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## Report of the President

**A** GAIN your President has chosen to make his required address at the Annual Meeting in the form of a review of the activities of the past year and the prospects for the future, as well as the needs of the Society. The details of our activities will be left largely to the Director to cover in his report.

Some years ago the Society decided to limit its field to matters relating to the State of Connecticut. This has been a wise move in every way and has enabled the staff to do a better job through concentrating on a smaller range of subjects. The results have added to the standing and reputation of the Society. After a long period of standing still, we are now spoken of as one of the more progressive groups in our field. The credit for this belongs entirely to our Director and his staff, who have chosen wisely the subjects on which to concentrate for the year's program. Our exhibitions have attracted attention not only in Hartford but throughout the Northeast. They have in all cases featured subjects not previously given prominence. By them the Society has brought about a closer friendship with similar organizations who have reciprocated in a generous manner when we have asked them for aid in the matter of loans or other services.

The generous appropriation from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, which we received for the preservation and restoration of our museum objects has been spent with noticeable results. During the year we have loaned several paintings to specialized exhibits. They would have attracted little notice and would not have been sought for had they not been recently cleaned as a result of this appropriation. Visitors have made frequent comment that few museums have their collections in as good order as we do and are envious of us.

We have been particularly favored by gifts of choice items this year. These have added much to our museum and to our library and will receive comment in detail by the Director.

Let me mention a subject which has been of particular interest to me personally. Recently the Society secured the original bills for the furniture for the Senate chamber in the Old State House. The price was high but the items were unique and had a particu-

lar appeal to me because of my close associations with that building for many years. They give a new light on the furnishings and appearance of the Senate chamber, which I hope can be given to the public after further study. If the result is as interesting as I believe it will be, it may serve to stimulate the restoration of this room to its former glory. In this case I believe that we will have the handsomest room surviving from the post-Revolutionary period. While the Society does not have the funds for this restoration, it may be a proper function for us to take the lead in bringing it about.

Finally, I will discuss our future needs. The building of an auditorium was forced on us by the increasing attendance at our meetings, which on several occasions has far exceeded the capacity of this small room. We cannot attract new members or retain older ones if we cannot accommodate them at our meetings. The new building will entail some expense for maintenance and a slight loss of income. We trust that our growth will make up for these.

We still suffer from the lack of a staff large enough to conduct our activities adequately. This is most noticeable in the matter of cataloguing. Each year we seem to lose ground because our accessions are more than we can catalogue. Two or three other staff members would do a great deal to relieve our Director of work which he should properly leave to others. At present he is not only serving as our executive but at times, I am sure, has actively carried out every type of work connected with the Society's activities, including the operation of the snowplow. We owe it to him to enable him to be a Director in the real sense of the word.

To me it has been a year of pleasure and privilege. Not only has the Society grown in membership, without any artificial stimulus, but there has been a particularly pleasing increase in interest by the members. I thank you for your support.

NEWTON C. BRAINARD, *President*

## Necrology—1955

### MRS. HARRY L. BEACH (GRACE D. LIBERTY)

Mrs. Harry L. Beach of Manchester became a member of the Society January 6, 1948. She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, July 26, 1904, the daughter of Henry and the late Bertha (Jenkins) Liberty. She died April 12, 1955 in Manchester Memorial Hospital and is buried in West Cemetery, Bristol.

Mrs. Beach had been a resident of Manchester for the past eight years. She attended the Center Congregational Church, Manchester, was a member of the Bristol Congregational Church, and was active in the Red Cross and numerous church and civic groups. Besides her husband and father, Mrs. Beach is survived by a sister, Mrs. Leo J. Prunier, Worcester; four brothers, Robert and Alden Liberty, Worcester, Wallace Liberty, Hyannis, Massachusetts, Lawrence Liberty of Meriden; and two daughters, Mrs. Thomas G. Kelley, Washington, D.C., and Miss Marion Lee Beach, Manchester.

### LEON PARKER BROADHURST

Leon Parker Broadhurst of West Hartford joined the Society as a member December 2, 1924. He retired as president of the Phoenix State Bank and Trust Company September 30, 1949, and was one of Hartford's most prominent bankers. He was born June 14, 1871 in Manchester, the son of the late Thomas and Ellen M. (Lyman) Broadhurst.

At the age of sixteen, Mr. Broadhurst went to work at the old Charter Oak National Bank as runner at \$5.00 a week. During the next three years he supplemented his income by acting as bill collector for doctors. In 1890 he joined the Phoenix National Bank where he remained fifty-nine years. In 1901 he was promoted to assistant cashier from which position he was to rise steadily. In October of 1904 he was named cashier of the bank; and in January, 1913, he became vice president. He was forty-four years old when elected president of the Phoenix National Bank, November 19, 1915, having previously been a director for less than a year. On January 11, 1944 he was made chairman of the Board.

Mr. Broadhurst aided in the merger of the Phoenix State Bank

and Trust Company and the Capitol National Bank, as well as in the consolidation of the Phoenix State Bank and Trust Company and the Phoenix National Bank. He served as president of the Hartford Clearing House Association, and was a director of many important concerns, including the National Fire Insurance Company, the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, Mechanics Savings Bank of Hartford, New Britain Machine Company, Cushman Chuck, Maxim Silencer, and C. H. Dexter & Sons, Inc. He was active in the Liberty Bond drives in Hartford during World War I, and was a former major in the Veterans City Guard. He was also a former president of the Wampanoag Country Club, and served on the Common Council and Board of Aldermen as well as the Board of Finance. In 1940 he acted as treasurer for a \$20,000 fund raising campaign for Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Besides his wife, the former Alice M. Best whom he married in May, 1895, he leaves three daughters, Mrs. Edwin Ferguson of Westwood, Massachusetts, Mrs. Lloyd V. Armstrong of New York City, Miss Grace A. Broadhurst of Hartford; a sister, Mrs. Mildred A. Huntington of Florida, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mr. Broadhurst is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

#### CORNELIUS SANFORD BULL

Cornelius Sanford Bull of Middlebury who joined the Society as a member February 4, 1947, died at his home February 24, 1955. He was born in Terryville June 27, 1871, the son of Cornelius Ward and Sarah Alice (Sanford) Bull.

Mr. Bull was a graduate of Yale University, 1893. Soon after, he joined the Waterbury Watch Company, 1894-1914. He joined the Colonial Trust Company of Waterbury in 1905 as assistant trust officer, retiring from this firm in 1925 to join the Waterbury Companies, Inc., as vice president. Mr. Bull is survived by his wife, the former Helen Ives Smith whom he married October 24, 1906.

#### ALICE TWISS CUMMINGS

Alice Twiss Cummings of Hartford, a member of the Society since May 27, 1924, was born in Canaan June 29, 1866, and died January 7, 1955 at a private hospital in West Hartford. She was the

daughter of Francis A. and Mary (Lamphear) Cummings, and was a graduate of the Hartford Public High School in 1886.

Miss Cummings was retired librarian of the Hartford Public Library which she had joined in 1892. Prior to this position, she was employed by the National Fire Insurance Company and the American Publishing Company. She served as assistant to the librarian, the late Caroline Hewins, whom she succeeded upon her death in 1926. In March of 1927 Miss Cummings retired, spending two and a half years abroad.

