

## P R O C E E D I N G S .

ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 1890, AT THE HALL OF THE  
SOCIETY IN WORCESTER.

THE President, STEPHEN SALISBURY, A.M., in the chair.

The following members were present (the names being arranged in the order of seniority of membership): George E. Ellis, George F. Hoar, Andrew P. Peabody, George Chandler, Nathaniel Paine, Stephen Salisbury, P. Emory Aldrich, Samuel A. Green, Elijah B. Stoddard, George S. Paine, Edward L. Davis, William A. Smith, Henry M. Dexter, Egbert C. Smyth, John D. Washburn, Edward H. Hall, Charles C. Smith, Edmund M. Barton, Thomas L. Nelson, Lucius R. Paige, Franklin B. Dexter, Charles A. Chase, Samuel S. Green, Henry W. Haynes, Edward I. Thomas, Frederick W. Putnam, Solomon Lincoln, Andrew McF. Davis, J. Evarts Greene, Charles M. Lamson, Henry S. Nourse, William B. Weeden, Daniel Merriman, Ebenezer Cutler, Reuben Colton, William W. Rice, Robert N. Toppan, Henry H. Edes, George E. Francis, Frank P. Goulding, Thomas Chase, A. George Bullock, Granville S. Hall, John McK. Merriam, William E. Foster.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The RECORDING SECRETARY communicated the recommendation by the Council of the following-named gentlemen for membership in the Society:—

JAMES BURRILL ANGELL, LL.D., of Ann Arbor, Mich.  
HON. RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES, LL.D., of Fremont,  
Ohio.

JOHN FRANKLIN JAMESON, Ph.D., of Providence, R. I.  
And for foreign membership:—

Dr. NICOLÁS LEON, Director of the *Museo Michoacano*,  
Morelia, Mexico.

Each of these gentlemen was declared elected, a separate ballot having been taken on each name.

Hon. SAMUEL A. GREEN read the report which had been prepared by him and adopted by the Council as a part of their report to the Society.

Prof. FREDERICK W. PUTNAM :—“I should like to have Dr. GREEN make one addition to his report. There is another cast of the Endicott Rock at the Peabody Museum, which should come to this Society. It is out of place there ; I simply took it because it came to us. It is really the first monument in this country. I thought it might be of some interest to see how it withstood the effects of time. Do you suppose that it is in better condition exposed to the air than in the water?”

Dr. GREEN :—“I think the change will tend to its better preservation. The crack was probably made at the time it was raised. In regard to this rock, when I was at the hotel at The Weirs, I asked two or three persons if they could tell me anything about it, but nobody seemed to know of its existence. They all thought that I was a lunatic. At last I found a native who took me to the bridge and pointing off, said : ‘That is what is called the Endicott Rock ; they say there is an inscription on it, but my son tells me that he has examined it, and there is no sign of any inscription.’ Mr. Balcom and myself went out to the rock in a boat, and the boatman told me about all I know of it. The raising probably took place in the summer of 1884. The letters ‘EI’ and ‘SW’ are the initials of the Commissioners, and ‘WP’ was the title of dignity given to Governor Endicott.”

Mr. HENRY W. HAYNES :—“Are they on the four corners of the rock?”

Dr. GREEN :—“No. The rock is about seven feet long, and a man can climb it. I could read the letters very well ; could make out every one of them. The long diameter is north and south, and the line of the letters runs parallel with it. There is a good cast of it at the rooms of the Massachusetts Historical Society.”

The report of the Treasurer was read by NATHANIEL PAINE, Esq.

The report of the Librarian was read by Mr. EDMUND M. BARTON.

On motion, the last two reports, together with the report of Dr. GREEN, were adopted as together constituting the report of the Council, and were referred to the Committee of Publication.

STEPHEN SALISBURY, A.M., was unanimously elected President, by ballot.

HON. SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D., Rev. EBENEZER CUTLER, D.D., and Hon. ELIJAH B. STODDARD, appointed a committee to nominate the other officers of the Society, made the following report:—

*Vice-Presidents:*

Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT, LL.D., of Newport, R. I.

Hon. GEORGE F. HOAR, LL.D., of Worcester.

*Secretary for Foreign Correspondence:*

Hon. J. HAMMOND TRUMBULL, LL.D., of Hartford, Ct.

*Secretary for Domestic Correspondence:*

Rev. GEORGE E. ELLIS, LL.D., of Boston.

