

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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The Council held a special meeting at the Public Library, on Wednesday Feb. 24, 1909, at 11 A. M., to take action upon the death of Carroll D. Wright.

Mr. GREEN called the meeting to order and made the following remarks:

"Mr. Wright was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in April, 1893. He was chosen a member of the Council in October, 1903. At the meeting of the Society held October 19, 1905, he read a paper, as a portion of the report of the Council, on the history of labor organizations, ancient, medieval and modern. At the October meeting of the Society in 1907, he made some very felicitous remarks respecting the occurrence at that time of the sixtieth anniversary of the election of our beloved first vice-president, Reverend Doctor Edward Everett Hale, to membership in the American Antiquarian Society.

"The Society and Council welcomed Mr. Wright most heartily to membership. He had a national reputation and it might be said of him as he so truly remarked of Dr. Hale that 'he belonged to the nation.' Important duties were continually entrusted to him. His successful efforts in aiding to bring about peace between coal strikers and their employers at a very critical period will always be remembered. His services as head of the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor Statistics, and in the national positions of Commissioner of Labor Statistics and Director of the Census, resulted in a mass of digested material of especial value to students of state, national and general history, and call especially for the grateful recognition of members of such a society as ours.

"It was delightful to note the close, respectful and affectionate relations which existed between Colonel Wright and

President Roosevelt. I remember that our late beloved associate, Senator Hoar, at a meeting of the Council at his house, while we were seated at the supper table, drew a letter of the President from his pocket and read to us passages which showed tender feelings of love and respect for Mr. Wright.

"It was also in fulfilment of a promise made to him that the President graced by his presence the exercises of the first Commencement of Clark College. Mr. Wright's services in starting that institution have received local recognition and an increasingly broadening appreciation in larger sections. Senator Hoar always felt very happy in having solved a difficult problem in thinking of and suggesting Mr. Wright for head of Clark College. He knew that he would secure in him a man of suitable qualities and acquirements and of international reputation.

"Mr. Wright was fond of executive work. He also manifested a strong interest in the students under his care, and by his familiar and kindly ways endeared them to him, showing in this respect the quality, which he declared, in his remarks in the Proceedings of this Society about Senator Hoar, he very much admired in him.

"Colonel Wright was especially distinguished by good fellowship. His large and intimate acquaintance with a great number of distinguished men whom he had met in public life, added to his charming geniality and quiet serenity, made him a delightful companion."

Mr. ANDREW MCF. DAVIS then offered the following:

"Through the death of Carroll Davidson Wright, the American Antiquarian Society loses from its roll of membership the name of one who had achieved international fame as an economist, a statistician and an educator; the Council loses the advantage of his wise, prudent, cautious and conservative advice; the individual members of the Council lose from their meetings the presence of one whose manly bearing and courteous deportment served as an inspiration, whose genial and affable converse was worthy of adoption as an example.



"The nation loses a citizen, who in the time of its peril exposed his life to secure its safety, and who in later days through his services in the Bureau of Labor, his work upon the Census, and his publications as an author, secured renown for himself and at the same time aided in the development of that branch of modern sciences known as Political and Social Science.

"The Commonwealth loses one who had served in the legislature as a law-maker and who had for fifteen years performed with satisfaction the difficult duties of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics and Labor.

"The city in which he lived and the college of which he was the head have both suffered from this visit of the angel of death, the one through the loss of a citizen of ripe experience and wide sympathies, the other through the check that has thus come to the career of the institution whose activities he supervised and directed and in whose future he saw such great opportunities.

"Through his service with us in the Council of this Society, we have been brought to an appreciation of Colonel Wright's brilliant career and of his estimable qualities as a man and as a friend. Our personal touch with him has led us to give full value to his unobtrusive modesty and his keen sense of justice, and hence to understand how effective these qualities have been in commanding the confidence of both sides in the great controversies in the arbitration in which he took a hand.

"It is therefore Resolved by us as members of the Council of the American Antiquarian Society that we will attend his funeral.

"It is further Resolved, that the foregoing minutes be spread upon our records, and that a copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased."

Further remarks in eulogy were made by NATHANIEL PAINE and EDWARD L. DAVIS.