She was an active member of the Center Church, a member of the American Library Association, the Connecticut Library Association, and the Friends of Hartford, as well as a former member of the Hartford Business and Professional Women's Club, the West Hartford League of Women Voters, and the Young Women's Christian Association upon whose general education committee she served. Miss Cummings is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

#### SAMUEL ALLAN DAVIS

Samuel Allan Davis of Danbury, elected to the Society as a member March 1, 1938, was born in Danbury October 14, 1865, the son of Allan John and Caroline (Bulkeley) Davis. He died on May 14, 1952. In 1882 he was graduated from the Danbury High School. He was a student at Harvard College, 1888-1889; and was a graduate of Yale Law School in 1893. On October 1, 1891 he married Jessie J. Hendrick of Danbury.

Mr. Davis was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1893, and the New York Bar in 1898. From 1892 to 1904 he was in partnership with the late Judge Lyman D. Brewster, and with the late Judge Howard B. Scott from 1906 to 1907. He was associated with Probate Judge Robert K. Watson in 1936, and more recently with Attorney Theodore Gemza. He was corporation counsel for the city of Danbury, 1912-1913; associate judge, 1897-1922; and judge, 1926-1931. From 1919 to 1921 Mr. Davis was a member of the Judiciary Committee of the Connecticut Legislature, as well as a member of the American Bar Association and the Connecticut Bar Association. He was originally a Democrat and was elected to the first town school board in 1904, after the school districts



were consolidated. He became interested in the Progressive party in the days of Theodore Roosevelt, and was later affiliated with the Republican party.

His wife died in 1941, and their daughter, Mrs. Harry S. Whitlock, died in 1938. Mr. Davis is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Hattie Trowbridge GeSell of Danbury; and two nephews, Dr. Donald Davis of New York City, and Leslie Davis of Florida.

#### FRED ERVING DAYTON

Fred Erving Dayton of New York City, who joined the Society as a member June 7, 1943, was a publishing executive and author. He died October 29, 1954 in New York City, having been sales manager of the Conde Nast Press for twenty-six years until his retirement in 1950.

Mr. Dayton was a native of Hartford and was a graduate of the Brown School and Hartford Public High School. For a time he was a reporter on the old *Hartford Post*, the *Sunday Globe*, and the *Hartford Times*. Mr. Dayton wrote a series of articles about life in Hartford during the Gay 90's entitled "The Whole Decade" which ran for about a year on the editorial page of the *Hartford Times*. He was also an officer and a sheet anchor of the Hartford Press Club.

He joined the old Electric Vehicle Company of Hartford as branch manager of the Boston and Chicago offices in 1904, becoming sales manager of its successor, the Columbia Motor Company. He served as general manager of the National Incinerator Company of New York, a vice president of the Ajax Rubber Company of Trenton, New Jersey with which he was associated for ten years, and in 1921 joined the Cross and Brown Company of New York.

His interest in historical matters led him to become founder and lifetime historian of the Hartford Yacht Club. He wrote sketches for the Dutch Treat Club of New York, was author of *Steamboat Days*, published 1925. Prior to his illness he was writing a history of the Connecticut River, himself a descendant of the colonial settlers of the Connecticut River Valley. He also compiled the official history of the Players Club of New York of which he



had been a member for thirty-five years. Mr. Dayton was a member of the Dauntless Club of Essex, and the Sons of the American Revolution. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Helena Smith Dayton, formerly of Hartford. He is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

#### EDWARD BRONSON FIELD

Edward Bronson Field of Hartford, who died at Hartford Hospital July 27, 1954 after a long illness, became a member of the Society January 4, 1927. He was born in Hartford April 27, 1872, the son of Charles H. and Elizabeth (Tremaine) Field. He was graduated from the Hartford High School with the class of 1881.

Mr. Field joined the Travelers Insurance Company in 1904 as special agent in Hartford, becoming casualty manager in 1906, and in 1936 was made advisory manager of the Casualty and Liability departments of that firm. At the time of his retirement in 1941 he was one of the oldest branch office managers in the Travelers organization, having developed the local casualty insurance business from a small volume to one of considerable magnitude.

Prior to his long association with the Travelers Insurance Company, Mr. Field was connected with the Pratt & Cady Company, the Pope Manufacturing Company, and the Santa Fe Railroad. He was a member of the Civitan Club, the Hartford Club, the 20th Century Club, and was a former commodore and oldest member of the Hartford Canoe Club.

Mr. Field is survived by a son, Col. Tremaine K. Field, U.S.A. (ret.) of Westport; a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor F. Wells of Suffield; and three grandchildren.

#### CHARLES ARCHIBALD GOODWIN

Attorney Charles A. Goodwin of Hartford, who became a member of the Society February 1, 1921, died suddenly at his home October 7, 1954. He was one of the city's most prominent citizens, having served nineteen consecutive terms as chairman of the Metropolitan District Commission of Hartford, and fifty years on the board of directors of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. He had also been president of the State Savings Bank since 1918, and was senior partner of one of Hartford's

leading law firms, Shipman and Goodwin. He was a member of the board of directors of the Phoenix State Bank, the Ætna Insurance Company, the Church Life Insurance Corporation, and the Holyoke Water Power Company. He had been a member of the Connecticut Bar Association for more than fifty years.

Mr. Goodwin was born November 18, 1876, the son of the late Reverend Francis and Mary Alsop (Jackson) Goodwin. He was graduated from Yale College in 1898, and from Harvard Law School in 1901. He soon entered the firm of Gross and Shipman, and was later associated with M. Toscan Bennett, a classmate, to form the law firm of Bennett and Goodwin. He was executive secretary to two governors, George B. Lilley and Frank B. Weeks, and in 1910 was named a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination for governorship at the Republican Convention. In 1923 he was elected to succeed his father as trustee of the Watkinson Library, and in 1926, having been treasurer since 1921, he was elected president of the Wadsworth Atheneum. He was also named president of the Connecticut Humane Society in 1925, and was chairman of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

Mr. Goodwin was a member of many societies, including the Municipal Art Society, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Yale and Harvard Clubs of New York and Hartford, the Hartford Yacht Club, the Dauntless Club of Essex, Fisher's Island Club, Hartford Golf Club, the Republican Club, and the Hartford and University Clubs. He was an ardent sailing enthusiast.

In 1912 he married the former Ruth Cheney who died in 1952. He is survived by three sons, the Reverend Charles Goodwin of Yantic, Jonathan Goodwin of West Hartford, and Benjamin C. Goodwin of the U. S. Air Force stationed in Texas; two daughters, Miss Dorothy Goodwin of Hartford and Mrs. Nancy Goodwin Ewing of West Hartford; and one sister, Mrs. Jeannette G. Howarth of Bermuda.

#### MRS. VISTA NICHOLS PERDEW

Mrs. Vista Nichols Perdeu of West Hartford, elected to membership in the Society July 3, 1953, died at her home on June 16, 1954. She was born in Elk Falls, Kansas, residing most of her life in West Hartford. She was a member of the Second Church of

Christ Scientist, Hartford. Besides her husband, Grover G. Per-dew, Mrs. Per-dew is survived by one sister, Mrs. Emma Cherry of San Francisco, California. The funeral was held at the New-kirk & Whitney Funeral Home, West Hartford, with cremation in Springfield, Massachusetts.

#### DELBERT K. PERRY

Delbert K. Perry of New Britain joined the Society as a member May 16, 1936. He was a prominent architect and past president of the Connecticut chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He died June 18, 1954 at his home in New Britain after a long illness.

