mrs. Ann Louise Pober, both of West Hartford; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Temple Beth Israel, Hartford.

Report of Director

Mr. President and Members of the Society:

Introduction

The flood last August 19 hurt us. Until November 1st, when we reopened, all our efforts were directed at salvage and cleaning up. Since then, we struggled ineffectually with the deluge of correspondence which has accumulated, cleaning museum objects, and replacing catalogued books lost in the flood. As luck would have it, we lost, in some cases, two sets of certain periodicals, and hours have been spent searching dealers' catalogues in hopes of finding replacements. Forced moving of our manuscript collection got it badly out of order, and months must be spent reorganizing. Recent accessions, which had been kept chronologically until processed so that specific items could be located, are now so badly mixed up that many things will be impossible to find without complete cataloguing. The loss of storage facilities in the one store room flooded requires the changing of thousands of museum records to indicate the new storage location.

Attendance, of course, suffered, as did our program, which was cut drastically. This also contributed to the slump in new members—only 64. In spite of the increase in dues, we had but 49 resignations and only about 30 of these were attributable to dues. We also had 20 deaths and 13 who failed to notify us of change in address and were dropped. This makes the present membership total 1238.

On the positive side, we have been most encouraged by willing assistance of many members, particularly, Edgar F. Waterman, Miss Florence S. M. Crofut, President Brainard, Cyril Hawley, Richard D. Moore, M. W. Jacobus and Benjamin F. Hubbell. For some months Miss Agatha Gray was a volunteer and helped considerably in sorting manuscripts. Progress without this extra help would have been negligible.

As the result of expenses of \$25,638, one hundred and thirteen gifts to a special flood relief fund totalled \$28,084. This generosity, from far and near, helped mentally as much as physically.

The auditorium, delayed because of the flood, was commenced January 25th. We look forward to occupancy in the fall. It should prove a stimulus to our programs and give a flexibility we have never before enjoyed.

To protect the building from future rampages of the north branch of the Park River, The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving granted \$16,000 to erect a dike. Nothing we can do is more vital than this protection, which is in addition to whatever flood control measures are put into effect by the city.

Partially due to the delay in erecting the auditorium, we were well within the budget: \$1923 in general funds and \$1898 in building funds. With more income than anticipated, the surplus in general funds is \$6457, and \$6157 in the building fund. Yield on endowment in the General Fund is off slightly to approximately .0614%, due to the Hills bequest last year which, when invested in the Consolidated Fund, brought the average down; but the building fund income was even greater than a year ago despite the sale of securities to build the auditorium.

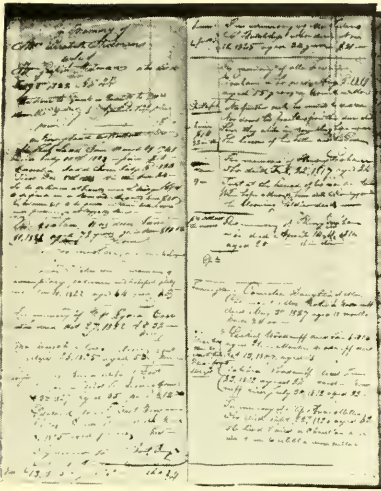
The report that follows covers at the most only about six months of normal operations. It is a tribute to the staff of your Society who, by their determination and hard work, made it possible.

Library

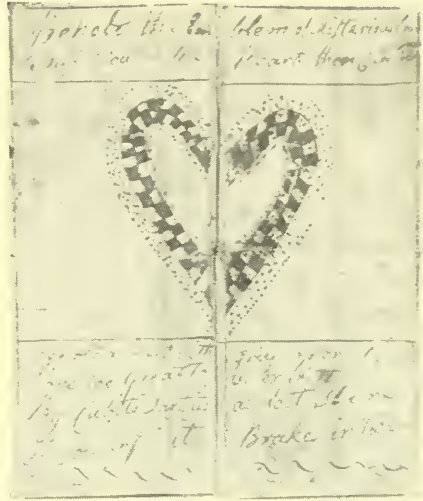
M. W. Jacobus spent much of last summer organizing our collection of photographs. These were brought together from many locations and are now in two vertical files, arranged by subject. Since there had never been any attempt at systematizing before, this makes for a great improvement.

Negotiations with the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut were completed whereby their genealogical library, which had been in storage with us nearly 30 years, will be added to the Charles G. Woodward Genealogical Loan Collection of this Society. By this, 1400 new titles become available for loan to our members, and to those of the Connecticut and National Societies of Mayflower Descendants. Furthermore, they appropriated \$200, a sum to be matched by us, for a short title catalogue so that interested persons will know what is available.

