

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1867.

THE Society held its annual meeting this day, Thursday, April 11, 1867, at eleven o'clock, A.M.; the President, the Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

After the reading of the Records by the Recording Secretary, the President remarked, that the business of the monthly meeting would be transacted before that of the annual meeting was entered upon.

The Librarian announced donations from the Department of State of the United States; the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the Chicago Historical Society; the Long-Island Historical Society; the Mercantile-Library Company of Philadelphia; the New-England Historic-Genealogical Society; the New-York State Agricultural Society; the Trustees of the Public Library of Taunton; the Editors of the "Advocate;" the Publisher of the Savannah "Daily Republican;" John Appleton, M.D.;

Messrs. Belding, Keith, and Company; William Allen Butler, Esq.; Mr. Andrew Cushing; Mr. Henry B. Dawson; George Hannah, Esq.; Charles H. Hart, Esq.; Adjutant-General John F. Hodsdon, of Maine; Benjamin P. Johnson, Esq.; Thomas S. Kirkbride, M.D.; Mrs. George Livermore; Hon. Alexander H. Rice; Hon. Charles Sumner; Mrs. Joseph E. Worcester; and from Messrs. E. Ames, Ellis, Green, Latham, C. Robbins, J. M. Robbins, Waterston, and Winthrop, of the Society.

J. Anthony Froude, F.S.A., of London, and Leopold Von Ranke, of Berlin, were elected Honorary Members; and Messrs. Charles C. Smith and George S. Hale, of Boston, were elected Resident Members.

The annual Reports of the Standing Committee, of the Librarian, of the Treasurer, and of the Cabinet-keeper, were laid before the meeting. These were accepted and referred to the Committee on the publication of the Proceedings. Mr. Salisbury, from the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts, certified their correctness.

The Annual Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee beg leave, in compliance with the By-laws of the Society, to make their Annual Report.

They congratulate the Society on its present prosperous condition, and would express their gratitude for the numerous blessings which have, during the past year, so signally marked its progress.

The past history of the Society has been so creditable that it gives great pleasure to assure its members, that at no time has it been in a more satisfactory condition than now.

The rooms have been visited, and the valuable library consulted, by a far larger number than ever before. Indeed, the constantly increasing demand upon the treasures here contained, proves in the most striking way the wisdom of the founders of the Society. In our growing country, the taste for historical literature rapidly increases; and it is naturally to this repository, the library of the oldest historical society in the country, that the student and the author must resort for materials, oftentimes only to be found here. The meetings of the Society have been well attended the past year, and great interest has been evinced in the proceedings. Most valuable contributions have been made, which will duly appear in the forthcoming volume.

We have to record the death of three of our Resident Members, namely:— George R. Russell, Esq., Dr. Thomas H. Webb, and the venerable Dr. Jenks; as well as of six Honorary and Corresponding Members, namely, Lt.-Gen. Winfield Scott, the Hon. Lewis Cass, Theodore Dwight, Esq., the Rev. Dr. Hawks, the Hon. Elijah Hayward, and the Right Rev. George Burgess; all of whom were appropriately noticed by the President and various members of the Society.

One Resident and five Honorary and Corresponding Members have been elected during the year.

The Committee have made the usual examination of the Library, and find the same in excellent condition. The Report of the Librarian will state the number of volumes, manuscripts, and pamphlets it now contains, as well as the valuable donations which have been received during the year, from members and friends of the Society. It would be proper here to refer to the want of shelf-room for our books. Nearly one thousand volumes are at the present time without any proper accommodation. This is a trite subject of complaint, but calls loudly for immediate attention. As the pressing wants of the Society are, from time to time, provided for by earnest friends and generous benefactors, means will be

found, we trust, for making this small but very necessary addition, before another annual meeting. The Committee would also refer to the urgent necessity of an inventory or shelf-catalogue, by which the presence of each article may be summarily ascertained, so that the annual examination by the Committee shall serve as a perfect quittance and discharge to those who have had official charge of the Collections of the Society.

