

## PROCEEDINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER 18, 1916.  
AT THE HALL OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER.

The annual meeting of the Society was called to order at 10.45 a. m., in Antiquarian Hall, President Lincoln being in the chair.

The following members were present:

Edmund Mills Barton, Samuel Swett Green, Andrew McFarland Davis, Henry Herbert Edes, Augustus George Bullock, Granville Stanley Hall, William Eaton Foster, Francis Henshaw Dewey, Rev. Calvin Stebbins, William Trowbridge Forbes, Arthur Lord, George Henry Haynes, Charles Lemuel Nichols, William Roscoe Livermore, Waldo Lincoln, George Parker Winship, Rev. Austin Samuel Garver, Samuel Utley, Benjamin Thomas Hill, William MacDonald, Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Franklin Pierce Rice, Lincoln Newton Kinnicut, Worthington Chauncey Ford, Julius Herbert Tuttle, Charles Grenfill Washburn, Samuel Bayard Woodward, George Hubbard Blakeslee, Marshall Howard Saville, Justin Harvey Smith, Henry Winchester Cunningham, Frank Farnum Dresser, Rev. Shepherd Knapp, Rev. Henry Ainsworth Parker, George Francis Dow, Homer Gage, Albert Carlos Bates, Rev. Herbert Edwin Lombard, Grenville Howland Norcross, George Arthur Plimpton, Thomas Hovey Gage, Otis Grant Hammond, John Whitemore

Farwell, Alexander George McAdie, Nathaniel Thayer Kidder, and Foreign Member, Edward Herbert Thompson.

After the call for the meeting had been read it was moved by Mr. Edes that the reading of the records of the semi-annual meeting be dispensed with. The report of the Council was then read by Mr. Lincoln, the report of the Treasurer by Mr. Bullock, and the Librarian's report by Mr. Brigham. It was moved by Mr. Norcross and voted that these reports be accepted as the report of the Council and be referred to the Committee of Publication.

The President appointed Messrs. Kidder, Smith and Lombard as a committee to distribute and collect ballots for new members and report the result. The committee announced the election of the following:

Solon Justus Buck, of Minneapolis, Minn.  
William Lawrence Clements, of Bay City, Mich.  
Ernest Lewis Gay, of Boston, Mass.  
Richard Ward Greene, of Worcester, Mass.  
Lawrence Park, of Groton, Mass.  
Rogers Clark Ballard Thruston, of Louisville, Ky.

The election of President being next in order, Messrs. Edes, Saville and Foster were appointed a committee to distribute and collect the ballots cast. The committee announced the unanimous re-election of Mr. Waldo Lincoln as President of the Society.

Messrs. Cunningham, Norcross and Thompson were appointed a committee to present nominations for the remaining offices. Their report was accepted and the Society elected the following:

*Vice-Presidents:*

Samuel Abbott Green, LL.D., of Groton, Mass.  
Andrew McFarland Davis, A.M., of Cambridge, Mass.

*Councillors:*

- Nathaniel Paine, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.  
Samuel Swett Green, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.  
Granville Stanley Hall, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.  
Samuel Utley, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.  
Arthur Prentice Rugg, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.  
Charles Grenfill Washburn, A.B., of Worcester,  
Mass.  
Francis Henshaw Dewey, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.  
Henry Winchester Cunningham, A.B., of Milton,  
Mass.  
Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Ph.D., of New York,  
N. Y.  
George Parker Winship, A.M., of Cambridge, Mass.

*Secretary for Foreign Correspondence:*

- James Phinney Baxter, Litt.D., of Portland, Me.

*Secretary for Domestic Correspondence:*

- Worthington Chauncey Ford, A.M., of Cambridge,  
Mass.

*Recording Secretary:*

- Charles Lemuel Nichols, M.D., of Worcester, Mass.

*Treasurer:*

- Samuel Bayard Woodward, M.D., of Worcester,  
Mass.

*Committee of Publication:*

- Franklin Pierce Rice, of Worcester, Mass.  
George Henry Haynes, Ph.D., of Worcester, Mass.  
Charles Lemuel Nichols, M.D., of Worcester, Mass.  
Julius Herbert Tuttle, of Dedham, Mass.

*Auditors:*

- Benjamin Thomas Hill, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.  
Homer Gage, M.D., of Worcester, Mass.

The oath of office was administered to the Secretary by Mr. Norcross.

The Society then listened to the papers presented. "The Mason Title and its Relation to New Hampshire and Massachusetts" was read by Mr. Otis G. Hammond, of Concord, N. H. Then followed the paper by Mr. George A. Plimpton, of New York City, on "The Hornbook and its Use in America," illustrated by a large number of hornbooks belonging to the speaker. During the discussion which followed, Mr. Albert C. Bates showed to the Society an English hornbook in his possession and several battledores printed about 1807 by Johnson & Warner, of Philadelphia. President Hall spoke in warm praise of Mr. Plimpton's address and of his valuable collection of school books of which these hornbooks are a part. He stated that in his opinion the history of education should be re-written because of the important information gained through such a collection. Mr. McAdie spoke of the apparent lack of relation between the hornbook and his profession—the study of wind and weather. He developed the history of the rotary motion of winds and storms and exhibited to the Society a hornbook devised by Henry Piddington—an English navigator—for the use of sailors in directing their course through these storms.

A paper entitled "Historical Notes relating to the Second Settlement of Worcester," was then read by Mr. Lincoln N. Kinnicutt, of Worcester. In the discussion which followed, Mr. Washburn asked if the site of the early mill was on the exact spot now occupied by the Salisbury Mansion, or one or more hundred feet above. He also showed a letter written to him by Rev. Edward E. Hale which follows:

May 27, 1889.

My dear Mr. Washburn:

I have just secured the sketch of the manufacturing industries of Worcester. It looks very attractive, and I am very glad to have it. Judge Merrick told me once that in

his young life he met Slater who had so much to do with the cotton manufacture. Merrick said to Slater, "We shall never be a manufacturing town of Worcester because we have so little water power." Slater said to him, "Mr. Merrick, you may live to see the time when Worcester will need all the water power of Mill-brook to provide steam for her steam engines."

Very truly yours,  
Edward Everett Hale.

The paper on "The Early Press and Printers of Jamaica," written by Frank Cundall, of Kingston, Jamaica, was read by title. The President spoke of Mr. Cundall's valuable work in Jamaica and his personal interest in the Institute at Kingston.

The members of the Society were invited to luncheon at the residence of the President and the meeting was dissolved.

CHARLES LEMUEL NICHOLS,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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