

PROCEEDINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 23, 1895, AT THE HALL OF THE
SOCIETY IN WORCESTER.

THE Society was called to order by President STEPHEN SALISBURY at 10.30 o'clock, A. M.

The following members were present: —¹

Nathaniel Paine, Stephen Salisbury, Samuel A. Green, Elijah B. Stoddard, Edward L. Davis, William A. Smith, James F. Hunnewell, Egbert C. Smyth, Edward G. Porter, Charles C. Smith, Thomas H. Gage, Edmund M. Barton, Franklin B. Dexter, Charles A. Chase, Samuel S. Green, Justin Winsor, Henry W. Haynes, Solomon Lincoln, Andrew McF. Davis, Cyrus Hamlin, J. Evarts Greene, Charles M. Lamson, Henry S. Nourse, William B. Weeden, Reuben Colton, William W. Rice, Robert N. Toppan, Henry H. Edes, Edward Channing, George E. Francis, Lucien Carr, Frank P. Goulding, James P. Baxter, A. George Bullock, William E. Foster, J. Franklin Jameson, Charles Francis Adams, Francis H. Dewey, Charles J. Hoadly, Benjamin A. Gould, Edward L. Pierce, Henry A. Marsh, Rockwood Hoar, William De L. Love, Jr., Francis C. Lowell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Report of the Council was read by Rev. EGBERT C. SMYTH, D.D., of Andover.

On motion of FRANCIS H. DEWEY, Esq., the several votes reported from the Council as to the acceptance of the legacy of Rev. Dr. ELLIS, naming it the George E. Ellis Fund, and making certain appropriations of the income thereof, were adopted and confirmed.

¹The names are given in the order of election.

Rev. Dr. SMYTH contributed, in connection with his report, a paper upon the Early Writings of Jonathan Edwards.

President SALISBURY announced the recent deaths of HAMILTON ANDREWS HILL, of Boston; JOHN FLETCHER WILLIAMS, of St. Paul, Minn.; and JAMES JACKSON of Paris, and stated that memoirs of these gentlemen would be printed with the report of the Council.

NATHANIEL PAINE, Esq., Treasurer, presented his report in print,—in reference to which he said:—"Mr. PRESIDENT, this is the first report of the Treasurer made under the new by-law, and is the report of the year from October, 1894, to October, 1895. The income has been reduced somewhat, but a dividend of five and one-half per cent. has been carried to the various funds."

The Report of the Librarian was read by Mr. EDMUND M. BARTON.

On motion of Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, the several reports, as together constituting the report of the Council, were accepted, and referred to the Committee of Publication.

Mr. HENRY H. EDES and Mr. JAMES F. HUNNEWELL, appointed by the Chair to collect ballots for President, reported that thirty-eight ballots had been cast, and all were for STEPHEN SALISBURY.

A Committee, of which Hon. SAMUEL A. GREEN was Chairman, was appointed to nominate the other officers. In accordance with their report the following officers were elected:—

Vice-Presidents:

Hon. GEORGE FRISBIE HOAR, LL.D., of Worcester.

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

Secretary for Foreign Correspondence:

Hon. JAMES HAMMOND TRUMBULL, LL.D., of Hartford, Conn.

Secretary for Domestic Correspondence:

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

Recording Secretary:

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

Treasurer:

NATHANIEL PAINE, Esq., of Worcester.

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

Councillors:

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

REV. EGBERT COFFIN SMYTH, D.D., of Andover.

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

HON. EDWARD LIVINGSTON DAVIS, A.M., of Worcester.

FRANKLIN BOWDITCH DEXTER, M.A., of New Haven,
Connecticut.

JEREMIAH EVARTS GREENE, A.B., of Worcester.

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

WILLIAM BABCOCK WEEDEN, A.M., of Providence,
Rhode Island.

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

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

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Auditors:

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

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

The Council, through the Secretary, recommended for

election to membership, the names of Hon. Ezra Scollay Stearns, of Concord, N. H., as a resident member, and as a foreign member, Professor Johann Christoph Vollgraff, L.H.D., of Brussels, Belgium. Ballots were distributed, and the above named gentlemen were duly elected.

NATHANIEL PAINE, Esq., stated that Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN had lately prepared a list of books belonging to the Massachusetts Historical Society, printed previous to 1701, which list comprised about three hundred titles, of which this Society has about one-half. At Dr. GREEN's suggestion, Mr. PAINE had prepared a similar list of the early publications in this Society's library. The Society has about one hundred and seventy titles not mentioned by Dr. GREEN.

Mr. JUSTIN WINSOR presented to the Society a paper entitled "Literature of New England Witchcraft."

J. EVARTS GREENE, Esq., remarked upon the absence of the two Vice-Presidents, which he said was almost unprecedented; he also read letters which had been received from both Senator HOAR and Rev. Dr. HALE.