The Treasurer, in his Report, will show that the Society is out of debt; and will present a satisfactory condition of its property, and of the various funds so liberally bestowed upon it by its benefactors.

The sale of the publications of the Society has been, by a recent arrangement with Messrs. Wiggin & Lunt, placed in their hands; and it is hoped that this will prove a more effectual mode of disposing of them.

The Cabinet-keeper, in his Report, will show the condition of the portraits and other objects of interest in his department. At the meeting in November, the President made the announcement that he was, *ex officio*, nominated one of the Trustees of the American Museum of Archæology and Ethnology by the munificent founder thereof; and, at a subsequent meeting, on the application of the curator, it was voted to deposit in that museum such articles of archæological interest as were contained in the Society's cabinet, preserving an accurate list of the same, as the property of the Society. A large quantity of such specimens will now therefore be transferred to a more appropriate place, where they will shake off the accumulated dust of half a century, and instruct the student in this hitherto neglected field of learning.

The Recording Secretary of the Society, Mr. Deane, availing himself of the announced assemblage of the Archæological Congress at Antwerp, took the occasion to visit Europe for several months, and was, with the Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Pea-

body, accredited as Delegate from this Society to that Congress. Although disappointed in the special object of his visit, he returned laden with the fruits of his most interesting excursion, and has freely contributed to the Society from his interesting collection of historical lore. His recently published edition of Captain Smith's "True Relation" shows, too, his zeal and industry.

But not our Secretary alone has done honor to the Society. The Treasurer, Mr. Frothingham, in his "Life of Warren," and our associate, Mr. Parkman, in his "Pioneers of France in the New World," have done their full share in the honorable field of History. And last, though not least, our President has faithfully illustrated and handed down to posterity in living colors the life of his noble ancestor, John Winthrop, in a second volume, more interesting even than the first.

The last volume of Mr. Bancroft, and the announcement by Mr. Allibone to the President of the completion of his Dictionary of Authors, show that our Honorary and Corresponding Members have not been idle.

May each successive year produce a similar harvest.

The prospect before the Society at the commencement of the year was somewhat gloomy. The enhanced cost of paper and printing had apparently rendered it imperative to cease all effort at publishing the Collections or the Proceedings.

The first ray of sunshine was the generous donation, by two of our associates, of five hundred dollars each, to be added to the Historical Trust Fund. This was soon followed by the noble gift of twenty thousand dollars from our Honorary Member, George Peabody, Esq., of London, the income of which is to be devoted to the publication and illustration of the Proceedings and the Memoirs, and to the preservation of the historical portraits; a gift so timely, so wisely directed, that now, with the income of the Appleton Fund and that of the Peabody Fund, the Society may hope never to be delayed

from printing important material already stored in its archives, or contributed at its stated meetings.

Resolutions expressing the deep gratitude of the Society to the generous donor of this fund, and the purpose on its part to devote more earnest and faithful labor, were adopted by the Society, and will appear in the forthcoming volume of Proceedings.

Incipient measures have been taken to procure a bust of Mr. Peabody, in accordance with a vote passed by the Society.

The hope has been expressed, that, at a future day, not far distant, the Society may be able to occupy the lower room (now leased to a Savings Bank), and thus have ample accommodation for the library, portraits, and cabinet. This building, so centrally situated, overlooking, as it does, the graves of the Fathers, would then be devoted to the one great purpose for which the Society was instituted.

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL,
Chairman.

Annual Report of the Librarian.

