

PROCEEDINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 22, 1888, AT THE HALL OF THE
SOCIETY IN WORCESTER.

THE President, STEPHEN SALISBURY, A.M., in the chair.

The following members were present (the names being arranged in order of seniority of membership): George E. Ellis, Edward E. Hale, Charles Deane, George F. Hoar, Andrew P. Peabody, George Chandler, Nathaniel Paine, Stephen Salisbury, P. Emory Aldrich, Samuel A. Green, Elijah B. Stoddard, George S. Paine, Edward L. Davis, William A. Smith, James F. Hunnewell, John D. Washburn, Edward H. Hall, Reuben A. Guild, Charles C. Smith, Hamilton B. Staples, Edmund M. Barton, Charles Devens, Thomas L. Nelson, Lucius R. Paige, Samuel S. Green, Justin Winsor, Henry W. Haynes, Edward I. Thomas, Frederick W. Putnam, Andrew McF. Davis, J. Evarts Greene, Henry S. Nourse, William B. Weeden, Daniel Merriman, Ebenezer Cutler, Reuben Colton, Robert N. Toppan, Henry H. Edes, Grindall Reynolds, George E. Francis, Frank P. Goulding, A. George Bullock.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The report of the Council was submitted in two parts, the first by the Recording Secretary, and the second by Rev. EDWARD E. HALE, D.D.

NATHANIEL PAINE, Esq., Treasurer, submitted his report in print, and EDMUND M. BARTON, Esq., Librarian, read his report.

Rev. GEORGE E. ELLIS, D.D., moved that the above reports, as together constituting the whole report of the Council, be adopted.

The motion of Dr. ELLIS was seconded by Mr. SAMUEL S. GREEN, who made some remarks relative to the trial of Mrs. Spooner, in Worcester, in 1778, whose execution had been incidentally mentioned in the Librarian's report. These remarks, subsequently enlarged by himself, are printed later on in these proceedings.

JUSTIN WINSOR, LL.D., referred to several authorities not cited by Dr. HALE. Further brief remarks were made, mainly on the subjects of the numbers and sailing ports of privateers, by Rev. GRINDALL REYNOLDS, ANDREW McF. DAVIS, Esq., SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D., and Prof. FREDERICK W. PUTNAM.

The report of the Council was then adopted and referred to the Committee of Publication.

The Recording Secretary made a communication to the Society from the Council, recommending a change in the by-law relative to the time of holding the annual meeting. The proposition of the Council was that when the 21st of October shall fall on Sunday or Monday the annual meeting be held on the following Wednesday. After a brief discussion and informal expression of opinion, on motion of Mr. HOAR, it was voted to recommit the subject to the Council to be reported upon at the April meeting.

The Recording Secretary also communicated the names of the following gentlemen, recommended by the Council for membership in the Society :

Mr. JOHN NICHOLAS BROWN, of Providence, R. I.

Mr. GEORGE WASHINGTON CABLE, of Northampton,
Mass.

GRANVILLE STANLEY HALL, Ph.D., of Worcester.

SAMUEL PIERPONT LANGLEY, LL.D., of Washington,
D. C.

Mr. HENRY CHARLES LEA, of Philadelphia, Pa.

JOHN MCKINSTRY MERRIAM, A.B., of Framingham,
Mass.

A separate ballot having been taken on each name all the gentlemen nominated were declared elected.

GEORGE E. FRANCIS, M.D., chairman of a committee, "to see whether and how far the Society could now attempt the systematic collection of photographic records," reported that such an attempt would involve an expense of labor, space and money altogether beyond the present resources of the library. The report was accepted.

STEPHEN SALISBURY, A.M., was then unanimously elected President by ballot.

HON. SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D., HON. ELIJAH B. STODDARD and Prof. HENRY W. HAYNES, were appointed a committee to nominate candidates for the remaining offices to be filled by election.

The committee reported the following nominations :

Vice-Presidents :

HON. GEORGE BANCROFT, LL.D., of Newport, R. I.

HON. GEORGE F. HOAR, LL.D., of Worcester.

Secretary of Foreign Correspondence :

HON. J. HAMMOND TRUMBULL, LL.D., of Hartford, Ct.

Secretary of Domestic Correspondence :

CHARLES DEANE, LL.D., of Cambridge.

Recording Secretary :

HON. JOHN D. WASHBURN, LL.B., of Worcester.

Treasurer :

NATHANIEL PAINE, Esq., of Worcester.

All of the above being *ex-officio* members of the Council ; and the following

Councillors :

Rev. EDWARD E. HALE, D.D., of Boston.

HON. SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D., of Boston.

HON. P. EMORY ALDRICH, LL.D., of Worcester.

Rev. EGBERT C. SMYTH, D.D., of Andover.

SAMUEL S. GREEN, A.M., of Worcester.

Rev. ANDREW P. PEABODY, D.D., of Cambridge.
CHARLES A. CHASE, A.M., of Worcester.
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WILLIAM A. SMITH, A.B., of Worcester.
A. GEORGE BULLOCK, A.M., of Worcester.

The report was accepted. By unanimous consent the Secretary was instructed to cast a yea ballot for the above-named list, and the gentlemen nominated were accordingly elected.

Hon. GEORGE F. HOAR, LL.D., addressed the Society briefly on two subjects. First as to a controversy or discussion, illustrated by the original manuscript, between Samuel Hopkins and Roger Sherman, on certain theological points, subsequently known as "Hopkinsianism." On this subject Rev. Dr. ELLIS and Rev. Dr. PAIGE spoke briefly. Mr. HOAR's second topic was the Ordinance of 1787, in which he spoke of the authority on which the ordinance was based. To this argument Judge ALDRICH briefly replied.

Mr. HOAR then moved that Rev. Dr. PEABODY be requested to make such annotations on the doctrines of "Hopkinsianism" as he may think proper, all the papers on this and on the Ordinance of 1787 having been referred to the Committee of Publication. Mr. HOAR's motion was adopted.

HON. HAMILTON B. STAPLES, LL.D., read a paper on La Salle, concluding by presenting to the Society a crayon copy of the bronze memorial recently erected to him in the Cathedral of Rouen. MR. JUSTIN WINSOR spoke of the attempt recently made to produce a likeness of La Salle which should pass as genuine. Among the embellishments in the English edition of Hennepin, 1699, is a small group of persons one of whom is intended to represent La Salle at the moment of his assassination. The whole picture and scene are, of course, imaginary. La Salle's face as there shown is about the size of a pea. Pierre Margry, then director of the archives of the Marine and Colonies at Paris, who has made large collections of MSS. and published several volumes relating to the discoveries of La Salle, enlarged this miniature face by a camera, or some such method, into a size to fit one of his octavo volumes, and palmed it off as a veritable portrait of La Salle.

ANDREW MCF. DAVIS, Esq., presented without reading, a paper on "The site of the first College building at Cambridge."

Prof. HENRY W. HAYNES read a paper on the "Alabama Stone."

Prof. FREDERICK W. PUTNAM spoke briefly on the interesting work now being carried on by him in the explorations of the mound builders' work, which the lateness of the hour prevented him from dwelling upon at the present time.

All the papers and discussions of the day were referred to the Committee of Publication, and the meeting was then dissolved.

JOHN D. WASHBURN,
Recording Secretary.

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