

Having a literary acquaintance with many members of the Historic Genealogical Society, I was induced to join the society in 1854. There I tried to be useful and help to build up the institution. For several years I held many responsible positions and wrote a great deal for the benefit of the Society and the Society's affairs, besides paying all the fees required of regular members. I might have held higher offices, but I had not leisure to spare even for permanent recording secretary, and so objected when it was suggested to me. I was often appointed secretary *pro tem*. Some of my good offices ought to be here specified: First, I wrote notices of monthly meetings, which I got printed in the newspapers, for 1855, viz.: The *Daily Bee*, June 7, July 13, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Jan. 4, 1856, Feb. 6, 1856, Jan. 9, 1857; the *Boston Daily Courier*, July 13, 1855; the *Boston Transcript*, Sept. 6, Oct. 3, May 7, 1857, and many others. These notices I wrote nearly every month for several years. I also read papers before the meetings; May 3, 1855, I read the journal of Dr. Isaac Bangs written in Revolutionary times.

Oct. 3, 1855, I read a paper on "The first American Poet." Another paper of mine was on my sojourn in England; and I probably read other papers at subsequent times.

At the request of the society I looked up the act of incorporation in the official State records. It was dated Jan. 16, 1845, and the name in the charter was "New England Historic Genealogical Society," which showed that history, as well as genealogy, was the object for which the society was established. I have given the society a copy of every book published by me (more than a hundred) and many other volumes.

For their Historical and Genealogical Register, I have contributed articles on the Bradstreet family, the Bangs family, the Chute family, the Dudley family, the Dillinghams, etc.

In 1855 I was appointed chairman of a committee to draft and present a petition to Legislature in favor of an appropriation for collecting and preserving copies of the town and parish records of this commonwealth. The other members of the committee were Hon. Francis Brinley and Sylvester Bliss, Esq.

Jan. 9, 1857, I was elected one of the library committee, with William B. Trask, Caleb D. Bradlee, Sylvester Bliss and the librarian.

Feb. 6, 1856, I was appointed on a committee to invite the Dartmouth College Association to hold its next meeting in the rooms of this society.

At another time I was appointed chairman of a committee to revise the by-laws of the N. E. Historic Genealogical Society; and at another, chairman of a committee to collect the portraits of all past and present officers of the N. E. H. & Gen. Society, which we did with great exertion and much delay.