

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

WE have at last returned to conditions of comparative quiet and cleanliness both without and within our beloved Antiquarian Hall. The Worcester County Court House is practically finished, and the laying out of the Court Hill Grounds—including those of the County and our own—is nearly completed. Among the internal improvements is the careful renovation of our copy of Michel Angelo's statue of Moses. This fine reproduction of the master sculptor's great work was presented by President Salisbury, Senior, in September, 1861; his gift of Angelo's statue of Christ having been received in February, 1859. Our friend and benefactor said of them: "The statue of Christ has been placed in the interior of your Hall as an emblem of true progress and a recognition of the principles that should guide and impel the action of this Society. Let the first of historians stand in the outer court, to represent the retrospective and antiquarian character of the Society, which first attracts the observation of the stranger."¹

Our book of accessions furnishes the following library statistics for six months, to the 15th instant: Received by gift from thirty-four members, one hundred and thirty-one persons not members, and one hundred and thirty-six societies and institutions—three hundred and one sources—fourteen hundred and twenty-three books; fifty-one hundred and nineteen pamphlets; eight bound and one hundred and forty-eight unbound volumes of newspapers; one hundred and twenty-four manuscripts; sixty-one photo-

¹ Mr. John Booth, a soldier of the war of 1861-65, who had given faithful service as janitor since November 22, 1884, resigned and was succeeded on December 4, 1899, by Alexander S. Harris.

graphs; nine maps; seven engravings; three portraits; three proclamations; three book-plates; one sword; and collections of early account books and programmes; by exchange seventy-eight books; one hundred and thirty-six pamphlets; and five maps; and from the bindery, three volumes of magazines; a total of fifteen hundred and four books; fifty-two hundred and fifty-five pamphlets; eight bound and one hundred and forty-eight volumes of unbound newspapers, *etc.*

I note certain gifts of special value, partly on account of their suggestive lessons and partly for convenience of future reference.

Mr. Eugene F. Bliss has added to our founder's rare collection of early tracts relating to English affairs, a volume containing twenty-four pamphlets, to which he has prefixed a convenient list. All but one were published in London between 1682 and 1706.

The Davis Spanish-American alcove has been enriched by a gift from our Mexican associate Señor Alfredo Chavero. It is the recently published, fully illustrated "Codice Borgiano. Interpretacion del Codice por el Abate José Lino Fabrega de la Compañia de Jesús, Con un Estudio sobre los Dioses Astronomicos de los Antiquos Mexicanos, por Alfredo Chavero."

The George E. Ellis Fund has supplied the long needed Dictionary of National Biography, edited by Leslie Stephen and Sidney Lee. The publication of this monumental work—now covering Abbadie-Williams—was begun by Macmillan and Company at London in 1885, and the sixty-first volume bears their imprint of 1900. Its completion during the present year is assured.

Mr. J. Evarts Greene, of our Council—who sends to us some of his many calls for local information—has passed over to the Society, for reproduction, two tavern bills of early date, received by him from Mrs. Thomas S. Ely, granddaughter of Judge Lewis Bigelow. Sikes and

Thomas were "mine hosts" of the Society in former days. See accounts rendered:—

S. B. THOMAS'S
COFFEE HOUSE,
WORCESTER.

Judge Howe.

	<i>Dls.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
Meal Board 2 Days 6/	2	00
Lodging 1 Bath 1/6	"	25
Liquor	2	00
Cigars Room & 2 days		
Bottled Cider		
Ale 1 B. C. Porter	"	25
Servant		
Horse at Hay		
Grain		
	\$	4 50

Received Payment } of L. Bigelow
Sept 24th 1824 }

S. B. THOMAS.

COFFEE HOUSE.

THE Subscriber having released his Tavern Stand Brookfield, has taken that spacious and commodious House in Worcester, (kept for many years by Col. R. Sikes,) where he solicits the patronage of his old friends and the Publick.

He will be devoted in his attention to all who may favour him with their company.

S. B. THOMAS.

Worcester, (Mass.) April, 1823.

THOMAS'S

COFFEE HOUSE.

WORCESTER...MS.

