

THE SOCIETY

Dr. Robert E. Moody, professor emeritus of history at Boston University, was guest of honor at a reception held in the Wadsworth-Longfellow House on Sunday afternoon, October twenty-second. Attended by over one hundred guests, the occasion was sponsored by the Society in recognition of the recent publication of Dr. Moody's latest contribution to Maine history, *The Letters of Thomas Gorges, Deputy Governor of the Province of Maine, 1640-1643*. This publication, sponsored by the Society, is the culmination of more than sixteen years of scholarly effort, and represents the most significant contribution to the documentary history of colonial Maine since the appearance of *The Trelawny Papers* nearly a century ago.

At its August meeting held at the China Baptist Church, the Maine Old Cemeteries Association presented the Society with the papers of Edwin S. Marble, a memorial stonecutter who plied his trade at Bath, West Bath, and Skowhegan.

The valuable genealogical data contained in these records, covering the period 1855-1916, has been transcribed by the members of MOCA onto approximately 30,000 catalog cards which are available for consultation at the Society. MOCA has also presented us with a handsome thirty-drawer catalog in which to house the collection.

The Maine Commission on the Arts and the Humanities has recently announced the approval of the Society's application for a \$500 conservation and preservation

matching grant to be used for bookbinding purposes. Since a recent survey of our imprint collection revealed that literally thousands of volumes are in dire need of rebinding, the grant announcement came as welcome news.

The Society extends its sincere appreciation to the Longfellow Garden Club for having kindly made extensive repairs to the masonry wall separating the Longfellow Garden from the adjacent commercial property. In view of our serious financial problems, we would have been hard-pressed to provide for this work from our own resources.

We also extend our thanks to Mr. Thomas Lange, assistant curator of rare books and bindings at the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York, for his generosity in having facilitated the restoration of a rare document bearing the signature of Button Gwinnett, a signer of the Declaration of Independence from Georgia.

On October 4, 1978, the Maine Chapter of the American Institute of Architects awarded an Honorary Membership to Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., for his efforts in having "helped to create an aroused public awareness and appreciation of Maine's architectural resources." Mr. Shettleworth is president of the Maine Historical Society and director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

NEW MEMBERS

FROM MAINE Bangor: Ms. Anne Bridges, Mrs. Douglas F. Cowan *Brunswick:* Mr. Willard F. Enteman *Cape Elizabeth:* Mrs. Janet M. Poole *Farmington:* Mr. Jay S. Hoar *Kennebunkport:* Mr. Jacques M. Downs *Nobleboro:* Mrs. Arnold R. Cross *Orono:* Mr. Robert H. Babcock, Mr. Victor A. Konrad *Oxford:* Mr. & Mrs. Albert D. Nutting *Portland:* Mrs. Barbara M. Dyer, Mr. Gary W. Libby, Mrs. Pamela P. Plumb, Mr. Bruce M. Tompkins *Raymond:* Mr. David A. Sargent *Scarborough:* Mr. Frank W. Foss *Westbrook:* Mrs. Maureen V. Lemire *Yarmouth:* Mr. William S. Carr.

Other States CALIFORNIA Alameda: Mr. Harold J. Wakefield *Fontana:* Mrs. Mildred Hilton Crawford *South Gate:* Ms. Ida L. Young *CONNECTICUT East Hartford:* Mrs. Muriel G. Nurmi *DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:* Ms. Karen L. Sampson *IDAHO Nampa:* Mrs. Charlotte A. Butterfield *ILLINOIS Beecher:* Mrs. Mary V. Preussner *MASSACHUSETTS Chelmsford:* Mrs. Martha K. McCollough *MICHIGAN Middleville:* Mr. Randy K. Schantz *MISSOURI Crestwood:* Mr. Mark D. Waldemer *NEW HAMPSHIRE Concord:* Mrs. Barbara C. Lawrence *Plainfield:* Mrs. Susan Perkins *NEW MEXICO Raton:* Mrs. O. W. Gregory *NEW YORK New York:* Ms. Susan Duling, Mr. Roger G. Whidden *OHIO Athens:* Mrs. Richard Paynter *TEXAS Houston:* Mrs. Gregg Ring *VIRGINIA Falls Church:* Ms. Frances Loikow *WASHINGTON Seattle:* Mrs. William C. Stone.

LIFE MEMBER

Mr. Alaric Faulkner
Orono, Maine

NEWS OF OTHER SOCIETIES AND INSTITUTIONS

The University of Southern Maine will host a special Centennial Symposium on the History of Public Higher Education in Maine on Wednesday, February 7, 1979, at 2:00 P.M., in Room 205, Corthell's Hall, on the Gorham campus. The session will be chaired by Professor Emerita Enda F. Dickey, and will feature papers concerning four of the campuses of the University of Maine system by their respective historians: Roger L. Grindle of Fort Kent; Richard Mallett of Farmington; David Smith of Orono; and Robert York of Portland-Gorham. The public is cordially invited to attend.