Mr. Perry was born in Tioga, Pennsylvania. He designed many landmarks throughout Connecticut and at his death was assisting in the preparation of plans for the New Britain Young Men's Christian Association. He was connected with the planning of the Nathan Hale and Washington Junior High Schools, the new wing of the New Britain Art Museum, the parish house of the church of St. John the Evangelist, St. Andrew's Church rectory, No. 4 Fire Station on Corbin Avenue, and the Corbin Heights Housing project in New Britain. Added to these were plans for many of the early buildings at the University of Connecticut, the Storrs Congregational Church, buildings at Middletown State Hospital, Barnes Chapel in West Cemetery, Bristol, and many residences throughout the State. He was a member of the Rotary Club, New Britain Club, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society of Connecticut.

Mr. Perry is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace (Capen) Perry; three daughters, Mrs. Mabel Smith of Binghamton, New York, Mrs. Daniel B. Olson of Red Bank, New Jersey, and Mrs. Wallace Holland of West Hartford; two sons, John D. Perry of New Britain and Winslow H. Perry of Berlin, besides eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

#### MRS. GEORGE W. PRIEST (ELLEN M. LANGFORD)

Mrs. George W. Priest of New Hartford, who became a member of the Society March 6, 1934, died at Hartford Hospital De-

ember 18, 1954 after a long illness. She is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Mrs. Priest was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts, June 10, 1869. She was a graduate of Boston University and was married to George W. Priest, treasurer of the New Hartford Water Company. Besides her husband, Mrs. Priest leaves a son, John S. Priest of West Hartford, a daughter, Miss Catherine L. Priest of New Hartford, and four grandchildren.

#### MRS. HELEN TURNEY SHARPS

Mrs. Helen Turney Sharps of Fairfield, elected to membership in the Society May 6, 1952, died May 20, 1954, following an illness of several weeks. She had been a well-known genealogist, and a former treasurer of the Fairfield Historical Society. She was a member of the Genealogical Committee which published *History and Genealogy of the Families of Fairfield*, compiled by Donald Lines Jacobus, 1930. Mrs. Sharps was a member of the Council, Fairfield Historical Society, and an original member of the Building Committee. She also served as Regent of the Eunice Dennie Burr chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She was treasurer of the Fairfield Garden Club, 1917-1942, and served as president in 1943 and 1944. She was an honorary member and member of its Executive Committee until her death. Mrs. Sharps is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Rhoda Ritger of Fairfield, and is buried at Fairfield East Cemetery.

#### SAMUEL SIMPSON

Samuel Simpson of Tolland, who was admitted to the Society November 1, 1904, died at his home January 15, 1955. He was born in Centerville, Michigan November 24, 1868, the son of Thomas and Sarah (Gibson) Simpson.

Doctor Simpson was an ordained Congregational minister and was professor of American church history at the Hartford Seminary for many years. Recently he spent much time painting and his oil landscapes were featured at several exhibitions.

He was a director of the Tolland Library, Savings Bank of Tolland and for many years was secretary and treasurer of the Tolland Acqueduct Company.

Doctor Simpson is survived by his wife Edith (Summer) Simpson; a son, William S. Simpson; two brothers, a grandson and a great-granddaughter. Burial was in the North Cemetery, Tolland.

#### ROBERT ALLAN SQUIRE

Robert Allan Squire of Meriden died August 27, 1954. He became a member of the Society May 19, 1925. Mr. Squire was a graduate of Yale University in 1904, and was a director of the Meriden Music Association. He served as organ and choir director in churches in Hartford, Wethersfield and Middletown. In 1913 he married the former Margaret D. Welles of Wethersfield, and shortly prior to Mr. Squire's death, the couple celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. He was a member of the Hartford Choral Club, the Hartford Oratorio Society, Bruce Simond's A Cappella Choir in New Haven, and the Connecticut Chorale. He was also a member of the American Guild of Organists, the Meriden First Congregational Choir, and the Hartford University Club. Early in his career (1897) Mr. Squire was appointed by the late Senator O. H. Platt to serve as page boy in the United States Senate. He headed his own insurance, real estate and travel agency in Meriden.

Mr. Squire is survived by his wife; a brother, Roger W. Squire with whom he was associated in the insurance business; two sons, Wilbur W. Squire and Robert W. Squire, both of Meriden; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy S. Church of Meriden; four grandchildren, and two nieces and nephews.

#### MRS. FRED E. STOW (JENNIE ELSIE COWLES)

Mrs. Fred E. Stow of Haddonfield, New Jersey joined the Society as a member March 5, 1929. She was born September 4, 1867, the daughter of Burdett Elihu and Susan Burr (Carter) Cowles. She married Fred E. Stow of Stonington, and resided in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania in 1927. Mrs. Stow was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She died January 11, 1954.

#### MARY CURTIN TAYLOR

Mary Curtin Taylor of Hartford was elected to the Society as a member March 4, 1913. She was born September 19, 1874, a



daughter of Samuel and Mary (Curtin) Taylor. Miss Taylor died February 13, 1955, and is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Miss Taylor was greatly interested in historical matters, and was especially active in the restoration of Glebe House in Woodbury. She was a member of the Mark Twain Association, had been on the council of the Founder's Society of Hartford, and was early a member of the Connecticut Society of the Colonial Dames of America and the Daughters of the American Revolution. For many years she served on the board of the Episcopal Church Home and was a devoted member of the Church of Good Shepherd. At the time of her death she was a member of the board of managers of the Women's Exchange, and had been a former president of the Hartford branch of the Needlework Guild.

Miss Taylor is survived by a sister, Miss Ada Louise Taylor, of Hartford.

#### JOHN LATIMER WAY

John Latimer Way of West Hartford who became a member of the Society October 27, 1908, was born in Gilead July 1, 1860, the son of John Mirick and Elizabeth Jerusha (Welles) Way. He died at Rhode Island Hospital in Westerly, Rhode Island July 18, 1954 after a short illness.

Mr. Way was a retired vice president of the Travelers Insurance Company, and was a summer resident of Weekapaug, Rhode Island. At the time of his death he was the oldest member of the board of directors of both the Travelers Insurance Company and the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company. He joined the insurance firm at the age of eighteen, retiring some thirty years ago. He was also chairman of the executive committee, Soldiers and Sailors Campaign (insurance) council, Washington, D.C., 1917-1918, and was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Mayflower Descendants, and Founders and Patriots of America. Mr. Way was a Republican, and 32 degree Mason. On October 15, 1891 he married 1) Gertrude M. Hanmer of Wethersfield, and 2) Mildred A. E. Camp of Hartford, April 5, 1909. He leaves his widow, the former Mildred Camp; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Stedman; and a son, Frederick L. Way, all of Hartford.



## Report of Director

*Mr. President and Members of the Society:*

### *Introduction*

By almost any standard, we have just concluded a most successful year. Nearly 11,000 people visited our building and sixty-four groups met here, with a total attendance of 4,175. Our eight lectures and twelve seminars were attended by 1,300 members and friends. Catered luncheons and dinners have been most satisfactory. Cash gifts amounted to more than \$6,100 from the following donors: Charles S. Bissell, Morgan B. Brainard, Newton C. Brainard, Mrs. Newton C. Brainard, H. Bacon Collamore, Florence S. M. Crofut, Philip Hammerslough, Ward S. Jacobs, Henry R. Mallory, E. A. Moore, Charles Strickland, Edgar F. Waterman and Marjorie F. Waterman. Gifts to the library were appraised at \$15,600, with several valuable lots still to be listed. Eight exhibitions were held in the 1st floor gallery and galleries 1 and 2. Special catalogues for the William Johnston and Staffordshire China shows were issued. A total income of \$66,212.97 was received, with a return of 6.29% on the Consolidated Fund and 7.3% on the Hoadley Fund. Surplus Income was enjoyed in both General (\$3,367.05) and Building funds (\$5,743.91) which made possible wiping out the deficit of \$3,776.83 in the Robbins Fund Income. This is a very pleasant situation due to prosperous business conditions, but cannot be anticipated every year. We badly need a manuscript cataloguer, and a museum curator, which would require a minimum of \$6,000 additional income. What is minimum today may be radically changed tomorrow. Bequests included \$2,500 from Alain C. White, and \$55,535.58 from J. Coolidge Hills. From surplus, \$5,000 was transferred to General Fund Principal. Added to these figures are \$625 in admission fees, and \$850 from Life memberships, which are added to the Publication Fund Principal; and \$1,045.46 from book sales—\$500, gift from Edgar F. Waterman to the Waterman Fund; and \$487.51, final distribution of the Florence T. Gay estate—or a total added to endowment principal of \$66,583.95. Membership continued its rapid growth with 204 admitted, a present total of 1,256, and a net increase of 154.

