

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOTES

The first meeting of the season, October 24, was held on the three-hundredth anniversary (new style) of the birth of William Penn, and the program was devoted to a commemoration of this event. A general view of Penn's life and career was presented by members of the Peabody High School History Club, sponsored by Miss Lily Lee Nixon, a teacher at that school and a trustee of this society. The introductory remarks were made by James Phillips, who also concluded the symposium with a discussion of "Penn's Plan for a League of Nations." Eugene Thrasher told about "Penn as Oxford Student and Courtier"; Roger Simon, "Penn the Persecuted Quaker"; Corinne Welch, "Penn the Author"; Henry Flood, Jr., "Penn the Architect and City Planner"; and Doris Stetler, "Penn the Lawgiver." Henry Oliver Evans, Esq., a vice president of the society, brought the subject closer home with an illustrated address on "The Penns' Manor of Pittsburgh."

The Rev. Erdman Harris, newly appointed headmaster of Shady Side Academy, was the principal speaker at the society's annual downtown luncheon meeting on December 7. His subject was "The Function of Education in the Crises of History."

The following were elected to membership in the society at the October meeting: Mrs. Mable W. Kelso, as an educational member; Edwin P. Couse, Jr., Allen S. Davison, Leo G. Griffith, Mrs. Jessie K. Harshbarger, Mrs. Hut-ton Kennedy, Donald G. Lauck, Virginia E. Lewis, Mrs. Samuel C. Reed, and Emma F. Thumm, as annual members; and Jay D. McLean, as a sustaining member.

In the same period word was received of the deaths of Mrs. William Reed Thompson, a life member; Mrs. James Harvey Beal, John Crossan Dilworth, and Clarence E. Lott, sustaining members; Charles L. Beck, Edward F. Daume, George N. Lauman, James Moorhead Murdock, Charles Orchard, Edwin Z. Smith, and Mrs. Francis J. Torrance, annual members.

Mr. H. K. Siebeneck's "1845 Committee," organized to arrange for a suitable observance of the centennial of Pittsburgh's Big Fire of April 10, 1845, has met frequently in recent months and laid broad foundations for the events of that day. Among other matters considered and actively pressed were the renovation of the Historical Building, the securing of a suitable hall or halls for the program meetings, the dating of speakers and preparation of

other program features, and the rounding up of loan exhibits illustrative of the catastrophe itself or of the decade in which it occurred. One of the first objectives was the enrollment, by means of circular letters, newspaper notices, and radio publicity, of as many as possible of the "Descendants of Pittsburghers (or Allegheny Countians) of 1845," and the appointment of distinguished members of that group as officers of the association thus formed. By the end of the year about five hundred members of old Pittsburgh families were enrolled, many of whom it was hoped would thereby develop an interest in the broader and more permanent activities of the society, and become members of the latter.

ADDITIONS TO COLLECTIONS

The society has received several very interesting documents from Mrs. William Henry Singer. One of them is a commission dated July 10, 1788, issued by the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, appointing Adamson Tannehill lieutenant colonel of the Fourth Battalion of Militia in the County of Westmoreland. Another commission dated August 3, 1811, from Governor Simon Snyder to Adamson Tannehill, appointed the latter major general of the Fifteenth Division composed of the militia of the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, and Indiana. A document whereby Governor Thomas McKean remitted certain fines imposed upon Adamson Tannehill of Pittsburgh is dated December 20, 1800. There are also two deeds and a mortgage in this group of papers. One of the deeds, dated December 28, 1784, between John Penn, Jr., John Penn, and Adamson Tannehill, conveyed to the latter a lot between Water, Front, Market, and Wood Streets, in the portion of Penns' Manor of Pittsburgh laid out by Colonel Woods. The second deed is dated April 5, 1792, from Adamson Tannehill and Agnes Maria Tannehill, his wife, to Josiah Tannehill for the aforesaid lot. A mortgage of the same date, April 5, 1792, was given by Josiah Tannehill to Adamson Tannehill, on a lot in the aforesaid block in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Singer also included in her gift the original and a photographic copy of a detailed map of the battles of Contreras and Churubusco in the Mexican War, drawn by Lieutenant Peterell of the Fifteenth Infantry, and a beautifully written letter from Rachel (Mrs. Andrew) Jackson to Mrs. H. D. Morgan of Washington, Pennsylvania.

