

## *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 19, 1949

AT THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE one hundred and thirty-seventh annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Library of the Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 19, 1949, at 10.45 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President Samuel Eliot Morison.

The following members of the Society were present: John McKinstry Merriam, George Parker Winship, Victor Hugo Paltsits, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Samuel Eliot Morison, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Allan Forbes, Chandler Bullock, George Ichabod Rockwood, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, George Sumner Barton, George Francis Booth, Paul Beagary Morgan, Russell Sturgis Paine, James Melville Hunnewell, Harry Galpin Stoddard, George Crompton, Stephen Willard Phillips, Reginald Washburn, Robert William Glenroie Vail, Edward Alexander Parsons, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, William Irving Clark, John Woodman Higgins, George Gregerson Wolkins, Howard Corning, Henry Wilder Foote, Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., LeRoy Elwood Kimball, Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Alexander Hamilton Bullock, Theron Johnson Damon, Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Albert White Rice, Wat Tyler Cluverius, William Greene Roelker, Henry Rouse Viets, Walter Muir Whitehill, Frederick Haven Pratt, Samuel Foster Damon, William Alexander Jackson, Bradley Baldwin Gilman, Richard Allen Heald, Ernest Caulfield, George Russell Stobbs, Arthur Adams, LeRoy Archer Campbell, Charles Henry

Sawyer, James Tinkham Babb, Richard Harrison Shryock, Philip Howard Cook, and Edmund Sears Morgan.

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 the Director who also summarized the Treasurer's Report at the request of Mr. Bullock, and the Librarian's Report was read by Mr. Shipton. It was voted to accept these reports and refer them to the Committee on Publications.

The election of officers being in order, Mr. Stobbs reported for the committee consisting of Messrs. Stobbs, Shaw, and Gilman, appointed by the Council in April, 1949, the following nominations:

*President*

Samuel Eliot Morison, of Boston, Mass.

*Vice-presidents*

Paul Beagary Morgan, of Worcester, Mass.

George Sumner Barton, of Worcester, Mass.

*Councillors*

George Parker Winship, of Charles River, Mass.

George Hubbard Blakeslee, of Worcester, Mass.

James Melville Hunnewell, of Boston, Mass.

Russell Sturgis Paine, of Worcester, Mass.

Albert White Rice, of Worcester, Mass.

Donald McKay Frost, of Boston, Mass.

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

Thomas Winthrop Streeter, of Morristown, N. J.

Stephen Willard Phillips, of Salem, Mass.

Richard Allen Heald, of Worcester, Mass.

*Secretary for Foreign and Domestic Correspondence*

Clarence Saunders Brigham, of Worcester, Mass.

*Recording Secretary*

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, of Worcester, Mass.

*Treasurer*

Chandler Bullock, of Worcester, Mass.

*Committee on Publications*

Clifford Kenyon Shipton, of Shirley, Mass.

Robert Kendall Shaw, of Worcester, Mass.

Frederick Lewis Weis, of Lancaster, Mass.

*Auditors*

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, of Worcester, Mass.

Reginald Washburn, 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 President, in behalf of the Council, proposed for membership in the Society:

Frederick Baldwin Adams, Jr., New York, N. Y.

Frederick Richmond Goff, Washington, D. C.

John Marshall Phillips, New Haven, Conn.

President Morison appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Edmund S. Morgan, Gilman, and Cook to distribute, collect, and count the ballots. Mr. Morgan reported that the necessary number of votes had been cast for the persons nominated and they were declared elected.

Papers were read by Mr. Allan Forbes on "The Story of Clipper Ship Sailing Cards," and by Mr. Richard H. Shryock on "Eighteenth Century Medicine in America." Mr. Edward A. Parsons spoke informally on "High Lights of Louisiana Americana."

Mr. Merriam told the members that he would like to read a letter which he had received from Senator Hoar fifty-six years ago, concerning attendance at the Antiquarian Society meetings. The letter aroused so much interest that it is here printed:

Worcester, Mass.

April 28, 1893.

Dear Merriam:

I am much obliged for your interesting paper concerning the Framingham Academy. But I was much disappointed not to see you at the meeting of the Antiquarian Society. I hope it was not illness or domestic trouble which prevented your attendance.

I think the Antiquarian meetings, as a duty, more important than most duties of the kind. Judge Nelson absented himself because the court of appeals, in which he was to sit, was to come in yesterday. I told him that if he were ever impeached while I was in the Senate, I should vote "guilty,"—if he were charged with absenting himself from the meeting of the Society and had no better excuse than the necessity of attending a little damned court of appeals.

I am faithfully and affectionately yours,

GEO. F. HOAR

John M. Merriam, Esq.,  
South Framingham, Mass.

Mr. Shipton announced that in the upper gallery there was an exhibition of recent acquisitions, also a collection devoted to sailing ship cards, valentines, booksellers' labels, advertising cards, watch papers, friendship cards, and book-plates.

The President announced that the annual luncheon for members of the Society would be given at the residence of the late Aldus C. Higgins, John Wing Road, by Mrs. Aldus C. Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. Milton P. Higgins.

The meeting then adjourned.

DANIEL W. LINCOLN,  
*Recording Secretary*

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