All committees faithfully performed their duties. As usual, we are indebted to the Program Committee for a fine series of lectures. They included:

Edouard A. Stackpole: "Connecticut Whalers and Whaling"

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For our seminars, we are indebted to Paul Koda for his series on Antique Furniture. For the Collectibles series, our thanks are due to the following:

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Never before have we enjoyed such publicity as appeared in local newspapers and Magazine *Antiques*. This has much to do with the success of our lecture and seminar series.

### *Library*

Acquisitions and discoveries continue to steadily enrich our collection. One hundred and sixty-four volumes, 438 pamphlets, and 448 manuscripts were acquired during the year. Nearly 250 hours were spent unpacking. A hasty survey resulted in the discovery of a number of rare books. For example, seven editions of Baron Von Steuben's *Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the U.S.* were found (Hartford, 1779, 1782; Philadelphia,

1779; Bennington, Boston and New York, 1794; and Albany, 1803). Other military books included:

WILLIAM BRETON, *Militia Discipline*, Boston, 1773

HUMPHREY BLAND, *Abstract of Military Discipline*, Boston, 1747; and *Treatise of Military Discipline*, London, 1753

WILLIAM WINDHAM, *Plan of Exercise*, Boston, 1771; Portsmouth, 1771; and New London, 1772

These were manuals used in the colonies before Steuben. Other rarities were:

BERNARD ROMANS, *Concise Natural History of East and West Florida*, New York, 1776

WILLIAM BLIGH, *Narrative of the Mutiny on board his Britannic Majesty's ship Bounty*, Philadelphia, 1790

*Rules, Maxims and Observations of Government*, Norwich (1774)

*A Catalogue of Paintings, Prints and Medals in the Hartford Gallery of Fine Arts*, Hartford 1825

JOSEPH SCOTT, *United States Gazetteer*, Philadelphia, 1795

By purchase, the following were acquired:

WILLIAM MEIGS HAND, *T'Other Side of Ohio*, Hartford, 1818

MICHAEL WIGGLESWORTH, *Meat out of the Eater*, New London, 1770

EPHRAIM HUIT, *The Whole Prophecie of Daniel Explained*, London, 1643 and 1644

BENJAMIN CHURCH, *Liberty and Property Vindicated*, (New London), 1765

JARED INGERSOLL, *Letters relating to the Stamp Act*, New Haven, 1766

EBENEZER DEVOTION, *Examiner examined*, New London, 1766

CHAUNCEY LEE, *The American Accomptant*, with plates by A. Reed, Lansingburgh, 1797

Books presented to the Society:

BACON COLLAMORE, *Famous History of Whittington and his Cat*, Middletown, 1790

MRS. ROBERT I. LAGGREN, *American Sentinel*, Middletown, January 20-December 15, 1830

HOUGHTON BULKELEY, *Tydings from Rome*, (Cambridge, 1668)

JOHN MASON, *A Brief History of the Pequot War*, Boston, 1736

JOHN UNDERHILL, *News from America; or a New and Experimental Discoverie of New England*, London, 1638

[PHILIP VINCENT], *A True Relation of the Late Battell Fought in New England*, London, 1637

The gift of these last three volumes place the Society in select company with the John Carter Brown Library, the Henry E. Huntington Library, and the New York Public Library as proud owners of these rare books of such importance to Connecticut. Manuscripts discovered while unpacking:

Minor Heraldica ca. 1684

Samuel Gray, Justice of Peace, Windham, records 1754-1761

Windsor Inferior Court Records 1719-1734

Maps prepared by William Samuel Johnson for Mohegan Indian case

Manuscripts purchased:

Sketchbook of Daniel Wadsworth

Fishing papers of Saybrook

State House furnishings and maintenance

Newgate prison papers

Glastonbury Glass factory

Manuscripts donated:

MRS. EDMUND L. WARREN: General Railroad Commissioners Record Book, 1854-64

GRACE PEPPERDINE: Elias Williams log

MARION VIETS: Loyalist letters

JOSEPHINE S. STARR: Capt. William Starr Journal, 1764,  
Havana Expedition

Other valuable books acquired at the Bates sale were listed and described, pages 14-21, in our *Bulletin*, Volume 19, and are here omitted.

Of the group purchased, *T'Other Side of Ohio* presented an interesting problem. Errors in bibliographies often make life miserable for librarians. Once printed, this misinformation will be repeated. Thompson's bibliography of Ohio (894) lists *T'Other Side of Ohio* by J. Oldfield, published 1863, which Sabin #57154 repeats. Wegelin's *Early American Poetry* #1071 corrects the date to 1818, still crediting it to Oldfield, but does not locate a copy. The Union Catalogue locates only two copies.

The summer of 1816 was very cold throughout New England, with frost in every month. Crops were about half normal. The following winter and spring were equally severe. The War of 1812 resulted in depressed business conditions. Many families found themselves near starvation and, to escape the feeling of despair which prevailed throughout the states, thousands of New Englanders moved west, especially to Ohio.

From available evidence, a J. Oldfield, about this time, published a "Poem in Three Cantos" which described Ohio in glowing terms. It was good propaganda to entice emigrants from New England. This poem is unlocated and does not appear in Sabin, Wegelin or any other bibliography available to us.

In answer to this poem by J. Oldfield, Dr. William Meigs Hand wrote *T'Other Side of Ohio*. According to S. G. Goodrich in *Recollections of a Lifetime*, who published the pamphlet in 1818, the author was well acquainted with the region. Dr. Hand was born in Middletown, October 6, 1789, married Susan Stocking, and died July 29, 1820. At the time of his death *The Middlesex Gazette* said he was "a man whose social virtues rendered him dear to all who knew him." North's *History of Berlin, Connecticut* says that Dr. Hand practiced medicine there several years and was the author of *The House Surgeon and Physician*, published anonymously in Hartford in 1818. *Fifty Puritan Ancestors* by Elizabeth

Todd Nash reproduces a delightful miniature in ivory of Dr. Hand.

Close examination of *T'Other Side of Ohio* reveals a list of arguments in favor of Ohio as they appear in the three cantos with quotes from Oldfield's poem. In the preface, Hand states: "Our author (Oldfield), although he seems to have utterly failed in his attempts at poetry; yet in his notes has accumulated facts which should not be lost to the people of New England."

For example, in the first canto:

"A New-England wife proposes a removal to a better country, to *the pleasant land of Ohio*, where are no north east winds, and no winters; where spring and autumn are for ever blended, and summer and winter for ever banished; where are no parish taxes; and no turnpike gates; where corn grows 100 bushels to the acre if hoed, 50 if not hoed, and 25 if not planted; where whiskey is cheap; and deer as plenty as lambs in yankee pastures; . . . and where pigs grow fat without feeding. . . ."