Miss Susan Detar of Greensburg has added important materials to the collection of Westmoreland County documents presented by Jacob Detar some

ten years ago. Most interesting perhaps is an old Bible, including the Apocrypha and containing family records of Adam Uncapher (1796–1842), Susannah (Ludwick) Uncapher (1803–1893), and their children. Then there are a list of voters in Derry Township, 1812, and duplicate tax lists for Greensburg Borough, 1808, 1810, 1813, 1814, 1818, 1820, 1826, 1827, 1829, 1842; Hempfield Township, 1786, 1789, 1790, 1798, 1802, 1805, 1810, 1813, 1814, 1818, 1820, 1825, 1826, 1833, 1842; Huntingdon Township (North), 1788, 1810, (South), 1786; Ligonier Borough, 1842; Mt. Pleasant Township, 1786; Rostraver Township, 1795; and Wheatland Township (now in Indiana County), 1806.

A recent gift from Mr. Thomas Mellon II is an interesting deed poll endorsed by Joseph Fox and wife to Francis Cooper of Philadelphia, establishing "ground rent," and dated August 9, 1831. Also Mr. Mellon presented a framed bill of Mellon Brothers, dealers in coal, lumber, lime, and sand, dated March 10, 1868.

Seven hotel, printer's, freight, and express receipts relating to the business of Abel Patchen and his Pittsburgh agent, J. P. Brown, in 1860, have been received from Mr. Frank Lamb of Birmingham, Michigan. Abel Patchen manufactured a mowing machine, under a license from the inventor John Manny, which was said to have been the best of its kind in its time.

Upon her death the late Miss Maria C. von Bonnhorst bequeathed to the society the commission issued to Sidney F. von Bonnhorst as postmaster in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and signed by President Abraham Lincoln.

From Mr. Chauncey A. Drew of Brooklyn, New York, the society has received an interesting business letter written in Blairsville, Pennsylvania, on June 18 1829, and addressed to George W. Drew, grandfather of the donor.

The Allegheny County Committee of the Pennsylvania Society of the Colonial Dames of America, through a subcommittee headed by Mrs. Marcellin C. Adams and Mrs. William Anderson, has added another reference tool, particularly valuable in genealogical research, to the list of its gifts to the society in recent years. The latest offering is a nicely bound and thoroughly indexed file of photostatic copies of the original returns of the United States Census of 1810 from Allegheny County.

The Methodist Historical Society Collection in the society's library has been further enriched by bound typewritten copies of six sermons of the late Dr. W. F. Conner. Rev. B. F. Crawford copied these sermons and forwarded them to the society.

