

PROCEEDINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER 20, 1909, AT
THE HALL OF THE SOCIETY IN WORCESTER.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr.
WALDO LINCOLN.

The following members were present:—

Nathaniel Paine, Horace Davis, Samuel A. Green, Edward L. Davis, William A. Smith, Charles C. Smith, Edmund M. Barton, Charles A. Chase, Samuel S. Green, Henry W. Haynes, Andrew McF. Davis, Frederic W. Putnam, Daniel Merriman, William B. Weeden, Reuben Colton, Henry H. Edes, George E. Francis, Edward H. Thompson, A. George Bullock, G. Stanley Hall, William E. Foster, Charles P. Bowditch, Edwin D. Mead, Charles Francis Adams, Francis H. Dewey, Henry A. Marsh, Frederick A. Ober, John Green, William T. Forbes, George H. Haynes, Charles L. Nichols, Waldo Lincoln, George P. Winship, Austin S. Garver, A. Lawrence Rotch, Samuel Utley, James W. Brooks, Edward H. Gilbert, Benjamin T. Hill, Allen C. Thomas, Edmund A. Engler, Alexander F. Chamberlain, William MacDonald, Alexander H. Vinton, Clarence W. Bowen, Deloraine P. Corey, Clarence S. Brigham, Lincoln N. Kinnicutt, Franklin P. Rice, Worthington C. Ford, Clarence M. Burton, Julius H. Tuttle, Charles G. Washburn, George H. Blakeslee, William C. Farabee, Wilfred H. Munro, Justin H. Smith.

After the reading of the call of the meeting the records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Report of the Council was read by Mr. WEEDEN.

Following this the Report of the Treasurer was read by Mr. BULLOCK.

Mr. BRIGHAM then read the Librarian's Report. These several reports were on motion accepted as the report of the Council and were referred to the Committee of Publication.

The Recording Secretary announced that the Council recommended for election to the Society the following gentlemen, and they were duly elected by ballot:—

Herman Vandenburg Ames, Ph.D., Philadelphia, Penn. \

Edward Everett Ayer, Chicago, Ill.

Hiram Bingham, Ph.D., New Haven, Conn.

Henry Winchester Cunningham, A. B., Manchester, Mass.

Roland Burrage Dixon, Ph.D., Cambridge, Mass.

Frank Farnham Dresser, A.M., Worcester, Mass.

Albert Bushnell Hart, LL.D., Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. Shepherd Knapp, A.B., Worcester, Mass.

The Society then proceeded to the election of the President. The committee of tellers appointed reported that WALDO LINCOLN had received all the votes cast.

Mr. Lincoln, in accepting the office, addressed the Society as follows:—

Gentlemen:—I thank you for this renewed expression of your confidence and I will take advantage of this opportunity, briefly—for our program to-day is a long one—to call your attention and through you the attention of other members not present and of all historical students whom you may know, to the pressing needs of this Society. Through the liberal legacy of the late Stephen Salisbury we have for the past two years had a sufficient income, and have given an indication during that time, of the good work that can be done by the Society when not handicapped by poverty. Our collections have been mater-

ially and wisely increased, excellent progress has been made in cataloguing and arranging our manuscripts, papers of unusual value have been published in our Proceedings, and four new volumes of Collections are nearly ready for distribution and sale. Unfortunately our most pressing need, and one that had to be met at once, was a larger and more convenient building and safe storage for our invaluable collections. The building whose corner stone will be laid to-day will meet this pressing want. It will give us ample room for the arrangement and classification of our library and for its growth, along the lines where our best work can be done, sufficient for many years; it will give us well lighted and well ventilated rooms for students; and, above all, it will give us that security which our collections have never enjoyed and which will enable us to ask with entire confidence for the custody of rare and valuable volumes and papers of those who wish a safe depository for their treasures.