The donations to the library, the past year, have been 5,639, namely:—

Printed Books	369
Pamphlets	3,676
Bound volumes of Newspapers	5
Newspapers, unbound	1,233
Manuscript volumes	8
Other Manuscripts	180
Broadsides	105
Maps	43
Plans	2
Charts	9
Fac-simile of a Manuscript	1
“ Confederate ” Bonds	8
	<u>5,639</u>

The number of books taken out is not large. A few of them have been retained longer than the by-laws authorize; and the attention of the members of the Society has been called to the rule, which requires the return of every volume before the annual examination. The privilege of keeping books out longer than the time specified in the rule can be granted, upon application, by the Standing Committee; but discretion might well be left with the Librarian to determine, both when it should be allowed, and when it is abused. The members who use the books are few in number, and the greatest latitude, consistent with the Rules, should be allowed them, where they are employed upon tasks to facilitate which this Society was established. The books are in safe hands: but two or three volumes have been lost during many years, and not one since the last Report.

In order to ascertain the precise number of volumes in the library, a careful count has been made, and the number on each shelf noted and preserved for future reference.

The aggregate of the Dowse Collection in this	
apartment, is	4,650
In the middle room	5,915
In the Librarian's room	469
In the upper large room	4,356
In the upper small room	906
Of Manuscripts	1,001
Of Newspapers	714
In all, at this date, April 1, 1867	<u>18,011</u>

The whole number of pamphlets unbound is believed to exceed twenty-three thousand. It seemed hardly worth the labor to count them for our present purpose, as many of them are in piles or parcels not easily accessible. In classifying them, as is proposed, as soon as opportunity offers, this count can be effected with less difficulty.

After the exact number of separate volumes, pamphlets, maps, and other articles is ascertained, a tabular statement, perfected each year by adding the accessions, will exhibit, after any long period, the progressive growth of the library; and, with the help of the shelf-lists hereinbefore mentioned greatly lighten the toil of examination.

It would not be doing justice to the pressing wants of the Society, were no reference made to the fact, that our accessions depend mainly upon donations and exchanges; and that we have no means to procure current historical publications. The library would be more used, and consequently more valuable, if, by finding in it recent works, members were tempted to have recourse to it for its other treasures. A moderate fund left to accumulate, would in time enable our successors to supply deficiencies now seriously felt in nearly every department.

THOMAS C. AMORY,
Librarian.

April 11, 1867.

Annual Report of the Treasurer.

GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL, 1867.

DEBITS.

Balance of account of 1866	\$1,366.31
John Appleton, salary	999.96
George Arnold	699.97
Insurance	187.50
Incidental expenses	307.44
City of Boston, Tax	845.00
Printing	396.92
Binding	113.10
Repairs	25.38
Coal	91.00
Appleton Fund	732.18
Sears Fund	266.15
Nathaniel Thayer	1,000.00
	<u>\$7,030.91</u>

CREDITS.

Suffolk Savings Institution, rent	\$2,200.00
Suffolk Savings Institution, tax	845.00
Sales of Society's Publications	612.16
Copyright on sales of "Life of John Q. Adams"	34.20
Assessments	385.50
Admission Fees	20.00
Sundries	2.05
David Sears, subscription to the Mass. Hist. Trust-Fund	500.00
Nathaniel Thayer, subscription to the Mass. Hist. Trust-Fund	500.00
Nathaniel Thayer, borrowed	1,000.00
Balance to new account	932.00
	<u>\$7,030.91</u>

THE APPLETON FUND.

This Fund consisted of ten thousand dollars, presented to the Society, Nov. 18, 1854, by the executors of the will of the late Samuel Appleton, on the condition that its income be applied to the purchase, preservation, and publication of historical material. It was received from the executors in ten shares of manufacturing stocks. These stocks were sold in February and March, 1863, and the net proceeds, amounting to twelve thousand two hundred and three dollars, were invested in the real estate of the Society, according to the Declaration of Trust on file, and recorded in the Register of Deeds' office, book 827, p. 63. Volumes three, four, five, and six, of the Fourth Series of the Society's Collections, were printed from the income of this fund, and the strictly historical portions of the volumes of the Proceedings of the Society for 1862-63, and for 1864-65.

Account ending April, 1867.

DEBITS.