A large collection of books, manuscripts, and a map has been received by the society from Mrs. David C. Boyce, a sister of Mrs. B. G. Follansbee. Captain Edward S. Wright, whose name appears on many of the documents and on the fly-leaves of books, was Mrs. Boyce's father. Born in England, Captain Wright came to America in 1847. He served with the 62nd Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil War and as Military Provost Marshal for Pittsburgh. As the latter he had to see that the prisoners of war in Western Penitentiary were properly cared for. The documents in this group relate to this work, many of them listing prisoners held there during the war. Through this post came Captain Wright's first connection with the institution to which he devoted some thirty-three years of his life, instituting many reforms. The map mentioned above is an interesting detailed one indicating the route marches of the 140th Pennsylvania Volunteers, first division of the Second Army Corps, organized September 8, 1862, mustered out May 31, 1865. Along the margins are smaller maps of sectors in which various engagements took place, with listing of officers and the number of men wounded and those killed. This map is not an original, being a linen tracing, but one which was probably used during the Penninsular Campaign. Of the many volumes which Mrs. Boyce included in this gift collection quite a number are useful duplicates of books already catalogued in the society's library. Her husband, Dr. David C. Boyce, a Pittsburgh physician, apparently had a keen interest in western Pennsylvania history for many of the scholarly volumes relating to this subject bear his name. Along with the names of Captain Wright and Dr. Boyce there appears on many fly-leaves the book plate and signature of Isaac Craig. The books that come as new additions to the library are: John B. Pearse, *A Concise History of Iron Manufacturing of the American Colonies up to the Revolution* (Philadelphia, 1876); L. S. Shimmell, *Border Warfare in Pennsylvania* (Harrisburg, 1901), which is a doctoral dissertation for the University of Pennsylvania; Barr Ferree, *Pennsylvania: A Primer* (New York, 1904); William Findley, *Observations on "The Two Sons of Oil" containing a Vindication of the American Constitution and Defending Religious Liberty and Toleration* (Pittsburgh, 1812); R. R. B. Dublin, ed., *Irish Protestant Letters and an Address on "Ireland the Cradle of European Literature,"* by Rev. J. B. Finlay (New York, 1855); Rev. Alfred Nevin, *Churches of the Valley, History of the Old Presbyterian Congregations of Cumberland and Franklin Counties, Pa.* (Philadelphia, 1852); a deluxe edition of John Heckewelder's *Narrative of the Mission of United Brethren among Delaware and Mohegan Indians* (Cleveland, 1907); J. J.

Jacob, *A Biographical Sketch of the Late Captain Michael Cresap* (Cincinnati, 1886); E. MacMinn, *On the Frontier with Colonel Antes* (Camden, N. J., 1900); Major William Gilham, *Manual of Instruction for Volunteers and Militia of the United States* (Philadelphia, 1861); and eight small pocket-size editions of military manuals published during the Civil War. Included in this collection are several works of fiction, historical novels with scenes and often characters connected with western Pennsylvania: M. E. Ryan, *A Pagan of the Alleghenies* (Chicago, 1891); H. C. McCook, *Quaker Ben* (Philadelphia, 1911); A. D. Richardson, *The Secret Service* (Hartford, Conn., 1865); P. Zane Gray, *Betty Zane* (New York, 1903); J. A. McClung, *Sketches of Western Adventure* (Cincinnati, 1838); Charles McKnight, *Simon Girty* (Chicago, 1880), and *Once Upon a Time* (London, 1865). Attached to one of the fly-leaves of a McKnight novel is an interesting letter from the author addressed to Isaac Craig informing him of plans for a new novel, asking information and advice from his friend Craig, and speaking of a forthcoming visit to Pittsburgh. Two books of poems addressed to the class of '67 of Washington and Jefferson College are among several other volumes relating to that college. There are several catalogues, a history of the college, and an account of the twenty-fifth reunion of the class of 1860. The society is indebted to Mrs. Boyce for this large and valuable collection.

The following items have come to the society from Miss Virginia Beck: a bound volume of topographical maps of various quadrangles in Pennsylvania and in adjoining areas of Ohio, West Virginia, and Maryland; a typewritten handbook for the guidance of employees of the County Commissioners of Allegheny County, 1935, and also another handbook, being an elaboration of the same, prepared by C. M. Barr; a typewritten report (with maps) on traffic conditions in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, 1934; *Laws of Pennsylvania*, 1878; and forty-nine volumes of very useful duplicates of the *Pennsylvania Archives*, second, third, fifth, and sixth series. Two distinct additions to the library were also included in this group—the two-volume *Memoirs of Allegheny County* (Madison, Wisconsin, 1904) and a two-volume reprint of *Harper's Pictorial History of the Great Rebellion* (1894).

