

pride to the building at Aptuxcet, where we have more tangible relics of a little recognized part of the Pilgrims' lives than of all their religious and social life put together. Intangibly, the form of this organization, centralized for the benefit of the whole community, contrasts strangely with the democratic ideals of the more famous "Mayflower Compact." Yet who would say which principles are in the ascendency today?

In Memoriam

THE death of James J. Phelan in October leaves a gap in the ranks of the Society's membership which can never be completely filled. Despite a multiplicity of other duties and affiliations, Mr. Phelan always found time to encourage and advise the group in its activities. Since joining the Society in January 1926 as a charter member, he has never wavered in his enthusiasm for the enterprise.

The same understanding interest and enthusiastic support given the Society's activities may be found in all projects in which Mr. Phelan was engaged. For thirty-seven years he distinguished himself in the investment banking field as a partner in the firm of Hornblower and Weeks.

Some indication of the scope and diversity of Mr. Phelan's interests may be indicated by listing a few of his more outstanding achievements. During the World War he served as the Massachusetts assistant food administrator, executive manager of the Public Safety Committee, and a member of the executive committee of the Boston Liberty Loan drives. In 1922 and 1923 he was state emergency fuel administrator, and in 1931 he was head of the state unemployment relief committee. At various times he served on such state relief committees as the San Francisco earthquake, Chelsea fire, Salem fire, Messina earthquake, Halifax disaster, and Ohio flood committees. At one time he was president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Phelan was the first American to be decorated by Pope Pius XI as a Knight of Malta, and in 1931 he was awarded the Laetare medal which is given annually to the outstanding Catholic layman by the University of Notre Dame. He was a trustee or director in a wide variety of business undertakings, and was a member of numerous clubs and societies.

The Business Historical Society deeply regrets the death of a member who has been such a good friend of the people of his state and of the country at large.

Secretary's Column

Since the publication of the last Bulletin the Society has received and gratefully acknowledges the following acquisitions:

- From American Petroleum Institute, New York City: *Proceedings Fourth Mid-Year Meeting American Petroleum Institute*, 1934.
- From Earl H. Barber, Reading, Massachusetts: a bound volume in triplicate of the *Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners — A Statement of its Jurisdiction and Work since its Establishment in 1885*, dated May 7, 1907.
- From Arthur W. Blackmann, President, D. F. Munroe Company, Boston: *Proceedings of the 29th Annual Convention of the National Paper Trade Association*, 1932.
- From J. G. Bradley, President, Gauley Coal Land Company, Boston: *Keystone Coal Buyers Catalogue* for 1929, 1930, 1931.
- From The Consolidation Coal Company, Fairmont, West Virginia: *History of the Consolidation Coal Company 1864-1934*, compiled by Charles E. Beachley, Secretary.
- From Arthur Coombs, Coombs Motor Company, Watertown, Massachusetts: Railroad map of Massachusetts and the eastern United States, published in 1851.
- From Miss Mary Corliss, Utica, New York: Edgar S. Trout, *The Story of the Centennial of 1876 — Golden Anniversary*, 1929; *Corliss Steam Engine*; Budapest Letter, dated 1883.
- From Frederic A. Delano, Washington, D. C.: six whaling log books of Ships *Stanton*, *William Wirt*, and *Phillip De LaNoye* and of Brig *Charleston Packet*, 1824-1860.
- From Financial Advertisers Association, Chicago: *Proceedings of the Financial Advertisers Association*, September, 1934.
- From the Financial Post, Toronto: *The Financial Post Directory of Canadian Directors and Officials*, 1933.
- From Misses Harriet J. and Florence G. Ford, Millbrook, Massachusetts: nine account books of the general store of Nathaniel Ford & Sons, Duxbury, 1829-1872; one account book of Treasurer of Partridge Academy, Duxbury, 1862-1883.
- From Mrs. Charles E. Fritz, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, New York: miscellaneous documents and correspondence of William H. White, merchant, of New York and San Francisco, 1836-1853.