

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 15, 1952

AT THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE one hundred and fortieth annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Library of the Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 15, 1952, 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, Clarence Saunders Brigham, George Hubbard Blakeslee, Samuel Eliot Morison, Robert Kendall Shaw, Fred Norris Robinson, Chandler Bullock, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, George Sumner Barton, Russell Sturgis Paine, James Melville Hunnewell, George Crompton, Stephen Willard Phillips, Robert William Glenroie Vail, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, William Irving Clark, John Woodman Higgins, Henry Wilder Foote, Francis Henshaw Dewey, Jr., James Duncan Phillips, LeRoy Elwood Kimball, Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Alexander Hamilton Bullock, Theron Johnson Damon, Albert White Rice, Frederick Lewis Weis, Wat Tyler Cluverius, Walter Muir Whitehill, Frederick Haven Pratt, Samuel Foster Damon, William Alexander Jackson, Bradley Baldwin Gilman, Richard Allen Heald, George Russell Stobbs, Arthur Adams, Charles Henry Sawyer, James Tinkham Babb, Sinclair Hamilton, George Laban Harding, Milton Prince Higgins, Philip Howard Cook, Frederick Baldwin Adams, Jr., Theodore

Bolton, Harris Dunscomb Colt, Jr., Carl Irving Wheat, Lyman Henry Butterfield, George Talbot Goodspeed, Raymond Phineas Stearns, Stephen Thomas Riley, Rollo Gabriel Silver, Lee Max Friedman, and Augustus George Bullock.

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 report of the Treasurer by Mr. Bullock, and the report of the Librarian by Mr. Shipton. It was voted to accept the 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, 1952, the following nominations:

President

Thomas Winthrop Streeter, of Morristown, N. J.

Vice-presidents

George Hubbard Blakeslee, of Worcester, Mass.

George Sumner Barton, of Boylston, Mass.

Councillors

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.

Stephen Willard Phillips, of Salem, Mass.

Richard Allen Heald, of Worcester, Mass.

Carleton Rubira Richmond, of Milton, Mass.

Edward Larocque Tinker, of New York, N. Y.
Walter Muir Whitehill, of North Andover, 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 Dublin, N. H.

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.

Mr. Morison spoke appreciatively regarding his fourteen-year term of office as President of the Society. He stated that he had much enjoyed his association with the members of the Society, many of whom were old-time friends, and that he would always continue his interest in its meetings. He said that the Society was fortunate in having Mr. Thomas W. Streeter for President and invited Mr. Streeter to take the chair. Mr. Streeter thanked the members for his election and stated that he would do all in his power to aid the Society and to carry on its traditions.

Mr. Streeter, in behalf of the Council, proposed for membership in the Society:

Augustus George Bullock, Worcester, Mass.

John Winston Coleman, Jr., Lexington, Ky.

James Hazen Hyde, New York, N. Y.

The President appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. F. B. Adams, Wheat, and Riley to distribute, collect and count the ballots. Mr. Adams reported that the necessary number of votes had been cast for the persons nominated and they were declared elected.

Mr. Streeter stated that two members of the Society had only recently celebrated their ninetieth birthdays. He said that John M. Merriam, the senior member of the Society, was present at the meeting. He thought that it would be a gracious gesture on the part of the Society to send a telegram of congratulations to Henry R. Wagner of San Marino, California. Upon motion of Mr. Merriam, this vote was adopted. The following telegram was sent: "Yesterday at its one hundred and fortieth annual meeting the American Antiquarian Society voted to extend to you its heartiest congratulations on your having achieved your ninetieth birthday."

Papers were read by Mr. Lyman H. Butterfield on "Elder John Leland, Jeffersonian Itinerant," and by Mr. Raymond P. Stearns on "James Petiver, Seventeenth-Century Promoter of Natural Science."

The Librarian described the exhibition of many books and pamphlets in the upper gallery, and the Director announced the recent gift of the eighteenth-century portrait of Timothy Swan which was on view, given to the Society by his granddaughter, Miss Frances S. Shedd of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

President Streeter 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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