None too plentiful are records of the smaller communities in Allegheny County, so the more welcome is the gift of printed and manuscript material relating to Evergreen Hamlet, received from Mr. J. M. Tate, Jr., of Sewickley, who in turn had received it from Mr. John B. Semple of the same borough. Among the items are a pamphlet entitled *Constitution of Evergreen Hamlet, Recorded in Pittsburgh on September 18, 1851*, and illustrated with

pictures and plans of the dwellings of R. E. Sellers, Wade Hampton, William A. Hill, and William M. Shinn; and a pamphlet entitled *Home and Home Education. An Address Delivered at the Opening of the School House, at Evergreen Hamlet, on May 3, 1856, by William M. Shinn* (Pittsburgh, 1856).

The following items have been added to the shelves of the library through the generous gift of Miss Sara Frazier Ellis: Thomas Dick, *Celestial Scenery: or, the Wonders of the Planetary System Displayed . . .* (Philadelphia, 1838); J. Stockton, *The Western Calculator . . .* (Pittsburgh, 1839); Lindley Murray, *The English Reader . . .* (Cooperstown, 1837); Edward Young, *Night Thoughts on Life, Death, and Immortality* (Philadelphia, 1820); *Franklin Almanac* (Pittsburgh), 1829, 1831, 1832, 1834, 1836, 1846, 1848; *Loomis' Magazine Almanac* (Pittsburgh), 1839-1843, 1847, 1849; *Loomis' Pittsburgh Almanac*, 1853; *Fisher's Improved House-Keeper's Almanac*, 1850; *Seller's Good Intent Almanac* (Pittsburgh), 1850; *Cramer's Pittsburgh Almanack*, 1819; *Cramer's Magazine Almanack* (Pittsburgh), 1830; *The Pennsylvania Democratic Almanac* (Harrisburg), 1840; *The Western Comic Almanac* (Pittsburgh), 1836; *The Western Farmer's Magazine Almanac* (Pittsburgh), 1828; *The Western Farmer's Almanac* (Pittsburgh), 1832, 1833; *Porter's Health Almanac* (Philadelphia), 1832; *The Saturday Evening Visiter* (Pittsburgh), 3:14 (October 8, 1836).

An *Oration Delivered at the First Reunion of the 155th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers* at Lafayette Hall, Pittsburgh, on September 17, 1875, has been given to the society's library by Miss Mary I. Scott. This address was delivered by John H. Kerr, Esq., on the thirteenth anniversary of the Battle of Antietam.

A useful addition has been made to the genealogical section of the society's library by Mr. William Young Brady through his gift of the *Brady Annals*, vol. I (Washington, D. C., 1940).

Hon. Joseph F. Guffey, United States Senator, has presented to the society a copy of an interesting collection of his brother's shorter historical papers, entitled *Colonel Edward Cook and Other Historical Papers* (Pittsburgh, 1941). The collection was published in memory of the author, Alexander S. Guffey, by the surviving members of his immediate family. The work includes papers on Colonel Cook, Albert Gallatin, the Seal of Pittsburgh, and James Wilson.

The society has received a reproduction of a pamphlet entitled, *Economy of the Generation of Steam, with Some Suggestions upon the Proposed Substi-*

tution of Coal for Wood upon Railroads (Boston, 1857), from Mr. Howard N. Eavenson.

The 1941 *Year Book* of the National Society, Daughters of Colonial Wars, has been presented to the society's library on behalf of the Pennsylvania branch of that organization by its president, Mrs. Ellwood J. Turner of Media, Pennsylvania.

A gift of real value in view of the approaching centennial of Pittsburgh's Great Fire is the copy of J. Heron Foster's *A Full Account of the Great Fire at Pittsburgh, on the Tenth Day of April, 1845; with the Individual Losses, and Contributions for Relief*, published by J. W. Cook, Pittsburgh, in 1845. Mr. W. F. Watson presented this booklet to the society.

