

The constitution was again revised in 1879.

On the seventeenth of January, 1886, the Society celebrated the centenary of its institution. There was an oration at the Academy of Music in the afternoon, delivered by the Honorable Thomas P. Gargan of Boston, and a banquet at Masonic Hall in the evening, at which some two hundred guests were present and a number of eloquent and appropriate speeches were delivered.

At the Society's quarterly meeting held on the seventeenth of May, 1887, the President, the Honorable James Butler, announced that the late Honorable Sir William Young had bequeathed ten thousand dollars to trustees who were to pay the income arising therefrom to the Society half-yearly, "to be applied to the general purposes of its benevolent and charitable work."

On the nineteenth of November, 1888, the Honorable L. G. Power, Mr. D. F. Power, the Secretary (Mr. A. B. Crosby), Mr. W. J. Butler, and Mr. W. A. Lyons, were appointed a committee to revise the constitution.

At the annual meeting held on the seventeenth of February, 1890, a letter from the executors of the late Honorable James Butler was read, announcing that their testator had bequeathed one thousand dollars to them in trust to pay the income therefrom to the Society half-yearly, so long as it should continue to exist.

On the seventeenth of February, 1891, the committee appointed at the meeting of November, 1888, to revise the constitution, submitted their report, which was finally adopted at the annual meeting held on the seventeenth of February, 1892.

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