John Appleton, preparing papers	\$183.37
Thomas Aspinwall, copying	30.33
John Wilson and Son, printing historical portion of the Proceedings of 1864-65	1,034.50
Balance to new account	245.64
	<u>\$1,493.84</u>

CREDITS.

Balance of Account of 1866	\$761.66
One year's Interest of the Fund	732.18
	<u>\$1,493.84</u>

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL TRUST-FUND.

This fund was originally two thousand dollars, presented to the Society by Hon. David Sears, by an instrument dated October 15, 1855, and accepted November 8, 1855. This provides that the income is to be added to the principal annually, between July and January, to form a new investment; but in any year before such investment the Society may, by vote, expend the income for such purposes as may be required; or it may, by vote, expend the accumulations of the income, in whole or in part, towards the purchase or improvement of the premises belonging to the Society; "or in the purchase of works of art or desirable objects:" provided that in no case whatever "the original trust-sum be encroached upon or diminished." By a vote of the Society, the sum of five hundred dollars was paid, July 5, 1859, from the accumulation, in aid of paying the debt incurred by the purchase of the estate which the Society owns. No other expenditure has been authorized to be made from the accumulation of this fund. On the 26th of December, 1866, the principal was increased by a subscription, by the Hon. David Sears, of five hundred dollars, and by Nathaniel Thayer, Esq., of five hundred dollars, which makes the principal of the fund three thousand dollars.

The accumulations of income, with the interest cast to September 1, 1866, amount to \$1,016.72.

Account ending September 1, 1866.

DEBITS.	
Balance to new Account	\$.1,016.72
	<u>\$1,016.72</u>
CREDITS.	
Balance of old Account	\$750.57
Interest due on the Fund	266.15
	<u>\$1,016.72</u>

THE PEABODY FUND.

This fund was presented to the Society by George Peabody, Esq., in a letter dated January 1, 1867, inclosing an order for \$20,000 in 10-40 coupon bonds, and providing that they or their proceeds shall be held by the Society as "a permanent trust-fund, of which the income shall be appropriated to the publication and illustration of their Proceedings and Memoirs, and to the preservation of their Historical Portraits." This trust was accepted, by a vote of the Society, January 10, 1867. The coupon bonds have been exchanged for two United-States 10-40 bonds of \$10,000 each, registered in the name of the Society, dated January 12, 1867, and numbered 9,904 and 9,905, with the interest payable in Boston.

Account to April, 1867.

DEBITS.

Paid John Wilson and Son for Paper	\$305.76
Balance	<u>390.49</u>
	<u>\$696.25</u>

CREDITS.

By Six Months' Interest	\$696.25
	<u>\$696.25</u>

THE DOWSE FUND.

This fund, of ten thousand dollars, was presented to the Society, April, 1857, by the executors of the will of the late Thomas Dowse; and it was invested in a note signed by Edward Hyde and O. W. Watris, and secured by a mortgage on real estate. This note was paid on the 7th of April, 1863; and the whole fund was then invested in the real estate of the Society. The income of this fund is included in the rent received from the Suffolk Savings Bank; and the expenditure is included in salaries paid to the Assistant Librarian and to Mr. Arnold, who are employed in the care of the Dowse Library.

PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY.

The Estate on Tremont Street. — The Society purchased, March 6, 1833, of the Provident Institution for Savings, the second story, and one-half of the attic story, of this building, for \$6,500; and on the 13th of March, 1856, the remainder of the interest of that institution, for \$35,000. A portion of this was paid by subscription; and, for the remainder, the Society mortgaged the whole estate to the Suffolk Savings-Bank for Seamen and Others for \$27,500. This mortgage was discharged on the 7th of April, 1863. The payments of the note have been as follows: Two thousand dollars from the legacy of Miss Mary P. Townsend; sixteen hundred dollars from the legacy of the late Nathaniel I. Bowditch; five hundred dollars from the Historical Trust-Fund; twelve thousand two hundred and three dollars from the net proceeds of the sale of stocks of the Appleton Fund; ten thousand dollars from the note of Hyde and Watris, constituting the Dowse Fund; and the balance, eleven hundred and ninety-seven dollars, from a donation by the late Hon. William Sturgis, to enable the Society to discharge the mortgage. The lower floor is rented to the Suffolk Savings Bank for fifteen years from March 1, 1856, at an annual rent of \$2,200.

