

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 21, 1953

AT THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE one hundred and forty-first annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Library of the Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 21, 1953, at 10:45 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President Thomas Winthrop Streeter.

The following members of the Society were present: John McKinstry Merriam, Clarence Saunders Brigham, George Hubbard Blakeslee, 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, Harry Galpin Stoddard, Stephen Willard Phillips, Stewart Mitchell, Robert William Glenroie Vail, Claude Moore Fuess, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, William Irving Clark, John Woodman Higgins, Francis Henshaw Dewey, Jr., Foster Stearns, LeRoy Elwood Kimball, Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Alexander Hamilton Bullock, Theron Johnson Damon, Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Albert White Rice, Frederick Lewis Weis, 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, Charles Henry Sawyer, James Tinkham Babb, Sinclair Hamilton, Edward Harold Cole, Edward Chase Kirkland, John Cook Wyllie, Edmund Sears Morgan,

Frederick Baldwin Adams, Jr., John Adams, Harris Dunscombe Colt, Jr., George Talbot Goodspeed, Stephen Thomas Riley, Rollo Gabriel Silver, Lee Max Friedman, Augustus George Bullock, Clifton Waller Barrett, Richard Gimbel, Howard Bonar Jefferson, Robert Earle Moody.

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, 1953, 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

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.

Harry Galpin Stoddard, 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 Dublin, N. H.

Auditors

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, of Worcester, Mass.

Bradley Baldwin Gilman, 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. Brigham, in behalf of the Council, proposed for membership in the Society:

Roger Kinnicutt, Worcester, Mass.

Rae MacCollum Spencer, Worcester, Mass.

Bradford Fuller Swan, Providence, R. I.

Edwin Wolf, 2nd, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lyle Henry Wright, San Marino, Calif.

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

Papers were read by C. Waller Barrett on "American Literature—the First Seventy-five Years," and by Claude M. Fuess on "Calvin Coolidge—Twenty Years After."

The Director described the exhibition of rare books and pamphlets in the upper gallery.

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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