

DR. WM. DOUGLASS'S ALMANACK.

At a meeting of the MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY held on Thursday, Feb. 14, 1884, Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, in presenting a copy of William Nadir's Almanack for the year 1743, spoke as follows: —

This almanac has been in the possession of my family for several generations, and it is only recently that I have been enabled to identify the handwriting and establish beyond doubt the name of the original owner. The following entry is made among the notes, under date of March 2: —

"Peter Fanuil Esq^r dyed of a complication of diseases, a very fat squat man, & has bin Exceeding charitable amogst us, and a great Loss in this Towⁿ."

Again, under date of March 10: —

"M^r Peter Fanenil Esq^r burried a very Large funeral went roūd y^e Town house gaue us gloues at y^e funeral but sent y^e gloues on y^e 11. day. his Coffin couer[d] wth black velvet, & plated wth y^ellow plates."

In the first volume (page 73) of the Proceedings, it is recorded that the gift of "A MS. Journal of a Gentleman in Boston, from the year 1729 to the year 1749, from Mr. Joshua Green," was made to this Society on July 29, 1794. The person presenting it was my great-grandfather; and with the laudable curiosity of a dutiful descendant I set about an examination of the manuscript, which consisted of three folio volumes made up mostly of items about the weather. There are entries here and there of some interest, but generally they are of a meteorological character. All the internal evidence goes to show that the Journal was kept by Benjamin