

## PROCEEDINGS

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER 21, 1931,  
AT THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE Annual Meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Library of the Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 21, 1931, at 10.45 o'clock, a. m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Calvin Coolidge.

The following members of the Society were present: Reuben Colton, John McKinstry Merriam, Francis Henshaw Dewey, George Henry Haynes, Waldo Lincoln, George Parker Winship, Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Victor Hugo Paltsits, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Julius Herbert Tuttle, George Hubbard Blakeslee, William Vail Kellen, Arthur Prentice Rugg, Wilfred Harold Munro, Shepherd Knapp, Homer Gage, Livingston Davis, Charles Henry Taylor, Herbert Edwin Lombard, Thomas Hovey Gage, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Leonard Wheeler, Isaac Rand Thomas, Robert Kendall Shaw, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Gardner Weld Allen, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, Frederic Winthrop, Frank Brewer Bemis, George Sumner Barton, Calvin Coolidge, Thomas Bonaventure Lawler, Charles Alpheus Place, Aldus Chapin Higgins, Paul Beagary Morgan, Russell Sturgis Paine, James Melville Hunnewell, Harry Galpin Stoddard, Charles Seabury Hale, Lawrence Shaw Mayo, Robert Lincoln O'Brien, Maxwell Savage, William Davis Miller, Stephen Willard Phillips, Edward Tuckerman Esty, Reginald Washburn, Joseph Henry Sinclair, Wilbur Macey Stone.

The call for the meeting was read by the Secretary. By unanimous consent the reading of the records was dispensed with.

The report of the Council to the Society was then presented by the President, Mr. Coolidge. The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Bullock and the Librarian's report by Mr. Vail. It was voted to accept these reports and refer them to the Committee on Publications.

Mr. Gage, for the Committee on the Observance of the Second Centennial of the County of Worcester, presented the following report:

At a meeting of the Council of the American Antiquarian Society on September 18, 1931, a Committee, consisting of Mr. Brigham, Mr. Bullock and Mr. Gage, was appointed to make arrangements for the proper observance of the responsibilities of the Society in connection with the deposit in October 1831 of a report by the Committee of the Worcester County Historical Society on the Centennial Anniversary of the establishment of the County of Worcester, and a bottle of Madeira wine to be opened and examined at the expiration of one hundred years. The Committee gave the matter careful consideration and decided that any public celebration of the occasion might be misconstrued and would be inappropriate. It therefore arranged for an informal meeting of the Council. Mr. Brigham extended to the members of the Council an invitation to dine at his house and on Wednesday, October 14th, the following members of the Council: Messrs. Bowen, Lincoln, Dewey, Winship, Brigham, Gage, Blakeslee, Kellen, Bullock, Morgan, Taylor, Barton, and Higgins, together with Mr. Vail, the Librarian, met at Mr. Brigham's house at seven o'clock. The company then repaired to the Council room in the Society's Library. The bottle of Madeira was in the centre of the Council table. Mr. Lincoln presided over the gathering, Mr. Brigham made some explanatory remarks on the significance of the occasion and a few verses were read by Mr. Gage, after which the bottle was opened by Mr. Taylor. Somewhat to the surprise of the members of the Council present, the wine was found to be sound and palatable and must have been of excellent quality to have stood the test of one hundred years!

The members then returned to Mr. Brigham's house and after dinner enjoyed Mr. Bullock's recital from the early records of the celebration of 1831. The major part of the 1831 Madeira was left in its ancient bottle and being fortified and

replenished by a later vintage, has been recorked to remain in the custody of the Society for another hundred years, when perhaps the state of society will permit of a more ceremonious celebration.

The election of officers being in order, the President appointed Chief Justice Rugg and Messrs. Paltsits and Hunnewell a committee to distribute and collect ballots for the election of a President, which committee reported that there were forty-one votes cast, all for Calvin Coolidge, and he was declared elected.

The President appointed Messrs. Kellen, Lawlor and Phillips a committee to nominate other officers of the Society and the 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*

Waldo Lincoln, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Francis Henshaw Dewey, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.

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

William Vail Kellen, LL.D., of Boston, Mass.

Paul Beagary Morgan, B.S., of Worcester, Mass.

William Evarts Benjamin, of New York, N. Y.

George Sumner Barton, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Aldus Chapin Higgins, Eng.D., of Worcester, Mass.

Matt Bushnell Jones, LL.B., of Boston, Mass.

*Secretary for Foreign Correspondence*

George Hubbard Blakeslee, L.H.D., of Worcester, Mass.

*Secretary for Domestic Correspondence*

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

*Recording Secretary*

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

*Treasurer*

Chandler Bullock, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.

*Committee on Publications*

Clarence Saunders Brigham, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.  
Julius Herbert Tuttle, of Dedham, Mass.

*Auditors*

Homer Gage, M.D., of Worcester, Mass.  
Daniel Waldo Lincoln, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot, which being done, the nominees were declared elected. The Recording Secretary was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties by John M. Merriam, a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Gage presented the recommendations of the Council for membership in the Society and the President appointed Messrs. Lombard, Shaw and Place to distribute and collect ballots for new members, who reported that there were forty-six ballots cast, all for the following:

Howard Earle Coffin, Sapeloe Island, Ga.  
James Owen Knauss, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
Robert Stewart Mitchell, Boston, Mass.  
Robert William Glenroie Vail, Shrewsbury, Mass.

The following papers were then presented: "Thomas Hutchinson and his History of Massachusetts Bay," by Lawrence S. Mayo, of West Newton, Mass.; "A Maya Legend in the Making," by Edward Herbert Thompson, of West Falmouth, Mass.; and "The Periodical Literature of Ecuador, with some Reminiscences of Travel in that Country," by Joseph H. Sinclair, of New York, N. Y. In the absence of Mr. Thompson, Mr. Winship read his paper, prefacing it with reminiscences of the meetings of the Society when Dr. Edward Everett Hale and Senator George F. Hoar took an active part in the proceedings, and the second Stephen Salisbury entertained the members at his house. The following papers were read by title: "Josiah Gregg and Dr. George Engelmann," by John Thomas Lee of Chicago, Ill.; and "Nathaniel Bolton, a

Forgotten New England Poet," by Charles K. Bolton, of Boston, Mass. It was voted to refer the papers to the Committee on Publications.

The meeting then adjourned at 1.00 p. m. and the members were entertained at luncheon by Mr. Aldus C. Higgins, at his residence on John Wing Road.

THOMAS HOVEY GAGE,  
*Recording Secretary*

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