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## PROCEEDINGS.

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THE FOUR HUNDRED ELEVENTH MEETING,  
TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 2, 1906.

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MET AT THE rooms of the Society, Vice-president Mander Alvan Maynard in the chair. Others present: Messrs. Arnold, Bill, Boland, Crane, Davidson, Eaton, Gassett, George Maynard, Newton, Rice, Mrs. Boland, Miss Foster, Mrs. Hildreth.

The Librarian reported additions during the past month: nineteen bound volumes, eleven pamphlets and six articles for the Museum. Special mention was made of a copy of the list of officers and men in Captain Slocumb's and Captain Dank's companies, Col. Frye's regiment, part of the garrison at Fort Cumberland in Maine from 1758 to 1760. The typewritten record covers one hundred and sixteen pages, making an interesting item of the French and Indian War of that period.

A bullet-pouch used in 1775 was the gift from Mr. C. W. Gassett, and from Miss Ella E. Roper came the Roper family genealogy.

The names of Charles H. Benchley and C. W. Gassett were presented by the Committee on Nominations, and they were elected to active membership. The annual address of the President was then read and the announcement of the various working committees made for the year 1906.

*Members of the Worcester Society of Antiquity.*

In extending to you the compliments of the season, and my thanks for the renewed expression of your wish that I continue as your President for another term, I am reminded of the rapidity with which the days, months and years pass. Yet if we stop to carefully consider what has taken place, and what has been accomplished, we must realize that there have been but very few idle moments.

According to the report of our Librarian, we begin this new year with quite an increase on our library shelves. We have at present 19,600 bound volumes, 39,000 pamphlets, and a little more than 6,000 articles in the Museum, and this does not include the many thousand separate articles in our collection of Indian relics. These books and pamphlets have been arranged in classes, so that members desiring to consult them can, with the help of the Librarian, find access to almost any particular book or pamphlet in the list.

The summer months gave opportunity for work to be done in the Museum, and the time was most diligently improved. Four new cases were purchased and the entire collection rearranged, which, by the addition of many articles not before exhibited there, has given the room a fresh and attractive appearance, where many an hour can be passed by the student of history with both pleasure and profit. It is known to many of the older members of the Society that when the building we now occupy was erected, a mortgage of \$15,000 was placed upon the property at the Worcester County Institution for Savings, to secure money with which to make the final payments to the contractors.

For a few years the Society (then having but a small membership) struggled under the attempt to pay the interest annually of \$750, which amount, with the necessary running expenses of the Society, proved too great a load to carry, and the late Hon. Stephen Salisbury, through his great generosity, lifted the weight that was bearing so