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TRENTON, *January 20th*, 1853.

THIS being the day for the annual meeting of the Society, the members convened in Temperance Hall, in this city, at 12 o'clock at noon. As the President and Vice Presidents were absent, the Rev. NICHOLAS MURRAY, D. D., Chairman of the Executive Committee, was called upon to preside. Mr. HAYES, the Recording Secretary, not being present, Mr. JOHN RODGERS was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*, and read the minutes of the last meeting.

Mr. WHITEHEAD, the Corresponding Secretary, laid upon the table the correspondence of the Society since September, drawing attention particularly to letters from Rev. RICHARD WEBSTER, of Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Rev. M. W. JACOBUS, of Alleghany; and ROYAL R. HINMAN, Esq., of Hartford, Conn., acknowledging their election as members; from BENJAMIN FRENCH, Esq., of New York, asking for donations for the New Orleans Library; from MANNING T. FORCE, Esq., Secretary of the Ohio Historical and Philosophical Society, suggesting an application to Congress for books; from CHAS. C. RAFFN, Secretary of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, Copenhagen, referring to the current errors respecting the visits of the Northmen to the coasts of America, and transmitting a correct statement, based upon Danish authorities; from the Smithsonian Institution, American Philosophical Society, Pennsylvania Historical Society, Connecticut Historical Society, and different gentlemen, in relation to the operations of the Society. The communication from the Society

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NOTICES OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY,
IN THE BELLAMY MANUSCRIPTS.

THE REV. JAMES DAVENPORT TO THE REV. JOSEPH BELLAMY.

WEST JERSEY, KINGWOOD, May 29, 1753.

2d P. S. 'Tis expected that Mr. Gilbert Tennent will be sent to England in behalf of the College. The good Lord in mercy go with him, and cause His pleasure to prosper abundantly in his servant's hand.

THE REV. SAMUEL DAVIES TO THE SAME.

MY VERY DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER—My heart springs to improve every opportunity of writing to you, and though but few of your correspondents, I hope, make you such poor returns, yet none of them, I dare say, are more zealous to cultivate correspondence with you. When I am at home I have few opportunities, and when abroad I have no time; but I can love you when I cannot tell you so.

I would most willingly communicate my sentiments to you upon the question in your last, (alas, that it was your last, for I received it above a year ago,) but my thoughts for some months have been generally confined to another object. I am entering upon the most surprising and unexpected step of my life, *i. e.* undertaking a voyage to Europe on behalf of the College of New Jersey. What will be the consequence, I know not; but I have at times very gloomy and at times very pleasant prospects about it. I request your prayers, dear Sir, for I never needed them more. And I beg Mrs. Bellamy's, as well as yours, for my tenderer and better half, whom I left in a deluge of tears. * * *

My dear Brother,

Yours in immortal friendship,

SAMUEL DAVIES.

NEW YORK, September 29, 1753.