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EARLY AMERICAN BROADSIDES,
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SAMUEL F. HAVEN, LL.D., the late librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, in a report presented in April, 1872, called attention to Broad­sides and their value as material for history and said, "they imply a great deal more than they literally express and disclose visions of the interior condition of society such as cannot be found in formal narratives." Dr. Haven, in company with the late Charles Deane, LL.D., had, a few years previously, examined with great interest the large and valuable collection of Broad­sides in the library of the Society of Antiquaries of London and in the above mentioned report alludes to it with some particularity.

Mr. W. H. Overall, formerly librarian of the Corporation of London, presented a paper on Broad­sides, at a meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, held in February, 1881, in which he speaks of the valuable collection of the Society of Antiquaries, and of the historical information derived from this class of literature. He also suggests that an index of all collections of this kind would be of great value to historical students.¹

The Boston Public Library has a valuable collection of this class of historical literature, and has from time to time published fac-similes of the more important ones.²

With the report of Dr. Haven in mind, the writer has

¹A catalogue of the Printed Broad­sides in the possession of the Society of Antiquaries, compiled by Robert Lemon, was published in 1869.

²Boston Public Library Bulletin, October, 1892, and January and October, 1898.

looked over the collection of Broad-sides belonging to the American Antiquarian Society and, as supplementary to his "Early American Imprints" presented in October, 1895, has made a list of the American Broad-sides in the Society's library, printed from 1680 to 1800 inclusive, in the hope that it may be of some use to students who have occasion to consult our library.

This list, which includes about two hundred titles, has several of historical interest, notably those printed during the Revolutionary period, there being over sixty issued between 1772 and 1779, most of which were printed at Boston.

The earliest printed broadside found in the collection of the American Antiquarian Society, is dated London, 1660; it is a "Proclamation Against Vicious, Debauch'd and Prophan Persons," issued by authority of Charles II. at Whitehall, and printed by Christopher Baker and John Bell, Printers to the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The earliest American Broadside that has yet come to light is a Proclamation for Fast issued by the General Court of Massachusetts in 1680-1. There is a large collection of this class of Broad-sides, there being nearly one hundred annual Fast and Thanksgiving Proclamations printed before 1800, besides several issued for special occasions, but as all these have been so fully described by our associate, Rev. W. DeLoss Love, Jr., in his "The Fast and Thanksgiving Days of New England," it was not deemed necessary to include them in the present list.

But few of the Broad-sides mentioned have been given in full, as brief abstracts or shortened titles, it was thought, would furnish the needed information. The collection has been mounted and arranged in chronological order, so that it can be readily consulted.

The Society's collection of Broad-sides printed since 1800 is very large and is being constantly added to; it includes, besides three volumes of ballads and songs published from

1812 to 1816 and preserved by the founder of our Society, a large number of musical and dramatic posters, the Fast and Thanksgiving Proclamations to date, as also many political broadsides of more or less interest.

1680.

Fast Proclamation, April 21 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cut of Colonial Arms at the top. 8 x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

[This is the Earliest American broadside in the Collection of the American Antiquarian Society. It is fully described in "Early American Imprints, 1640-1700," presented at the meeting of the Society in October, 1895.

There are many other Fast Proclamations in the collection, also a number of Thanksgiving Proclamations, but, as already stated, these have been treated of by Rev. W. DeLoss Love, Jr., in his "The Fast and Thanksgiving Days of New England," and are not included in this list. It may be said in brief that from 1729 to 1800 there are forty-three Fast Proclamations and forty-four Thanksgiving Proclamations belonging to the Society.]

1690.

By The Governour & Council. Whereas some have lately presumed to Print and Disperse a Pamphlet Entituled, Publick Occurrences, both Foreign and Domestick: Boston, Thursday, Septemb. 25th, 1690. Without the least Privity or Countenance of Authority.

