

SPECIAL MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE.

JUNE 26.

A special meeting of the Society, called by the Standing Committee, was held at the house of George Livermore, Esq., Dana Hill, Cambridge, on Thursday evening, June 26, at seven and a half o'clock; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Rev. Dr. Robbins was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem*. A letter from Rev. Mr. Barry, of the Chicago Historical Society, was read, acknowledging with expressions of gratitude the generous interest manifested by this Society towards the young and enterprising institution on whose behalf he had previously solicited a donation of our publications.

A letter from Dr. E. B. O'Callaghan, attached to the office of the Secretary of State of New York at Albany, requesting a set of the Society's Collections in exchange for a complete set of his numerous publications, was read; and it was voted unanimously, that, in consideration of Dr. O'Callaghan's valuable historical labors and accomplishments, this Society will accede to his request.

Mr. LIVERMORE produced a trunk containing a large collection of manuscripts formerly belonging to Hon. Judge Davis, and more recently to Isaac P. Davis, Esq., late esteemed associates of this Society; which, in compliance with the expressed wish of the latter, had been committed to Mr. Livermore's charge by Mrs. Davis, and Hon. William Sturgis, executor, to be

examined and assorted previously to their being deposited in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Mr. Livermore stated that he had partially inspected the papers, and found some of them to be of great value.

Voted, That Messrs. Livermore, Deane, and Bowen be a Committee to arrange and prepare the manuscripts, according to the views of the donor, for the library.

On motion of Dr. ROBBINS, — *Voted*, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mrs. I. P. Davis, and also to the Hon. William Sturgis, for the valuable and interesting collection of manuscripts — formerly the property of the Hon. Judge Davis — recently given by them to the Massachusetts Historical Society, in furtherance of the generous purpose of the late Isaac P. Davis, Esq.; and that the President be requested to communicate a copy of the above resolution to Mrs. Davis and to Mr. Sturgis.

The President read several interesting old papers from his private collection.

JULY MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, July 10, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the City of Boston; the Essex Institute; the Mercantile-Library Association, New York; J. O. Halliwell, Esq., F.R.S.;