A little book of sermons by the Rev. John Willison, entitled *The Balm of Gilead*, published in Pittsburgh in 1830, is a real addition to our collection of early Pittsburgh imprints, and its subject matter is not without its local historical significance. This volume was a gift of Miss Mary K. Marshall of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, a former librarian of this society.

The following gifts have been made by Mrs. William J. Crittenden in memory of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown Oliver: Elisee Reclus, *The Earth and Its Inhabitants: Europe*, five volumes (New York, 1881); *Harper's Magazine*, vols. 2, 3, and 5 (1850-1852); and the *Pennsylvania Archives*, second series, vols. 1, 2 (2 copies), 8, 10, 11 (2 copies), 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 (2 copies), 18 (2 copies), 19, and third series, vols. 2-10 inclusive.

Other additions to the library collections are: Mrs. A. H. Hoge, *Boys in Blue* (New York, 1867), presented by Miss Marguerite Elder; Rev. Hodge MacIlvain Eagleson, *A History of Ingomar and the Franklin Church*, the gift of the author; Harord K. Brooks, Esq., of Pittsburgh presented a copy of S. N. and D. G. Beers' *Atlas of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia, 1867); a *Pittsburgh Business Almanac* for 1867 has been received from Mr. William D. George of Pittsburgh; useful duplicates have been presented by Mrs. Grace N. Kalleck of Castle Shannon and Mr. Charles A. McClinstock of Pittsburgh.

Further additions to the library have been made by Mrs. McDonald Shea: *Filson Club Publications*, nos. 1, 3-18, 20-25 (1884-1910); *McKinley Inaugural Souvenir*, 1901; and *One Hundred Books Famous in English Literature*, with facsimiles of the title-pages (The Grolier Club, New York, 1902).

Some unique and welcome items have been added to the society's collections

by Mr. Charles R. Toothaker of Philadelphia. In this group are data on the Elder family and a bound file of the *Temperance Banner*. Some of the more important items are as follows: the *Temperance Banner*, Mount Pleasant, J. Robinson Elder, publisher, July 2, 1845 (vol. 1, no. 1)—December 16, 1846 (discontinued); *Temperance Banner*, Pittsburgh (*Pittsburgh Temperance Banner* from March 8, 1848), J. R. Elder & S. Alter, Feb. 25, 1847 (vol. 1, no. 1)—July 12, 1848 (after which Elder withdrew from the partnership); Lloyd's Shipping Map of the U.S., 1873; a copy of the decree incorporating the Washington Total Abstinence Society of the city of Allegheny, March, 1843; published biographical sketches of Dr. William Elder; and *Practical and Scientific Penmanship . . .* by Henry F. Briggs, 4th ed., Hartford, 1839.

A bound volume of *Ballou's Dollar Monthly Magazine* (Boston), containing various numbers from July, 1861, to December, 1862, has been presented by Miss M. Cecelia Norrish. That it is not devoid of interest to Pittsburgh note the following item in the section entitled "Merry-Making," in the issue for July, 1861: "There is said to be a woman in Pittsburg, Pa., who takes in children to wash. She gives them a good scrubbing with soap and sand, and then sets them in the sun to dry. She washes at four shillings per dozen. Pittsburg is such a smoky town, that the children have to be washed all over twice every day."

Copies of the *Pittsburgh Evening Chronicle* for August 3, 1861, the *Pittsburgh Weekly Mercury and Manufacturer* for April 19, 1845, and the *Kit-tanning Armstrong Democrat* for February 11, 1862, have been presented by Mr. William G. Heiner. All of these are welcome additions to our newspaper files, particularly the one for April 19, 1845, which contains matter relating to the Big Fire in Pittsburgh nine days before.

Mr. Max Odenheimer has presented a framed reprint of the *Daily Citizen*, the well-known one-page newspaper, dated July 2, 1863, and printed on wall-paper by Union soldiers upon their entry into Vicksburg.