Step by step, the arguments in favor of Ohio are blasted with warnings of unpleasant conditions enroute and on arrival, sometimes humorously, always cleverly presented.

We were delighted to acquire by purchase, from the collection of A. C. Bates, a fine copy of *T'Other Side of Ohio* which lays this ghost to rest. It corrects the earlier errors and now has us searching for the original poem. It would be good to know whether *T'Other Side of Ohio* is only a clever satire, or whether there actually was such a poem.

Mrs. Edmund L. Warren of Kensington gave us the "Record Book of the General Railroad Commissioners, July 4, 1854-June 22, 1864." This was kept by Henry Hammond, great uncle of the donor.

The act establishing the Commission was passed in 1853. It was the Commissioners' duty to keep a record of all complaints and casualties and twice a year to examine the various railroads to see that they were kept in suitable repair. Penalties were provided for non-compliance with orders by the Commissioners.

It is hard for the present generation, accustomed to the large-scale operations of the "New Haven Road", to realize that there



were fourteen independent railroad lines operating in various parts of Connecticut in 1854. These were: Hartford, New Haven & Springfield R.R.; Canal R.R.; New Haven & New London R.R.; Norwich & Worcester R.R.; Housatonic R.R.; Naugatuck R.R.; New Haven & New York R.R.; Danbury R.R.; Norfolk County R.R.; Stonington R.R.; New London, Willimantic & Palmer R.R.; Hartford, Providence & Fishkill R.R.; Middletown Branch R.R.; and Boston & New York Central R.R.

The spring and fall inspections by the Commissioners resulted in interesting criticisms and recommendations. Many of the smaller lines were hampered by poor and inadequate equipment, such as the Norwich & Worcester R.R., whose engines "are not all of first class and some of them hardly sufficient for the purposes for which they are used." In one instance, the entire rolling stock consisted of three engines and eleven cars.

Emphasis was placed on the character of employees, especially mechanics, and the officials of Hartford, New Haven & Springfield R.R. assured the Commissioners that "no operatives are employed except those who abstain from the use of ardent spirits and are fully competent to manage the different parts assigned to them."

In most cases reports on the various lines were fairly satisfactory, but the Boston & New York Central R.R. seems to have been a thorn in the flesh. On October 28, 1854 the road was inspected and "found the recommendation of the Commissioners wholly disregarded." "They [the Commissioners] have examined a portion of your road . . . and find it in an unsafe condition for a high rate of speed. We therefore recommend that you adopt a rate of speed not exceeding 14 miles per hour for all passenger trains, running over that portion of your road located within the State of Connecticut."

Those of us who are familiar with New Haven's present station will be interested to learn that "the depot at New Haven is located in the bed of what was once the Farmington Canal. It is therefore necessarily low and dark besides being too narrow for the great amount of business at that point."

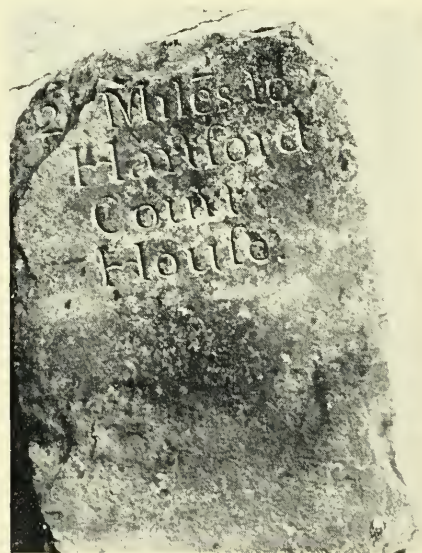
While there seem to have been no major accidents during the ten year period, a number of persons were injured or killed, mainly through their own carelessness. For instance, on September

14, 1854 "a lad named Freeman H. Keeler was killed at the Stamford Depot. He was in the act of jumping on the platform of the cars while in motion—was in the habit of this practice and had been frequently cautioned." Again, in July, 1854, "a man name unknown was found dead on the tracks of the Naugatuck Road near a flag station, supposed to have been killed by the train the evening previous. Supposed to have been intoxicated, as a rum bottle was found with him."

The volume carries us through a very important period in railroad development, recording the development of branch lines and increase in facilities for comfort and convenience of passengers. It should prove invaluable for future research in the history of transportation in Connecticut.

### *Museum*

We are handicapped in the Museum without a curator. Significant gifts have been received, but few have been processed and properly stored while awaiting exhibition. This is an irritating problem which can only be solved by an addition to our staff. Just



Milestone from Silver Lane, gift of Dr. H. B. Haylett of East Hartford

to arrange the exhibitions of William Johnston; Juvenile Books; Staffordshire China; Panoramic Views; Recent Acquisitions, Discoveries, Preservation, and Coins from the Society's collection severely taxed our staff. Such exhibitions must, however, be continued at all costs.

The Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation put in order a Winchester model 1873 rifle engraved by J. Ulrich. For this we are deeply grateful. This piece was made October, 1879 and was a presentation to General A. H. Terry, whose nephew, Alfred Howe Terry, presented it to the Society.

The Brinley family of Newington presented a splendid porcelain punch bowl formerly owned by Jeremiah Wadsworth. The case for the bowl was made by Samuel Kneeland and bears his printed label, dated August 14, 1786.

Dr. H. B. Haylett's gift of a milestone and Alexander Anderson's engraving tools was of great significance. Mrs. Haylett gave us a pair of glass communion goblets said to have been used in Groton as early as 1690. Other outstanding gifts have been described in the *Bulletin*.

Perhaps the most noteworthy accomplishment in the museum was the restoration made possible by the grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Twelve chairs were completed, a desk, table and, with the Seymour Museum Fund, a serpentine chest of drawers in the Seymour collection. Work of this type has long been needed and makes possible use of these articles which have had to be stored because of poor condition. We plan next year to have an exhibition of chairs, and so we have concentrated on them in order to have desired specimens for the exhibition in good condition. This grant also enabled us to reline and completely restore eleven paintings.

We are indebted to the following for lending specimens for our exhibitions: Dr. H. B. Haylett, Yale University Art Gallery, Dr. Arthur H. Merritt, American Antiquarian Society, New Haven Colony Historical Society, Wadsworth Atheneum, Joseph Hartman, Mrs. Edward A. Hart, Morgan B. Brainard, Philip Hammerslough, Jerome W. Blum, Rhode Island School of Design, Amherst College, Art Museum of the New Britain Institute, Lyman Allyn Museum, and Brooklyn Museum.

### *Editor*

The expansion of the *Bulletin* from eight to thirty-two pages an issue has met with good response, with two of the four issues already out of print. This expansion was initially made possible with a grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. An anonymous gift a year ago has increased income of the Publication Fund to approximately \$2,500. The estimated annual cost of the new *Bulletin* is \$3,500. A surplus of \$3,185.47 has accumulated which will permit continuation for two and possibly three years before the expense of the *Bulletin* is reflected in our budget.

The increase in size entails considerably more work, but Miss Kihn hopes eventually to be on schedule. A scarcity of contributors has increased her burden to the point where she not only must edit, but also write much of the copy.

Progress was made on Volume 29 and 30 of our *Collections*, now in galleys. Through the generosity of Henry R. Mallory, *Genealogy of the Mallorys of Virginia* was published. Its sale will augment our endowment funds.

The Publication Committee has approved the publication of Glenn Weaver's manuscript entitled "Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut's Merchant Magistrate." This is a departure from recent practice and is the first interpretive writing published in some years. It is hoped this will provide a revolving fund for other such publications and that research in Connecticut history will be stimulated by the possibility of our publishing acceptable manuscripts.

