

## *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 20, 1954

AT THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE one hundred and forty-second annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Library of the Society in Worcester, Massachusetts, on October 20, 1954, at 10.45 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President Thomas Winthrop Streeter.

The following members of the Society were present: John McKinstry Merriam, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Henry Bradford Washburn, Chandler Bullock, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, George Sumner Barton, George Francis Booth, Russell Sturgis Paine, Harry Galpin Stoddard, Stewart Mitchell, Edward Larocque Tinker, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, William Irving Clark, John Woodman Higgins, Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Alexander Hamilton Bullock, Theron Johnson Damon, Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Perry Miller, Albert White Rice, Frederick Lewis Weis, Chauncey Cushing Nash, Henry Rouse Viets, Walter Muir Whitehill, Frederick Haven Pratt, Samuel Foster Damon, William Alexander Jackson, Bradley Baldwin Gilman, Richard Allen Heald, Ernest Caulfield, George Russell Stobbs, Arthur Adams, James Tinkham Babb, Francis Peloubet Farquhar, John Alden, Carleton Rubira Richmond, Milton Prince Higgins, John Adams, Harris Dunscombe Colt, Jr., George Talbot Goodspeed, Stephen Thomas Riley, Rollo Gabriel Silver, Lee Max Friedman, Augustus George Bullock, Clifton Waller Barrett, Richard Gimbel, Howard Bonar Jefferson, Robert Earle Moody, Roger Kinnicut,

Rae MacCollum Spencer, Bradford Fuller Swan, Thompson Ritner Harlow, Parkman Dexter Howe, and George Leslie Stout.

The Secretary read the call for the meeting. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

The report of the Council of the Society was presented by Mr. Brigham, the report of the Treasurer by Mr. Bullock, and the report of the Librarian by Mr. Shipton. It was voted to accept the three reports and refer them to the Committee on Publications.

The election of officers being in order, Mr. Stobbs reported for the committee consisting of Messrs. Stobbs, Shaw, and Gilman, appointed by the Council in April, 1954, the following nominations:

*President*

Thomas Winthrop Streeter, of Morristown, N. J.

*Vice-presidents*

Carleton Rubira Richmond, of Milton, Mass.

George Sumner Barton, of Boylston, Mass.

*Councillors*

Russell Sturgis Paine, of Worcester, Mass.

Albert White Rice, of Worcester, Mass.

Donald McKay Frost, of Boston, Mass.

Stephen Willard Phillips, of Salem, Mass.

Richard Allen Heald, of Worcester, Mass.

Edward Larocque Tinker, of New York, N. Y.

Walter Muir Whitehill, of Boston, Mass.

Harry Galpin Stoddard, of Worcester, Mass.

Augustus George Bullock, of Worcester, Mass.

Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, of Cambridge, Mass.

*Secretary for Foreign and Domestic Correspondence*

Clarence Saunders Brigham, of Worcester, Mass.

*Recording Secretary*

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, of Worcester, Mass.

*Treasurer*

Chandler Bullock, of Worcester, Mass.

*Committee on Publications*

Clifford Kenyon Shipton, of Shirley, Mass.

Robert Kendall Shaw, of Worcester, Mass.

Frederick Lewis Weis, of Dublin, N. H.

*Auditors*

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, of Worcester, Mass.

Bradley Baldwin Gilman, of Worcester, Mass.

It was unanimously voted that the Secretary be requested to cast a ballot for the nominees, which being done and no other ballot being offered, the foregoing nominees were declared elected.

Mr. Brigham, in behalf of the Council, proposed for membership in the Society:

Kenneth Walter Cameron, Hartford, Conn.

William Henry Harrison, Harvard, Mass.

Hermann Porter Riccius, Worcester, Mass.

Guy Warren Walker, Jr., Beverly, Mass.

The President appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Alden, Parkman D. Howe, and Stout to distribute, collect, and count the ballots. Mr. Alden reported that the necessary number of votes had been cast for the persons nominated, and that they were declared elected.

Papers were read by Bradford F. Swan on "Eighteenth Century Printing on the Island of Antigua," and by Perry Miller on "Henry Cary, the American Charles Lamb." These papers will not be immediately available for publication in the *Proceedings*.

Mr. John M. Merriam read a letter which he had received in 1945 from his Harvard classmate, George Santayana, on the advantages of old age, an interesting letter which he intended to present to the American Antiquarian Society.

The Director described the exhibit of recent acquisitions on view in the front gallery. He also displayed a rare 1815 Map of New Orleans which had been presented by Mr. Edward L. Tinker. Mr. Tinker himself made some entertaining remarks regarding the map.

President Streeter announced that the annual luncheon for members of the Society would be given at the residence of the late Aldus C. Higgins, John Wing Road, by Mrs. Aldus C. Higgins, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton P. Higgins.

The meeting then adjourned.

DANIEL W. LINCOLN,  
*Recording Secretary*

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