The Library, Paintings, and Cabinet. — The library consists of about thirteen thousand three hundred bound volumes and twenty-three thousand pamphlets.

The Society's Publications. — These consist of the thirty-seven volumes of the Collections, six volumes of Proceedings, and two volumes of the Catalogue, — making nearly seventy-six hundred volumes, which are for sale.

The Appleton Fund, of ten thousand dollars; *The Massachusetts Historical Trust-Fund*, of three thousand dollars; *The Dowse Fund*, of ten thousand dollars, — all invested in the real estate of the Society, as explained above in this Report.

The Peabody Fund. — Invested in two registered United-

States 10-40 bonds of \$10,000 each, bearing five per cent interest.

The Dowse Library.— This library was presented to the Society by the late Thomas Dowse, and consists of four thousand six hundred and fifty volumes.

The Copyright and Stereotype Plates of the "Life of John Quincy Adams."— This was presented to the Society by the Hon. Josiah Quincy. It is on sale by Nichols and Noyes.

THE INCOME.

The income of the Society consists of an annual assessment, on each resident member, of seven dollars, or, instead, the payment of sixty dollars; the admission-fee, of ten dollars, of new members; the rent of the lower floor of the Society's building; the sales of the publications of the Society, the sales of the "Life of John Quincy Adams," and the interest on the Peabody Fund.

An arrangement with a publishing firm, Messrs. Wiggin & Lunt, was made June 16, 1866, to sell the publications of the Society. The first account of sales, for six months, to January 1, 1867, amounted to \$420.51. The Assistant Librarian has sold to the members, during the year, books to the amount of \$191.55. Total sales, \$612.16.

The Society have on hand for sale, besides books to the value of about \$100 in the hands of the publishers, 4,913 bound volumes and 2,638 in sheets. As they contain a vast amount of valuable historical material, it is presumed they will be called for.

The expense of printing was so great that the Society were obliged to suspend the publication of their Collections, — all the available means being absorbed in the printing of the volume of Proceedings for 1864–65. The liberality of the Hon. David Sears, and of Nathaniel Thayer, Esq., in contributing welcome additions to the Massachusetts Historical Trust-

Fund, and the noble endowment, by George Peabody, Esq., of the Peabody Fund, enable the publishing committees to resume their labors. And the Treasurer would congratulate the Society on the satisfactory aspect of its finances.

RICHARD FROTHINGHAM,

Treasurer.

BOSTON, April 11, 1867.

Annual Report of the Cabinet-keeper.

The Cabinet-keeper of the Society respectfully submits the following Report on the condition and wants of his department, during the past year.

Additions have been made to it from seventeen persons, and while the accessions have not been so many as in some former years, a few of them deserve special mention. Among these is a bust of the late President Sparks, given by Mrs. Sparks; an iron table of an original design, made from pieces prepared for the new dome of the Capitol at Washington, by Benjamin B. French, Esq. This table has a further interest from the fact that it was used by the late President Lincoln, while delivering his Inaugural Address, March 4, 1865. A beautiful miniature portrait of Daniel Webster was given by the late Mrs. Isaac P. Davis; and copies of original profiles of George and Martha Washington, handsomely framed, were given by our associate member, the Rev. Robert C. Waterston.

The department of the "cabinet" now consists of a large number of portraits of individuals, distinguished in their day and generation; of a collection of engravings; of coins and medals, some of which are of more than ordinary rarity; and of stone implements, besides many other articles of too miscellaneous a character to be easily classified.

