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THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING. TUESDAY
EVENING, JANUARY 7, 1902.

PRESIDENT CRANE in the chair. Others present: Messrs. Arnold, Dickinson, Davidson, Gould, Daniel Kent, Mander A. Maynard, George Maynard, Paine, Salisbury, Williamson, Miss Agnes Waite, C. D. Thayer, Miss Thayer, F. W. Grout, Joseph Wickes and Samuel Lougley.

The Librarian reported additions for the past month: thirty-four bound volumes, seventy-six pamphlets, forty-six papers and eight miscellaneous articles. Special mention was made of the portrait of the late Pardon A. Lee, presented to the Society by a relative of the family. Mr. Lee was one of the early members of the Society.

On report of the Committee on Nominations the name of Alexander Belisle, Jr., was presented and he was elected to active membership in the Society.

The name of Wilford A. Bailey was presented for membership by Alfred S. Roe and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

The PRESIDENT then read the following address:

The holiday season has come and gone. We have watched the old year out and the new year in. The hearts of the little folk have been filled with sunshine and cheer; they have rejoiced with exceeding gladness as those memorable hours came and went. But to the older persons those hours enforce a far deeper consideration. While fathers and mothers may be joyous and exhilarated at the sight of others being made happy, they realize more or

less the enormous weight of responsibility this life imposes upon every human being. Not an individual exists but what has some important part to perform in the onward march of events. We hear people say, "can't do this or that." But they *are* doing, constantly, and the result for good is enormous. Look at our churches, educational, charitable, art, literary and social institutions and imagine if you can the vast amount of labor required to carry on this metropolitan workshop. The same work is going on in other places, only in a greater or less degree.

As you have been classifying your resolves during the past week, we hope you have made generous allowance for one of the institutions to which your attention has been called. It is truly worthy of approbation and support. Its value as an educational institution was never more forcibly realized than now. It has been my fortune during the last few weeks to pass much time within these rooms, richly laden with mementos of the Aborigine, Pilgrim, Puritan, Loyalist, Patriot, and fathers of our own country, to say nothing of other nationalities represented in our collection, the naming of which might carry us nearly around the globe. While the almost numberless printed pages upon our shelves cite the thrilling stories of self-denials, sufferings, courage and heroism of the founders of this great nation.

Several teachers from our public schools have visited the rooms accompanied by scholars, in pursuit of some special line of instruction. Also teachers from neighboring towns have called with their pupils, seeking information. Visitors have come to us from as far south as Virginia, west as California and a great number from intermediate localities. To hear the complimentary words and catch the enthusiasm awakened in them by an hour or two spent in our treasure-house, helps to more thoroughly appreciate the value of the institution under our care; and I should count myself unworthy the trust did I not express