

*Proceedings  
of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 16, 1996

ANTIQUARIAN HALL, WORCESTER

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOURTH annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at Antiquarian Hall, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, October 16, 1996, at 5:30 p.m. The following members were present: Charles Beach Barlow, Georgia Brady Barnhill, Robert Charles Baron, Philip Charles Beales, George Francis Booth II, Karl Lombard Briel, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Richard David Brown, Nancy Hall Burkett, Mary Valentine Crowley Callahan, Fairman Chaffee Cowan, Edward Denis Crowley, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Ronald Sears Davis, Margery MacNeil Dearborn, Henry Bowen Dewey, Jane Kenah Dewey, James Corcoran Donnelly, Jr., Ellen Smith Dunlap, Dorothy Brewer Erikson, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Rudy John Favretti, Wayne Steven Franklin, Howard Gilbert Freeman, Loren Frank Ghiglione, Jonathan Kevin Graffagnino, Joel Paul Greene, James Harley Harrington, John Bixler Hench, John Herron, Jr., M Howard Jacobson, Ricky Jay, John Jeppson, 2nd, Maureen McGady Kelleher, Sandra Baker Lane, Julian Lee Lapidés, Linda Zeva Fishman Lapidés, Polly Ormsby Longworth, Mason Ira Lowance, Jr., Klaus Lubbers, John Worth Lund, Weyman Ivan Lundquist, Marcus Allen McCorison, Catherine Jean McDonough, Harold Taylor Miller, Barrett Morgan, Donald Frederick Nelson, Stephen Willner Nissenbaum, David Paul Nord, Donald Oresman, William Oscar

Pettit, Jr., Cynthia Nelson Pitcher, William Sherman Reese, Penelope Booth Rockwell, Richard Neil Rosenfeld, Norman Lawrence Sharfman, Albert Brown Southwick, William Francis Sullivan, Richard Manning Wall, David Russell Warrington, Meridith Daniels Wesby, Peter Howard Creagh Williams, Charles Bradley Wood, III, John Clark Woodbury, and Michael Zinman.

Chairman Robert C. Baron presided. After the call of the meeting, read by Secretary C. Jean McDonough, and the waiving of the reading of the minutes of the semiannual meeting of April 1996, Mr. Baron reported the following changes in membership.

Jerome Melvin Edelstein, died June 12, 1996, elected October 1978

Ralph William Franklin, resigned October 7, 1996, elected October 1993

Reporting for the nominating committee, James Harrington acknowledged and thanked retiring Secretary for Foreign Correspondence Julian Lee Lapidés and Councillors John Herron, Jr. and William Oscar Pettit, noting that his term had also concluded. Mr. Harrington then proposed the following persons for elections as Officers and Councillors of the Society for 1996-97: Chairman, 1996-97, Robert Charles Baron; Vice Chairman, 1996-97, Donald Oresman; Secretary for Foreign Correspondence, 1996-99, John Herron, Jr.; Councillors, 1996-99, George Francis Booth II, Loren Frank Ghiglione, M Howard Jacobson, Mary Kelley, Julian Lee Lapidés, Polly Ormsby Longworth.

Loren Ghiglione gave the report of the membership committee and the following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society, with Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Kelleher acting as tellers: Steven Conrad Bullock, Joanne Danaher Chaison, Ralph James Crandall, James Philip Danky, Elliot Bostwick Davis, Alan Nash Degutis, Peter Drummey, Jessie Elizabeth Lie Farber, Richard Janney Fates, Robert Gene Hayman, Ira Michael

Heyman, Sidney Lapidus, Stephen Anthony Marini, Barry Francis O'Connell, Janice Anne Radway, Joan Shelley Rubin, Ann Elizabeth Russell, and George William Tetler III.

Mr. Williams presented the report of the Treasurer. Mrs. Burkett gave the report of the Librarian, and Mrs. Dunlap gave the report of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner, David Paul Nord delivered the fourteenth annual James Russell Wiggins Lecture in the History of the Book in American Culture, "Free Grace, Free Books, Free Riders: The Economics of Religious Publishing in Early Nineteenth-Century America."

C. Jean McDonough  
*Recording Secretary*

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