

they made every possible effort to mark their appreciation of their old companion. An elaborate silver tea service was the gift chosen, and the presentation was made by Mr. Albert J. Wright, one of the proprietors of the establishment, with the following address:—

Mr. O'Donnell:—Twelve years is a considerable slice from the lifetime of man, and for a period of about twelve years you have been identified with the business of this office as a workman at the case, as assistant foreman, and as managing foreman of this department, earning your advancement by your merits alone, and performing your duties in a manner both satisfactory to your employers and honorable to yourself. You have now signified your intention to leave us for other duties, and I need not dwell upon the sense of loss which we feel upon the retirement of one who has been with us through many changes, by fire, by death, and by loss of business—through seasons of adversity and times of prosperity—until now it must come to each of the older men who have been here through all of it, with a feeling of sadness—yes, and of grief—that the good old times have gone with the good old men who founded and sustained the State Printing Office of Wright & Potter.

I have been requested to represent those who on this occasion desire to express their appreciation of you in a substantial manner by presenting you in their behalf—and I do it, also, as a representation of the old firm—with this tea service. Please accept it with our best wishes for your continued prosperity and success in life.

Mr. O'Donnell exhibited much feeling at this evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by his old employers and associates, and responded in a fitting manner. The service is of solid silver, elegantly chased, of a superb pattern, and reflects great credit on the taste of the gentlemen who selected it. It is composed of nine pieces, each of which bears Mr. O'D.'s monogram, while on the largest piece—a beautiful coffee urn—the following inscription is engraved:—

Presented to
J. H. O'DONNELL,
by the
PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYEES
of the
Old State Printing Office.
Dec. 8, 1877.

Altogether the affair was a most pleasant surprise, and will be associated by the recipient and participants with happy recollections of "Auld Lang Syne."

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Boston Franklin Typographical Society.

The 54th annual meeting of the Boston Franklin Typographical Society was held in Wadman Hall, on Saturday evening, 5th inst., the president, Wm. J. Quinn, in the chair. A large number of members were in attendance, and the meeting was one of the most harmonious in the annals of the society. A volume of "Thoreau—His Life and Aims," was presented to the society by Albon H. Bailey. This is the first publication printed entirely with "logotypes," and, from that fact, is considered valuable as a souvenir, aside from its intrinsic worth. A donation was also received from Curtis Guild, Esq., consisting of a copy of his work, entitled "Home Again."

Hugh O'Brien, Esq., treasurer, presented his report, which showed that the affairs of the society are in a satisfactory condition. The details are as follows: Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1877, \$64.13; monthly collections, \$1,133.98; withdrawn from savings banks, \$400; donation from H. C. Whitcomb, \$25; forfeitures, \$19; total receipts, \$1,642.11. Paid for benefits, \$1,255; rent, insurance and other expenses, \$346.76; cash on hand, \$40.35; cash on hand and invested, \$7,771.10. The large amount of benefits paid to sick members was commented on in the report, as a feature which, while a source of pride and satisfaction to the members of the society, has had the effect of reducing the cash on hand from that reported last year. The report also added: "It is gratifying to know that those of our members who are entitled to our aid are now made comfortable from a fund to which they have largely contributed."

The secretary, Henry R. Danforth, Esq., presented his report, from which it appears that the society has lost two honorary members, and gained 36 active members during the year. The membership at present is as follows: Honorary members, 33; free members, 9; active members, 266; total membership, 308. The loss by death of the following named members was appropriately mentioned in the report: James B. Dow, Albert J. Wright and Geo. P. Morton.

The library committee presented its annual report as follows: The total amount at the disposal of the committee at the beginning of the year, \$132.01; unexpended balance at date, \$12.46. During the year 2,134 volumes have been taken from the library, being an average of 200 for each meeting at which the library was