The Proprietor having recently purchased the Estate formerly owned by *Col. R. Sikes*, and known by the name of "THE SIKES HOUSE," has made large additions to the former buildings and is now able to accommodate travellers to suit their convenience. He has together with convenient Parlors and Sitting rooms, a splendid Hall for Pleasure Parties, a large and commodious Dining Hall and upwards of forty lodging rooms.—Bathing rooms are attached to the establishment.

L. Bigelow, Esq.

		Dolls.	Cents.
Board,	} 3½ days	3	50
Lodging,			
Wine,			
Servant,			
Horse at Hay, &			
Grain, 9 days		4	50
		\$	8 00

Rec'd Pay't.

March 9, 1831.

S. B. Thomas.

Vice-President Edward E. Hale has released from his library shelves a large collection of Massachusetts State documents, thus enabling us to complete files of some of the early reports, as well as to render like service in other directions.

The important gift of Mr. Samuel Jennison—son and namesake of our first librarian—includes manuscript letters relating to subjects of interest late in the eighteenth and early in the nineteenth century. The more recent are friendly letters of librarians Jennison, Lincoln, Baldwin and Haven, which tend to confirm one in the belief that "The most precious qualifications that a librarian can have are precisely such as cannot be taught." Three of these characteristic epistles I wish to preserve in the body of this report:—

1. From Christopher C. Baldwin, is addressed to "Sam. Jennison, Esq. If not at the Bank, at his new seat in Pearl St."

My Dear Sir,

One of my spokes is so out of kilter that I have requested the Company of the Council at my Room at my boarding House, this evening at 7 o'clock; where I shall be very happy to see you. I have not ventured out of doors since Saturday and I did not feel up to breaking snow paths to day.

Your decrepid Friend

KIT. THE ANTIQUARY.

Last day of 1834.

2. From Mr. Baldwin, relating to the gift¹ of Mr. Thomas Wallcut of printed material "weighing forty-four hundred and seventy-six pounds including the boxes." The superscription is, "For Samuel Jennison, Esq., Charles G. Prentiss, Esq., William Lincoln, Esq., or either of them. Worcester, Massachusetts," and the letter follows:—

Boston, Thursday, 3. o'clock,

My Dear Sam.

Aug. 7, 1834.

I have just completed loading the Team with Mr. Walcott's

¹ See the librarian's reports of April, 1889, October, 1890, and October, 1894.

Donation. It makes a most imposing appearance, being about as large as a load of hay. It has started and will reach Worcester on Friday evening or Saturday morning. I have preached to the Teamster about care and circumspection until I believe he cordially hates the sight of me, and I want to preach to you a little. The pamphlets are almost innumerable. I cannot even guess at their number. There must be seven or 8 thousand. I venture to say that there are three times as many as are now in our Library—at least four times as valuable. Dr. Jenks informs me that he has been familiar with them and that they are exceedingly rare. Among them are rare books: Neal's New England, Venegas' California, Colden's Indians, Hennepin, Venegas California, Wynne, Mason's Pequod War, William's Indian Grammar, Mather's Indian War, his Witchcraft, &c., &c., &c. I wish you to hand this Letter to friend Prentiss and ask him to see that the Boxes are all put into the Librarian's Room. They must be handled with great care, as the boxes are very tender, being antique & rotten.

I have directed the Letter to you thinking that you would be more sure of getting it. I intended to have directed to Mr. Lincoln, but I feared that he might be busy about his farm. Pray oblige me and I will reward you ten fold. I would come directly up; but Gov. Lincoln insisted upon my seeing Mr Walcott and thanking him personally. He cannot be seen until tomorrow and it will then be too late for me to reach Worcester in season to receive the Waggoner. Besides I have not even seen the Atheneum pamphlets. I am going now to the Historical Rooms to look after them.

With all love & Duty,
and in a "foam of sweat,"

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS BALDWIN.

A year later—on August 20, 1835, the life-work of this enthusiastic, industrious, painstaking librarian was completed, and at the October meeting Mr. William Lincoln paid the tribute to his worth. The last act in the drama appears in the Council Records of October 28, 1835: "Voted to allow the account of Mr. Kirby for opening the meeting-house and ringing the bell, for the Public Address on the 23d instant, amounting to \$1.50."

3. From Mr. Samuel Foster Haven to "Wm. Lincoln, Esq., at the Worcester House, Worcester." It was written soon after his election to the office of librarian, whose duties he did not assume until early the following year.

