

## Library Additions

Most of the departments of our Library have been much increased during the past year—notably those of American and local history, genealogy, American and foreign biography, magazines, and reviews, and our rapidly increasing collection of Shakespeareana. The growth of the Shakespeare department has been more than double that of any preceding year—including 28 volumes of issues of the New Shakespeare Society. The increase in our bound newspaper files has been very limited, having had none bound during the year; but the purchased additions include several rare volumes of the last century. A valuable atlas of American and European maps of 1738, etc., has been added to our map and atlas collection. Our department of genealogy and heraldry has been increased 80 volumes; while we have secured 30 volumes of the *Bibliotheca Sacra*, and 28 volumes of the second series of the *Pennsylvania Geological Reports*.

Our Society has been fortunate, after thirty years efforts, in securing a copy, with its ancient map, of that exceedingly rare volume—Thevenot's *Collection of Voyages*, published at Paris in 1681, giving an account of Marquette's travels through Wisconsin—the first white traveler who penetrated our soil, via the Wisconsin River, to the Mississippi, and the first printed chronicle of that primitive exploration. We have secured, by importation, a valuable work of a similar character, though of modern print, Gabriel Gravier on the *Discovery of America by the Normands*, in the tenth century, Paris, 1874, 4to. Another rare volume secured is *A Letter to a Friend*, relative to Braddock's defeat, published at Boston in 1758.

The additions to the Library during the past year have been 1,983 volumes; of which 1,418 were by purchase, and 565 by donation; and 2,496 pamphlets and documents, of which 564 were obtained by purchase, and the remainder, 1,743, were by donation, together with 189 by mounted newspaper cuttings. Of the book additions, 55 were folios, and 267 quartos, increasing the number of folios in the Library to 3,436, and the quartos to 4,394, and both together to 7,830.