

PROCEEDINGS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER 21, 1925,
AT THE HALL OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at Antiquarian Hall, Worcester, Wednesday, October 21, 1925, at 10.45 o'clock a. m. The meeting was called to order by President Lincoln.

The following members of the Society were present: Reuben Colton, John McKinstry Merriam, William Eaton Foster, Francis Henshaw Dewey, William Trowbridge Forbes, George Henry Haynes, Charles Lemuel Nichols, Waldo Lincoln, George Parker Winship, Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Victor Hugo Paltsits, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Worthington Chauncey Ford, William Coolidge Lane, Julius Herbert Tuttle, Charles Grenfill Washburn, Samuel Bayard Woodward, George Hubbard Blakeslee, William Vail Kellen, Wilfred Harold Munro, Henry Winchester Cunningham, Thomas Willing Balch, Grenville Howland Norcross, Thomas Hovey Gage, John Whitemore Farwell, Rev. Henry Bradford Washburn, Leonard Wheeler, Alexander George McAdie, William Crowninshield Endicott, George Anthony Gaskill, John Woodbury, Charles Knowles Bolton, John Henry Edmonds, Leonard Leopold Mackall, Samuel Lyman Munson, Robert Kendall Shaw, William Bradford Homer Dowse, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Francis Russell Hart, Alfred Johnson, Gardner Weld Allen, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Wallace Walter Atwood, Waldo Gifford Leland, Daniel Waldo Lincoln and Frank Brewer Bemis.

The call for the meeting was read by the Secretary.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

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

Mr. Leland, one of the delegates of the Society to the American Council of Learned Societies, presented a report of the activities of the Council.

The election of officers being in order, the President appointed Messrs. Cunningham, Bullock and Mackall to collect ballots for the office of President, which committee reported that all the ballots cast were for Mr. Waldo Lincoln and he was declared elected.

It was voted that the President appoint a committee of three to nominate other officers of the Society. The President appointed to this Committee Messrs. Nichols, Edmunds and Woodbury, who reported as follows:

Vice-Presidents

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

Councillors

Charles Grenfill Washburn, A.B., Worcester, Mass.
Francis Henshaw Dewey, A.M., Worcester, Mass.
Henry Winchester Cunningham, A.B., Milton,
Mass.

George Parker Winship, Litt.D., Dover, Mass.
William Howard Taft, LL.D., Washington, D. C.
George Hubbard Blakeslee, Ph.D., Worcester, Mass.
Clarence Saunders Brigham, A.M., Worcester, Mass.
James Benjamin Wilbur, LL.D., Manchester, Vt.
Samuel Lyman Munson, Albany, N. Y.
William Vail Kellen, LL.D., Boston, Mass.

Secretary for Foreign Correspondence

Charles Lemuel Nichols, M.D., Litt. D., Worcester,
Mass.

Secretary for Domestic Correspondence

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

Recording Secretary

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

Treasurer

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

Committee of Publication

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

Julius Herbert Tuttle, Dedham, Mass.

John Henry Edmonds, Boston, Mass.

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

Auditors

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

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

Upon motion of Judge Forbes, it was voted to accept the report and that the President receive the ballots of those wishing to vote. The President announced that all the ballots were for the nominees of the Committee and they were declared elected.

Mr. Brigham then presented the recommendations of the Council for membership in the Society as follows:

Resident Members

George Sumner Barton, Worcester, Mass.

John Stewart Bryan, Richmond, Va.

Calvin Coolidge, Washington, D. C.

Mark Antony DeWolfe Howe, Boston, Mass.

Allen Johnson, New Haven, Conn.

Thomas Bonaventure Lawler, New York, N. Y.

Horace Augustus Moses, Springfield, Mass.

Charles Alpheus Place, Lancaster, Mass.

Wilbur Henry Siebert, Columbus, Ohio.

Foreign Member

Bernard Fay, Paris, France.

The President appointed Messrs. Hart, Wroth, and Daniel W. Lincoln a Committee to distribute, collect

and count ballots for the election of new members, who reported that all of the nominees were elected.

Mr. Gage, in accordance with the recommendation of the Council, moved to amend Article VII of the By-Laws, by striking out the following provisions:

“—members residing in New England shall pay an annual fee of five dollars. A payment of fifty dollars at one time shall constitute the person so paying a life member and shall exempt him from this payment of the annual fee of five dollars and this sum so paid shall be added to the life membership fund.

Whenever the dues of any member shall remain unpaid for two consecutive years the Treasurer shall report that fact to the Council, which may vote that his connection with the Society be terminated, and such vote shall terminate his connection with the Society, or the Council may take such other action as it deems proper.”

And it was so voted.

The following papers were then presented:

“How Massachusetts received the Declaration of Independence,” by John Henry Edmonds, of Boston, Mass.; “The Trend Towards Centralization,” by Thomas Willing Balch, of Philadelphia, Pa.; “Christoph Daniel Ebeling,” by William Coolidge Lane, of Cambridge, Mass.

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

The Secretary was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties by Judge Forbes.

The meeting then adjourned and the members of the Society were entertained at luncheon by the President at his house, 49 Elm Street.

THOMAS HOVEY GAGE,
Recording Secretary

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