

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 18, 1950

AT THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE one hundred and thirty-eighth annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Library of the Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 18, 1950, 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, Robert Kendall Shaw, Fred Norris Robinson, Chandler Bullock, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, George Sumner Barton, George Francis Booth, Russell Sturgis Paine, James Melville Hunnewell, Harry Galpin Stoddard, George Crompton, Stephen Willard Phillips, Stewart Mitchell, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, William Irving Clark, John Woodman Higgins, George Gregerson Wolkins, Henry Wilder Foote, Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Alexander Hamilton Bullock, Theron Johnson Damon, Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Albert White Rice, Frederick Lewis Weis, Wat Tyler Cluverius, Everett Dwight Graff, Walter Muir Whitehill, Frederick Haven Pratt, Samuel Foster Damon, Bradley Baldwin Gilman, Richard Allen Heald, Ernest Caulfield, George Russell Stobbs, Arthur Adams, Charles Henry Sawyer, James Tinkham Babb, Joseph Carson, Stanley Pargellis, Richard Harrison Shryock, Milton Prince Higgins, Edward Chase Kirkland, Philip

Howard Cook, Edmund Sears Morgan, John Marshall Phillips, and Theodore Bolton.

The Secretary read the call for the meeting. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

The President called attention to the fact that there were present at this meeting the four senior members of the Society, Messrs. Merriam, Winship, Paltsis, and Brigham.

The report of the Council of the Society was presented by Mr. Brigham, the report of the Treasurer by Mr. Bullock, and the report of the Librarian was read by Mr. Shipton. It was voted to accept these three 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, 1950, the following nominations:

President

Samuel Eliot Morison, of Boston, Mass.

Vice-presidents

Thomas Winthrop Streeter, of Morristown, N. J.
George Sumner Barton, of Worcester, Mass.

Councillors

George Parker Winship, of Charles River, Mass.
George Hubbard Blakeslee, of Worcester, Mass.
Paul Beagary Morgan, 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.

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:

John Adams, Milton, Mass.
I. Bernard Cohen, Cambridge, Mass.
H. Dunscomb Colt, Jr., New York, N. Y.
Walter G. Davis, Portland, Me.
Elmer T. Hutchinson, Elizabeth, N. J.
William L. Learned Peltz, Albany, N. Y.
Carl I. Wheat, Washington, D. C. and San Francisco,
Calif.

President Morison appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Caulfield, Kirkland, and Bolton to distribute, collect, and count the ballots. Dr. Caulfield reported that the necessary number of votes had been cast for the persons nominated and they were declared elected.

Papers were read by Mr. George G. Wolkins on "Edward Winslow (O. V. 1606-11), King's Scholar and Printer," and by Mr. Joseph Carson on "The Surprising Adventures of the Brigantine Rebecca—Incidents in the West India Trade of 1762."

Mr. Morison announced that the Director had presented to the Society his portrait, painted by Charles J. Fox of New York. This portrait, now on view for the first time, will be added to the collection of portraits of former presidents and librarians. He said that Mr. Brigham had served as librarian, and later director, since 1908, a tenure of forty-two years. During this long period he has brought the American Antiquarian Society to an unique and pre-eminent place among historical institutions. He has written many books, of which the *Bibliography of American Newspapers from 1690 to 1820* was called by the *American Historical Review* "one of the greatest individual bibliographical undertakings of our time." He praised Mr. Brigham's generosity in presenting the portrait to the Society and said that it would always serve as a reminder of a valued scholar and friend. He then read a humorous poem in which he recounted some of the facts of Mr. Brigham's career.

Mr. Shipton described the two exhibitions in the upper gallery, one devoted to the engravings by Paul Revere, and the other to the popular books read in America during its first two hundred years.

The President invited the members to view the new bookstack which he said would be completed by early winter.

Mr. Morison 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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