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PREFACE.

The seventh annual volume of this Society—"Proceedings and Collections for 1901"—is here presented to the members.

The valuable geological paper on "Kansas Glaciation and its Effects on the River System of Northern Pennsylvania," by Prof. Edward H. Williams, Jr., F. G. S. A., will, we are sure, attract attention and repay a careful study. To the generosity of the author we are indebted for the admirable illustrations of the article.

The Publishing Committee has, in this volume, realized a long cherished purpose in the publication of several original manuscripts from the mass of such data in the possession of the Society. Among these the "Orderly Book of Colonel Zebulon Butler, August-December, 1778," and his "Correspondence," covering the same eventful period, now made public for the first time, will prove of great value to the historian. The future annual volumes of the Society will contain other unpublished manuscript records of a local character.

The vital statistics will be examined with pleasure by the genealogist.

It is intended to keep up these three features, the Geological, Historical and the Statistical, in subsequent volumes.

The editor assumes responsibility for all errors.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Monthly Meeting, April 19, 1901,

HELD IN MEMORY OF MR. RALPH DUPUY LACOE, DECEASED.

Hon. Stanley Woodward, President, in the chair.

The following members were unanimously elected:

Resident, Messrs. Eli T. Connor, George W. Leach, Jr., Benjamin Harold Carpenter.

Honorary, Mr. David White, Paleontologist of the Smithsonian Institute.

Corresponding, Thomas Willing Balch, Esq., and Edwin Swift Balch, Esq., Philadelphia.

The Committee appointed at the annual meeting to prepare resolutions expressive of our appreciation of the life and character and work of Mr. Ralph D. Lacoe, of Pittston, Pa., recently deceased, who has been intimately and efficiently associated with this Society in every department of its work, beg leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, to remove from among us by death our friend and associate, RALPH D. LACOE, therefore

Resolved, That while we recognize the hand of God in this providence, we bow submissively to His will, and we desire to put on record our appreciation of Mr. Lacoe as one who, by his strictly upright life and by his work in the interest of science, has made for himself an honored name among the distinguished men of his generation, and at the same time honored his native valley.

Resolved, That while we sympathize with his bereaved family and his fellow townsmen in Pittston, in their affliction, we rejoice with them in what Mr. Lacoe has been able to do in his quiet and unostentatious way, in the line of

his favorite study. His donations to the Smithsonian Institute, in Washington, D. C., and to this Historical Society, of fossils and flora collected and classified and labeled with his own hands, together make a collection in its department of Paleontology, in extent and variety, unequalled in this land or in any other land.

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Lacoë we have lost one of our most distinguished citizens, the results of whose life-work afford a striking and encouraging example to the young men of this generation of what a young man dependant on his own efforts and inspired by a noble ambition, may accomplish for himself and for those who come after him

N. G. PARKER,
WILLIAM GRIFFITH,
JOSHUA L. WELTER,
Committee.

These resolutions were unanimously approved and referred to the Publishing Committee.

Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden then read an extended biographical sketch of Mr. Lacoë, and followed it by reading a paper on "Mr. Lacoë as a Scientist," prepared by Mr. David White, Honorary Custodian of the Palæozoic Fossil Plants (Lacoë Collection), Smithsonian Institute, which, on motion, was received with thanks to Mr. Hayden and Mr. White, and referred to the Publishing Committee.

After the reading of these papers Mr. J. Bennett Smith made interesting remarks, telling of his knowledge of Mr. Lacoë for forty years and his pleasant experience on being with him on his geological trips, and of his generous treatment of those who aided him.

Mr. Charles Law of Pittston spoke of having known Mr. Lacoë for nearly fifty years, and said that Mr. Lacoë had been the inspiration of his life.

Mr. C. C. Bowman of Pittston also related Mr. Lacoë's interest and help in the establishment of the Pittston Library.

Dr. F. C. Johnson enlarged upon the fact that while Mr. Lacoë had retired from business in 1863 on account of his health, he relaxed his labors in business matters only, to devote himself to science when many other men would have given up all care and study. Thus he prolonged his life thirty-six years, and made himself a benefactor to men by his industry and love of science, and has unconsciously made for himself a name that will be honored in science forever.

The Society adjourned at 9 P. M.