We are the only library in this area to subscribe to the Readex Corporation microprint of American books published before 1800. This is edited by Clifford K. Shipton of the American Antiquarian Society, and means that in ten years, all titles printed before 1800 will be available here. At the moment, 1639 through 1728 has been completed.



Sherman Osborn's account book,
1817-1825



Puzzle purse valentine, ca. 1788

Mrs. Robert W. Huntington presented four letters by Joseph Adams which have, with the donor's permission, been sent to Clifford K. Shipton, Harvard College Archivist. These letters absolve Dr. Joseph Adams, Harvard 1743, as the Townsend, Massachusetts Tory. *The History of the Town of Townsend* by Sawtelle, pages 194-5 quoting Sabine, "supposes" that this Joseph Adams was the Townsend Tory.

The letters prove that the Tory was born in Lincoln, Massachusetts January 30, 1749 and married about September 1774 Mrs. Lovey Lawrence. During the war he served in the British Navy, afterward settling as a surgeon and apothecary in Liskeard, Cornwall. One letter is signed (addressed to his father) "your son in exile." His sorrow is readily apparent at being separated from his friends, family and native land. He mentions his confiscated estate and that due to the Proscription Act, he cannot return to America. The letters are addressed to his father, Capt. Joseph Adams, of Lincoln, and are dated 1783, 84, 89 and 94, just after hearing of his mother's death, which checks in the Lincoln, Mass. vital records. He mentions his brothers and sisters, the names of whom also check. Since these documents belong in Massachusetts,

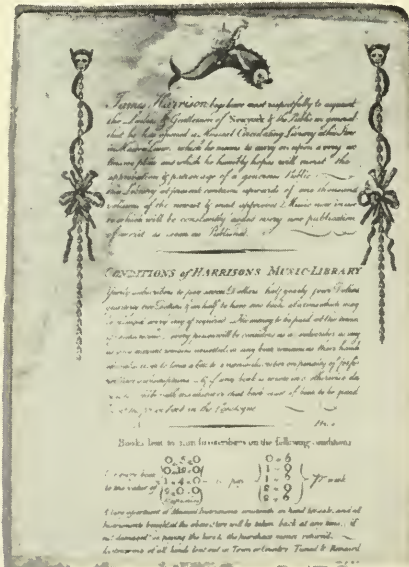
with permission of the donor, they were given to Mr. Shipton for him to determine their permanent home.

This policy is not a one way street. The American Antiquarian Society gave us seven issues of the Danbury *Republican Farmer*, November 23, and 30, 1803; January 18, July 11 and August 29, 1804; July 2, 1805; and July 9, 1806.

The Ohio Historical Society gave us an account book of Stephanus Knight, 1795-1810. Knight painted signs and was a glazier, gilder, painter and paperer. A fine account of this record will appear shortly in the *Bulletin*.

From the New Jersey Historical Society we received an account book of Laban Beach, 1790-1823, of Litchfield. This is not only valuable for its accounts but also for numerous vital records of the Beach family.

Research projects were by no means neglected. The few Benjamin Franklin items in our collection have been photostated for Yale University, and more than 300 letters by Alexander Hamilton are included in the project by Columbia University. For the John Marshall publication, we supplied six letters. Douglas H. Shepard



Bookplate engraved by Amos Doolittle, 1754-1832

of the University of Minnesota is transcribing Henry Wolcott's shorthand notebook containing sermons by Thomas Hooker. In studying Hooker, Mr. Shepard desired to examine our unique copy of *Soul's Humiliation*, published in Amsterdam, 1638. This was sent on inter-library loan to Duluth. Several titles were lent Trinity College for their banned books exhibition, and three more French translations in America were sent on inter-library loan to St. John's College so that Forrest Bowe might microfilm them. When requested, unique Connecticut imprints have been sent to Worcester for filming in the Readex project.

The high quality of acquisitions enjoyed in recent years did not suffer—in fact it almost seemed as though members and friends went out of their way to give us treasures. In effect, it was a vote of confidence in the future of the Society which, though stunned, has emerged even stronger than before. Details of flood damage appeared in the Flood Extra of the *Bulletin* but, reports to the contrary, we did not lose a manuscript, nor were any rare books damaged in the slightest. The large bulk of museum objects flooded only needed cleaning and the few things lost or badly damaged could hardly be classed as irreplaceable. Amazing perhaps, but true, not a single piece of glass or china, most of which was flooded, was broken.