Attest:

ANDREW McFARLAND DAVIS,

*Recording Secretary.*

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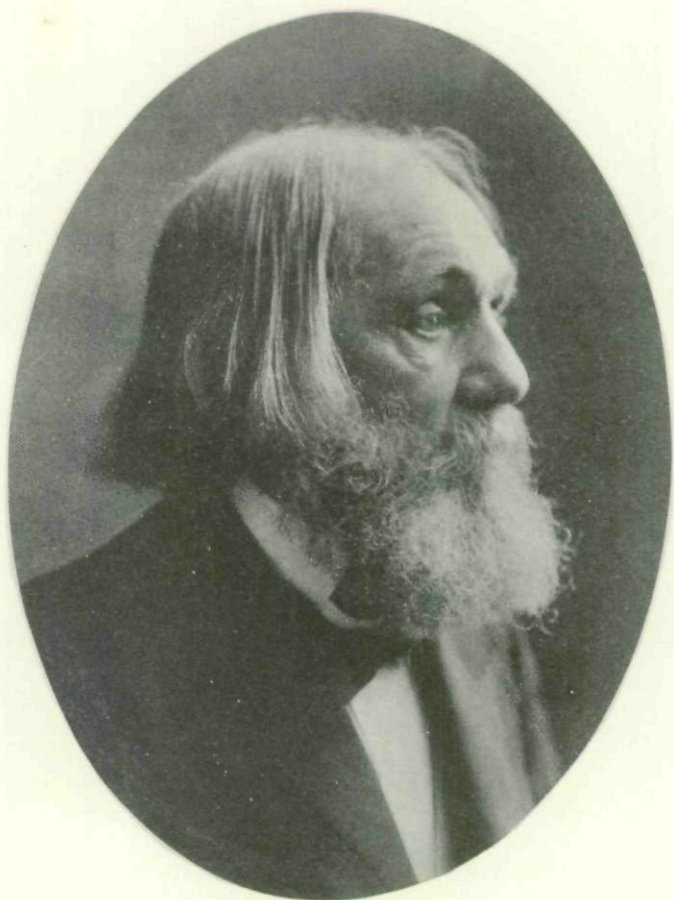
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A special meeting of the Council of the American Antiquarian Society called by the President, was held at the Hall of the Society on Saturday, June 12th, 1909, at 11 A. M.

Mr. LINCOLN said that he had called the meeting in order that the Council might take action concerning the death of Vice-President Edward Everett Hale. He stated that Mr. Hale was elected a member of the Society in 1847; was on the publication committee from 1849 continuously until October, 1907; was elected to the Council in October, 1852; and was a member of the Council from that time until his death, either through election to the Council, or *ex-officio*, in consequence of being elected to some office in the Society. He was Recording Secretary from 1854 to 1857, Vice-President from 1891-1905, President in 1906, and Vice-President from 1907 to the time of his death, a record unequalled by any other member of the Society. Mr. LINCOLN further said that he had asked Mr. Samuel S. Green to prepare a brief memorial sketch of our honored friend, which might be placed upon our records as evidence of the esteem in which we held him.

Mr. SAMUEL S. GREEN then read the following memorial:

"Some of the leading incidents of Mr. Hale's connection with this Society have been recited by the President, and his remarkable achievements elsewhere will be treated in a communication to the Society at its next regular meeting. It belongs to this occasion for the Council of the American Antiquarian Society to add a few words of appreciative and affectionate remembrance to the numberless loving tributes that with rare spontaneity are being paid to-day to our deceased friend, so long a member of the Council.



Edward E. Hale  
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"As we loved him, he loved the American Antiquarian Society. This organization and its members were always very dear to him. His interest began when he was a young man, immediately after coming to Worcester to be the first pastor of the Church of Unity, an offshoot of the historic old Second Parish in the town of Worcester, and it never ceased or grew less.

"This was his first settlement as a minister and he became at once a minister of the town as well as of his society. Older residents remember with especial interest his earnest sympathy with the late Eli Thayer in starting a northern movement to colonize Kansas and keep it from the control of slave-holders. His services in this cause were valuable, for whenever he felt, he acted. Mr. Hale performed a lion's share of the work needed in carrying on the benevolent work of Worcester. He is particularly remembered as a warm friend of the Young Men's Library Association, the library of which afterwards became the nucleus of the circulating department of the Free Public Library, and of its child, the Worcester Natural History Society.

