

ants, and the bonds they gave in payment for them; surveys of several of the original tracts of land on which the city is built, and plotting of the same into lots by the early surveyors. * * * There is a manuscript index of the History of New Jersey (Samuel Smith, 1762), prepared by his brother, John Smith; petitions of the inhabitants to the king and to the proprietors; lists of Friends' ministers in manuscript; many memorials concerning Friends; letters of colonial governors, Franklin, Boone, Belcher, &c.; patents and deeds of Franklin, Samuel Preston Moore, Anthony Benezet, John Woolman, and a host of others illustrative of colonial trade, the social life of the people, &c."

The same gentleman is also now engaged in arranging the papers of the late Dr. James Rush. Under the will of Dr. Rush his manuscript copyrights and papers and also those of his father, Dr. Benjamin Rush, are directed to be placed in a room in the Ridgway Branch of the Library for safe keeping. The report of Mr. Thomas in regard to these papers shows that they also possess great value. "I have made," he says, "a preliminary examination of the 'Rush papers,' contained in fifteen large cases. They comprise the manuscripts, letters, papers, and pamphlets of the celebrated Dr. Rush, during and after the Revolution, a large collection of notes and letters addressed to him during the prevalence of yellow fever in Philadelphia, in the year 1793, a large collection of medical, historical, and political pamphlets, being the united collection of both father and son, covering the period from 1742 to the death of the late Dr. James Rush, in 1869. (Many of these pamphlets are unique and are not in the Philadelphia Library—Americana not mentioned in Sabin, and unknown to the bibliographer.) A collection made by Dr. James Rush, commencing about 1828, of ephemeral publications, play bills, posters, circulars, cards, carriers' addresses, advertisements, &c., is of great interest and illustrates the history of the day. * * * The medical and other manuscripts of