Time and space prevents a detailed account of library accessions. Some like Josiah Cleaveland's account of Bunker Hill, gift of Mrs. R. W. Huntington; the papers of James G. Batterson from Walter E. Batterson; and the Goodale letters acquired by purchase, were featured in the *Bulletin*. Worthy of comment are a number of papers dealing with the Court of Admiralty trial of Christopher Ripley of New London, 1809; General Orders, New London, 1812; Returns of Supplies, New Milford, 1778-1779 by purchase; and by exchange, an unpublished Revolutionary Diary of Elihu Clark, Jr., of Colchester, April 20, 1775-April 1, 1776.

Gideon Welles, of Glastonbury, held many political offices, both elective and by appointment, in a career which culminated as Secretary of the Navy during the Civil War. In 1836 Welles was appointed postmaster of Hartford. When William Henry Harrison defeated Martin Van Buren in 1840, Harrison removed Welles, a Van Buren supporter, in "the public interest." We were fortunate to purchase a holograph copy of an eight-page letter signed by

envelope of valentines, so the Society does have a representative collection.

In 1795, a James Harrison conducted a music store and rental library in Maiden Lane, New York. Subscribers, by paying \$7 a year in advance, could borrow "two books at a time which may be changed every day if required." Fortunately, to mark his books, Harrison had Amos Doolittle, Connecticut's foremost engraver, design a book plate. A music book, containing a unique copy of the book plate, has been purchased. It is signed "A Doolittle Sc N Haven," and in addition to the rules and regulations of the library, it announces that musical instruments are for sale or rent, and they may be tuned and repaired at Harrison's shop. Books are also available to nonsubscribers, the fee scaled according to the value of the book. For example:

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value		0/12/0		}		}			0/1/
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		2/0/0							0/2/
		& upwards							0/2/6

Another engraving is a watch paper of Horace Goodwin 2d, of Hartford. These little advertising papers were inserted in backs of watches when sold or repaired. When a watch is found with a watch paper, the chances are very good there will be several others underneath. The American Antiquarian Society has the best collection. We have eight which were found in watches in the museum collection. The Goodwin paper is the first I have been able to acquire for the Society. The Antiquarian Society's copy of this paper is dated 1839 on the reverse. Goodwin was a jeweler in Hartford from 1811 to 1852 and probably adopted the "2d" to distinguish himself from a cousin of the same name, who was a pottery manufacturer.

In our 1951 *Annual Report* we noted that our collection lacked thirty wall maps of Connecticut towns and counties, published between 1840 and 1860. Since that time eight have been secured, the last two being Cornwall, 1854; and New Haven, 1859. The Corn-

wall map is exceedingly rare, and is seldom found in as good condition as the specimen we purchased.

Another map of more than passing interest is Plate VI of *Erd-beschreibung von Amerika* by Ebelings. It was engraved by E. Schmidt in Bonn, 1796 and is almost an exact copy of Blodget's 1791 map with identical legends, excepts for omission of wind-mills. Several towns are misspelled and are assumed to be errors in copying. The copy we secured was issued separately on a sheet 17½ x 25½ inches with ample margins. Edmund Thompson's *Maps of Connecticut. . .*, Windham, 1940, gives no location for copies of this map.

The first volume of verse published in Connecticut was Roger Wolcott's *Poetical Meditations*, New London, 1725. We have two of twelve known copies. Contemporary with this was a folio broadside *A Lamentation in Memory of the Distressing Sickness*



Map in Joseph Scott's THE UNIVERSAL GAZETTEER

in Hartford from November 5th 1724 to February 20th 1724/5, including the names of fifty-five persons who died. Morgan B. Brainard has given the Society the only known copy of this valuable broadside. It is signed "E. Burluson" and is assumed to have

been printed in New London. Unfortunately it has not been possible to identify Burleson, though he is believed to be Edward Burleson, born March 1, 1686, who was admitted to the Church in Suffield, from Springfield, January 4, 1712/13. This broadside was once owned by George Brinley and later by James Hammond Trumbull.

Although many books were acquired during the year, perhaps the rarest and also most interesting was *The New and Universal Gazetteer* by Joseph Scott, 4 volumes, Philadelphia, 1799 and 1800. Scott was a good engraver in Philadelphia and compiler of an atlas in 1796. There are 25 maps, including a folding one for Connecticut, which Thompson did not include in his bibliography. Scott, of course, relied on available sources but he also did some original research which is valuable today. The article on Connecticut and the Connecticut River is of especial interest. About Suffield, he said: "a post town of Connecticut, in Hartford, on the W. side of Connecticut river, 17 miles N. of Hartford, and 232 N.E. of Philadelphia." Evans records ten copies of volumes 1-2, and only eight of 3-4.