Since the munificent endowment of a professorship of archæology, and the establishment of a museum, at Cambridge, an impetus has been given to the study of every

thing belonging to the North-American Indians; and a value has been imparted to the stone relics, which form one of the few links that connect us with the red men of this continent. These curiosities are now receiving from ethnologists an attention which they have long merited. Their value depends in a great measure upon a systematic arrangement of the specimens, which will show, by regular gradations and séries, the development of ideas and the progress of art among the people using them. In a small collection, the fullest amount of facts and hints cannot be attained. For this reason, the Society judiciously voted, at the last January meeting, that such aboriginal relics as should be selected from the cabinet, by the Curator of the Peabody Museum under the direction of the Standing Committee of this Society, should be deposited at Cambridge; and that a list of all such articles should be kept by the Society, as well as by the Museum, in order that they may be recognized always as the property of the Massachusetts Historical Society. By this action, without doubt, the purpose of the original donors will be better subserved. This transfer has not as yet been made, on account of the late absence of Professor Wyman; but it will soon take place.

We have now little opportunity of showing in a satisfactory manner the articles in the cabinet. Many of them deserve better places than they have at present; we hope, however, the time will soon come when we shall be able to bring to light those things which are hidden, and arrange them in a room fitted up expressly for the purpose. Suitable cases and spacious shelves are needed, where they can be displayed in a way, which of itself will invite and encourage additions.

Our portraits, forming always one of the most interesting and valuable features of the collection, are beginning to be so affected by time that they require the skill of an artist to restore them. This would involve an expenditure of money which the finances of the Society hitherto would not warrant; but, with the funds so recently and generously given by Mr.

Peabody, the Cabinet-keeper trusts that soon some repair and restoration may be made for this department.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL A. GREEN, *Cabinet-keeper.*

April 11, 1867.

The President communicated two papers, copies of which were to be taken for the use of the Society. One was an agreement between Uncas (the Sachem of the Mohegans) and the Government of Connecticut, dated the 18th of May, 1681; and the other, a letter of Hugh Peter, without date, written from England to the first Governor Winthrop. They here follow:—

*Agreement between Uncas and the Colony of Connecticut.**

Whereas the colony of Conecticut & Vncass Sachem of Moheag are & haue been Neighbo's one to another for the space of about forty five yeares, & whereas there hath been good freind ship between us mayntained in the dayes of the first Gouverno's of the Colony of Conecticut, & agreements of mutuall respect & freindship made by & between vs, which through the length of time are allmost forgott, to the end that that ancient amity & respect between the English of sayd Conecticut & the sayd Vncass & people of Mohegin, may be continued & mayntayned for euer; I the sayd Vncass, Sachem of Mohegin, for my selfe, my heires & successo's, doe enter into a League of amity with the Colony of Conecticut & their successo's as followeth.

1: That I with all my people will carry it as freinds & allies to the sayd Colony of Conecticut & their successo's, & will doe no wrong nor Injury nor damage to them or any of their people, & If any thing be by vs or any of us done, vpon complaynt thereof it shall be forthwith redressed & reparation made.

* This "Agreement," without the signatures affixed at its original execution, may be seen in Trumbull's "Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut," i. 309-11.—ED.

