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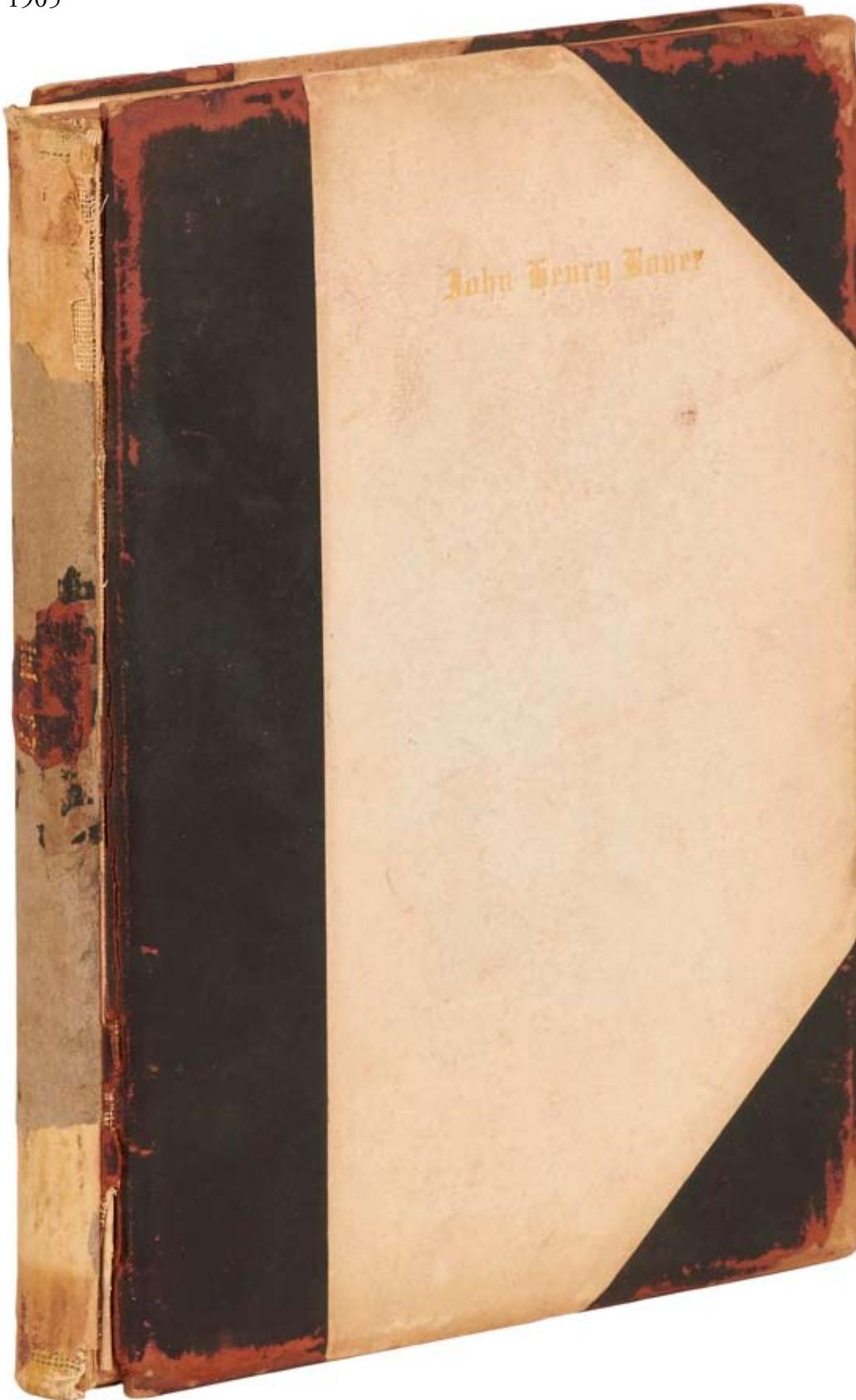
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(John Henry Boner)

Volume of Mounted Letters to Marcus Benjamin about his Memorial Tribute to John Henry Boner