For many years we have stressed the need of increased endowment for library purchases. Most of our funds for the library depend upon book sales for growth, which in recent years has not kept pace with inflation. Consequently our purchasing power is no greater than it was fifteen years ago, and only with special gifts and, more recently, appropriations from general funds, have we been able to compete with others in the market for desirable acquisitions. It therefore is to me a great personal satisfaction that Miss Muriel Alvord has established a fund in memory of her father, George Buell Alvord, in the amount of \$4800, the income only to be used for the purchase of manuscripts.

Museum

Exhibitions included Mechanical Banks in gallery 2; portraits by Richard and William Jennys, gallery 1; recently acquired paintings by Alvan Fisher, Erastus Salisbury Field, John Trumbull, John H. Niemeyer, William Johnston, Alexander Hamilton Emmons, Richard and William Jennys, and Samuel Broadbent, gallery 1; Nathan Hale, gallery 3; rare coins, Valentines and chairs, downstairs. These maintained the standards previously set and the

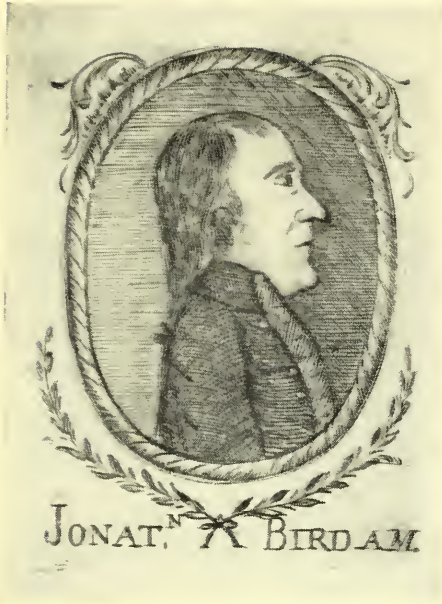


"Prince Charles" playing cards, Hartford, 1897

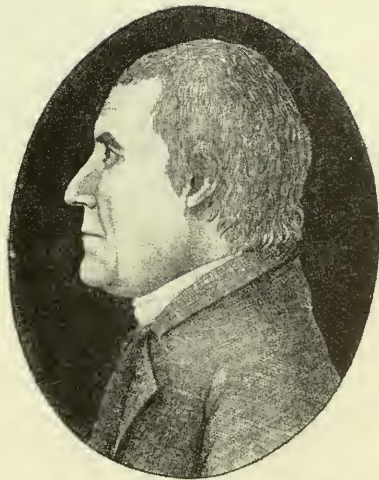
Jennys show was particularly noteworthy, exciting much attention. More and more outsiders look forward to our exhibitions as important contributions to knowledge about Connecticut.

For many years we have sought anything with a label showing it was manufactured in our state and this year was no exception. Sometimes we knew of its existence, such as the Prince Charles deck of cards produced in Hartford in 1897. It is amusing, with a real spade for that suit, but it took many years of searching to find a pack a few months ago. Similar objects worth mentioning are a school slate made by D. and C. W. Holbrook, Windsor Locks; a Collarsion cup (collapsible drinking cup) by S. H. M. & Co., Wallingford; Bevins Musical chimes, East Hampton, 1876; and boxes of thread by O. S. Chaffee & Son, Mansfield Centre.

Your Director realized another personal ambition by acquiring three Higley coins, two of the Broad Axe variety dated 1737 and 1739, and a Three-Hammers, "I am good copper." Mr. Bates sought unsuccessfully more than fifty years for a Higley.



Bookplate of Rev. Mr. Jonathan Bird (1746-1813) of Berlin, probably engraved by Richard Brunton. Brunton was imprisoned in Newgate, 1799, for counterfeiting. Prior to this, he worked in Connecticut towns doing bookplates for clergymen, merchants and lawyers.



Trial impression of engraved portrait of Jonathan Bird used as frontispiece for Sermons on various Subjects. . . , Hartford, 1814

JONATHAN BIRD, A.M.



Tea set by Marcus Merriman of New Haven, 1762-1850

The Kellogg print collection was considerably augmented through gifts by William H. Bulkeley and S. St. John Morgan.

Philip Hammerslough was most generous in presenting a lovely three-piece silver tea set by Marcus Merriman of New Haven, the earliest Connecticut-made set known. In addition he gave a number of pieces of Staffordshire: a Newgate teapot and sugar bowl, McDonough's Victory cup and saucer, and a Wadsworth Tower cup. He also loaned a fine clock by Daniel Burnap, which graces the upper hall.

