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of the Annual Meeting*

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THE one hundred sixty-ninth annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held in Antiquarian Hall on Wednesday, October 21, 1981, at 10:47 A.M. with the following members present: Thomas Randolph Adams, Karl John Richard Arndt, William Nathaniel Banks, Frederick Edward Bauer, Jr., James Franklin Beard, William Bentinck-Smith, George Athan Billias, William Henry Bond, John Otis Brew, Karl Lombard Briel, John Edward Brooks, Richard David Brown, Kathryn Clark Buhler, Augustus George Bullock, Lyman Henry Butterfield, John Whitin Curtis, Robert Cushman, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Warren Gilbert Davis, Francis Henshaw Dewey III, Henry Bowen Dewey, Robert Abraham East, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Edith Pratt Ewing, Frederic Breakspear Farrar, Catherine Mary Fennelly, Malcolm Freiberg, Donald Richard Friary, Ebenezer Gay, Loren Frank Ghiglione, Robert Palmer Hallock, Jr., Frank Leighton Harrington, George William Hazzard, Howell Johnson Heaney, Jacob Hiatt, Milton Prince Higgins, Harold Hugo, John Jeppson, 2nd, Kenneth Schwalm Jones, Patricia Miller King, Harold Lancour, Sandra Baker Lane, Mason Ira Lowance, Jr., Irving Lowens, James Robert Maguire, Charles Ellis Mason, Jr., Marcus Allen McCorison, John Odlin Mirick, Peter Shepard Morgan, Weld Morgan, Howard Henry Peckham, Hall James Peterson, William Sherman Reese, Stephen Thomas

Riley, Charles Henry Sawyer, Stuart Capen Sherman, Frank Oakman Spinney, Richard Charles Steele, Roderick Douglas Stinehour, Roger Eliot Stoddard, David Frederic Tatham, Alexander James Wall, Jr., Glenn Weaver, Stephen David Weissman, Ruth Dyer Wells, Richard James Wolfe, Harold Edward Woodward, and John Munro Woolsey, Jr.

President Jeppson presided. The reading of the minutes of the meeting held April 15, 1981, was waived. President Jeppson reported the deaths of the following members:

Richard Beale Davis	March 30, 1981
Robert Bruce Hitchman	April 17, 1981
John Francis McDermott III	April 23, 1981
David Chambers Mearns	May 21, 1981
Albert Boni	July 30, 1981
Lester Jesse Cappon	August 24, 1981
John Emerson Langdon	September 27, 1981
Andrew Oliver	October 20, 1981

The report of the Council was presented by Mr. McCorison and the report of the Treasurer by Mr. Daniels. Both reports were accepted with Mr. Daniels's report being accepted by a specific vote.

The following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society with Richard D. Brown and Robert A. East as tellers: James Morrill Banner, Jr., Richard Lyman Bushman, Stanton Rufus Cook, Richard Slator Dunn, Warner Stoddard Fletcher, Gerald Nat Grob, Genevieve Rogers Weeks Ireland, Linda Kaufman Kerber, Julian Lee Lapides, Paul Whitfield Murrill, Edward Pessen, Charles Joseph Tanenbaum, Robert Mark Warner, Peter Howard Creagh Williams, and Alfred Fabian Young.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented by Mr. Bond as follows: President, John Jeppson, 2nd; Vice-Presidents, Roderick Douglas Stinehour and John William Ward; Treasurer, Bruce Goddard Daniels; Recording Secre-

tary, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr.; Secretary for Domestic Correspondence, Philip Charles Beals; Secretary for Foreign Correspondence, Henry Schofield Streeter; Councillors, James Russell Wiggins, Richard Charles Steele, George Thomas Tanselle, William Henry Bond, Jules David Prown, Jack Phillip Greene, James Robert Maguire, Leonard Benjamin Schlosser, Homer Daniels Babbidge, Jr., Jill Kathryn Ker Conway, Robert Cushman, Harold Taylor Miller, Robert Palmer Hallock, Jr., Jacob Hiatt, and Kenneth Nebenzahl.

Upon motion duly seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED That the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate as nominated. The ballot having been cast, the slate of officers and council members was declared elected.

In observance of the two hundredth anniversary of the surrender of the army of Charles, the Earl of Cornwallis, to Gen. George Washington on October 19, 1781, a paper was presented by George A. Billias entitled 'The Yorktown Surrender as a Symbolic Event.'

In the absence of Pauline Maier, her paper entitled "Boston and New York in the Eighteenth Century" was read by John B. Hench.

President Jeppson announced a fundraising campaign for the Society, to be known as the Isaiah Thomas Fund, with a goal of \$8,739,555, which the Society hopes to raise in a three-phase program by October 1987, the one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Society by Mr. Thomas. As of the date of the announcement, \$2,108,438 had been pledged or received in eight gifts.

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 P.M. to be followed by refreshments at 4 Military Road as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McCorison.

Linwood M. Erskine, Jr.
Recording Secretary

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