1905

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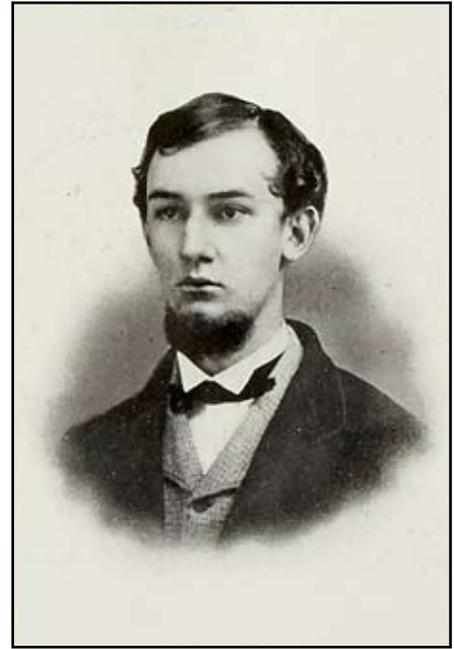
Quarto. Half leather and papercovered boards gilt (“John Henry Boner”). Bookplate of Dr. Marcus Benjamin, the spine mostly perished, and the binding worn, but internally near fine. Benjamin’s own collection of material related to John Henry Boner (1845-1903) a North Carolina Moravian poet and editor of “The Literary Digest”.

Benjamin was the Director of the U.S. National Museum, and aside from preparing the memorial work in an edition of 100 copies, also arranged to have Boner’s body moved from Washington, D.C. to his beloved home in Salem, North Carolina. According to Wikipedia “His burial in an unmarked grave in Washington, DC, was a matter of concern to his friends and admirers, who formed the Boner Memorial Association to raise funds to return the poet’s body to North Carolina. In December, 1904, Boner was re-interred in the Moravian Cemetery in Salem.”

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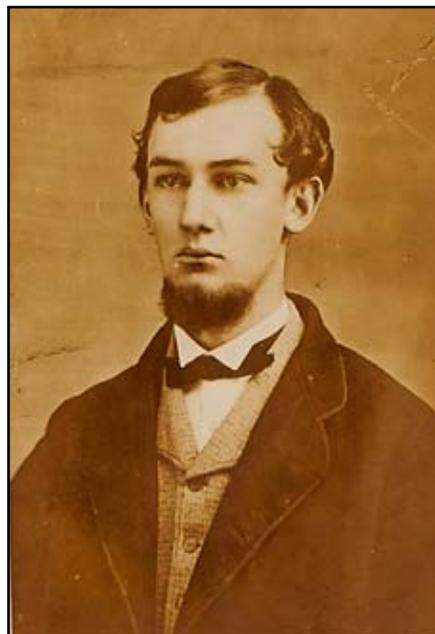
Mr. Theodore L. De Vinne
acknowledges with many
thanks the receipt of the
Memorial to John Henry
Boner which is a graceful
tribute to an old friend.

Aug. 13, 1945.



This volume contains many clippings about the removal of his body to North Carolina, several mounted original photographs of Boner's tombstone, and of the cemetery to which it was removed, and of the surrounding area, an early original albumen photograph of Boner (which was used as the frontispiece in the pamphlet), and a small original calligraphic art (possibly done by Boner himself). The collection also includes mounted Autographed and Typed Letters Signed by various recipients acknowledging the printed pamphlet tribute that had been prepared by Benjamin to honor the late Boner.

Letters appear (some in the third person) from Theodore De Vinne, Franklin Henry Giddings, Richard W. Gilder, Rossiter Johnson, John Uri Lloyd, George P. Pell, Clinton Scollard, as well as many other politicians, editors, newspapermen, and librarians, with perhaps half of them from North Carolina. A unique volume. [BTC#402874]



October 11, 1905

Dr. Marcus Benjamin,
United States National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to acknowledge
the receipt of a copy, number 69, of
the Memorial of John Henry Boxer,
and to make my apologies for
undue delay.

Very truly yours,

Franklin H. Giddings

WILLIAM J. HOLLAND
FIFTH & BELLEFIELD AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PA.

November 22nd, 1904.

My dear Dr. Benjamin;

Enclosed please find my check for \$50. - in return
my promise made to you to do something toward having
poor Boxer's wish to be buried in the old graveyard
at Salem fulfilled. When I was a boy I once or
twice thought that I was to sleep three Orisons
my ancestors, but I imagine now that when
I shuffle off this mortal coil, the coil afor-
said will be tucked away under the smoke-draped
skins of this big & dear old city, where my life
for the past thirty years has been spent. I
twice came near dying while I was a lad in old
Salem, but a kind Providence spared me, for which
I trust I am properly thankful.

With assurances of abiding esteem & fullest
regards

I am Yrs very faithfully

W. J. Holland