DEDHAM, Oct. 9th, 1837.

Dear Sir,

I fear I shall be obliged to resist the *carnal* enticements of Show & Feast, held out in your letter, and to postpone the enjoyment of Calumet and Council-fire beyond the limits of the present week. I am even compelled to the discourtesy of denying my protecting escort to a lady who goes from this place to day on a visit to her friends in your village, and to leave her to encounter alone the perils and difficulties (always duly appreciated by prudent Generals and mothers) which attend the transportation from post to post of the baggage and indispensable munitions of a winter's campaign. It is however barely possible that I may despatch my engagements in season to enable me to make my appearance at your "wigwam," on Wednesday or Thursday. If I can do so, otherwise than feloniously, I will plead guilty to malice prepense, and assuming my blanket and mocassins, (very important appendages for such weather as the present,) will follow the trail of the pleasure hunters who have gone before. At any rate, should I not do so, or have an opportunity to meet you in Boston, I will shortly visit Worcester, and discuss, at large, all matters relating to the duties of the office to which I have the honor to be appointed, and about which I am anxious to receive more particular information.

With great regard, truly yours,

SAM. F. HAVEN.

Wm. Lincoln, Esq.

The contribution of Dr. Leonard P. Kinnicutt includes many books of a miscellaneous character from the library of the late Hon. Thomas Kinnicutt, long time an honored member of this Society and of its Council. Rev. William DeLoss Love, Ph.D., presents his "Samson Occum and the Christian Indians of New England," indorsed "The same with loyal good wishes to the Society."

Mr. Nathaniel Paine has supplied the remainders of several of his historical papers relating to Worcester and its institutions, with his semi-annual gift of books and pamphlets of a miscellaneous character.

The Davis, Haven and Thomas funds, as well as the Ellis fund previously mentioned, have been drawn upon to strengthen the departments of the library which they so helpfully represent.

The gift of Miss Josephine C. Aldrich is largely of

educational material, used by her father, the late Hon. P. Emory Aldrich of our Council, while a teacher in Virginia. I find the following broadside announcement, dated August 1, 1845: "THE TAPPAHANNOCK MALE SCHOOL will re-open on the 1st of October next and continue ten months, under the continued superintendence of Mr. P. Emory Aldrich." After the usual list of branches taught, it is stated that "Board in private families, including lights, fuel and lodging, may be obtained for \$80 per session of ten months." Among the earlier pamphlets received from Miss Aldrich is "The | Intellectual Torch ; | Developing an Original, Economical and | Expeditious Plan for the | Universal Dissemination | of | Knowledge and Virtue ; | By Means of | Free Public Libraries. Including Essays on | The Use of Distilled Spirits. | By Doctor Jesse Torrey, *Jun.* | Founder of the Free Juvenile Library, Established at New Lebanon in 1804." The Dr. takes for his text the lugubrious couplet

*"Man's general ignorance, old as the flood,
For Ages on Ages has steep'd him in blood."*

In a preface dated August 6, 1817, he says: "The plan here proposed, for the general diffusion of knowledge through the medium of FREE LIBRARIES, has been submitted to the consideration of several of the most eminent statesmen and philanthropists in the United States and received their unanimous and cordial approbation."

We have received from Mr. Edward Atkinson and Mr. Lucian Swift pamphlets and books relating to our new possessions, and more particularly to our duties towards them. As during the earlier part of this century our founder gathered for posterity both masonic and anti-masonic literature, so at its close we would be rich in the literature of the so-called doctrine of imperialism and anti-imperialism; of expansion and non-expansion. And we couple with this a special plea not only for the major and minor publications relating to Cuba, Puerto Rico, the

Philippine and the Hawaiian Islands of the present day, but of all time.

The final act of beneficence in connection with the gift of our late associate, Mr. George Brinley, and his family, should be recorded in this report. It is explained in the following letter :

PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1900.

To The Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society,
Worcester, (Mass.)

My Dear Sir,

The late George Brinley, Jr., of Hartford, Conn., possessed a valuable library of Americana. Some years ago the library was sold at auction under a plan that permitted certain libraries designated by Mr. Brinley to acquire books particularly desired free of expense. The catalogues for the five sales were prepared by Dr. J. Hammond Trumbull, of Hartford, Conn., whose accuracy and skill as a bibliographer have given them considerable value for purposes of reference, so that sets of the original auction room catalogues are now eagerly sought and bought at a high price.