The Hon. CUSHMAN K. DAVIS, of St. Paul, Minn., read a paper upon the "Construction of New Communities and States in the Northwest."¹

¹ In introducing Senator DAVIS, President SALISBURY read the following letter from Senator HOAR:—

Worcester, Mass., October 3, 1895.

Dear Mr. SALISBURY:

If you should conclude that the coming to our meeting of Senator DAVIS deserves a little statement by way of compliment and welcome when you introduce him, you may like to have these facts, which perhaps you know already:

His name is Cushman K. Davis. He is of the Dolor Davis New England stock, by the father's side. His mother was a Cushman, descendant of Robert Cushman, whom Edward Winslow speaks of as "the right-hand of Plymouth Colony," who preached what I suppose was the first sermon in New England which is preserved, and was a devoted and faithful agent and friend of Plymouth in its early days. He came over in the *Fortune*, and was, I think, among those who set out in the *Speedwell*, but were obliged to put back. Senator DAVIS was a brave soldier in the war, has been Governor of his State, and is now serving his second term in the Senate. When the socialistic discontent seemed to be dangerous, at the time of the Chicago riots, and a good many persons were alarmed and timid, he uttered a brave sentence asserting the supremacy of the law, which electrified the country, and which will be doubtless remembered by most persons who will hear him. Mr. DAVIS was made Doctor of Laws by the Michigan University in 1886.

I am faithfully yours,

GEO. F. HOAR.

The Hon. EDWARD L. PIERCE, of Milton, followed with remarks approving the leading points of Mr. DAVIS's paper, and emphasizing what it had stated concerning the excellent quality of the Scandinavian population of Minnesota. He had supposed that the town system had survived in that State to a greater extent than appears from Mr. DAVIS's paper, being led to that conclusion by Mr. BRYCE, who represents that the New Englanders, who were the most intelligent and energetic among the settlers, had succeeded in establishing it, though in a modified form, in Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin as well as in Minnesota.¹ He was happy to learn that the Scandinavians had not attempted to force foreign customs and ideas upon us, unlike the Lutherans from Germany, who had in some Western States undertaken to give the German language predominance in the public schools. What Mr. DAVIS has said about the Indians still living in his State gives a more hopeful impression concerning that race, when surrounded by civilized people, than we get from the accounts of Indian communities in New York which still keep up the tribal relation.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, LL.D., spoke of the Battle of Bunker Hill from a strategic point of view, and was followed in the discussion by Messrs. HAYNES, WINSOR, and CHANNING.

ROCKWOOD HOAR, Esq., spoke as follows:—

“Mr. GEORGE F. HOAR regretted that he could not be present to-day, especially with his guest and friend, Senator DAVIS. He asked me to make these two communications to the Society:

“One of them is the presentation of these two little vases which are before me, which are presented to the Society by Miss Mary Bellows Gardner of New York. They were given to Mr. HOAR by Miss Gardner, an accomplished lady belonging to an old New England race, with the

¹ The American Commonwealth, II., 234 (ed. 1888).

liberty to give them to the American Antiquarian Society if he saw fit. Miss Gardner purchased them some twenty-five years ago from a Museum in Nice, the owner of which was obliged to sell some parts of his collection. These vases are supposed to be very old indeed. [See Note at end of this report.]

“They are now presented to the Society in accordance with Miss Gardner’s suggestion.

“Mr. HOAR also acquired a little while ago, a draft, in Chief Justice Hutchinson’s handwriting, of the address he made to the Court on the twenty-seventh of August,—the morning after his house had been sacked by the mob and its contents destroyed; and if the Committee on Publication would like to publish the address in our Proceedings, he desires to deposit the manuscript for that purpose with the committee.”

Mr. HOAR then read the account of the transaction, contained in Quincy’s Reports, and the address made by Chief Justice Hutchinson to the Court. The address is dated August 27, 1765 :

Gent^m As their is but a bare Court, I am under the Necessity of Appearing here, that the Business of the Country may not Suffer. But I beg Leave to make an Apology for Appearing in this dress. . . These Cloaths I have on are All the Cloaths I have in the world . . . for I have not another shirt to my Back Nay Even one of these Garments I have Borrowed . . . I desire to adore the providence of God & Submit in Whatever befalls me But I am Not Conscious that I deserve this Treatment from the People—for as to what Respects the Stamp Act . . . as it is Commonly Call,d—Tho’ I think it not Proper to Answer to a Tumultuous People every Question y^t they shall think fit to ask—yet to remove every ill Impression from your minds I do now in the Presence of Almighty God Solemnly Declare—& I would not Lye—Espetially when I take this name for Ten thousand Worlds—I say I do Solemnly declare that I did not Directly or indirectly Either in Publick or in Private Either in America or in England,