*Recording Secretary:*

Hon. JOHN D. WASHBURN, LL.B., of Worcester.

*Treasurer:*

NATHANIEL PAINE, Esq., of Worcester.

All of the above being ex-officio members of the Council; and the following

*Councillors :*

REV. EDWARD E. HALE, D.D., of Roxbury.  
 HON. SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D., of Boston.  
 HON. P. EMORY ALDRICH, LL.D., of Worcester.  
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WILLIAM A. SMITH, A.B., of Worcester.  
 A. GEORGE BULLOCK, A.M., of Worcester.

The report was accepted, and all the officers above-named were elected by ballot.

The RECORDING SECRETARY spoke in appreciative terms of those members of the Society, whose traces he had recently seen abroad. Of JUSTIN WINSOR, librarian of Harvard College, a member, also, of the Massachusetts Historical Society, with whose credentials he is visiting Europe. He continued:—"The American window in Shakespeare's Church at Stratford-on-Avon has been finished, and another has been begun. Bulwer's bust is there, trying to convince men that Shakespeare was a stupid man. The Shakespeare

fountain is near, the gift of our fellow-member, GEORGE W. CHILDS. Lord Sackville, who was minister at Washington, and claims to be owner of the land on which Mr. CHILDS has placed the Shakespeare fountain, notified the City Council that unless the City paid him certain rent he would have the fountain removed. They talked about it and concluded that they would not pay rent. Then he said, 'if you will agree that I have the title paramount and could enforce the payment of rent, I will let it stand. I must have admission that I have the title or the fountain must be removed.' The Council replied that they would do neither, and the result is that our fellow-member has been vindicated by the Council of the people. I heard not infrequently our very distinguished foreign associate, Mr. GLADSTONE, in the days when he was leading triumphant majorities. It was very interesting to see him then; but it is far more interesting to see him in these days of minorities, in the days of doubtful power, standing there and dashing himself against the solid phalanx of the majority. I doubt if there is a more magnificent embodiment of soul and body than in Mr. GLADSTONE. I thought this when I saw him the last time make one of his tremendous oratorical assaults.

"His brows, black yet, and white unfallen hair  
Set in strange frame the face of his despair,  
And I despised not, nor can God despise,  
The splendid, silent anger of his eyes.  
A hundred years of search for flying truth  
Had left their glowing with no gleam of youth.  
A hundred years of vast and vain desire,  
Had lit and filled them with consuming fire.  
There through I saw his fierce immortal soul  
Gaze from beneath that argent aureole."

It was a magnificent scene. No man living to-day will ever see such a scene. A few days ago I went to see some of the peaceful associations of this grand warrior, and went down to Hawarden from Chester. I was with our associate, SOLOMON LINCOLN. We strolled about the grounds; we did the things that he was doing; we saw the trees, the

stumps, the church, the graves, Mr. GLADSTONE'S prayer-book, etc."

Rev. EDWARD H. HALL, of Cambridge, read a memoir of Dr. JOHN PARK, a former member of the Society.

Rev. Dr. GEORGE E. ELLIS:—"Mr. HALL'S paper revives very pleasant reminiscences. I always went to see Dr. PARK when I came to Worcester. In my school days, Dr. PARK'S school was on Mount Vernon street, which was then called Sumner street."

Senator GEORGE F. HOAR:—"I hope Mr. HALL will give us as ample extracts from Dr. PARK'S diary as possible. That most charming portrait which he has drawn recalls to memory one of the most pleasant examples of old age that I have ever seen. Dr. PARK was full of kind and gentle ways, especially to young people. I am very glad that Mr. HALL has given us this delightful picture."

Hon. HENRY S. NOURSE read a paper on Major-General John Whetcomb, "A forgotten Patriot."

G. STANLEY HALL, LL.D., read a paper upon "Boy Life in a Massachusetts Country Town Thirty Years Ago."

Mr. CHARLES C. SMITH gave a paper on "The Financial Embarrassments of the New England Ministers in the Last Century."

Prof. FREDERICK W. PUTNAM gave a brief account of the exploration of a singular ancient work on a high plateau in the Little Miami valley.

On motion of Hon. SAMUEL A. GREEN, all the papers which had been read, were referred to the Committee of Publication.

The meeting was then dissolved.

JOHN D. WASHBURN,

*Recording Secretary.*

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