Book sales have continued well, although our list is now quite out of date; \$1,065.86 was credited to principal and \$878.18 to income, or a total sales of \$1,944.04.

### *Building*

Although care and improvement of our building is taken for granted, much time and thought is devoted to it. During the winter our superintendent made numerous repairs and repainted lavatories and the lecture hall coat room. Walks from the parking lot were installed, some shelves for the 1st level were purchased, and a tablet in memory of Curtis H. Veeder was placed in the entrance hall.

During February it was noticed that humidified air escaped through the roof of the book stack and froze. This condition has since been corrected by sealing the wall and roof joint as well as venting the overhang. If allowed to continue, a serious rotting condition would have resulted.

A sign for the fire bell was designed and executed by Cyril Hawley, and when vandals destroyed the Elizabeth Street sign, it was replaced. Ordinary maintenance was continued and both grounds and building are proof of it. Several trees were lost during the hurricanes last September, but little evidence of their ravages remain.

### *Conclusion*

We closed our report last year with the warning that to equal or surpass it in gifts and accessions would be next to impossible. In my opinion we have exceeded last year. It has reached the point where pride in the Society does not permit any slackening of efforts, or allow other institutions to acquire things we should have, no matter the cost. This was particularly illustrated with the response to our appeal for funds to use at the Bates sale. We not only secured contributions but, for the first time, the Standing Committee made surplus funds available for acquisitions.

The need of an auditorium has been recognized and one seating nearly 300 persons will soon be erected.

We still have unsolved problems, the most vexing of which are shortage of staff and lack of funds for acquisition purposes. Few apparently appreciate these problems and little progress has been made. The solution, of course, is in increased endowment which will come, but in the meantime we are harassed and embarrassed because we cannot absorb manuscript and museum acquisitions promptly.

We are extremely grateful that so many of our funds are unrestricted, and now that the Standing Committee has seen fit to allocate surplus funds for acquisitions, lack of specific funds for this purpose may no longer be a problem, depending entirely upon the size of our surplus.

Respectfully,

THOMPSON R. HARLOW, *Director*



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*Rosamond Allen, St. Petersburg, Fla.*

Letters to and from Samuel Wyllys, of Hartford, and other family letters (39).

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Copy of 1855 census of Tompkins, Delaware County, N.Y.

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Saunders family, parts I and II.

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*Virginia N. Black, Hartford.*

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*Mrs. John Bogan, Lincoln, Nebr.*

Fragments of deeds and documents concerning early Hartford.

*Newton C. Brainard, Hartford.*

Letters and shipping papers, mostly of the sloop "Mary Ann" with receipts and accounts of Capt. Timothy Shailler (12).

"Eliphalet and Aaron Chapin, Cabinetmakers." (typescript)

*Caroline Bunce, Providence, R.I.*

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*Theora J. Bunnell, Baltimore, Md.*

Letter concerning the Chicago fire, Oct. 14, 1871.

*Edward P. Cody, Wethersfield.*

Additions to 1950 chart of the Biddle, DeHaven, Cody families.

- Mrs. Edward W. Davis, Minneapolis, Minn.*  
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- Mrs. Myron Dollison, David City, Nebr.*  
Sanderson family; copy of family record book of J. J. Sanderson.
- Edmund E. Freeman, West Hartford.*  
Pension application of Eriah Freeman of Mansfield, Conn. and Lebanon, N.H.
- Margaret Fuller, Norwich.*  
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- Philip C. Harmany, Clarkston, Ill.*  
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- Edith Davidson Harris, Walpole, N.H.*  
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- Mrs. Carle B. Hayward, Quincy, Mass.*  
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- Mrs. Don Kelty, Temple City, Calif.*  
Genealogical notes on the Bryan family.

*Robert Kramer, West Hartford.*

Report of operations, Grant's campaign against Richmond and St. Petersburg, 1st Connecticut Volunteers, Army of the Potomac.

*Mrs. Raymond H. Miller, Waterbury.*

The march of Rochambeau's army. (2 notebooks)

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*Mary A. Moulthrop, Rochester, N.Y.*

Lincoln lineage, with Mason, Denison, Bingham and Abbe connections.

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Chapman family notes; continuation of line of #3381 in F. W. Chapman's genealogy.

*Harry E. Pratt, Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, Ill.*

Letter from Caroll Atwood Nettleton, Chicago, June 24, 1911, concerning genealogy.

Letters to and from Dr. Charles Nettleton, residing in Dutch Settlement, La., 1828-1851.

*William M. Robbins, New Haven.*

Robbins family in England and America; Wethersfield branch.

*Hanaford E. Shepard, Kansas City, Mo.*

Descendants of Ralph Shepard. (133 pp. mimeograph)

*Harriet Scofield, Cleveland, Ohio.*

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*Josephine S. Starr, Northampton, Mass.*

Journal of Capt. William Starr, of Middletown, who died at sea during the Havana Expedition, 1764.

Letters from William Starr Myers of Princeton to Caleb Starr of Durand, Ill., 1908. (4)

*Mabel Lee Starr, New Milford.*

Approval of E. C. Starr's appointment as pastor, Oct. 7, 1869, signed by various pastors.

Asa Lay, a son's recollections of his father (copy by E. E. Starr) and another copy with genealogical notes of the Lay family in back.

Autograph of Steuben Lay, son of Asa Lay, 1852.

Letters of the Hubbard, Wright and Lay families, 1779-1844 (5).

Letters of the Lay family, Batavia, N.Y. and Guilford, Conn., 1897-1902 (20).

Miscellaneous letters concerning genealogy. (33)

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- Mrs. Alfred H. Terry, Hadlyme.*  
Genealogical charts (2) of the Lyman family.
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Day book of Porter C. Dodge, Southbridge, Mass.
- Edgar F. Waterman, Hartford.*  
Account book of Heman Day Ely, 1858-1862.  
Account book, unidentified, 1837-1842 (part of it made into a scrap-book).  
Composition books of Heman D. Ely.  
Notes on Albert C. Bates, compiled by Helen (Kidder) Greenaway.  
Penmanship books of W. F. Tuttle, 1826-1827.
- Katharine H. Wead, Hartford.*  
Samuel Clark Wead and Mary Kasson Wead of Malone, N.Y. (typescript)
- Katherine V. Welch, Zanesville, Ohio.*  
Letters and orders to Capt. John Ventres, 1777-1778.  
List of men from Haddam in the Continental Army, Nov. 12, 1779.
- Mrs. C. W. Wester, Eugene, Ore.*  
Brief notes on the Burnham family.
- Lee Jay Whittles, Glastonbury.*  
Records of School District #5, Chatham (Portland).
- Charles A. Williams, Claremont, Calif.*  
Memorandum and account book of Nathaniel Clark Lewis, 1841-1887, with vital statistics on page 26.
- Mrs. William S. Wise, West Hartford.*  
Miscellaneous receipts of Michael Seymour, Hartford, 1835-37.
- Purchase.*  
Account book of Philemon Herman, cabinetmaker, of Plymouth or Harwinton.  
Account book of Sidney V. Wilcox, 1837.