The heirs of Mr. Brinley have had printed on large paper a small edition—less than one hundred copies—of the five parts composing the entire catalogue. They have added to the first part a biographical sketch of Mr. Brinley—including a discussion of his method of distributing his library—prepared by Prof. Wm. I. Fletcher, of Amherst College, in Massachusetts, and to each part a list of the prices for which the books were sold. The five parts or volumes are accompanied by a complete index also prepared by Prof. Fletcher.

Mr. Brinley's immediate heirs desire to present to the "American Antiquarian Society" a set of catalogues, as above described, that they may remain in the Library in your charge for purposes of reference and as a slight memorial of Mr. Brinley's love of books, which led him to collect his library.

The set of catalogues will be forwarded to you. May I trouble you, upon receiving the package, to write to me acknowledging its receipt.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES A. BRINLEY.

247 South Sixteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

The announcement of the Administrators on February 24, 1879, was acknowledged by President Salisbury on February 27, following. He said, "The Society fully and

gratefully appreciate the wisdom of Mr. Brinley in an arrangement most favorable to the largest usefulness of his excellent collection, and the good judgment and generosity of the family in carrying out his plan."

The first sale—in March, 1879—was attended by Treasurer Paine and assistant librarian Barton; the second,—in March, 1880,—by Messrs Haven, Paine and Salisbury, Jr.; the third, in April, 1881; fourth, in November, 1886; and fifth, in April, 1893, by the present librarian. After the sale of the first part, Mr. Paine arranged and collated, with notes, a list of books received, to which he added a Catalogue of the Mather publications previously owned by the Society. Printed additions to this list were made by Mr. Paine in 1880, and by your librarian in 1887. Referring to the second sale, Dr. Haven in his report of 1880 said: "The books bid off at the late sale of a portion of the Brinley library in New York can hardly be regarded strictly as purchases. They are virtually gifts from the Brinley family, and so far as we are concerned the auction sale was merely a method of valuation. It will be seen that we have thus been enabled to secure a class of costly rarities appropriate to our specialty, but such as we were not likely to obtain at our own expense. It is from this point of view only that the advantages of the opportunity can be fully appreciated." Notes on the succeeding sales appear in the reports of Dr. Haven's successor. In his report of October, 1893, after the final sale, your librarian said: "By a happy thought of the Executors a label with Brinley Library and the catalogue number thereon was firmly pasted in each important volume, thus handing down to posterity in the books themselves the name of the wise collector of this now widely-scattered library"; adding that "While it is quite possible that such a sale of *Americana*—*i. e.*, with a gratuity attachment—may cause a temporary rise in the value of like material, this need not affect the measure of our gratitude for the gifts

thus received. The fact remains that we have secured for all time rarities which would have been added in no other way to this great library of American history." We are proud indeed to be the custodians of eleven hundred and fifty-one books and fifteen hundred and forty-four pamphlets of the George Brinley library, and again to place on record an expression of our gratitude for the same.

The Reverend John Gregson sends his "Washington's Bequest to his Fellow Citizens: An Address at Wiscasset, Me., Jan. 7, 1900," with a copy of *The Sheepscot Echo*. This Wiscasset newspaper contains the following suggestive paragraphs: "The memorial discourse delivered in Wiscasset by the Rev. Alden Bradford on the 22nd of February, 1800, in compliance with a request from the Congress of the United States for a general observance of a day in honor of Washington, was printed in this town. A copy of it is to be found in the library of the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, Mass. But neither the Me. Historical Society at Portland, nor the library of Bowdoin College, possess it. It is more than likely that copies of it may be found in the attics of some of our old houses. It would be worth while for our citizens who possess ancient documents to look them over for this oration. It is curious to observe that monuments of this character should become so scarce after the lapse of only a hundred years."

We have been able, by means of our stores of Washington funeral sermons, orations and newspaper material relating to the celebration days in early 1800, to throw much historic light for the guidance of celebrators in 1900.

We have received from the family of our late associate Mr. William Sumner Barton a generous portion of his library; and from Mrs. Penelope Lincoln Canfield the dress sword worn on state occasions by her grandfather, Hon. Levi Lincoln, *Senior*, when Attorney-General under President Jefferson. Also a framed Thanksgiving Procla-

mation on silk, issued in 1827 by Hon. Enoch Lincoln, Governor of the State of Maine.

