

## What Benjamin Franklin Did.

Here is a long list of the good deeds of Benjamin Franklin. This catalogue has been summarized by Curtis Gould, who was present at the unveiling of the Franklin statue, in Philadelphia, sixty-six years after the patriot and philosopher's death :

He founded the Philadelphia Library, the leader in the field of hundreds of others of similar character.

He edited the best paper in the Colonies, and gave a start to the press of America.

He exemplified the value of advertising in modern business.

His "Poor Richard" maxims were wit and wisdom that brought home valuable truths to readers, such as they could understand and make of practical service.

He founded the American post office system.

It was he who caused Philadelphia to be paved, lighted and kept clean.

He invented, when fuel was scarce, the Franklin stove, which economized it; and made a free gift of his invention to the public, besides suggesting various other heating inventions, later on, in which this country leads all others.

He was the remover of the once universal nuisance,—smoky chimneys.

He was the first effective promulgator of the gospel of ventilation.

He made important electrical discoveries, and, as is said, "robbed thunder of its terrors, and lightning of its power to destroy."

He was instrumental in founding the very first high school in Pennsylvania; he protested till his death against using the funds of the institution in teaching the youth the language of Greece and Rome, when French, German and Spanish were so much more required in regular business transactions.

He founded the American Philosophical Society, the first organization of friends of science in this country.

His aid was valuable in founding the Pennsylvania Hospital.

He led that State in its struggle of thirty years against the tyranny of the Penns.

When the Indians were carrying on bloody marauding expeditions within eighty miles of Philadelphia he commanded and led the troops of the city that were sent against them.

He was the author of the first scheme for uniting the colonies; his scheme contained many features that bind the States in the Union to-day.

More than any other man, he was instrumental in causing the repeal of the Stamp Act.

He discovered the temperature of the Gulf Stream, and that northwest storms begin in the southwest.

He directed attention to the advantage of building ships with water-tight compartments, getting the idea from the Chinese.

He labored earnestly for the abolition of slavery toward the close of his life, and in aid of those who were emancipated.

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