Brainard Academy accounts, Haddam.  
 Daybook of Adams Express Co., New Britain, 1815-32.  
 Documents relating to Connecticut River fishing rights; petitions of Mohegans and Niantics, William Lynde and Thomas Day.  
 Indian Abraham, drunk, Norwich, Mar. 11, 1743.  
 Kimberly account book, Plymouth, with miscellaneous correspondence and deeds.  
 Letters from Benjamin Silliman to "Sister" (Mrs. Daniel) Wadsworth, Sept. 8, 1811 and June 12, 1820.  
 Letters to Ebenezer Goodale of Glastonbury, 1807-1820, from out-of-state settlers (16).  
 Newgate Prison accounts, ca. 1792 (20) and ca. 1813 (41).  
 Shipping accounts of Henry S. Tyler of Haddam.  
 Sketch book of Daniel Wadsworth of Hartford.  
 State House furniture cash accounts and receipts of Kneeland & Adams, ca. 1796 (30).  
 Windham account book, 1836.

### PRINTED GENEALOGIES

Allen, Brewster, Briggs, Clark-Badgley, Dunham-Shew, Emison, Engleman, Foote, Gilbert (2), Hatfield, Hazelton, Keator, Kinne, Marsh, Meek, Norcross, Parker-Pond-Peek, Pelton, Sabine, Sampson, Sumner, Terry, Thurber, Warbasse, Waterman III, Way, Zinc.

### MANUSCRIPT GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Alden, Biddle (chart), Brooks, Brown, Bryan, Burnham, Case, Chapman, Davis-Adams, DeHaven, Edson-Taylor-Adams, Ferris, Griswold, Hinckley-Hills-Bentley, House, Lay, Lincoln, Lyman (chart), McDuffee, Peabody, Post, Robbins, Sanderson, Saunders, Shank-Rogers, Shepard, Stillman, Starr, Sutton, Waterman, Wead.

### BIBLE RECORDS

Blackman-Birdsey-Curtis, Case, Litchfield-Soule-Church.

### MUSEUM DONORS

Allen, Rosamond	Davis, Mrs. J. H. K.
Boatner, Mrs. Edmund B.	Garniss, William R.
Bolles, B. W.	Goodwin, James L.
Brainard, Newton C.	Haddon, Rawson W.
Brinley family	Hall, Mrs. George R.
Bulkeley, William H.	Hammerslough, Philip H.
Bulkeley, Houghton	Haylett, Dr. H. B.
Bunnell, Theora J.	Haylett, Mrs. H. B.
Chapman, Howard	Holcombe, Mrs. John M.
Chiquoine, Mrs. A. D., Jr.	Holmes, Marion
Clapp, Grace L.	Hicks, Elizabeth

Jacobs, Ward S.  
 Breck, Lewis S.  
 Misses Agnes A. and Mabel O.  
 Ripley  
 Royce, Helen E.  
 Saaf, Henry K.  
 Spencer, Martha L.

Taylor, Caroline B.  
 Terry, Alfred H.  
 Waterfall, Helena G.  
 Waterman, Edgar F.  
 White, Howard J.  
 Whittier, Horace R.  
 Willard, Howard A.

## MUSEUM ACCESSIONS

basket, Indian	furs, set of	portrait, oil (2)
bedsocks	gaiters	punch bowl and case
bib	gloves, pair	purse (6)
bier	handkerchief	relic (9)
billy (2)	hair, lock of	rifle
blanket	hat box	sampler
bodice	hardware (3)	sander
bonnet (2)	helmet	shoes (5 pair)
box (2)	jug, Slipware	skirt (4)
bracelet (2)	jug, Stoneware (2)	slate
buckle, shoe	knife, pocket (2)	sled (2)
bust, terracotta	lamp	snuff box
button, souvenir (115)	lithograph (45)	souvenirs (37 items)
canteen	locket	spectacles (2)
card case	material, sample (5)	stationery
cards, Scripture	medal (3)	steelyard (2)
chair, child's	mezzotint	stockings (8 pair)
chalice	milestone	sugar tongs
chandelier	muff	tablecloth
coat (7)	napkin ring, silver (2)	tea set, toy
coin (8)	needlework (3)	toaster
communion goblet (2)	nightcap	tool, engraving (3)
counter	ornament, china	towel, linen
cup and saucer, Staffordshire	paper dolls	toy (8)
decanter (2)	parasol	tray cloth
door knocker	pepper pot	tunic
dress (6)	petticoat (3)	veil (3)
dress, child's (2)	photograph (45)	waffle iron
drum	plate	wrapping paper
flag	plate, Staffordshire	
flax	porringer, pewter	

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*Summary of Financial Report of  
 Allerton C. Hickmott, Treasurer*

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Endowment Funds designated General Expense	\$322,938.03	\$ 17,388.44
Charles G. Woodward Trust .....		5,973.26
Annual Dues .....		2,890.00
Miscellaneous .....		363.62
Genealogical Loan .....		5.00



Gifts .....		6,100.00
Endowment Funds designated Building Expense	340,000.91	24,584.36
Endowment Funds designated Library .....	23,160.85	1,435.35
Special Funds, Ancient Vital Records .....		20.40
State Appropriation .....		1,000.00
Reserves .....		1,491.65
Restricted Funds		
Publication Fund, <i>Bulletin</i> .....	37,481.23	2,473.21
Anonymous Museum Fund .....	1,269.58	27.42
Hungerford Fund .....	2,000.00	125.82
Seymour Museum Fund .....	25,117.49	1,580.12
Welles Fund .....	514.57	30.40
From Sales:		
Duplicates .....		675.00
Publication Fund Surplus Income .....		48.92
Total Endowment .....	<u>\$752,482.66</u>	
Total Income .....		<u>\$ 66,212.97</u>

*ADDED TO PRINCIPAL*

From Sales:		
Barbour Fund .....	\$ 6.50	
Brainard Fund .....	23.89	
Hoadly Fund .....	19.20	
Library-Museum Fund .....	117.91	
Publication Fund .....	26.65	
Putnam Fund .....	7.34	
Russell Fund .....	6.68	
Shepard Fund .....	2.34	
Waterman Fund .....	853.35	
Welles Fund .....	2.00	
from Income .....	<u>30.40</u>	
		\$ 1,085.86
Bequests		
Alain C. White .....	\$ 2,500.00	
J. Coolidge Hills .....	\$ 55,535.58	
Florence T. Gay .....	\$ 487.51	
Gifts		
Edgar F. Waterman, Waterman Fund .....	\$ 500.00	
Publication Fund Principal		
Admissions .....	625.00	
Life Memberships .....	850.00	
Transferred Surplus to General Fund .....	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total added to principal .....		<u>\$ 66,583.95</u>

ENDOWMENT FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR GENERAL EXPENSES

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Albert C. Bates Fund, established by gift in 1906	\$ 1,323.70*	\$ 25.58
Silas Chapman, Jr. Fund, bequest November, 1926	68,500.00	4,309.28
Sophia F. Coe Fund, bequest April, 1916	1,050.00	66.06
Wilbur L. Cross Fund, established in December, 1947 by gift from an anonymous donor	100.00	6.29
George Henry Fitts Fund in memory of Colonel Thomas Knowlton, bequest January, 1925	10,000.00	629.09
General Fund, established in 1849	17,308.67	693.18
James J. Goodwin Fund, established in October, 1915 by Mrs. James J. Goodwin in memory of her husband	20,000.00	1,258.18
E. Stevens Henry Fund, bequest February, 1922	550.00	34.60
Jonas Coolidge Hills Fund, trust established by will in 1913, terminated 1954	55,535.58	1,239.41
James B. Hosmer Fund, bequest September, 1878	5,000.00	314.55
Dr. William Ward Knight Fund, bequest December, 1923	8,000.00	503.27
Francis T. Maxwell Fund, bequest March, 1942	5,000.00	314.55
Henry L. Miller Fund, bequest of Annie C. Miller in 1943 in memory of her father	4,182.43	263.11
Charles Morris Mills Fund in memory of Jonathan Flynt Morris, bequest 1951	500.00	31.45
Edward B. Peck Fund, bequest October, 1928	32,500.00	2,044.55
William H. Putnam Fund, derived from sales of <i>The Two Putnams</i>	289.32	17.74
Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Fund, bequest in 1909 of \$3,000 and bequest of Mrs. Russell in 1922 of \$5,000	8,000.00	503.27
James Shepard Fund, bequest in 1929 with additions from sale of books given for the purpose	1,838.87	115.55
Edwin Simons Fund, bequest December, 1915	5,400.00	339.71
Grace F. Smith Fund, bequest in 1950	5,000.00	314.55
Jane T. Smith Fund, bequest in 1930	1,000.00	62.91
Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fund, bequest in 1939	10,000.00	629.09
Mary K. Talcott Fund, bequest in 1920	6,100.00	383.75
Mabel C. Tuller Fund, bequest in 1951	5,000.00	314.55
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	629.09
Edgar F. Waterman Fund, established by gift in		

