

PROCEEDINGS.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 15, 1908, IN ELLIS HALL AT
THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

The meeting was called to order by the President, at
10.30 A. M.

The following members were present:

Nathaniel Paine, Samuel A. Green, Edward L. Davis,
James F. Hunnewell, Edward H. Hall, Charles C. Smith,
Edmund M. Barton, Franklin B. Dexter, Samuel S. Green,
Andrew McF. Davis, Daniel Merriman, William B. Weeden,
Reuben Colton, Henry H. Edes, Edward Channing, William
E. Foster, Charles P. Greenough, Francis H. Dewey, Calvin
Stebbins, Carroll D. Wright, Henry A. Marsh, William
T. Forbes, George H. Haynes, Charles L. Nichols, William
R. Livermore, Waldo Lincoln, Edward S. Morse, George
P. Winship, Abbott L. Rotch, Edward H. Gilbert, E. Harlow
Russell, Benjamin T. Hill, Albert Matthews, William
MacDonald, Roger B. Merriman, Francis H. Lee, Deloraine
P. Corey, Clarence S. Brigham, Lincoln N. Kinnicutt,
Franklin P. Rice, Caleb B. Tillinghast, James Schouler,
Henry E. Woods.

The call of the meeting was first read and then the records
of the last meeting were read and approved.

After this, the Council Report was read by Hon. Edward
L. Davis. A map of the city of Worcester and a diagram
showing the curve of growth in the past and the probable

curve of the future for a short period were shown in connection with the report.

The Recording Secretary then submitted, in behalf of the Council, a vote authorizing the President to sell the property now occupied by the Society in Worcester, to the County of Worcester, on such terms and conditions as the Council should authorize, and stated that the Council recommended its passage. He therefore moved that the vote submitted by him be adopted by the Society. Judge Forbes seconded the motion and the same was adopted in the following form:

Voted: That Waldo Lincoln, President of the Society, be authorized and empowered to convey the estate at the corner of Main and Highland Streets in Worcester, now occupied by the Society, to the County of Worcester, upon such terms and conditions as the Council shall prescribe.

The Recording Secretary in behalf of the Council submitted the following vote, the passage of which was recommended by the Council and moved its adoption:

Voted: That Waldo Lincoln, President of the Society, be authorized and empowered to convey the estate at Lincoln Square in Worcester, between Salisbury and Prescott Streets, and known as the Salisbury Mansion lot, to the Worcester Art Museum upon such terms and conditions as the Council shall prescribe.

The motion having been seconded by Dr. S. A. Green, the vote was passed in the above form.

The Recording Secretary then reported that, at a meeting of the Council held the 16th day of January last, it was voted as follows:

The Council recommend the Society to purchase about 40,000 square feet of land situated at the corner of Park Avenue, Salisbury and Regent Streets, the same being approximately described as lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 on a published plan of building lots, formerly owned by Stephen Salisbury and now owned by the Art Museum.

President Lincoln stated that he had consulted the records of the Society covering the period of the negotiations for the lot now occupied by the Society, and following the precedent then established, a vote has been drawn up referring the whole matter of the purchase of real estate and the erection of a building to the Council with power.

The Recording Secretary reported that the proposed vote was approved by the Council and was all the more satisfactory because it had been suggested that there might be other lots in the city available for a Library Building, which might be offered gratuitously or at prices that would compel their consideration. The proposed vote did not specify any particular lot and gave opportunity to consider other offers. Mr. Edes then offered the following vote:

Voted: That the whole subject of erecting a new library building and the purchase of a suitable lot of land on which to erect the same be submitted to the discretion of the Council, with full power to purchase such land and erect such a building as they may think proper.

JUDGE FORBES stated that he was opposed to the original recommendation of the Council, because he believed that a lot better situated than the one then described could be secured. As the vote proposed by Mr. Edes referred the whole matter back to the Council, giving further opportunity to examine sites, he approved of it and seconded Mr. Edes's motion. This motion was carried.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of members. Messrs. Greenough and Nichols were appointed tellers to receive, examine and count the votes cast for or against the several candidates.

The following list of names was submitted by the Council, all of whom were duly elected by the Australian ballot system.

For resident membership:

William Beer, New Orleans, La.

Franz Boas, New York, N. Y.

George Lincoln Burr, Ithaca, N. Y.
 Alcée Fortier, New Orleans, La.
 Peter Joseph Hamilton, Mobile, Ala.
 Don Gleason Hill, Dedham, Mass.
 Charles Henry Hull, Ithaca, N. Y.
 William Coolidge Lane, Cambridge, Mass.
 Andrew Cunningham McLaughlin, Chicago, Ill.
 Herbert Levi Osgood, New York, N. Y.
 Edward Luther Stevenson, New Brunswick, N. J.
 Julius Herbert Tuttle, Dedham, Mass.
 Charles Grenfill Washburn, Worcester, Mass.
 Samuel Bayard Woodward, Worcester, Mass.

For foreign membership:

Narcisse Eutrope Dionne, Quebec, Canada.

While the ballot was in progress Mr. Edes offered the following vote:

Voted: That the Council of this Society be requested to confer with the Council of the Massachusetts Historical Society with a view of securing the proper editing and publication of all the manuscript diaries of Increase Mather and Cotton Mather, the greater part of which, if not all, are owned by the two Societies.

This was adopted.

A portrait of Stephen Salisbury, our late President, painted by Vinton was exhibited at the meeting. This had been presented to the Society by a member who did not care to have his name associated with any formal presentation of the gift. A vote of thanks to the donor was passed by the Society.

Papers were then read by

ALBERT MATTHEWS, subject: "Uncle Sam."

E. HARLOW RUSSELL, subject: "Thoreau's Maternal Grandfather, Asa Dunbar."

WILLIAM R. LIVERMORE, subject: "America's Place in History."

Mr. Livermore's paper was illustrated by diagrams, to which he referred from time to time during the reading.

Mr. Albert Lawrence Rotch then read a short paper containing further information as to the letters of Franklin which treat of ballooning.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ANDREW McFARLAND DAVIS,

Recording Secretary.

Members of the Society were afterwards entertained at lunch by Rev. Daniel Merriman at his residence.

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