But with the completion of this building our income, though larger than formerly, will be again inadequate, and if you wish the Society to acquire and maintain the position it should hold as not only the oldest national historical society in the United States but the only one with a library, you must furnish it with additional funds of not less than one hundred thousand dollars, and it is for this that I now appeal. Two years hence we shall celebrate the first centennial of the Society's existence. The most fitting recognition of that event will be the completion of a Centennial Fund for the general purposes of the Society and, if at the same time, or far better, during the present year, we can be given special funds to total another one hundred thousand dollars for the collection, preservation and cataloguing of manuscripts, for the collection, preservation and binding of newspapers, for the acquisition of local histories and genealogies, and for publications, I think you will be astounded to find how soon we can make this the great historical library of the country, for matters pertaining to the history of the Western Hemisphere. To-day, poor in money as we have been, our library is so

rich in material that no historical writer can afford to neglect it. We wish the means to complete our newspaper files; to finish the calendaring of our manuscripts and to increase our collections of them; to publish yearly valuable volumes of transactions; and to increase the facilities for the use of the library by our members and others. This can only be done with money and for that money we must look to the generosity of you and your friends.

In view of the vital importance of this matter I hope that the Society, rather than the Council, will take action, looking to the appointment of a committee to solicit these funds, that such committee may have the force of the whole Society behind it, and meanwhile I trust that you will consider yourselves a committee of the whole in presenting the claims and merits of the Society to all who are likely to be interested in our work and are seeking a worthy object for their generosity.

Dr. Samuel A. Green, Hon. Charles G. Washburn and Frederick A. Ober were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the following year.

This Committee reported the following ticket:—

Vice-Presidents:

SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN, LL.D., of Boston, Mass.
ANDREW MCFARLAND DAVIS, A.M., of Cambridge, Mass.

Council:

NATHANIEL PAINE, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.
SAMUEL SWETT GREEN, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.
CHARLES AUGUSTUS CHASE, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.
EDWARD LIVINGSTON DAVIS, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.
GRANVILLE STANLEY HALL, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.
WILLIAM BABCOCK WEEDEN, A.M., of Providence, R. I.
JAMES PHINNEY BAXTER, LITT. D., of Portland, Me.
EDMUND ARTHUR ENGLER, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.
SAMUEL UTLEY, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.
ARTHUR PRENTICE RUGG, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.

Secretary for Foreign Correspondence:

FRANKLIN BOWDITCH DEXTER, LL.D., of New Haven,
Conn.

Secretary for Domestic Correspondence:

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, LL.D., of Lincoln, Mass.

Recording Secretary:

GEORGE PARKER WINSHIP, A.M., of Providence, R. I.

Treasurer:

AUGUSTUS GEORGE BULLOCK, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.

Committee of Publication:

FRANKLIN PIERCE RICE of Worcester, Mass.

GEORGE HENRY HAYNES, PH.D., of Worcester, Mass.

DELORAINÉ PENDRE COREY of Malden, Mass.

CHARLES LEMUEL NICHOLS, M.D., of Worcester, Mass.

Auditors:

BENJAMIN THOMAS HILL, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.

HENRY ALEXANDER MARSH of Worcester, Mass.

This ticket was then duly elected by ballot.

HENRY HERBERT EDES then offered the following resolution, which was duly passed.

Voted: That the Finance Committee be instructed to appoint a committee to solicit funds for the Society.

The following telegram, upon vote, was sent to Franklin Bowditch Dexter of New Haven:—

The American Antiquarian Society extends to Professor Dexter their sympathy for his ill health and their regrets for his absence from the annual meeting.

Rev. AUSTIN SAMUEL GARVER then read a memorial of our late associate, Dr. HALE.

CLARENCE MONROE BURTON then read a paper entitled, "John Connolly, a Tory in the Revolution."

WORTHINGTON CHAUNCEY FORD read a paper entitled, "The Campaign of 1844."

Dr. WILLIAM CURTIS FARABEE read a paper on "Some Customs of the Macheyengas."

On motion, these papers were referred to the Publication Committee.

The President called the attention of the meeting to the interesting fact that Nathaniel Paine, Horace Davis, Samuel Abbott Green, Edward Livingston Davis and William Addison Smith, whose names in the order mentioned, head the list of resident members of the Society, arranged according to the order of their election, were all present at the meeting.

He also announced that immediately after adjournment the members would assemble at the site of the new building, where Charles Francis Adams would deliver an address on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone.

The meeting then dissolved.

ANDREW McFARLAND DAVIS,

Recording Secretary.

After the meeting, the members were entertained at luncheon by Mr. Francis H. Dewey at his residence.

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