

PROCEEDINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 1884, AT THE HALL OF THE
SOCIETY IN WORCESTER.

THE Senior Vice-President, Hon. GEORGE F. HOAR, LL.D.,
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, J. Hammond Trumbull, Andrew P. Peabody, George Chandler, Peter C. Bacon, Nathaniel Paine, Joseph Sargent, Stephen Salisbury, P. Emory Aldrich, Samuel A. Green, Elijah B. Stoddard, Rufus Woodward, George S. Paine, Edward L. Davis, William A. Smith, Francis H. Dewey, James F. Hunnewell, Egbert C. Smyth, John D. Washburn, Ben: Perley Poore, Edward H. Hall, Albert H. Hoyt, Charles C. Smith, Edmund M. Barton, Thomas L. Nelson, Lucius R. Paige, Charles A. Chase, Samuel S. Green, Justin Winsor, Henry W. Haynes, Edward I. Thomas, Horatio Rogers, J. Evarts Greene, Charles M. Lamson, Henry S. Nourse, Daniel Merriman, William B. Weeden.

The Recording Secretary read the records of the last meeting, which were approved. The same officer communicated to the Society the proceedings of the Council upon the occasion of the death of the late President, Hon. STEPHEN SALISBURY, which were referred to the Committee of Publication.

Rev. ANDREW P. PEABODY, D.D., then delivered the Memorial Address, which was, on motion of CHARLES DEANE, LL.D., referred to the Committee of Publication,

with the thanks of the Society. Mr. DEANE communicated the action of the Massachusetts Historical Society in relation to the death of the late Mr. SALISBURY, with some accompanying remarks of his own, and laid on the table those of the Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, LL.D., all of which were referred to the Committee of Publication.

The Recording Secretary then communicated to the Society the following nominations for membership. Each of the gentlemen nominated was elected by separate ballot:

Hon. ANDREW DICKSON WHITE, LL.D., of Ithaca, N. Y.

HENRY ADAMS, Esq., of Washington, D. C.

DANIEL COIT GILMAN, LL.D., of Baltimore, Md.

SAMUEL JENNISON, Esq., of Boston.

WILLIAM HARDEN, Esq., of Savannah, Ga.

HENRY WALBRIDGE TAFT, Esq., of Pittsfield, Mass.

Hon. J. HAMMOND TRUMBULL, LL.D., read the report of the Council, stating that the notices of deceased members had been prepared by SAMUEL S. GREEN, Esq.

NATHANIEL PAINE, Esq., Treasurer, and EDMUND M. BARTON, Esq., Librarian, submitted their annual reports, which, with that of Mr. TRUMBULL, as together constituting the entire report of the Council, were adopted and referred to the Committee of Publication.

Hon. GEORGE F. HOAR, LL.D., was then elected President, by ballot.

Mr. HOAR said:—One of our associates said, the other day, of our late President, that he never could excuse persons who accepted positions of honor for which they were unfit, or whose duties they had not time to discharge. I am afraid that in accepting this high honor, I am liable to the censure of my predecessor. I do not conceive myself to possess scholarship adequate for this duty; and I cannot command leisure in any degree to supply, or to hide, the want of such scholarship. But I have been told by those who understand the interest and the opinion of the Society,

that it is not convenient to make, just now, the arrangement which seems to me the best. I will therefore undertake, for the time being, the duties of the office, and will perform them as well as I can, with the understanding that the arrangement must be considered as temporary only.

HON. SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D., SAMUEL S. GREEN, Esq., and JUSTIN WINSOR, Esq., were appointed a committee to nominate the other officers. They made the following report of nominations; which was accepted, and the gentlemen named were elected by ballot:

Vice-Presidents:

HON. GEORGE BANCROFT, LL.D., of Washington, D. C.
STEPHEN SALISBURY, A.M., of Worcester.

Councillors:

REV. EDWARD E. HALE, D.D., of Boston.
JOSEPH SARGENT, M.D., of Worcester.
HON. SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D., of Boston.
HON. P. EMORY ALDRICH, of Worcester.
REV. EGBERT C. SMYTH, D.D., of Andover.
REV. EDWARD H. HALL, of Cambridge.
SAMUEL S. GREEN, A.M., of Worcester.
REV. ANDREW P. PEABODY, D.D., of Cambridge.
CHARLES A. CHASE, A.M., of Worcester.
HON. EDWARD L. DAVIS, of Worcester.

Secretary of Foreign Correspondence:

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

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.

Committee of Publication:

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

CHARLES DEANE, LL.D., of Cambridge.

NATHANIEL PAINE, Esq., of Worcester.

CHARLES A. CHASE, A.M., of Worcester.

Auditors:

CHARLES A. CHASE, A.M., of Worcester.

WILLIAM A. SMITH, A.B., of Worcester.

Prof. HENRY W. HAYNES read a brief paper on copper implements, illustrated with specimens, which was, with the thanks of the Society, referred to the Committee of Publication.

On motion of the Recording Secretary it was voted that that portion of the Treasurer's report relating to the Lincoln Legacy Fund, be referred to the Council, with full powers.

On motion of Dr. GREEN it was voted that the Committee of Publication procure a steel engraving of the late President, to accompany the proceedings.

Rev. GEORGE E. ELLIS, D.D., said:

I wish to express briefly my sense of the obligations of the Society to our associate, Mr. STEPHEN SALISBURY, for his generous service to us in preparing what he modestly calls "A Partial Index to our printed Proceedings, from 1812 to 1880." Probably only a few of the members of the Society have in their possession a complete set of the seventy-five pamphlets published by it up to the above date. But whether one may have few or many, all of us who may have wished to refer to a communication of any member, or upon some particular subject known to have a place somewhere in the series, have found such reference to require time and pains. Through the kind service of Mr. SALISBURY

we have now a perfect facility offered us for making such references. He gives a list in good strong type, alphabetically arranged, of subjects and of authors, with the number and pages in the published Proceedings under date of the meetings which furnished them. The preparation of the index required intelligent and appreciative labor. Incidentally it sets before us the variety and richness of the contributions made at those meetings. The "Council," of course, receives the largest credit for the materials which it has set before us. Our late ever-honored and beloved Librarian, Mr. HAVEN, stands first in the index in the fulness, wealth and variety of his individual contributions, and as we run our eye over the list our deep sense of obligation to him is revived.

I have felt that this sense of indebtedness to Mr. SALISBURY should find this, though it be an inadequate, expression.

A letter from the senior Vice-President was read, and several others were laid on the table, all relating to the life and character of the late President, and all were referred to the Committee of Publication.

The meeting was then dissolved.

JOHN D. WASHBURN,
Recording Secretary.

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