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PREFACE.

THE HOLTON LIBRARY, of which the first printed Catalogue is here presented, was instituted in 1864. James Holton, the founder, of whom a biographical sketch may be found in the Library, was born at Brighton, (then the south part of Cambridge,) on Washington Street, opposite the foot of Rockland Street, Thursday, April 10, 1800, oldest child of Major Benjamin and Mary (Shed) Holton, and died, unmarried, the last of his family, at the estate inherited from his father, on Faneuil Street, between Market and Parsons Streets, Wednesday, April 29, 1868, aged sixty-three years and nineteen days. A typographical error occurs in the date of his birth in the printed Rules and Regulations of the Library, which is thus corrected here.

The Brighton Social Library, one of the earliest of the kind in the State, was organized with a Constitution, March 1, 1824. A Catalogue, with the names of the Proprietors appended, was soon printed. A second Catalogue, with the Constitution appended, printed by Dutton & Wentworth, Boston, was issued January 1, 1836.

The Brighton Library Association for the circulation of books, for maintaining courses of public lectures and exercises in declamation, composition and debate, was incorporated in accordance with the Statutes of the Commonwealth, January 15, 1858. Funds for the foundation of the Library were secured from the proceeds of a Social Levee and Fair given by the ladies of Brighton, New Year's Eve, December 31, 1856. The first Catalogue of the Association, a small duodecimo, with an abstract of the Constitution and By-Laws appended, was issued in 1857, from the publishing house of Basin, Morse & Co., Boston.

A second Catalogue, in octavo form, containing likewise an abstract of the Constitution and By-Laws, printed by Charles H. Crosby, Boston, was issued April 10, 1859.

The books of both the above named Libraries made part of the foundation of the Holton Library.

For the gratification of the curious hereafter, copies of those earlier Catalogues, together with several of the Catalogues of Sabbath School Libraries of different churches in the town, have been bound in a volume entitled "Brighton Catalogues," and deposited in the Library.

The government of the Library is vested in a Board of Trustees, of twelve, chosen by the town, divided at first into three classes, of four members each, to hold office respectively for three years, two years, and one year. Its officers are a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian.

Rules and Regulations for the Trustees and for the use of the Library, printed in pamphlet form, by John Wilson & Son, Boston, were issued on the opening of the Library, September 1, 1864, and distributed among the families of the town. Copies of the same remaining on hand, have now been bound up with a portion of the Catalogues.

The arrangement of the Catalogue, it is believed, needs no explanation,—each volume being designated by its number. It is designed as a plain guide in the selection of books, and as an index to the contents of the Library.

Books marked with an asterisk (*) are distinguished as books of reference, and are to be consulted on the tables of the Hall, by permission of the Librarian, but not taken out.

For further information respecting the Library, the inquirer is referred to the Reports of the Trustees, printed annually.

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