"Mr. Hale's services to the American Antiquarian Society and to the cause of historical investigation generally have been of priceless value. Not that he was always accurate, but because of his readiness to investigate, his love of investigation, the broadness of his interests, and the great power that he had of awakening interest and exciting others to make minute and careful investigations.

"He was a famous story-teller and his stories as they appeared gave great pleasure. A recent collection of his imaginative writings shows that many of them, although written hurriedly, as were all of his literary productions, are of permanent interest and likely to aid materially in keeping his memory in grateful remembrance.

"But above all we admired and loved our friend for his beautiful and loving spirit and his never declining thirst to do good and help everybody. To every man, woman and child, his presence was a benediction. To us who knew him intimately he was a dear and indispensable

loving presence, a father or brother, as well as a whole-souled friend."

Mr. NATHANIEL PAINE in moving the adoption of the Memorial by the Council, said:

"I cannot let this occasion pass without saying a few words about my friendship of more than sixty years with Dr. Hale.

"When he came to Worcester in 1846, as Pastor of the Church of Unity, I was a member of the Sunday School of that Society. I soon became very much interested, and attached to Mr. Hale, and it was my custom, as a young man, to go to his rooms in Park Street most every Saturday afternoon. (He had his room and library at that time with Moses D. Phillips, the prominent book-seller of Worcester, afterwards of the firm of Phillips & Sampson, of Boston.) My friendship with Dr. Hale continued up to the time of his death, and I feel that I owe much to him for many kindnesses extended to me while he lived in Worcester, as well as since.

"I was always glad to be called by him, one of his boys, and when only about a year and a half ago I saw him in Washington, I was much pleased to be introduced to the Vice-President as one of his boys. Dr. Hale made friends of the young men of his parish and took a great interest in their welfare. I am sure they all honored and respected him. One thing that always appealed to me very strongly about him was his remarkable impressiveness in prayer. He never seemed to hesitate for the right word, but he spoke so clearly, strongly, and with such ease as to convince all that he felt and meant just what he said. As the Chaplain of the Senate of the United States, he made a deep impression on the Senate and his prayers there were many of them stenographically reported and published in book form.

"Dr. Hale was a genuine man, and was most liberal and generous to those of different religious faith from his own. While in Worcester, at the Church of Unity, clergymen of



all denominations respected him as a Christian gentleman, even if not agreeing with his religious views. Dr. Gordon of the Old South Church of Boston, has said of him, since his death: 'He was more than a good servant of our people; he was a distinctive and extraordinary individual. He was an ardent American philanthropist, freeman and Christian. While contemporaneous with every new effort to help men, he brought down to us the best traditions of the Puritan generation.' Dr. Hale was one who always seemed to be thinking of others. He was ever in favor of any good cause which looked to the good of the whole people. He will be mourned, tenderly remembered and truly revered by the whole country.

"Dr. Hale was the senior member of this Society, having been elected in 1847, and has always been devoted to its welfare. In the early years of his membership, he was a constant attendant at our meetings and an active worker in all that seemed to be for the best interests of the Society.

"His literary work like everything else he undertook was of a high character, and his career as an editor was a marked one. We all remember his published stories, which were so original and with some good object in view, like his 'Man without a Country,' 'Ten Times One is Ten,' and 'In His Name.'

"One of his characteristic mottoes was:—

" 'Look up, not down  
Look forward and not back  
Look out and not in,  
And lend a hand.'

"In the death of Dr. Hale, the American Antiquarian Society has lost a good member, one who was not only honored and respected by our members, but by large numbers in the State and Nation.

"Much more might be said of our beloved friend, but this is not the time for extended remarks. I concur most heartily in what has been said of Dr. Hale in the Memorial read by Mr. Green, and move that it be entered upon our records."



Further remarks in eulogy were made by ANDREW McF. DAVIS and EDWARD L. DAVIS.

The Memorial was then adopted by the Council and ordered to be spread upon the records.

ANDREW McF. DAVIS,

*Recording Secretary.*

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