- 2: I doe resigne vp to the sayd Colony of Conecticut all my lands & Territories, hereby for my selfe my heires & successo's, bindeing my selfe & them that I will make no other disspose of them to any person or people whatsoever without their grant & allowance first had & obteynd, & that they shall be dissposed in plantations, vil-lages or farmes, according as the Generall Court of Conecticut shall order & determine the same, I allwayes to receiue such reasonable satisfaction for my propriety in them according as we shall agree.
- 3: I doe hereby confirm all Grants of lands I haue all ready made to any plantations or perticular person or persons that stand now possesd & seized of them, to be to them, their heirs & successo's for euer firm & Good, the Court approueing of them.
- 4: I doe for myselfe & successo's, covenant & agree to & with the sayd Generall Court of Conecticut afoarsayd, that I will not plott nor practice any euill against them, nor consent to any that shall so doe, but upon Knowledg of any euill designe against them will timely discover it to the authority of Conecticut from time to time.
- 5: I doe promise that in all matters of waight & concernment, I & my successo's will take advice of the Generall Court of Conecticut from time to time, especially in the Makeing of peace & war with any person or people, & in all leagues of Freindship that I shall make, & that I will make no League of freindship with any person or people that are in enmitie with the Colony of Conecticut.
- 6: I doe bind my selfe my heires & successo's to be ready to assist the Colony of Conecticut upon any occasion when there peace shall be disturbed with any enemie, Intestine or forreighn, with a competent number of fighting men to be Improued for there safety in such way as they shall judge most expedient, & as I am able to spare.
- 7: I doe desire that this League of amity May Include my son Owane-coe & my Grandson Josiah & their posterity, & all our people, & that It may remayne Inviolable for euer.

The Generall Court of Conecticut doth receiue Vncas & his son Owane-coe & Grandson Josiah & their people Into freindship with them, & desire the perpetuating of it from Generation to Generation, he or they attending & obserueing the six articles aboue written. Then the sayd Generall Court will carry it towards the sayd Sachem, his sonn & Grandson, & their people, & their successo's, as to o' freinds & allies, & will doe them no wrong nor suffer any of o' people to doe them wrong, but upon complaynt & prooffe will redress it, & grant due satisfaction.

- 2: They shall haue equall justice from vs as our owne people in all matters which they shall bring before vs, & that without delay in all wherein they shall haue beforehand declared their subjection to our lawes.
- 3: In what cases they need our advice (they engaging to attend it) we shall be ready to Grant them it freely.
- 4: What euër plantations we grant to any people in their Country & Territories, they shall take care that sufficiency of land for the sayd Indians & their successo's be still reserued for them to plant on, & that a just price be payd for the residue as shall be agreed.
- 5: In case the sayd Sachems shall be Invaded by a forraighn enemie or Neighbour heathen upon vnjust Grownds & reasons, we shall furnish them with ammunition at a Just price, & o' best advice, doeing what the Commissioners shall allowe, & this Generall Court thinke fitt, That it may be done with our owne peace & safety to preserue him & his people.
- 6: The sayd Sachem, & there people & successo's attending what is herein engaged by them to the Colony of Conecticut, we also the Generall Court of Conecticut doe oblige our selues & 'successo's to attend what is engaged on o' parts to the sayd Sachems & their people as afoarsayd, for the confirmation hereof we the Generall Court of Conecticut & Vncass Sachem of Mowheag haue sett to our hands this 18th day May: 1681.

Signed & deliuered in p'sence of
vs & before the Generall Court
of Conecticut:

Wittnes

SAMUELL MASON,
NEHEMIAH PALMAR,

interpreters.

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of WAWAMAT.

COTTAPASET C his marke.

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We Owanecoe & Josiah doe oblidg
o' selues to the Colony of Conecticut
in those Six aboue writtèn articles, &
to testify o' consent to & Ingagement
to fullfill & abide by them, we sett
o' hands 18 May 1681.



VNCASS
his marke.



OWANECO
his marke.

J O S I A H.

Hugh Peter to Governor Winthrop.

