

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 17, 1956

AT THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE one hundred and forty-fourth annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Library of the Society in Worcester, Massachusetts, on October 17, 1956, at 10:45 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Clarence S. Brigham.

The following members of the Society were present: John McKinstry Merriam, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Henry Bradford Washburn, Chandler Bullock, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, George Sumner Barton, Russell Sturgis Paine, Harry Galpin Stoddard, William Irving Clark, John Woodman Higgins, Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Theron Johnson Damon, Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Albert White Rice, Frederick Lewis Weis, Henry Rouse Viets, Walter Muir Whitehill, Frederick Haven Pratt, Samuel Foster Damon, William Alexander Jackson, Richard Allen Heald, Ernest Caulfield, George Russell Stobbs, Arthur Adams, Charles Henry Sawyer, John Alden, Sinclair Hamilton, Carleton Rubira Richmond, Milton Prince Higgins, John Adams, Lyman Henry Butterfield, George Talbot Goodspeed, Stephen Thomas Riley, Rollo Gabriel Silver, Lee Max Friedman, Augustus George Bullock, Clifton Waller Barrett, Richard Gimbel, Robert Earle Moody, Roger Kinnicutt, Rae MacCollum Spencer, Bradford Fuller Swan, Thompson Ritner Harlow, Parkman Dexter Howe, Kenneth Walter Cameron, Hermann Porter Riccius, Ray Nash, Albert Goodnow Waite, Newton Case Brainard, Alden Porter

Johnson, Howard Mumford Jones, Francis Henry Taylor, Nathaniel Wheeler.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Daniel W. Lincoln, Theron J. Damon was chosen Secretary pro tem and 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 these three reports and refer them to the Committee on Publications.

The election of officers being in order, Mr. Riccius reported for the committee consisting of Messrs. Riccius, T. J. Damon, and Johnson, appointed by the Council in April, 1956, the following nominations:

President

Clarence Saunders Brigham, of Worcester, Mass.

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.

Thomas Winthrop Streeter, of Morristown, N. J.

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 Belmont, 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.

Frederick Lewis Weis, of Dublin, N. H.

Walter Muir Whitehill, of Boston, Mass.

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:

Verner Warren Clapp, Washington, D. C.

Fred Harold Daniels, Worcester, Mass.

Howard Henry Peckham, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Clinton Rossiter, Ithaca, N. Y.

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

Papers were read by Kenneth W. Cameron on "History and Biography in Emerson's Unpublished Sermons," and by Stephen T. Riley on "Dr. William Whiting and Shays' Rebellion."

Mr. John M. Merriam, our senior member, showed a family genealogical record colored by hand and signed by J. Merriam, Jr. He was anxious to find whether the design was used in similar family records or was original with the designer.

Mr. Brigham described the exhibition of early Railroad material in the cases in the gallery, including Railroad reports, maps, and guides selected from the Thomas W. Streeter collection.

The President announced that the members of the Society were invited to luncheon 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.

Theron J. Damon,
Secretary pro tem

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