A copy of "Child Life in Colonial Days" has reached us with the following inscription: "To the American Antiquarian Society—with cordial thanks for the assistance rendered in the making of this book—from the author, Alice Morse Earle, November, 1899." I couple with this the following printed entry: "This book has been written in Tender Memory of a dearly loved and loving child, Henry Earle, Junior, MDCCCLXXX—MDCCCXCII."

Mr. Benjamin Thomas Hill has supplied two excellent photographs of the interior of our main Hall, one of which has been sent as a part of our exhibit to the Paris Exposition; and the Honorable Joseph H. Walker has filled many gaps in sets of our United States Documents. For the latter gentleman we have acted as the distributing agent of his government remainders.

It has seemed wise for this national Society to aid the Library of Congress in the preparation of "The American Negro Exhibit" of books and pamphlets by negro authors, for the Paris Exposition. That our wide-spread membership may take an intelligent interest in this effort, I present for publication the first of a series of letters received by your librarian:—

LIBRARY OF CONG.,

WASH., D. C., Jan. 20th, 1900.

My Dear Sir:—

I write to say the Library has undertaken at the request of Commissioner Gen'l Peck, to collect all the books or pamphlets obtainable by Negro Authors.

It is proposed to make an exhibit of that character at Paris, to prepare a bibliography, and at the close of the Exhibition to install the Collection in the Library of Congress. No doubt many rare pamphlets are now in the collection of your Society and it is to have a list of them for bibliographical purposes that I address you. Mr. Edward C. Goodwin gave me your name and urged me to write. I sincerely hope this inquiry will meet your approval, and secure your coöperation as far as possible.

One of the difficulties one encounters in such a work is to learn the nationality of the author, which is dependent upon information often gathered outside of his book.

I enclose penalty envelope for reply, and label for any package you could collect from your duplicates, or from some of the colored people in the vicinity.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL MURRAY,

Ass't Librarian.

To Edmund M. Barton, Librarian, &c.

We have received from Mr. Robert C. Rockwell a letter addressed by one of the leaders of the Whig party in his District, to the giver's father, the Honorable Julius Rockwell of the United States Senate. The short but suggestive epistle shows the spirit of the times:—

WORCESTER, July 10, 1854.

Hon. Julius Rockwell,

Dear Sir,

By request, I forward to you for presentation to the Senate, the Petition of EMORY WASHBURN and six hundred others, men of Massachusetts, for the repeal of "*The Fugitive-Slave Bill of 1850.*" They are principally men of this city, and their names have been procured by merely lodging a single paper, for that purpose, a few days, at one of our public offices. They are of all sects and politics, and the number of names might easily have been quadrupled by a general canvass of the city.

I ought also to add, that they are men who do not seek to nullify the provision of the Constitution in relation to fugitives from service; but they are determined that, so far as in them lies, the provision referred to, shall not be carried out, by legislation that violates the spirit if not the letter of various other provisions of the same Constitution, and which, experience has now shown, is destructive of the peace and subversive of the rights of the citizens of the free States.

Knowing that you will ably and faithfully represent our views in the premises, the petition is very cheerfully committed to your hands.

I am, with great respect,

Your friend & ob't Serv't,

IRA M. BARTON.

Mr. Robert C. Winthrop, Jr.'s, letter relating to his recent gift needs no explanation. The deed and agreement referred to have been placed as requested, and his

second letter—like the first, which appeared in my last report—is offered for publication :—

10 Walnut Street, Boston,

Dear Sir,

Dec. 1, 1899.

When I sent the "Tantiusques" volume to Worcester last summer, I supposed that I had weeded out of the Winthrop Papers everything which related to the Black Lead Mine.

Recently, however, there have come to light two additional manuscripts, which I have had mounted on silk as they were rather tattered, and which I send herewith.

One of them is a digging-agreement in the handwriting of John Winthrop, Jr., dated July 7, 1658, signed by him, & witnessed by Samuel Willys and Philip Davis.

The other is a fifth Indian deed, dated Nov. 16, 1658, with numerous signatures and the following endorsement by John Winthrop, Jr. :—

"The Sachems Son of Tantiusques Surrender of his right there."

