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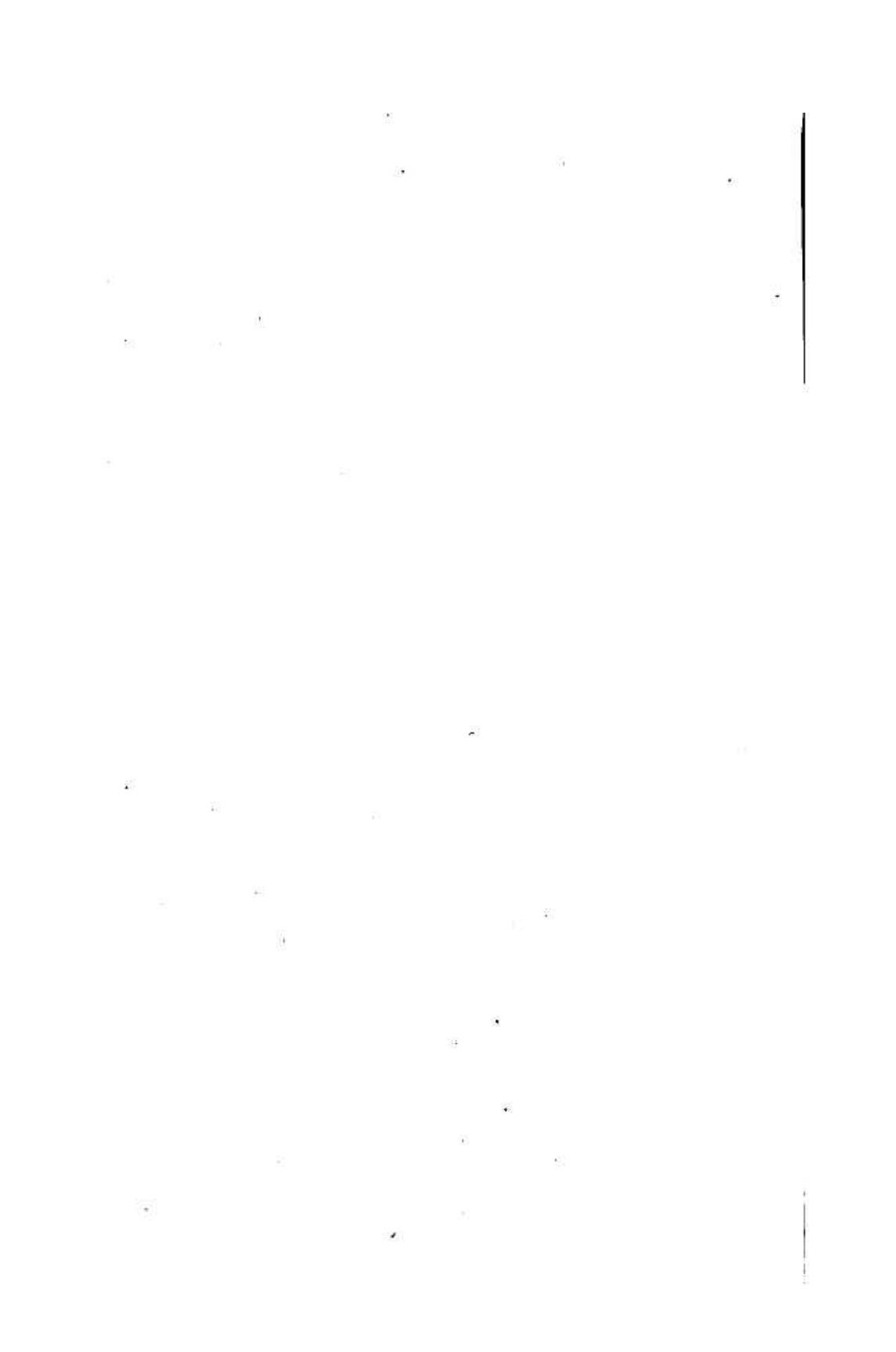
1861. June 20  
Gift of  
the Society

At a Special Meeting of the Hingham Agricultural and Horticultural Society, held at the Armory of the Lincoln Light Infantry, October 15, 1860, on motion of LUTHER STEPHENSON it was

*" Voted, That the Society cause the Reports which have been made to the society since its organization, together with those which may be made during the remainder of the present year, to be compiled and published in pamphlet form ; and to be published with the same, a brief history of the commencement of the society together with such other matter as may be thought desirable."*

*" Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed to carry into effect the above vote."*

Whereupon, the President appointed LUTHER STEPHENSON, E. P. DYER, and FEARING BURR, Jr., that Committee.