As the result of the Jennys exhibition, Hanford MacNider of Mason City, Iowa, presented his two portraits of Isaac and Tamer Hawley signed by Richard Jennys. They are of great importance in the Jennys story and are much appreciated. Two fine portraits of Beach and Charity (Shelton) Tomlinson, also by Richard Jennys and in their original frames, are on indefinite loan from our member, C. P. Tomlinson of Danbury.

At the auction of Early American Glass Bottles and Flasks, collected by the late Dr. Charles Osgood of Norwichtown, we were fortunate in acquiring a very rare half-pint masonic flask attributed

to the Coventry Glass Works. It is #7 on McKearin's list of most desirable items.

The museum has the greatest public appeal of any of the Society's functions, and shortage of help is most readily apparent in that department. We must have special exhibitions and the time spent with records, planning and installation is beyond belief. No accessioning was done this year, and only with great effort and by slighting other activities were exhibitions possible.



Rare Masonic flask, olive green, ½ pint, attributed to the Coventry Glass Works

Editor

The usual *Annual Report*, four issues of the *Bulletin* and a Flood Extra were issued this year. It may be argued that our *Bulletin* lacks diversification and that we are over-emphasizing early art by devoting an entire issue to the exhibition of Richard and William Jennys paintings last October, and the April issue containing a Jennys check list. However, as a result, we have gained considerable stature nationally, and it would be a pity not to complete the

project through publication of discoveries largely made possible by means of the exhibition. This illustrates what can be done in one field of specialization, and other subjects will follow as they can be developed.

A catalogue of chairs in the Society has just been published and we hope shortly to prepare a catalogue of the Seymour collection. Fortunately Mr. Seymour left money for this purpose and now, with a format, it is only a matter of time. Ultimately we would like to do a catalogue of our portraits and ways and means of financing have been discussed.

Charles S. Bissell's *Antique Furniture in Suffield, Connecticut, 1670-1835*, a gift of the author, was published jointly with the Suffield Historical Society on April 12. It is a handsome book and is indicative of what all old towns should do in recording their antique furniture. In just over a month, 217 copies have been sold.

Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut's Merchant Magistrate, by Glenn Weaver, is due in July, and we have high hopes of its success.

Later this year we are publishing *The Connecticut River Steamboat Story*, by M. W. Jacobus. This subject should interest a great many people.

Volume 29 of our *Collections* is in pages and is being indexed. It continues the letters of John Cotton Smith, Governor during the War of 1812, and is being published with a State Appropriation. The release date of this volume is tentatively scheduled for November.

A manuscript concerning Daniel Burnap, by Penrose Hoopes, is next on the agenda—perhaps the spring of 1957.

Book sales were spotty, again the result of inattention. Our list of publications for sale is four years out of date but, despite little effort, sales totalled \$1413.57. Amounts credited to principal of funds are:

Barbour Fund	\$30.00
Brainard Fund	17.40
Ancient Vital Records Fund	21.60
Hoadly Fund	59.00
Library-Museum Fund	107.87
Colonial Wars Fund	5.00
Publication Fund	99.55
Putnam Fund	10.67

Publication Fund Surplus	40.31
Morris Fund	4.00
Shepard Fund	8.40
Waterman Fund	228.84
To income—	
Bissell Fund	694.75
Publication Fund	143.99

We need financial assistance in publishing worthwhile manuscript collections and interpretive writings on Connecticut history. We ought to be in a position to publish annually the best work available. In this manner, young scholars would be encouraged to study in this field, for the product of their research would be considered for publication. Of those books previously mentioned only the Trumbull book is being published with our funds, and future publications will depend upon receipts from sales.

Conclusion

We are grateful to the following speakers for their talks to us this year:

November 1, 1955	Mrs. Haven Parker, Boston, Massachusetts, "200 YEARS OF AMERICAN PAINTING."
December 6, 1955	Glenn Weaver, New London, "JONATHAN TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT'S MERCHANT MAGISTRATE."
January 3, 1956	Lyent W. Russell, New Haven, "INDIAN SITES IN CONNECTICUT."
February 7, 1956	Carroll Alton Means, Woodbridge, "VALENTINES."
March 6, 1956	Thomas H. Ormsbee, Pound Ridge, New York, "KNOW YOUR HEIRLOOMS."
April 3, 1956	Henry S. Kelly, Hamden, "EARLY CONNECTICUT MEETING HOUSES."
May 1, 1956	Films produced by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company: "COURAGE IN CONNECTICUT" and "WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT."