Speak or write one word in fav^r of that Act—But on the Contrary all I could against it—Consider Gent^m how Easiely the outrageous Spirit is kept up, Even by One Person s Spreading only its Suspicious story, and the tendency of those Tumults—not only the guilty may be Sufferers . . . Tho' Even they should not be punished in that way—as the Law is Open against them but the Innocent are Equally Exposed—but what affects me more than all my Other Sufferings—is a Number of young Children hanging about me—when I am Destitute of Means for their Relief—Gentlemen what I have now declared is Not Drawn from me thr.^o Timidity—as I have Nothing now to Loose But my Life & what is that when the Comforts of it are Gone Gent^m the Court think it Best considering the Present Situation of our Affairs to Adjourn to Some future Day —& I Accordingly Adjourn the Same to the 15th Octo^r Next—hoping Our Minds may be then. Better Disposed for Business than they are at Present——

The gifts were accepted by formal vote, and the communication was referred to the Committee of Publication.

Prof. PHILLIPP J. J. VALENTINI presented through Prof. HAYNES, Part II. of his Synthesis on the two Palenque Tablets, Temple of the Sun Tree.

A paper was presented by Rev. EDWARD G. PORTER of Dorchester, in behalf of Mr. EDWARD H. THOMPSON of Merida, Yucatan, on the Ancient Ruins of Palenque.

At the close of the meeting the Society dined with President SALISBURY.

Dissolved.

CHARLES A. CHASE,
Recording Secretary.

NOTE.—At the suggestion of Senator HOAR, the vases were sent to our associate, Prof. HENRY W. HAYNES, for examination. Prof. HAYNES made the following reply:—

239 Beacon St., Boston, Dec. 16, 1895.

DEAR SENATOR HOAR:—

I found the vases to be such rare and valuable objects, that I carried them to the Museum of Fine Arts and showed them to

Mr. Edward Robinson, Curator of Classical Antiquities. At my request, he has kindly prepared the accompanying technical description of them. He is by far the most competent person in this country to do this, as he has had a thorough archaeological training at the American School at Athens, and has prepared a "Catalogue of Greek, Etruscan and Roman Vases in the Museum of Fine Arts," in Boston, where he is permanently employed as "Curator of Classical Antiquities." His book has been most highly complimented by classical archaeologists in Europe, and was reviewed by myself in the *Nation*.

I thought it better to have the description made by him (if he were willing,) than to attempt it myself, as the beautiful objects deserve the most careful notice.

I will leave the vases at the Mass. Hist. Soc. rooms, for Mr. Chase, or whomsoever you delegate to obtain them.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY W. HAYNES.

HON. GEORGE F. HOAR.

DESCRIPTION OF TWO GREEK VASES PRESENTED BY THE
HON. GEORGE F. HOAR TO THE AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN
SOCIETY.

According to the statement submitted with these vases, both were purchased by Miss Mary Bellows Gardner, about twenty-five years ago, "from a museum in Nice, the owner of which had got into pecuniary embarrassment and was obliged to sell some parts of his collection to enable him to save the rest." They were given by Miss Gardner to Mr. Hoar, "with the liberty to give them to the American Antiquarian Society, if he thought fit."

Both vases are *lekythoi*, or oil jugs, used at funerals and at funerary anniversary festivals, when they were deposited upon the grave of the deceased. They are of Athenian make, of the black-figured style, and belong to the latter part of the period in which that style was in vogue. From certain technical peculiarities, I am inclined to think their date is about 500 B. C. Both are of the same shape, with a short flaring lip, and neck merging into a sloping shoulder, which is well defined from the body, the latter being plummet-shaped, and quite small at the bottom. The base is rather flat, and divided into two parts. The minor decorations of both vases are the same, consisting, on the shoulder, of rays and a border of palmettes; on the body, a zigzag, dotted at the points, between two pairs of narrow lines, encircling the vase above the principal design. Below the principal design, a meander between two pairs of parallel lines. The lip, handle, lower part of the body, and base are black.

Principal design: On the first, two nude youths riding on horseback, profile to right. Each youth carries two spears in his right hand. Of the two horses, the one in front is walking, the other galloping. The details are incised, and the drawing is both spirited and delicate.

On the other, Hermes, as guardian of the flocks. The god is represented at the left of the picture, walking to right, and driving in front of him four large sheep. He is bearded, and wears a cap with a pointed

top and narrow visor, and also a chlamys, or cloak, in which his right arm is enveloped. His left hand is raised in the direction of the sheep. On his shoulder is an object which is probably a lyre. At the right of the picture is a large mass representing a rock, indicative of a mountain landscape, and in the background are branches. The details are incised and have apparently suffered somewhat from attempts at retouching.

Both vases are of the finest clay, of a rich, orange tone, and the black glaze with which they are painted is of the best quality. The vase with the mounted youths has been broken and repaired at the lips; and the Hermes vase has lost the greater part of its handle, but there are no restorations on either. The height of the former is M. O. 164; of the latter, M. O. 161.

EDWARD ROBINSON,

Curator of Classical Antiquities.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS,
Boston, December 16, 1895.

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