The Governour and Council having had the perusal of the said Pamphlet, and finding that therein is contained Reflections of a very high nature: As also sundry doubtful and uncertain Reports, do hereby manifest and declare their high Resentment and Disallowance of said Pamphlet, and order that the same be Suppressed and called in; strictly forbidding any person or persons for the future to Set forth any thing in Print without Licence first obtained from those that are or shall be appointed by the Government to grant the same.

By Order of the Governour & Council
Boston, September 29th. 1690. ISAAC ADDINGTON, Secr.

6 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

["Publick Occurrences." The first and only number of this publication was dated Boston, Thursday, Sept. 25, 1690. "Printed by R.

Pierce for Benjamin Harris, at the London Coffee House, 1690." Samuel A. Green, LL.D., gives a copy of it in the *Historical Magazine*, for August, 1857, and also a full account of the sheet with a fac-simile reproduction in the *Boston Daily Globe*, March 4, 1897.]

1701.

Wednesday January 1, 1701. A little before the Break-a-day at Boston of . . . Massachusetts.

"Once more! Our God, vouchsafe to Shine
Tame Thou the Rigour of our Clime.
Make haste with thy Impartial Light,
And terminate this long dark Night.

Let the transplanted English Vine
Spread further still: still call it Thine:
Prune it with Skill: to yield it can
More Fruit to Thee the Husbandman." 7½ x 12.

[Four more verses. No place or date of printing given. For the poem in full (which was written by Chief Justice Samuel Sewall), with remarks by Samuel A. Green, LL.D., see Proceedings Mass. Historical Society, 2d Series I. (1884), 13-14.]

1703.

[English Coat of Arms.]

Province of the Massachusetts Bay. By His Excellency, Joseph Dudley, Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England* in *America*, and Vice Admiral of the same. A Declaration Against the *Pennicooke* and *Eastern* Indians. [Declares], "the said Indians of Pennicooke and of the Eastern Parts of this Province, with their Confederates to be Rebels and Enemies against Our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne, Her Crown and Dignity, and to be out of Her Majesties Protection," &c., &c.

Boston: Printed by Bartholomew Green, and John Allen, Printers to His Excellency the Governour and Council. 1703.

11 x 14½.

1704.

[English Coat of Arms.]

Province of the Massachuset-Bay in New-England. By his Excellency, The Governour, Council and Assembly of the

said Province. A Declaration, Against Prophaneness and Immoralities, &c., &c.

Given at Boston, the Twenty-fourth day of March, 1703. In the third year of Her Majesties Reign. By Order of His Excellency, Council & Assembly.

J. DUDLEY.

ISAAC ADDINGTON, Secr.

God Save the Queen.

Boston: Printed by Bartholomew Green, Printer to His Excellency the Governour and Council. 1704. 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$.

1714.

[English Coat of Arms.]

By His Excellency, Joseph Dudley Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas His Excellency *Francis Nicholson* Esq; Her Majesties Commissioner for Enquiring into the Publick Accompts, within Her Majesties respective Governments and Plantations in *North America*, Having passed through the Examination (so far as has appeared) of the Seven *Muster Rolls* of the *New-England* Troops, that were left at *Annapolis Royal*, in Her Majesties Service there, from the Tenth of *October* 1710. to Tenth of *October* 1711. under the Command of, Sir *Charles Hobbey*, Knight, Major *Gilbert Abbot*, Major *Paul Mascarene*, Capt. *Samuel Templer*, Capt. *John Robertson*, Capt. *David Pigeon* and Capt. *James Abercrombe*, &c. [Calls upon those concerned to offer their Complaints and Objections thereto, &c. Requires the Justices of the several Inferior Courts to receive all such complaints, &c.]

Boston: Printed by B. Green, Printer to His Excellency the Governour & Council. 1714. 12 x 14.

1717.

A Divine Discourse, representing the Soul of a Believer Speaking by *Faith*, according to the Doctrine of the *Scriptures*.