In conclusion, a word of credit where credit is due to your officers and committees. During a trying time, fraught with monu-

mental decisions, they gave unstintingly of their time and experience. The Standing and Building Committees, especially, had much to consider and decide. The Publication Committee individually read many manuscripts and collectively determined those suitable to carry the Society's imprint. This type of service is hardly an obligation and is not for sale. We are greatly indebted to them.

Elsewhere the list of donors to the Flood Fund will appear and words cannot describe our gratitude to them. Those lenders to the Jennys and Mechanical Banks exhibitions also deserve recognition. To William L. Warren, a special word of credit. He did the ground work, research and arrangements for the Jennys show at a time when our little world seemed at an end. Given assurance we would make our schedule, he did everything to make that exhibition the outstanding success it was.

For the first time, gifts exceeded \$50,000, including the grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. This is an amazing testimonial of faith and interest in the Society. It is deeply regretted that the bulk of this money was used in necessary repairs to the building and future protection from floods rather than in tangible progress.

Last year your Director pointed out the need for additional help. This need is now critical. We are at least three staff members short of minimum requirements. The present staff is so overburdened that improvement must not be expected of them. I would be remiss in my duty if I did not bring this to your attention again. Endowment and income must be increased if permanent solution to the problem is forthcoming. This Society occupies a unique position today, and becoming the best historical society in the country is not beyond our reach.

Respectfully,

THOMPSON R. HARLOW, *Director*

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Invoices of various cotton mills, Coventry, Sterling, Plainfield, 1812-14.
Journal of Edith Allen, Windsor Locks, 1869.

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 Letter, American Bicycle Co., Hartford, to C. C. Stirling, Aug. 5, 1901.
 Letter book of Christopher Ripley, Trinidad, Sept. 27, 1807.
 Letter by Col. Jacob Kingsbury, New London, August 1814.
 Letter by Samuel R. Gager, Sharon, June 25, 1810.
 Letter concerning silk mill, West Hartford, March 22, 1839.
 Letter from Enoch Reynolds to Christopher Ripley, Washington, Aug.
 31, 1815.
 Letter from Gideon Welles, Hartford, Apr. 2, 1841, to Francis Granger,
 Postmaster General.
 Letter from L. Ripley to Betsey Ripley, Windham, n.d.
 License to make saddles, issued to Gamaliel Manning, Windham, 1815.
 List of men receiving bounty and wages, Simsbury, June 1779.
 Manifest, schooner "Lucky John," Hartford, 1790.
 Memorial of Samuel Chapman, concerning iron furnace at Salisbury,
 May 1787.
 Military certificates, War of 1812 and others, Norwich, Lyme, Plainfield,
 etc.
 Miscellaneous Farmington papers, 1773-96.
 Miscellaneous Philleo family material.
 Music book perhaps owned by David Edgcomb, Jr., of Groton.
 Music for "The Snow Bird" composed by P. Gallup, ca. 1840.
 Notebook of Daniel Burnap containing directions and sketches for mak-
 ing clocks.
 Notes concerning the Bragdon family of York, Maine.
 Order for beaver and hat trimmings, G. Caldwell, 1782.
 Papers of the Brewster family of Connecticut.

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 Cobb, Coffin, Curtice, Dana, Dunham, Everest, Galpin, Gorham, Grant,
 McLean, Marsh, Mellow, Pierce, Riggs, Starr, Swift, Tanner, Thompson,
 Waterman, Whitin, Wilcox.

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Allen, Baldwin, Bragdon, Burt, Campbell, Catlin, Clapp-Craw-Palmer-
 Wellman, Congdon, Dunham, Dunham-Eells, Fuller, Gards, Johnson, Ken-
 dall, Kitchen, Lamb, Mack-Sine, Meacham, Mead, Norton, Perrin, Russell,
 Shoemaker, Smith, Stow, Sutton, Thompson.

BIBLE RECORDS

Curtis, Fyler, Hoskins, Waterman-Libby, Wildman-Weed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

