

PROCEEDINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 1903, AT THE HALL OF THE
SOCIETY IN WORCESTER.

THE meeting was called to order at 10:30 A. M., by the
President, Hon. STEPHEN SALISBURY.

The following members were present:

Edward E. Hale, George F. Hoar, Nathaniel Paine,
Stephen Salisbury, Samuel A. Green, Edward L. Davis,
William A. Smith, James F. Hunnewell, Egbert C. Smyth,
Edward H. Hall, Charles C. Smith, Edmund M. Barton,
Franklin B. Dexter, Charles A. Chase, Samuel S. Green,
Andrew McF. Davis, Solomon Lincoln, Henry S. Nourse,
Daniel Merriman, William B. Weeden, Henry H. Edes,
George E. Francis, G. Stanley Hall, William E. Foster,
Charles P. Greenough, Francis H. Dewey, Calvin Stebbins,
Henry A. Marsh, Frederick A. Ober, William DeL. Love,
Leonard P. Kinnicutt, George H. Haynes, Charles L.
Nichols, Waldo Lincoln, John Noble, George B. Adams,
George P. Winship, Austin S. Garver, A. Lawrence Rotch,
Samuel Utley, E. Harlow Russell, Benjamin T. Hill, Henry
F. Jenks, Edmund A. Engler, Alexander F. Chamberlain,
William MacDonald, Roger B. Merriman.

The records of the previous meeting were approved.

The first part of the report of the Council was read by
the Recording Secretary.

In connection with the report, the Hon. HENRY S. NOURSE read a paper entitled, "Some Notes upon the Genesis of the Power Loom in Worcester County."

A biographical sketch of the late JEREMIAH EVARTS GREENE was presented by Rev. Dr. DANIEL MERRIMAN.

A sketch of JOHN BELLOWS, late of Gloucester, England, was read by Vice-President GEORGE F. HOAR.

A tribute to the Hon. ELIJAH BRIGHAM STODDARD was given by Prof. E. HARLOW RUSSELL.

Senator HOAR remarked: "There is one thing I would like to say, and I think, perhaps, as the lifelong friend of Colonel Stoddard since we were boys together at the Harvard Law School, I have a right to say it,—I do not believe—I certainly do not think of one—that there is a living author, either American or English, competent to have made that beautiful and faithful portraiture of his character to which we have just listened from Mr. Russell."

The report of the Treasurer was presented by NATHANIEL PAINE, A.M.

Mr. EDMUND M. BARTON submitted his report as Librarian.

Dr. GEORGE B. ADAMS of New Haven and Dr. WILLIAM MACDONALD of Providence, acting as a committee to collect ballots for the election of President, announced the unanimous re-election of Hon. STEPHEN SALISBURY.

A committee consisting of Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN of Boston, CHARLES P. GREENOUGH of Brookline and A. LAWRENCE ROTCH of Boston, was appointed to retire and report a list of the other officers. The following were nominated and duly elected:—

Vice-Presidents:

HON. GEORGE FRISBIE HOAR, LL.D., of Worcester.
REV. EDWARD EVERETT HALE, D.D., of Roxbury.

Council:

HON. SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN, LL.D., of Boston.
REV. EGBERT COFFIN SMYTH, D.D., of Andover.
SAMUEL SWETT GREEN, A.M., of Worcester.
HON. EDWARD LIVINGSTON DAVIS, A.M., of Worcester.
GRANVILLE STANLEY HALL, LL.D., of Worcester.
WILLIAM BABCOCK WEEDEN, A.M., of Providence,
Rhode Island.
HON. JAMES PHINNEY BAXTER, A.M., of Portland, Maine.
HON. HENRY STEDMAN NOURSE, A.M., of Lancaster.
CARROLL DAVIDSON WRIGHT, LL.D., of Worcester.
EDMUND ARTHUR ENGLER, LL.D., of Worcester.

Secretary for Foreign Correspondence:

FRANKLIN BOWDITCH DEXTER, Litt.D., of New Haven,
Connecticut.

Secretary for Domestic Correspondence:

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, LL.D., of Lincoln.

Recording Secretary:

CHARLES AUGUSTUS CHASE, A.M., of Worcester.

Treasurer:

NATHANIEL PAINE, A.M., of Worcester.

Committee of Publication:

REV. EDWARD EVERETT HALE, D.D., of Roxbury.
NATHANIEL PAINE, A.M., of Worcester.
CHARLES AUGUSTUS CHASE, A.M., of Worcester.
CHARLES CARD SMITH, A.M., of Boston.

Auditors:

AUGUSTUS GEORGE BULLOCK, A.M., of Worcester.
BENJAMIN THOMAS HILL, A.B., of Worcester.

ANDREW MCFARLAND DAVIS, A.M.; presented a paper giving the names of those persons in Worcester County who were borrowers, upon the securities of real estate, of the bills of the Land Bank of 1740.

Dr. ALEXANDER F. CHAMBERLAIN, of Clark University, read a paper on, "The Contributions of the American Indian to Civilization."

Senator GEORGE F. HOAR presented a "History of an Oaken Chest."

A paper, entitled "Edward Woodville, knight-errant; A Study of the Relations of England and Spain in the Latter Part of the Fifteenth Century," was read by Dr. ROGER B. MERRIMAN, of Harvard University.

It was voted to refer all the communications, together with the report of the Council, to the Committee of Publication.

The President suggested that he would like the assistance of the members of the Society, in volunteering papers and sending him notice in advance of the meeting, in that way lightening his labors.

Rev. Dr. EDWARD E. HALE remarked that he would bring forth the first fruits of the President's suggestion by saying that he has considerable correspondence from Ebenezer Adams, who was Preceptor of Leicester Academy 1792-1806. Dr. HALE said: "I have submitted it to one or two gentlemen here, who think there is a good deal of curiosity about the beginning of the 19th and end of the

18th centuries, and, with the entire assent of the lady who is now the proprietor of the correspondence, I would like to refer it to the Committee of Publication."

"I would say on my own behalf and on behalf of the Committee of Publication, that the Society is indebted more than it is aware of to the Ethnological Bureau of Washington for the promptness and skill with which they have published at their own expense the Trumbull Dictionary, which the gentlemen have seen here. I do not know as any vote is necessary, but I shall notify the gentlemen there that we are very much indebted to them. I was not aware until I came here this morning that they have completed the manuscript, and have sent it back to us. They have been kind enough to assume the cost of the entire two hundred volumes, and we have the advantage of this great dictionary of the Algonquin language, which we otherwise would not have had but for their exceeding liberality. Everything on their part has been as kind and courteous to us as could have been expected."

The meeting was dissolved. The members afterwards, by invitation, lunched with President SALISBURY.

CHARLES A. CHASE,

Recording Secretary.

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