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permission, it has received from her Majesty more than one gracious and graceful recognition. In sending to Colonel Chester the recently published second volume of the "Life of the Prince Consort," with the autograph inscription, "To Colonel Chester, from Victoria, R. & I.," she accompanied it with a message to him, "that she had not been forgetful of his labors, and wished him to understand how much she appreciated them." She had already sent him the first volume.

Colonel Chester, I learn, has engaged to prepare, for the New Shakspeare Society, a volume of the wills of authors and actors of the reigns of Elizabeth and James, with annotations.

Meantime, he is promising to give us new materials for the reconstruction, on a more authentic basis, of the Pedigree of Washington.

It cannot fail to be a subject of interest and pride with Americans that a fellow-countryman of our own should be successfully and signally associated with researches which have so great an interest on both sides of the Atlantic.

The President was thereupon requested to communicate our acknowledgments to Colonel Chester, with our congratulations on the success of his labors.

Dr. GREEN read the following brief account of the Battle of Bunker Hill from the leaf of a journal of Thomas Boynton, a soldier belonging to Andover:—

Thomas Boynton's Journal.

Andover, April 19, 1775. This morning, being Wednesday, about the sun's rising, the town was alarm'd with the news that the Regulars was on their march to Concord; upon which the town mustered, and about 10 o'clock marched onward for Concord. In Tewksbury news came that the Regulars had fired on our men in Lexington, and had kil'd 8. In Bilricke news came that the enemy were killing and slaying our men in Concord. Bedford we had news that the enemy had killed 2 of our men, and had retreated back; we shifted our course and persued after them as fast as possible, but all in vain; the enemy had the start 3 or 4 miles. It is said that there number were about 1,500 men. They were persued as far as Charlestown that night; the next day they past Charles River. The loss they sustained as we here were 500, our men about 40. To return, after we came into Concord rode, we saw houses burning, and others plundered, and dead bodies of the enemy lying by the way, others taken prisoners. About 8 at night our regiment came to a halt in notime. The next morning we came into Cambridge and their abode.

May 13. The hole army marched to Charlestown, a long side the men of war, which gave them great surprise.

June 16. Three regiments were ordered to peraid at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, namely: Con' Frys and Con' Bridgs and Con' Prescotts, after which being done, we attended prayers, and about 9 at night we marched to Charlestown with about a 1000 men, and at about 11 o'clock we began to entrench in sight of Boston and the shiping. At the sun's rising they began to fire upon us from the shiping; the 3^d or 4th shot they kild one man, and many others escaped very narrowly. At length they ceased their fire. Our work went on continually; they began again about 8 or 9 o'clock, from Corps Hill, and continued a hot fire. About 2 or 3 o'clock, the enemy landed, and advanced toards us, its thot to the number of 2000 men, and soon planted their cannon and began the fire, and advancing up to our fort. After they came within gun shot we fird, and then ensud a very hot engagement. After a number of shots passed, the enemy retreated, and we ceased our fire for a few minutes. They advanced again, and we began a hot fire for a short time. The enemy scaling our walls and the number of our men being few, we was ordered to retreat, at which time the enemy were allmost round us, and a continual firing at our heals. In the engagement we lost William Haggot, Joseph Chandler, and Philip Abbot. Wounded: Lient's Isaac Abbot, Serg't Joshua Lovjoy, James Turner, Jeremiah Wardwell, Stephen Chandler, and Israel Holts, of our company.

August 26. Saturday night a party of our men went on what is cald the Plowd Hill, and entrenchd. Sabbath day the enemy began to fire; they kild 2 men. Our reg^t was mustred and marched down to Winter Hill, whare they continued all day; at night we marchd down to s^d Plowd Hill and entrenched. In the night there was a smart shower, and very sharp lightning and thunder; the most of us wet to the skin. At about 7 o'clock we was releaved, the enemy fird not a gun at us.

The President read a letter from the Hon. Hiland Hall, of Bennington, Vt., relating to the Battle of Bennington.

Mr. PAIGE made the following remarks:—

Mr. PRESIDENT, — Several weeks ago, I mentioned to you my hope that I might to-day present to our Society, as a birth-day offering, my long-delayed "History of Cambridge." I regret that I cannot fully execute my purpose; but at the suggestion of our Librarian, Dr. Green, I have laid on the table an unbound copy of the volume, to be replaced by another in a more comely form before our next meeting. I should have hesitated to adopt this unusual mode of presentation, had I not been so forcibly admonished by the sudden prostration and the present critical condition of our honored associate, ex-Governor Washburn, that one who has attained the age of seventy-five years has a very slender hold on life.