## TRANSACTIONS.

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1858-9.

The HINGHAM AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY originated on this wise. Pursuant to a general and public invitation, extended by a few citizens who were persuaded that such a society would be of public interest and utility, and that its formation would be practicable, a meeting of about twenty persons convened at the Selectmen's Room in the Town House, on the evening of October 12th, 1858.

The meeting was called to order by James S. Lewis, and organized by the choice of Charles W. Cushing, Chairman, and Edmund Hersey, Secretary.

The object of the meeting was stated by Fearing Burr, Jr., who submitted a motion "That an Agricultural and Horticultural Society be formed in this town."

The expediency of organizing such a Society was advocated by Fearing Burr, Jr., Henry Cushing, James S. Lewis; Warren A. Hersey, E. D. Richards, Charles W. Cushing, and others, and the motion submitted by Mr. Burr was unanimously adopted.

Whereupon, Fearing Burr, Jr., Henry Cushing, James S. Lewis, Warren A. Hersey, Luther Stephenson, Jr., Charles W. Cushing, and Joseph Thomas, were chosen a Committee to frame a Code of By-Laws.

At an adjourned meeting October 27th, 1858, Mr. Burr, Chairman of the Committee, submitted the following Preamble and By-Laws, which were unanimously adopted.

## PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of encouraging and improving the Science and Practice of Agriculture and Horticulture, of promoting the amelioration of the various species of animals, grain, fruits and vegetables, and for the improvement of the streets, sidewalks and public squares of this town, we hereby associate ourselves together, under the name of THE HINGHAM AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

## BY - LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. The Officers of this Society shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Board of Directors, to consist of the seven officers above enumerated, *ex officio*, and twelve other members of the Society; and a Finance Committee of three, consisting of the President, and the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, *ex officio*. These shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall hold their offices until others shall be elected in their stead.

ART. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and shall cause a special meeting to be called through the Recording Secretary, at the request of any five members.

ART. 3. In the absence of the President, his powers shall be exercised by the Vice-Presidents, who shall successively officiate, as occasion may require.

ART. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, which shall be read at the next subsequent meeting, and preserve all reports of committees.

ART. 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare all letters to be written in the name of the Society; shall receive and read all letters addressed to the Society, and perform the duties of the Recording Secretary, in the absence of that officer.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall receive, for the use of the Society, all sums of money due thereto, and pay all bills against the Society, having first the approval of a majority of the Finance Committee; and, at the annual meeting, submit a written report of the state of the finances of the Society.

ART. 7. The duties of the Directors shall be, to have an oversight and general supervision of the affairs of the Society, and to recommend plans for promoting its interests. Should the Society hold an exhibition of Agricultural and Horticultural productions, it shall be their farther duty to recommend what encouragement by means of prizes and

gratuities, it may, in their estimation, be expedient to offer, and to appoint the several committees or judges for awarding the same.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to examine all bills presented for payment, and to approve the same if found correct; it shall also be their duty to examine the records of the Treasurer, and to have the general charge of the financial affairs of the Society.

ART. 9. The payment of one dollar, shall constitute any person a member of the Society from the time of making the payment until the next annual meeting thereafter.

ART. 10. After the Society shall have been organized, the annual meeting shall be holden on the first Wednesday in November, of each year, for the election of officers; and the Recording Secretary shall cause a notice of the time and place of holding the same, to be given in such newspaper or papers as may be published in town, or if there should be none published, by posting three public notices of the same, at least ten days before the meeting. Should there be less than thirteen members present, and voting, the presiding officer shall cause the meeting to be adjourned for one week, of which adjourned meeting notice shall again be given as before, and the election may then proceed whatever be the number present.

ART. 11. The stated meetings of the Society shall be held once a month, and six members shall be a quorum for the transaction of all business, except that of the annual election, filling vacancies, appropriating the funds of the Society, or alteration of the By-Laws.

ART. 12. Vacancies may be filled, appropriations may be made of the funds of the Society, or the By-Laws altered, at any stated meeting, provided there are not less than thirteen members present and voting; but notice of the vacancy to be filled, or of the proposed appropriation or amendment, shall be given at the meeting next preceding.

#### AMENDMENTS.

ART. 1. Any person may become a life-member by paying the sum of five dollars.

On the adoption of these By-Laws, the committee chosen to draft them was appointed a committee to solicit memberships.

At a subsequent meeting convened at the Town Hall, November 10th, CHARLES W. CUSHING in the chair, the Committee on Memberships reported a list of one hundred and four names of persons who had become members of the Society.