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GENERAL REPORT FOR 1911.

OWING to the recent changes in the by-laws and the consequent changes in the list of officers, and the fact that the list of members issued in 1905 has become very imperfect, a new edition has become necessary.

At the date of that report our library room was occupied together with the Maine Historical Society. On the completion of its fine new building on the Wadsworth-Longfellow lot that society removed its library, leaving us the only occupant of the large upper hall in the Baxter building. By arrangement with the trustees of the Public Library we have the free use of this fine large room until the needs of that library require it.

We try to keep the library open for the use of members and the public from 3 to 5 P. M. every week day, and also on Tuesday evenings during the winter months, but as all our officers serve without pay it sometimes happens that other necessary engagements prevent opening the library at the regular hours, and it is hoped any slight irregularity will be pardoned. Members can usually arrange by appointment with the librarian or other officers to consult the library at other hours.

At our recent meeting four additional Vice Presidents, and three permanent committees, viz. :—on Vital and Historical Records, on Library, and on Membership were added to our list of officers, and it is hoped their efforts, added to those of the former officers, may add much to the usefulness of the Society.

Though the interest in genealogical work created by a desire to know more of the names and lives of our ancestors, and the feeling of family pride created by the work of the various patriotic societies is great and seems to be increasing, it is much to be regretted that the general interest in the objects of the Society is not greater.

The books needed to increase the library are necessarily expensive because of the limited demand for them, and our resources are husbanded to buy as many as possible. The officers have labored faithfully to build up our library in the lines most needed, and we may well take pride in it, for it is one of the best in the country, as an examination of the list of genealogies (which forms part of this report, and which form only a small part of the library) will show. Probably no other city of the size of Portland contains a genealogical library to be compared with ours, but we need particularly works on English local and county history, as much of the interest in our pursuit is found in tracing the family to its home across the sea. *We, therefore, appeal to the generous citizens and natives of Maine everywhere for ample means to gather, preserve, and make known the history of the families of our dear State.*

It is to be regretted that the legislature of the State has failed to make the appropriation necessary to continue the publication of the York Deeds. These records cover the early land titles of the State from 1647 onward, and their importance cannot be overestimated. That our fear of the loss of these records is not an unnatural one is testified by the second and complete loss through fire of the Probate Records of Cumberland County. We, therefore, urge all our members to use their influence with members of the legislature to make the appropriation necessary to continue the work on the York Deeds as soon as may be.

The directors acknowledge with gratitude the receipt from William Henry Moulton of the sum of \$1,000.00, which has been invested and is held as a permanent memorial of his wife, Dora Adelaide Deering Moulton, who died January 21, 1904.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

PORTLAND, ME., Jan. 18, 1911.

THERE have been several stated meetings during the past year.

There have been elected sixteen active members and one corresponding member. The names of the new members are as follows:

F. S. Vaille,
 Louis M. Patterson,
 Robinson Williams,
 Frank C. Allen,
 Henry G. Beyer, Jr.,
 Mervin W. Clark,
 Horatio Clark,
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 Mrs. Della C. Toide,
 Fred C. Tolman,
 Mrs. Lucia R. Fellows,
 Capt. Walter Swett,
 George Smith,
 Geo. W. York,
 Miss Lucy Tallot Ames,
 Geo. G. Freeman.

The corresponding member elected was Mr. Carlyle S. Bayer, of Chicago, Ill.

The Society has lost six members by death, namely:

Chas. A. Bailey,
 F. D. Lunt,
 A. F. Gerrish,
 Ira S. Locke,
 J. M. Larrabee,
 W. H. Hilton.

The Society has lost two members by resignation, namely:

A. W. Butler,
 John F. Howland.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

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| Honorary members beginning of year, | 8 (no change) |
| Active members beginning of year, | 282 |
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| Increase, | 16 |
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| | 306 |
| Lost, | 8 |
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| Number at end of year, | 298 |
| The foregoing includes 9 life members. | |
| Corresponding members at beginning of year, | 27 |
| New member, | 1 |
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| Number at end of year, | 28 |
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| Total membership at end of year, | 326 |

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. HOBBS, *Secretary*.