Dr. Frank B. Edmundson has presented the society with a copy of the *Pittsburgh Commercial* of Saturday, September 19, 1868, a welcome addition since the society has only a few copies of that paper for the year 1868.

From Mr. Thomas J. Garrett two copies of the *Public Ledger* of Philadelphia, March 25, 1836, have been added to our collections.

Mrs. John V. McClymonds of Bellevue has sent the society two valuable additions to the newspaper collections: the *Ulster County Gazette* of Saturday, January 4, 1800, and the *Pittsburgh Gazette*, dated August 10, 1867.

The camp kit of Lt. Col. James D. Kirk, of the 102nd Regiment, Pennsylv-

vania Volunteers, during the Civil War, has been presented to the society by Judge James H. Gray. There has been much comment on this unusual gift since its display in an exhibition case in the lobby of the Historical Building, for comparison with modern kits is very interesting. In a substantial mahogany box with lock and key and a mirror on the inside cover the following articles were carried: a diary from 1861-1865, daguerreotype and photograph, several brass buttons, a compass, a small box of miniature dominoes, a small book of Burns' poems, powder flask, an army watch, a Methodist booklet of daily meditations, a lapel flag, five cartridges, a seal, a large belt buckle, a very convenient and fine folding map of Pennsylvania, a folding foot rule, a chisel, and a pencil. Along with the kit Judge Gray presented a pair of gold epaulets worn by Lt. Col. Kirk.

A varied and interesting group of gifts has been given to the society during the year by Mrs. Allen Davison: a pair of handmade baby shoes, sold in the store of Ross Furnace over a hundred years ago; an old coffee mill, a small crumber, an old waffle iron, and a pewter cup and plate from a communion service. The communion service was used in the old Tomahawk Church, built about 1740 and located four miles southwest of Hodgesville, West Virginia. The set was made in England and brought to this country more than two hundred years ago.

A neat pen-and-ink drawing of the Mansfield Classical Seminary, built in 1856 and burned in 1857, which stood on the site now occupied by the state normal school at that place, has been received from Mrs. Elvert M. Davis of Tallahassee, Florida. Also, Mrs. Davis has sent a large collection of her notes and papers on the Wilkinson and Bates families. This will be useful and is welcomed to our archives, for Mrs. Davis has written and published much on General Wilkinson and the Bates brothers.

A group of interesting items have been presented to the society by Mrs. Frank C. Osburn. On a small slip of yellowed paper is an order for groceries signed John Calmer (?) and dated February 12, 1804. The other items are related to the Civil War and especially to Captain Hartley Howard of the 9th Regiment of Pennsylvania Reserves. Two views of Camp Pierpont, Virginia, an excellent photograph of Captain Howard, and several auditor reports of the Treasury Department in regard to equipment for the soldiers comprise this interesting gift.

Dr. John S. Plumer of Emsworth has given the society a framed print of the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic in Washington, D.C., at the close of the Civil War.

A small framed portrait of Father A. A. Lambing, one of the early presidents of the society, has been presented by his grandnephew, Mr. L. A. Lambing, Jr.

A framed group portrait of the "viewers" who appraised the properties of the Monongahela Navigation Company in 1897, in preparation for their purchase by the United States government and the opening of free navigation on the Monongahela River, has been presented by Mr. William Metcalf, Jr., of Sewickley. One of the viewers was the donor's father, William Metcalf, who foresightedly identified the others as George W. Dilworth, William McConway, Stephen C. M'Candless, Jasper V. Thompson, Col. S. M. Jackson, and Charles E. Andrews.

The society is indebted to Mary McD. Dippold of Sewickley for the gift of daguerreotypes of two of her ancestors, James Thomson, mayor of Pittsburgh in 1841, and Mrs. Thomson.