*Condensation of report of
Allerton C. Hickmott, Treasurer*

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
<i>INCOME FOR GENERAL EXPENSES</i>		
Dues		\$ 4,467.00
Rent of building		363.70
Charles G. Woodward Trust		7,130.34
Reserves		3,000.00
<i>ENDOWMENT FUNDS FOR GENERAL EXPENSES</i>		
Albert C. Bates Fund, established by gift in 1906	\$ 1,023.70	25.58
Silas Chapman, Jr. Fund, bequest November, 1926	68,500.00	4,209.78
Sophia F. Coe Fund, bequest April, 1916	1,050.00	64.52
Wilbur L. Cross Fund, established in December 1947 by Alain C. White	100.00	6.14
George Henry Fitts Fund in memory of Colonel Thomas Knowlton, bequest January, 1925 ...	10,000.00	614.57
General Fund, established in 1849	17,308.67	708.14
James J. Goodwin Fund, established in October, 1915 by Mrs. James J. Goodwin in memory of her husband	20,000.00	1,229.13
E. Stevens Henry Fund, bequest February, 1922	550.00	33.81
Jonas Coolidge Hills Fund, trust established by will in 1913, terminated 1954	55,535.58	3,413.02
James B. Hosmer Fund, bequest September, 1878	5,000.00	307.28
Dr. William Ward Knight Fund, bequest De- cember, 1923	8,000.00	491.65
Francis T. Maxwell Fund, bequest March, 1942	5,000.00	307.28
Henry L. Miller Fund, bequest of Annie C. Mil- ler in 1943 in memory of her father	4,182.43	257.04
Charles Morris Mills Fund in memory of Jona- than Flynt Morris, bequest 1951	500.00	30.73
Edward B. Peck Fund, bequest October, 1928 ..	32,500.00	1,997.33
William H. Putnam Fund, derived from sales of <i>The Two Putnams</i>	299.99	18.15
Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Fund, bequest in 1909 of \$3,000 and bequest of Mrs. Russell in 1922 of \$5,000	8,000.00	491.65
James Shepard Fund, bequest in 1929 with addi- tions from sale of books given for the purpose	1,847.27	113.04

Edwin Simons Fund, bequest December, 1915 ..	5,400.00	331.86
Grace F. Smith Fund, bequest in 1950	5,000.00	307.28
Jane T. Smith Fund, bequest in 1930	1,000.00	61.46
Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fund, bequest in 1939 ...	10,000.00	614.57
Mary K. Talcott Fund, bequest in 1920	6,100.00	374.88
Mabel C. Tuller Fund, bequest in 1951	5,000.00	307.28
Tuttle Fund, bequest in 1940 of \$5,000 from Jane Tuttle and bequest in 1941 of \$4,925 from Ruel C. Tuttle	10,000.00	614.57
Edgar F. Waterman Fund, established by gifts in 1947 with additions from sale of books given for the purpose	9,031.64	512.07
Alain C. White Fund, established 1954, partial receipt of bequest in 1951	2,500.00	153.64
Albion B. Wilson Fund, bequest in 1951	10,000.00	614.57
Charles G. Woodward Fund, bequest in 1950 ..	20,000.00	1,229.13
Total Income for General Expenses		\$ 34,401.19

LESS EXPENSES

Bank fee	\$ 1,990.37	
Binding	352.57	
Miscellaneous	1,552.44	
Photostats	79.47	
Postage	857.68	
Printing	1,628.64	
Library supplies	897.65	
Social Security	237.09	
Summer help	298.00	
Salaries	18,800.00	
Microprint	750.00	
Museum and library purchases	500.00	
Total General Expense		\$ 27,943.91
Surplus 4/30/56		\$ 6,457.28
Previous balance		2,062.63
Balance 4/30/56		\$ 8,519.91

INCOME FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

George E. Hoadley Fund	\$464,112.98	\$ 23,461.41
George Dudley Seymour Fund	31,300.00	1,923.60
Total Income for Building Expenses		\$ 25,385.01

LESS EXPENSES

Bank fee	\$ 1,121.80	
ADT	848.77	
Fuel	1,192.37	
Gas	37.90	
Insurance	264.47	
Electricity	1,491.18	
Repairs	641.35	
Supplies	495.42	
Water	42.97	
Equipment	365.75	
Grounds	1,012.88	
Social Security	152.96	
Miscellaneous	350.93	
Telephone	258.60	
Salaries	11,016.00	
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Total Building Expense		\$ 19,327.32
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Surplus 4/30/56		\$ 6,157.72
Previous balance		1,062.42
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Balance 4/30/56		\$ 7,120.14

INCOME FOR LIBRARY AND MUSEUM PURCHASES

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Endowment funds for library and museum purchases		
George Buell Alvord Fund, established in December, 1955 by Muriel Alvord of West Hartford in memory of her father, the income only to be used for acquisition of manuscript materials	\$ 4,800.00	
Lucius B. Barbour Fund, derived from the sale of Manwaring's <i>Early Connecticut Probate Records</i>	853.81	\$ 51.13
William F. J. Boardman Fund, derived from sales of copies of <i>Boardman Genealogy, Wethersfield Inscriptions, Boardman Ancestry</i> and <i>Greenleaf Ancestry</i>	1,141.43	69.93
Lucy A. Brainard Fund, established by gift in 1892 which is being further increased through the sale of books presented for the purpose by Morgan B. Brainard, Newton C. Brainard, and The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.	2,677.32	163.89

