

PROCEEDINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER 17, 1917.
AT THE HALL OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER.

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

There were present the following members:

Edmund Mills Barton, Franklin Bowditch Dexter, Samuel Swett Green, Reuben Colton, Henry Herbert Edes, Edward Herbert Thompson, Augustus George Bullock, Charles Pickering Bowditch, Francis Henshaw Dewey, Rev. Calvin Stebbins, Rev. William DeLoss Love, William Trowbridge Forbes, George Henry Haynes, Arthur Lord, Charles Lemuel Nichols, Waldo Lincoln, George Parker Winship, Rev. Austin Samuel Garver, Samuel Utley, Benjamin Thomas Hill, Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Victor Hugo Paltsits, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Lincoln Newton Kinnicut, Franklin Pierce Rice, Worthington Chauncey Ford, Henry Ernest Woods, William Coolidge Lane, Julius Herbert Tuttle, Samuel Bayard Woodward, George Hubbard Blakeslee, Marshall Howard Saville, Wilfred Harold Munro, Justin Harvey Smith, Henry Winchester Cunningham, John Spencer Bassett, Rev. Herbert Edwin Lombard, Bernard Christian Steiner, Grenville Howland Norcross, Thomas Hovey Gage, John Whittimore Farwell, Rev. Henry Bradford Washburn, Leonard Wheeler, Alexander George

McAdie, Nathaniel Thayer Kidder, Richard Ward Greene, George Anthony Gaskill, Charles Edwards Park.

After the reading of the call for the meeting, the Secretary read the records of the semi-annual meeting. The President read the report of the Council. The Treasurer read the report on the finances of the Society. The Librarian read his report on the condition of the Library. It was moved by Judge Utley that these three reports be accepted as the report of the Council and be referred to the Committee of Publication.

The next business in order being the election of new members, the President appointed Messrs. Norcross, Love and Gaskill a committee to collect and count the ballots. The committee reported that there were no nominations for active membership, but that the Society had elected the following to foreign membership:

Jules Jusserand, France.
James Rodway, British Guiana.
Alberto Membreño, Honduras.

Then followed the election of officers of the Society. Messrs. Edes, Bowen, and Tuttle were appointed a committee to collect ballots for President and reported the unanimous re-election of Mr. Waldo Lincoln. Messrs. Winship, R. W. Greene and Lombard were appointed a committee to present nominations for the other offices and reported the following:

Vice-Presidents:

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

Councillors:

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.

William Howard Taft, LL.D., of New Haven,
Conn.

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.

On motion of Mr. Farwell it was voted that the Secretary be empowered to cast a yea ballot for the names reported. The oath was then administered to the Secretary.

There being no further business, the following papers were read:

“Student Life at Yale a Century Ago,” by Franklin B. Dexter. Mr. Dexter stated that this paper was suggested by the publication of the letters of Stephen Salisbury during his life at Harvard, as prepared by our associate, Mr. Hill. The paper contained much of interest and called out a number of queries. Mr. Bowditch asked if there was a rule in those days at Yale that students should not give presents to their tutors. He related an incident where Professor Sophocles, at Harvard, saved for himself a basket of fruit by his own timely suggestion that perhaps it came from the father of the student who brought it as a freewill offering. Mr. Dexter said that such gifts were allowed at Yale. Mr. Lane asked if at that time the instructors at Yale taught various studies to the same class, as was the case in Harvard. Mr. Dexter stated that a tutor was assigned to each class and that he taught all the branches up to the period of the senior year, which latter was taken by the President. In 1830 Horace Bushnell, then a tutor, refused to accept this method and from his time a tutor was assigned for each study. Mr. Lincoln asked the size of the college classes and Mr. Dexter replied that in 1817 the class numbered seventy; earlier classes had a less number, in 1797, for example, the size of the class was forty. Mr. Bowen spoke of the diaries of Rev. Samuel Williams, Abiel Holmes, and Richard Storrs, now in possession of the Connecticut Historical Society, which were written about 1790 and which contained much of interest in this connection.

Prof. Marshall H. Saville read a very interesting account of "Some Unpublished Letters of Pedro de la Gasca relating to the Conquest of Peru," and Prof. George H. Blakeslee presented a paper entitled "Will Democracy alone make the World safe: a Study of the History of the Foreign Relations of Democratic States." It was moved and voted that these papers be referred to the Committee of Publication.

The members were invited to lunch at the house of the President, at the close of the meeting. The meeting was then dissolved.

CHARLES LEMUEL NICHOLS,
Recording Secretary.

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