

PROCEEDINGS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER 19, 1921,
AT THE HALL OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at Antiquarian Hall, Wednesday, October 19, 1921. The meeting was called to order at 10.45 a. m. by President Lincoln.

There were present the following members:

Henry Herbert Edes, John McKinstry Merriam, William Eaton Foster, Francis Henshaw Dewey, William Trowbridge Forbes, George Henry Haynes, Charles Lemuel Nichols, Waldo Lincoln, Samuel Utley, Benjamin Thomas Hill, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Lincoln Newton Kinnicutt, Worthington Chauncey Ford, Herbert Putnam, Julius Herbert Tuttle, Charles Grenfill Washburn, Samuel Bayard Woodward, Wilfred Harold Munro, Henry Winchester Cunningham, Frank Farnum Dresser, Charles Evans, Homer Gage, Grenville Howland Norcross, Thomas Hovey Gage, John Whittemore Farwell, Leonard Wheeler, Alexander George McAdie, William Lawrence Clements, George Anthony Gaskill, Alfred Lawrence Aiken, John Henry Edmonds, Robert Kendall Shaw, William Roscoe Thayer, Merrick Lincoln, James Benjamin Wilbur.

The call for the meeting was read by the Secretary.

Upon motion by Mr. Edes it was voted that the reading of the records of the last meeting be dispensed with.

The President then read the report of the Council; Dr. Woodward presented the printed report of the Treasurer; and Mr. Brigham read the report of the Librarian.

Upon motion made by Mr. Edes it was voted that this report be accepted as the report of the Council and referred to the Committee of Publication.

The President appointed Messrs. Edes, Tuttle and Homer Gage to collect, sort and count the ballots for President. The Committee reported that all ballots cast were for Waldo Lincoln and he was declared elected.

The President appointed Messrs. Winship, McAdie and Munson to nominate other officers, who reported as follows:

Vice-Presidents

Arthur Prentice Rugg, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.
Clarence Winthrop Bowen, LL.D., of New York,
N. Y.

Councillors

Samuel Utley, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.
Charles Grenfill Washburn, A.B., of Worcester,
Mass.
Francis Henshaw Dewey, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.
Henry Winchester Cunningham, A.B. of Milton,
Mass.
George Parker Winship, Litt.D., of Dover, Mass.
William Howard Taft, LL.D., of New Haven, Conn.
George Hubbard Blakeslee, Ph.D., of Worcester,
Mass.
Henry Herbert Edes, A.M., of Cambridge, Mass.
Clarence Saunders Brigham, A.M., of Worcester,
Mass.
James Benjamin Wilbur, of Manchester, Vt.

Secretary for Foreign Correspondence

Charles Lemuel Nichols, M.D., Litt.D., of Worcester
Mass.

Secretary for Domestic Correspondence

Worthington Chauncey Ford, LL.D., of Cambridge,
Mass.

Recording Secretary

Thomas Hovey Gage, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.

Treasurer

Samuel Bayard Woodward, M.D., of Worcester,
Mass.

Committee of Publication

George Henry Haynes, Ph.D., of Worcester, Mass.

Julius Herbert Tuttle, of Dedham, Mass.

John Henry Edmonds, of Boston, Mass.

Clarence Saunders Brigham, A.M., of Worcester,
Mass.

Auditors

Benjamin Thomas Hill, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Homer Gage, M.D., of Worcester, Mass.

A ballot was thereupon taken and the nominees were
declared elected.

The Secretary was duly sworn to the faithful per-
formance of his duties by Mr. Gaskill, a Justice of the
Peace.

The President appointed Messrs. Cunningham,
Shaw and Edmonds a committee to collect and count
the ballots for new members and this committee
announced the election of the following:

Albert Jeremiah Beveridge, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Chandler Bullock, of Worcester, Mass.

Charles Eliot Goodspeed, of Boston, Mass.

George Foot Moore, of Cambridge, Mass.

The President announced the gift to the Society of a portrait of a former President, Edward Everett, by J. Harvey Young, and added that portraits of only two Presidents of the Society were now missing from its collection, George F. Hoar and Edward Everett Hale.

There being no further business, the following papers were presented:

"The Fortunate Island of Monhegan," by Charles F. Jenney, read by Julius H. Tuttle.

"The Making of the Republic of Vermont," by James B. Wilbur.

"Oaths of Allegiance in Colonial New England," by Charles Evans.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Evans's paper, Mr. John M. Merriman spoke as follows:

While looking over some old papers recently, I found a letter from Senator George F. Hoar, which I have shown to our President and which he has thought worthy of being read at this meeting. I shall read it upon his invitation, knowing how dearly Senator Hoar loved this Society and how every member in it loved him. We have just listened to a most interesting paper in which the solemnity of an oath has been impressively stated. I know how the members of this Society will understand the oath in this letter. Sometimes an unusual degree of feeling may seem to justify strong language. This letter surely shows the Senator's strong love for the American Antiquarian Society. Every one who knew him well can imagine the expression of his face as he dictated it and no one within the family circle of this Society will misunderstand it. In connection with this letter, Mr. Gage, who was associated with Senator Hoar as his private secretary, has recalled the first meeting of the Court of Appeals to which Senator Hoar refers. Justice Gray presided at this session in the Federal Building in Boston. After announcing the organization of the Court under the then recent statute, he made the apt and dry remark that this was his first experience to sit in a Court without a Bar, and thereupon he called upon Senator Hoar, who was duly received as the first member of the Bar of the Court of Appeals. The letter is as follows:

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,

(Signed) GEORGE F. HOAR.

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

A paper entitled "A New American Constitution," by William MacDonald, was read by title.

It was voted to refer the papers presented to the Society to the Committee of Publication.

Mr. Wilbur called the Society's attention to a miniature of Ira Allen, of Vermont.

The President invited the members to luncheon at his residence, 49 Elm Street.

There being no further business, the meeting was dissolved.

THOMAS HOVEY GAGE,
Recording Secretary.

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