

PROCEEDINGS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER 20, 1937,
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 20, 1937, at 10.30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-president, William Vail Kellen.

The following members of the Society were present: John McKinstry Merriam, George Henry Haynes, George Parker Winship, Victor Hugo Paltsits, Clarence Saunders Brigham, George Hubbard Blakeslee, William Vail Kellen, Shepherd Knapp, Albert Carlos Bates, Thomas Hovey Gage, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, John Woodbury, Charles Knowles Bolton, Robert Kendall Shaw, Chandler Bullock, Gardner Weld Allen, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Randolph Greenfield Adams, Wallace Walter Atwood, Matt Bushnell Jones, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, George Sumner Barton, Thomas Bonaventure Lawler, Charles Alpheus Place, George Francis Booth, Aldus Chapin Higgins, Paul Beagary Morgan, Russell Sturgis Paine, Ralph Earle, Thomas James Holmes, James Melville Hunnewell, Harry Galpin Stoddard, Abraham S. Wolf Rosenbach, George Crompton, Lemuel Aiken Welles, Edward Tuckerman Esty, Joseph Henry Sinclair, Stewart Mitchell, Robert William Glenroie Vail, Glenn Tilley Morse, Charles Taylor Tatman, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, William Irving Clark, Eben Francis Thompson, John Woodman Higgins, George Gregerson Wolkins, Allyn Bailey Forbes, Philip Ainsworth Means, Frederic Gershom Melcher, Hermann Frederick Clarke, Fran-

cis Henshaw Dewey, Philip Leffingwell Spalding, Foster Stearns, Lathrop Colgate Harper, Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., LeRoy Elwood Kimball and Clifford Kenyon Shipton.

In calling the meeting to order, Mr. Kellen expressed the regret of the Society at the absence of the President through indisposition and of the senior Vice-president by reason of a necessary engagement in Boston.

The Secretary read the call for the meeting. It was unanimously voted that the reading of the records of the last meeting be dispensed with.

The report of the Council of the Society was presented by the Director, Mr. Brigham; the Treasurer's report 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.

The Director announced the purchase of the Hawaiian collection of Mr. Hiram Bingham, which the Society had been enabled to acquire through the generous gift of Messrs. Stearns and Hunnewell.

The election of the President being in order, the Chairman appointed Messrs. Welles, Paltsits and Bates a committee to distribute and collect ballots, who reported that there were fifty-one ballots cast and all for Arthur Prentice Rugg, who was thereupon declared elected.

The Chairman thereupon appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Lincoln, Means and Shaw, to nominate other officers, who reported the following nominations:

Vice-presidents

Charles Henry Taylor, LL.D., of Boston, Mass.
William Vail Kellen, LL.D., of Boston, Mass.

Councillors

George Parker Winship, Litt.D., of Dover, Mass.
Paul Beagary Morgan, Eng.D., of Worcester, Mass.

William Evarts Benjamin, of New York, N. Y.
George Sumner Barton, A.B., of Boylston, Mass.
Aldus Chapin Higgins, Eng.D., of Worcester, Mass.
Matt Bushnell Jones, Litt.D., of Newton Centre,
Mass.
Homer Gage, M.D., LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.
Francis Russell Hart, A.M., of Boston, Mass.
James Melville Hunnewell, LL.B., of Boston, Mass.

Secretary for Foreign Correspondence

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

Secretary for Domestic Correspondence

Clarence Saunders Brigham, Litt.D., 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, Litt.D., of Worcester,
Mass.
Julius Herbert Tuttle, of Dedham, Mass.
Robert Kendall Shaw, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Auditors

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.
Reginald Washburn, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.

On motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote the Secretary was asked to cast one ballot for the nominees and such ballot being cast the nominees were declared elected. Mr. Merriam then administered the oath of office to the Secretary.

The Director presented the recommendations of the Council for members to fill vacancies in the Society as follows:

Resident Members

Alexander Hamilton Bullock, Worcester, Mass.
Ogden Codman, Paris, France
Theron Johnson Damon, Concord, Mass.
Frank Johnson Metcalf, Washington, D. C.
Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Cambridge, Mass.
J. Hall Pleasants, Baltimore, Md.

The Chairman thereupon appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Merriam, Lawler and Sinclair, to distribute and count the ballots for new members, who reported that the nominees of the Council were elected.

Mr. Frederic G. Melcher then delivered a paper on "The Bookstore in the 1850's" and Mr. Randolph G. Adams a paper on "New Light on the Boston Massacre." Mr. Melcher's paper was presented orally and not as a paper for publication.

On motion of Mr. Harper it was voted that a letter of sympathy should be sent by the Society to Dr. Wilberforce Eames who was seriously ill in New York, conveying to him the high regards of the Society for the constant help which he had furnished to its members and to scholars throughout the country.

The Director called the attention of the members to the display in the exhibition cases in the gallery of interesting new acquisitions of the Society.

The meeting was adjourned and the members were entertained at luncheon by Mr. Aldus Chapin Higgins at his house, 1 John Wing Road.

THOMAS HOVEY GAGE,
Recording Secretary

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