\* Deposited in savings bank.

Remainder of above funds are invested in the Consolidated investment fund, the income from which is apportioned in accordance with the capital amount of the various funds.

1947 with additions from sale of books given for the purpose .....	8,259.46	457.81
Alain C. White Fund, established 1954, partial receipt of bequest in 1951 .....	2,500.00	
Albion B. Wilson Fund, bequest in 1951 .....	10,000.00	629.09
Charles G. Woodward Fund, bequest in 1950 ..	20,000.00	1,258.18
	<u>\$322,938.03</u>	<u>\$ 17,388.44</u>
Income from Funds designated for General Expenses .....		17,388.44
Publication Fund Income, <i>Bulletin</i> .....		280.57
Annual Dues .....		2,890.00
Miscellaneous Income .....		363.62
Income from Charles G. Woodward Trust ....		5,973.26
Income from Genealogical Loan Collection ....		5.00
From Reserves .....		2,750.00
Total Income .....		<u>\$ 29,650.89</u>

## EXPENSES

<i>GENERAL EXPENSES</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Bank Fee .....	\$ 1,868.21	
Binding .....	290.63	
Meetings and miscellaneous .....	1,870.92	
Photostats .....	160.14	
Postage and Stationery .....	965.15	
Printing .....	1,612.65	
Salaries .....	18,114.00	
Social Security .....	196.24	
Library supplies .....	<u>925.33</u>	
Total General Expenses .....		<u>\$ 26,283.84</u>
Surplus		<u>\$ 3,367.05</u>
Surplus 1954		<u>9,246.91</u>
		<u>\$12,613.96</u>
Transferred Bates sale .....	\$ 1,774.50	
General Fund Principal .....	5,000.00	
Robbins overdraft .....	<u>3,776.83</u>	
		<u>\$10,551.33</u>
Balance 4/30/55		<u>\$ 2,062.63</u>

## *ENDOWMENT FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR BUILDING EXPENSES*

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
George E. Hoadley Fund, bequest in 1922 .....	\$308,700.91	\$ 22,615.30
George Dudley Seymour Endowment Fund, bequest in 1945 .....	<u>31,300.00</u>	<u>1,969.06</u>
Total .....	<u>\$340,000.91</u>	<u>\$ 24,584.36</u>

*BUILDING EXPENSES*

Bank Fee .....	\$ 1,087.96	
A.D.T. Service .....	848.77	
Fuel .....	1,241.45	
Gas .....	54.47	
Insurance .....	401.53	
Electricity .....	1,478.59	
Repairs .....	737.22	
Supplies .....	392.23	
Water .....	18.00	
Equipment .....	408.56	
Grounds .....	1,027.70	
Miscellaneous .....	113.42	
Telephone .....	227.03	
Salaries .....	10,674.50	
Social Security .....	129.02	
Total Building Expenses .....		\$ 18,840.45
Surplus		\$ 5,743.91
Surplus 1954		2,984.82
		8,728.73
Less non-budget items		1,481.46
Balance 4/30/55		\$ 7,247.27

*ENDOWMENT FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR LIBRARY*

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Lucius B. Barbour Fund, derived from the sale of Manwaring's <i>Early Connecticut Probate Records</i> .....	\$ 823.81	\$ 51.65
William F. J. Boardman Fund, derived from sale of copies of <i>Boardman Genealogy, Wethersfield Inscriptions, Boardman Ancestry</i> and <i>Greenleaf Ancestry</i> .....	1,137.93	71.59
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. ....	2,659.92	166.08
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> .....	238.75	15.02
Florence T. Gay Fund, bequest in 1953 for the care and increase of the Julius Gay collection of Farmington manuscripts .....	1,889.51	105.80

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</i> <i>State of Connecticut</i> .....	3,740.94	234.71
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 .....	672.44	36.05
Horace E. Mather Fund, bequest in December, 1933 by Lucy O. Mather in memory of her father .....	5,000.00	314.55
Jonathan Flynt Morris Fund, derived from sales of <i>Morris Register</i> presented by the daughters of Mr. Morris .....	150.40	9.46
Thomas Robbins Fund, bequest in 1856 by the Society's first Librarian .....	6,580.63	413.98
Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Book Fund, derived from sale of <i>Descendants of John Russell</i> .....	266.52	16.46
	<u>\$ 23,160.85</u>	<u>\$ 1,435.35</u>

#### SPECIAL FUNDS

Ancient Vital Records Funds es-  
tablished by subscription in 1907  
for publishing town records

Balance 1954 .....	\$ 238.48
Sales of books .....	20.40

Balance 4/30/55 \$ 258.88

State Appropriation for publishing  
purposes

Balance 1954 .....	\$ 3,753.01
Appropriation .....	1,000.00

\$ 4,753.01

*Collections*, Vol. 28 .....

2,491.65 \$ 2,261.36

#### BALANCE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS INCOME

Publication Fund, derived from sale  
of publications and admission fees,  
and life memberships

Balance 1954 .....	\$ 975.23
Book sales .....	183.18
Interest .....	2,290.03

\$ 3,448.44

*Bulletin*, and expenses .....

286.74 \$ 3,161.70

Publication Fund Surplus Income	
Balance 1954 .....	\$ 1,786.21
Gift H. R. Mallory .....	1,450.00
Interest .....	28.92
Net sales .....	51.59
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Balance 4 30 '55	\$ 3,316.72
Anonymous Museum Fund	
Balance 1954 .....	\$ 1,097.08
Interest .....	27.42
Accumulated interest .....	145.08
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Balance 4/30/54	\$ 1,269.58
Newman C. Hungerford Fund, for care and increase of coin collection	
Balance 1954 .....	\$ 105.70
Interest .....	125.82
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Medal .....	\$ 231.52
	2.00
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Balance 4/30/55	\$ 229.52
Seymour Museum Fund	
Balance 1954 .....	\$ 2,624.08
Income .....	1,580.12
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Repairs .....	\$ 4,204.20
	122.88
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Balance 4/30/55	\$ 4,081.32
Welles Fund Income available when \$600 has accumulated	
Balance 1954 .....	\$ 482.17
Sale of books .....	2.00
Income .....	30.40
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Amount of Fund 4/30/55 .	\$ 514.57

ALLERTON C. HICKMOTT,  
*Treasurer.*

The account of the Treasurer with securities shown therein has been examined by me and found correct.

HAROLD G. HOLCOMBE,  
SAMUEL P. WILLIAMS,  
*Auditors.*





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