A very handsome rosewood piano and stool manufactured by Robert Munns & Clark Company, New York, has been presented to the society by Mrs. Leslie M. Johnston.

A powder bucket used in this region during the American Revolution has been presented by Mrs. Harry G. Samson of Mt. Lebanon. The over-all dimensions of the bucket, including the leather handle, are about twenty inches high and eight inches in diameter. On opposite sides are two British coat of arms in gilt and color. Mrs. Samson also gave to the society three very long hat pins with ornate heads in jet and pearl, reminiscent of the gay 90's.

A framed facsimile of the Carnegie Hero Medal and a Carnegie Hero Fund Commission brochure, 1907, have been presented to the society by Miss Margaret Barr of Beverly Farms, Massachusetts.

An interesting relic has been given the society by Mr. Joseph McConnell. According to Mr. McConnell these two hand-forged iron nails, of 1758, were used to secure the iron tires to fellys of wheels of the cannon at Fort Ligonier, Pennsylvania. The nails were found at the old fort by Mr. William L. Mellon and later presented to Mr. McConnell while they were camping at Idlewild, Pennsylvania, about 1880.

A large decorated punch bowl which was presented to the late Judge T. J. Ford in 1900 has been given to the society by Mr. Ford's niece, Miss Marie Mulholland. The bowl was painted by Mrs. L. C. Gettner, a teacher in the Pittsburgh schools.

Some fifty years ago the courthouse clock in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, was renewed or remodeled. Samuel F. States, then commissioner in that

county, saved the hands from the old clock. Mr. A. Kenneth Yost, States' grandson, has presented this interesting item to the society. The clock hands are wooden, probably whittled out by hand, the hour hand being thirty-six inches in length, and the minute hand being forty-eight. They have sockets at the point they were fastened to the face of the clock, and crudely shaped lead counter-weights in their ends opposite the points.

Mrs. Mary Henle has given the society a very lovely and ornate Victorian cake-top which was used on her grandmother's wedding cake in 1882. Purchased from W. L. Knoore of Pittsburgh by Felix Henle, the groom, the top stands some eighteen inches in height, sixteen inches at the base, and has been preserved under a large bell glass.

Hon. Cornelius D. Scully, mayor of Pittsburgh, obtained from California a rare coin which he has presented to the society. The inscriptions on it read: on one side, "A. Ludewig—Dealer in—Tobacco, Snuff—and Cigars—310 & 312—Liberty St.—Pittsburgh, Pa."; on the other, "Coppers 20 Pr Ct Premium" and the quaint figure of a man with hands in pockets. The origin and purpose of this interesting coin or token is obscure. A "City Document" printed in Pittsburgh in 1873 in accordance with a resolution of councils of May 12, 1873, providing for the improvement of Penn Avenue and other avenues and streets of the city, has also been given to the society by Mr. Scully.

"Old coppers," in circulation shortly after the Civil War, and "Washington Headquarters" medals nos. 2, 4, 5, 8, and 9 have been presented to the society by Mr. George H. Clapp. Mr. Clapp collected the old coins as a small boy.

A three-inch cross section of rail from the old Allegheny Portage Railroad, which once carried canal boats over the Alleghenies between Hollidaysburg and Johnstown, has been presented by Miss Jennie B. Connelly of Fayette City, through Dr. Brown Fulton of Pittsburgh.

A copy of "Lee's Panoramic View of the Grand Water Parade, on the Occasion of the Opening of the Davis Island Dam, October 7, 1885," published by Alex. Y. Lee in 1886, and an early Edison light bulb have been given to the society by Mr. George S. Santmyers.

From Mr. A. H. Robinson the society has received a miniature facsimile of the *Pittsburg Dispatch* for September 20, 1881, announcing the death of President Garfield, and a picture of the Pittsburgh Rifles, Co. A, 9th Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves (Col. F. Jackson), in camp at Camp Tenelly, Washington, D. C.