I shall be obliged if you will insert these two MSS. somewhere in the volume, appending to the Table of Contents a memorandum that they were found too late to form part of the original arrangement.

Yours truly,

R. C. WINTHROP, JR.

E. M. Barton, Esq., Am. Antiquarian Society.

The first report of the Public Record Commission of New Jersey, and the report on Stony Point Battlefield by a Committee of the recently organized New York Society for the Preservation of Scenic and Historical Places and Objects, have been received from the Commission and the Society, respectively. Such duly authorized work should be encouraged in all sections of our country, and the results placed within easy reach of scholars and students.

The volume containing the Proceedings of the Thirtieth Reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac has reached us through Col. Horatio C. King, Recording Secretary,—his twenty-third annual remembrance. The first seven reports came during the secretaryship of Gen. George H. Sharpe, Col. King's immediate and only predecessor. Our late thoughtful associate, Mr. Robert Clarke, published

and presented to the Society, as issued, the first twenty-two reports—*i. e.*, to September, 1891, inclusive—of the Re-unions of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland. We greatly desire to complete this important file for our alcove of the literature of Rebellion and Slavery, as well as to add to our collection the doings, of all kindred societies throughout the United States.

In the interest of library economy I would urge upon my fellow librarians the importance of placing the date of publication upon all title and half-title pages of pamphlet literature. The present tendency, which is in the other direction, should be corrected by concerted action. The importance of collecting photographs, maps, broadsides and other ephemeral material should also be constantly emphasized especially where the local library is the only place of deposit for such *desiderata*.

The quinquennial study of our list of givers and gifts is always instructive. Reference thereto will be found in the librarian's reports of April, 1890, and April, 1895. The figures for the five years to the present report show a semi-annual average of three hundred and nine givers, of which number forty-one represent members, one hundred and thirty-six persons not members, and one hundred and thirty-two societies and institutions. The increase has been satisfactory save within our own family. Here the average stated in my report of April, 1890, was forty-four, and in that of April, 1895, it was forty-three, while in the report of April, 1900, it is forty-one. If we ask "why this kindly disposition to place treasures in the custody of this close corporation?" it seems to me we must look back to the short line of early librarians. In particular to Samuel Foster Haven, LL.D., the scholar and teacher at whose feet I was privileged to sit for seventeen years. Referring to him President Salisbury, Senior, said in April, 1879: "I remember that when his success had become apparent, his wise policy was one day brought

distinctly to my notice by a question of a citizen of Worcester distinguished for his influence and aid in good objects, who was a liberal contributor to our Publishing Fund though he would not have accepted membership in the Society. Our friend asked 'Is Mr. Haven a good beggar?' The answer was decidedly 'No, but he is a good receiver.' This is the secret of his power to attract accumulations with which you have been enriched. No one could bring a desirable object to the library without gaining better knowledge of the value of his gift and more good-will to repeat the donation." The Society's old form of acknowledgment, still in partial use, reads "I am desired by the Council to express their thanks for your gift to the Library . . ." As the assistant librarian was inclined to acknowledge gifts on the day received, Mr. Haven said to him in his quietly humorous way, "It seems proper to delay the notice until there is time to call a meeting of the Council!" He never failed to adapt his words to the giver, nor to show the same gratitude for a duplicate as for a first copy. As a receiver he seemed to have unflinching good judgment, while the anonymous benefactor was a trial to him, as he has been to many another librarian since his day. However, his occasional entries, "from a friend," "from a source unknown," and "left at the Hall in my absence," indicate the conscientious recorder.

And here his successor records an oversight in his report of October, 1897, where on pages 53, 54 and 61 he credits a highly valued gift received from Mr. Charles P. Greenough, to Mr. Charles P. Bowditch.

Our honored President in accepting office on October 21, 1887, said: "Having always regarded the growth of the library as of primary importance, I desire to call the attention of the Society to the fact that for a long period one-half at least of our yearly accessions, which are very considerable, have been received from other sources than from members of the Society. In return for these gifts

the library has offered and should continue to offer such facilities for study and investigation as the most liberal policy of management will admit." The conditions have not changed, and I recall with pleasure in my first report of 1900 this wise and liberal declaration.

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND M. BARTON,
Librarian.

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