

## *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 21, 1942

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, 1942, at 10.45 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Vice-president Paul B. Morgan.

The following members of the Society were present: John McKinstry Merriam, George Henry Haynes, George Parker Winship, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Samuel Bayard Woodward, George Hubbard Blakeslee, William Vail Kellen, Shepherd Knapp, Albert Carlos Bates, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Gardner Weld Allen, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, John Hill Morgan, Wallace Walter Atwood, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, George Sumner Barton, Aldus Chapin Higgins, Paul Beagary Morgan, Russell Sturgis Paine, James Melville Hunnewell, George Crompton, Maxwell Savage, Stephen Willard Phillips, Edward Alexander Parsons, Charles Taylor Tatman, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, William Irving Clark, John Woodman Higgins, Allyn Bailey Forbes, Philip Ainsworth Means, Lathrop Colgate Harper, Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., Gilbert Hovey Grosvenor, Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Alexander Hamilton Bullock, Theron Johnson Damon, Albert White Rice, James Blaine Hedges, Frederick Lewis Weis, Donald McKay Frost, Everett Dwight Graff, William Greene Roelker, Henry Rouse Viets, Walter Muir Whitehill.

The Secretary read the call for the meeting.

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

The report of the Council of the Society was presented by Mr. Brigham; the Treasurer's report by Mr. Bullock; and the Librarian's report by Mr. Shipton. It was voted to accept these reports and refer them to the Committee on Publications.

The election of the President being in order, the Vice-president appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Goodspeed, Harper, and Stephen W. Phillips, to distribute, collect and count ballots for the President, who reported that there were thirty-seven ballots cast and all for Samuel Eliot Morison, who thereupon was declared elected.

The Vice-president then appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Lincoln, Wroth, and Haynes, to nominate other officers, who reported the following nominations:

*Vice-presidents*

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

Paul Beagary Morgan, Eng.D., of Worcester, Mass.

*Councillors*

George Parker Winship, Litt.D., of Charles River, Mass.

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

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

James Melville Hunnewell, LL.B., of Boston, Mass.

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

Russell Sturgis Paine, of Worcester, Mass.

Albert White Rice, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.

Donald McKay Frost, LL.B., of Dover, Mass.

Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., A.B., of Boston, Mass.

Thomas Winthrop Streeter, LL.B., of Morristown, N. J.

*Secretary for Foreign and Domestic Correspondence*

Clarence Saunders Brigham, Litt.D., of Worcester, Mass.

*Recording Secretary*

George Hubbard Blakeslee, LL.D., 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.

It was unanimously voted that the Secretary be requested to cast a ballot for the nominees, which being done and no other ballot being offered, the foregoing nominees were declared elected.

The Secretary was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties by Mr. Charles T. Tatman.

The Vice-president, in behalf of the Council, then proposed for membership in the Society:

Nathaniel Farwell Ayer, Boston, Mass.

Thomas Franklin Currier, Belmont, Mass.

Hunter Dickinson Farish, Williamsburg, Va.

Allen French, Concord, Mass.

The Vice-president appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Loring, Means, and Alexander H. Bullock, who reported that forty-two ballots had been cast and all for the persons nominated, and they were declared elected.

Papers were then read by Gilbert H. Grosvenor on "A Few Remarks on the Increase and Diffusion of Geographic Knowledge by the National Geographic Society, 1888-1942," and by Edward A. Parsons on "Letters of Robert R. Livingston, the Diplomatic Story of the Louisiana Purchase." A paper on "Four Late Eighteenth-Century Anglo-American Landscape Painters," by J. Hall Pleasants, was contributed by title. It was voted to refer the papers to the Committee on Publications.

The Director stated that four members, Mr. Grosvenor, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Barton, and Mr. Merriam, had brought to the meeting gifts of desirable material for the Library—broadsides, early imprints, and manuscripts. He described these gifts and said that they would be recorded in detail in the next report of the Librarian. Mr. Brigham also announced that in the exhibition cases in the upper hall were shown some of the important accessions of the past year.

The meeting then adjourned, and the members were entertained at luncheon by Mr. Aldus C. Higgins, 1 John Wing Road.

GEORGE H. BLAKESLEE,  
*Recording Secretary*

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