

PROCEEDINGS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER 15, 1924,
AT THE HALL OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE Annual Meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held pursuant to notice at Antiquarian Hall, Worcester, October 15, 1924, at ten forty-five o'clock, a. m. The meeting was called to order by President Lincoln and the call for the meeting was read by the Secretary.

The following members of the Society were present:

Augustus George Bullock, William Eaton Foster, Francis Henshaw Dewey, William Trowbridge Forbes, George Henry Haynes, Charles Lemuel Nichols, Waldo Lincoln, George Parker Winship, Samuel Utley, Benjamin Thomas Hill, Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Worthington Chauncey Ford, William Coolidge Lane, Julius Herbert Tuttle, Charles Grenfill Washburn, Samuel Bayard Woodward, George Hubbard Blakeslee, Arthur Prentice Rugg, Wilfred Harold Munro, Henry Winchester Cunningham, Homer Gage, Livingston Davis, Rev. Herbert Edwin Lombard, Grenville Howland Norcross, Thomas Hovey Gage, Otis Grant Hammond, John Whittemore Farwell, Rev. Henry Bradford Washburn, Alexander George McAdie, Nathaniel Thayer Kidder, George Anthony Gaskill, John Woodbury, Charles Knowles Bolton, John Henry Edmonds, Samuel Lyman Munson, Robert Kendall Shaw, James Benjamin Wilbur, William Bradford Homer Dowse, Chandler Bullock, Alfred Johnson, Gardner Weld Allen, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, George Simpson Eddy, Kenneth Ballard Murdock, Alexander James Wall.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the previous meeting.

The report of the Council of the Society was read by President Lincoln; the report of the Treasurer was presented by Dr. Woodward and the report of the Librarian by Mr. Brigham. It was voted to accept these reports and to refer them to the Committee of Publication.

Upon motion made by Mr. Charles G. Washburn, in reference to suggestions contained in the Council's report, it was voted that with a purpose to increase the Endowment Fund, the Council be authorized to investigate the subject and to take such action as it may see fit to promote it; and further shall have the authority to enter into such engagements in behalf of the Society with donors as, in the opinion of the Council, may be desirable or necessary to effect acquisitions, immediately or ultimately, to the Endowment Fund.

The elections of officers being in order, the President appointed Messrs. Cunningham, Davis and Shaw a committee to distribute and collect ballots for President, which committee reported that all the ballots were for Waldo Lincoln and he was declared elected.

The President appointed Messrs. Nichols, Bolton and Rockwood a committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Society. This committee presented the following nominations:

Vice-Presidents

Arthur Prentice Rugg, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.
Clarence Winthrop Bowen, LL.D., of New York, N. Y.

Councillors

Samuel Utley, LL.B., 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.

George Parker Winship, Litt.D., of Dover, Mass.

William Howard Taft, LL.D., of Washington, D. C.

George Hubbard Blakeslee, Ph.D., of Worcester,
Mass.

Clarence Saunders Brigham, A.M., of Worcester,
Mass.

James Benjamin Wilbur, Manchester, Vt.

Samuel Lyman Munson, Albany, N. Y.

Secretary for Foreign Correspondence

Charles Lemuel Nichols, M.D., Litt.D., of Wor-
cester, Mass.

Secretary for Domestic Correspondence

Worthington Chauncey Ford, LL.D., of Cambridge,
Mass.

Recording Secretary

Thomas Hovey Gage, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Treasurer

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

Committee of Publication

George Henry Haynes, Ph.D., of Worcester, Mass.

Julius Herbert Tuttle, of Dedham, Mass.

John Henry Edmonds, of Boston, Mass.

Clarence Saunders Brigham, A.M., of Worcester,
Mass.

Auditors

Homer Gage, M.D., of Worcester, Mass.

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.

On motion of William T. Forbes, no one objecting, it was voted that all persons who desired to vote for the election of officers, other than the President, deposit their ballots on the President's table. All the ballots so deposited were for the persons nominated and they were declared elected.

The Secretary then announced that the Council recommended for resident membership the following:

Randolph Greenfield Adams, Ann Arbor, Mich.
William Sumner Appleton, Boston, Mass.
Wallace Walter Atwood, Worcester, Mass.
Henry Lewis Bullen, Jersey City, N. J.
Wallace Hugh Cathcart, Cleveland, Ohio
Fairfax Harrison, Belvoir, Va.
Archibald Henderson, Chapel Hill, N. C.
Matt Bushnell Jones, Boston, Mass.
Andrew Keogh, New Haven, Conn.
Waldo Gifford Leland, Washington, D. C.
Daniel Waldo Lincoln, Worcester, Mass.
James Alexander Robertson, Deland, Fla.
Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Hyde Park, N. Y.
William Glover Stanard, Richmond, Va.
Clarence MacDonald Warner, Boston, Mass.
Frederic Winthrop, Boston, Mass.

The President appointed Messrs. Winship, Edmunds and Murdock a committee to distribute and collect ballots for the election of new members to the Society, who reported that the nominees of the Council were all elected.

The Secretary was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties by Francis H. Dewey, a Justice of the Peace.

The following papers were then presented: "Franklin's Kite Experiment," by Alexander McAdie, of Milton, Mass.; "The Franklin Library," by George Simpson Eddy, of New York; "Franklin and Gallo-way," by William Smith Mason, of Evanston, Ill.

Mr. Ford read a letter from John Adams, severely criticizing Dr. Franklin.

Mr. Norcross called the Society's attention to a letter in his possession, from John Adams to William Temple Franklin, as follows:

Quincy, May 5, 1817.

DEAR SIR:

The Volume of Dr. Franklin's Correspondence has seemed to make *me* live over again my Life at Passy.

I rejoice that the Publick are to have a compleat Edition of his Works, for there is scarce a scratch of his Pen that is not worth preserving.

I am pleased to see you at length appearing on the stage of human affairs.

I presume, upon the Virtue of old Acquaintance to introduce to you Mr. Theodore Lyman junior of Boston who will not disgrace your Country, and you will not regret to know or to have known him.

As I am within a year or two of the age of Dr. Franklin at his Decease I cannot expect to see the Sequel of his Works, but if ever you visit your native Country, a visit from you will greatly oblige your old and sincere

Friend

JOHN ADAMS

William Temple Franklin, Esqr.

Mr. Johnson spoke about the influence of Franklin on the French people. Mr. McAdie and Mr. Bolton made further remarks upon the public estimation of Adams, Franklin and Jefferson.

It was voted to refer the papers presented to the Committee of Publication.

There being no further business, the Society adjourned. After inspection of the Franklin exhibit in the upper hall luncheon was served in the reading room.

THOMAS HOVEY GAGE,
Recording Secretary

Copyright of Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society is the property of American Antiquarian Society and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.