Connecticut Society of Colonial Wars Fund, established in 1925 by gift of the Society of one-half interest in remaining unsold copies of <i>Vital Records of Norwich</i>	241.25	14.67
Florence T. Gay Fund, bequest in 1953 for the care and increase of the Julius Gay collection of Farmington manuscripts	2,051.47	116.12
Charles J. Hoadly Fund, derived from sale of <i>Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut</i> and Volume 3 of the <i>Public Records of the State of Connecticut</i>	3,799.94	230.95
Library-Museum Fund, derived from sale of books presented in 1948 by Mrs. J. C. Hills augmented by books from Barclay Robinson and Kenneth Lord	765.31	42.66
Horace E. Mather Fund, bequest in December, 1933 by Lucy O. Mather in memory of her father	5,000.00	307.28
Jonathan Flynt Morris Fund, derived from sales of <i>Morris Register</i> presented by the daughters of Mr. Morris	154.40	9.37
Thomas Robbins Fund, bequest in 1856 by the Society's first Librarian	6,580.63	404.42
Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Book Fund, derived from sales of <i>Descendants of John Russell</i>	266.52	16.38
George Dudley Seymour Museum Fund, bequest in 1945 for the Seymour Collection	25,117.49	1,543.63
Newman C. Hungerford Fund, for care and increase of coin collection	2,000.00	122.92
From sales of duplicates		2,329.25
Gifts		256.52
		\$ 5,679.12
Total income for acquisitions		4,922.58
Less purchases and repairs		
Balance added to reserves		\$ 756.54
Total reserves		\$ 5,977.08

PUBLICATIONS

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Publication Fund	\$ 38,363.33	\$ 2,314.05
Sale of books		145.49
From reserves		1,897.46
		\$ 4,357.00
Less expense of <i>Bulletin</i>		4,357.00
Balance		\$ 1,263.14

State Appropriation Fund	\$ 1,000.00
From reserves	12.00
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	\$ 1,012.00
Less composition volume 29 <i>Collections</i>	1,012.00
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Balance	\$ 2,249.36

SPECIAL FUNDS

Ancient Vital Records Fund, established 1907, for publication of town records of Connecticut Amount of Fund 4/30/55	\$ 258.88
Books sold	15.60
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Present balance	\$ 274.48
Anonymous Museum Fund Present balance	\$ 1,297.00

Bissell Fund

Proceeds of sales of *Antique Furniture in Suffield, Connecticut, 1670-1835* published April 12, 1956. To be divided equally with The Suffield Historical Society, gift of Charles S. Bissell

\$ 694.75

Welles Fund

Established in 1924. Income to be available when principal reaches \$600

Amount of Fund 4/30/55	514.57
Income, added to principal	32.10

Present balance of Principal

\$ 546.67

FLOOD GIFTS

\$ 28,118.98

Less flood expenses	25,989.22
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Excess of contributions over expense, transferred at donor's request to George E. Hoadley Fund Principal, for erection of auditorium

\$ 2,129.76

FOUNDATION GRANT

Received from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to erect a dike protecting the building from the Park River

16,000.00

INSURANCE

Received from Travelers Insurance Company,
Valuable Papers

Policy, flood losses	5,000.00
Less purchases	1,919.40

Present balance	<u>3,148.60</u>
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ADDED TO PRINCIPAL

From sales

Barbour Fund	\$ 30.00
Boardman Fund	3.50
Brainard Fund	17.40
Connecticut Society Colonial Wars Fund ..	2.50
Charles J. Hoadly Fund	59.00
Library Museum Fund	92.87
Morris Fund	4.00
Publication Fund	85.10
Putnam Fund	10.67
Shepard Fund	8.40
Waterman Fund	272.18

\$ 585.62

Gift, Edgar F. Waterman, Waterman Fund	500.00
Gift, Muriel Alvord, Alvord Fund	4,800.00
Welles Fund, from income	32.10
Publication Fund, admissions	347.00
life memberships	450.00
Cash distribution Florence T. Gay estate to Gay Fund	161.96
Newton C. & Elsie B. Brainard, excess of contri- bution over flood expense, transferred to Hoad- ley Fund for Auditorium	2,129.76

Total added to principal	<u>\$ 9,006.44</u>
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