DEERE BROTHER, — Your letters were deerly welcome vnto mee, and truly nothing but death can part vs, which I haue conceited to bee neere mee, being ouerlayd with hypocon: melancholy after these warres; oh that I were to dye in y^r bosome; nothing in the world more affects mee then my being here now I conceiue the worke is in part ouer, though it is like to begin another way: you will haue much by other hands. I am resolut to come in Maior Bourne if life & ability will reach it: for M^r Weld, hee is in a great streight what to doe. The Lord helpe vs to wash of all scandalls wee haue contracted by our staying here. Truly (S^r) I haue little to say but that you all doe well to loue New Engl: it will bee a precious corner still: only bee tender towards those that hold Christ for the head, & would liue quietly vnder y^r gouernment: not that I loue errors, I hate and abhominat what euer is not of God, & profes agaynst, but what will you doe with men dissenting? deuise a way for them to liue & all is well. Let the Magistrate and Elders but deuise a way to bring that about; and you will haue many frends here. I am no tolerator, but a peacemaker I would bee. Y^r son Stephen doth all here by good counsayle, giue yo^r and his wife an account of it, and you may bee assured I shall not fayle you nor y^m to my utmost. All Europe is vnder an houre of temptation, and if you escape there it will bee well. If I come not say I am dead, & then let my wife returne, & child if shee will, though there I wish them to stay. I am selling my land to inable to come, let what I haue there bee wisely sold by peecemeale, to stop my wife's complaynts of want. I shall much trust y^r selfe, & intend to liue wth you, if I come. Salute my deere sister & all y^{rs}. I am
y^{rs} eu^r & eu^r,
HU: PETER.*

Mr. S. LINCOLN, from the Committee appointed to nominate a list of officers for this year, presented the following names: —

* This letter bears no date; but, by comparing it with other letters of the writer published in the "Winthrop Papers," we believe it to have been written in the spring or summer of 1647. The wife of Peter, who is referred to in this letter, had previously sailed from London with Captain Hawkins, arriving at Boston on the 19th of October, 1646. (Winthrop's N.E., ii. 351.) She was on the point of embarking, or had already sailed, on the 4th of September (4 Mass. Hist. Coll. vi. 109). Peter hoped to follow her. He was always expressing, in his letters to New England, his intention of returning hither; but this fond hope he never realized. The "land" he says he is "selling," was probably that given to him by Parliament, which he had but barely "turned into money" by May, 1647. (Ibid. 109, 110.) — Eds.

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The above-named gentlemen were duly elected.

On motion of Dr. ROBBINS, it was voted, that the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Saltonstall, the Chairman of the Standing Committee, and to his retiring associates, for their valuable services on that Committee.

On motion of the Treasurer, it was voted, that the thanks of the Society be presented to our associates, Messrs. Sears and Thayer, for their generous donation, of \$500 each, to be added to the "Historical Trust-Fund."

Messrs. Robbins, Lothrop, and Torrey were appointed a Committee to publish a volume from the "Mather Papers," belonging to the Old South Church, but now on loan to this Society for publication.

MAY MEETING.

A stated monthly meeting of the Society was held this day, Thursday, May 9, at eleven o'clock, A.M.; the President, the Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the American Numismatic and Archæological Society; the Essex Institute; the Mercantile-Library Association of San Francisco; the Minnesota Historical Society; the State Historical Society of Iowa; the Trustees of the Peabody Institute; the editors of the "Advocate;" the proprietors of the "Heraldic Journal;" Professor Louis Agassiz; John Appleton, M.D.; H. W. Bryant, Esq.; Mr. H. H. Clements; John H. Ellis, Esq.; Hon. Hugh B. Grigsby; Edward Jarvis, M.D.; Brantz Mayer, Esq.; Edward B. O'Callaghan, M.D.; Mr. Oliver J. Rand; Rev. Noah H. Schenck, D.D.; Mr. William H. Taylor; Ebenezer Torrey, Esq.; Hon. Henry Wilson; Mrs. Joseph E. Worcester; Stephen J. Young, Esq.; and from Messrs. T. C. Amory, W. G. Brooks, Deane, Denny, Green, E. E. Hale, Latham, C. Robbins, Wheatland, and Winthrop, of the Society.

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- Page 16, *note*, bottom line, read "iii. 309-11."
 ,, 18, line 7, for "illegible signature or mark" read "Mamoho."
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 ,, 108, line 13 from bottom, for "President of Bowdoin College" read "pro-
 nounced at Bowdoin College."
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 ,, 208, line 19 from bottom should read, "But these seem to be blown over."
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