

## *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 16 AND 17, 1962

AT THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE Sesquicentennial Celebration of the founding of the American Antiquarian Society was opened at two o'clock Tuesday, October sixteenth, in the library of the Society by President Carleton R. Richmond. After welcoming the members and guests, Mr. Richmond introduced Walter Muir Whitehill, who spoke on the topic, "The Endowed Historical Society, Its Part in the Past, Present, and Future of American Learning." Basing his remarks on his recently completed study, Mr. Whitehill pointed out that such historical organizations as the Massachusetts Historical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Virginia Historical Society had in the past done the major part of the work of preservation and publication of the sources of American history. After discussing the functions of those historical organizations which relied largely upon state support, he concluded that the privately endowed societies would have to continue to carry the greater part of the work of preserving manuscript and printed materials, and the publication of them. Whitfield Jenks Bell, of the American Philosophical Society, and James Russell Wiggins, Editor of the *Washington Post*, commented on Mr. Whitehill's remarks. The meeting was adjourned at three forty-five o'clock.

Members and guests were entertained at a social hour and

informal dinner at the Worcester Club at seven o'clock that evening.

The one hundred and fiftieth annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Library of the Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 18, 1962, at 10:45 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President Carleton Rubira Richmond.

The following members of the Society were present: Frederick Baldwin Adams, Jr., Thomas Boylston Adams, Thomas Randolph Adams, James Tinkham Babb, Hamilton Vaughan Bail, Clifton Waller Barrett, George Sumner Barton, Whitfield Jenks Bell, Samuel Flagg Bemis, Francis Lewis Berkeley, Jr., Jacob Blanck, Julian Parks Boyd, Augustus George Bullock, Lyman Henry Butterfield, Roger Butterfield, Lester Jesse Cappon, Ernest Caulfield, Samuel Foster Damon, Theron Johnson Damon, Fred Harold Daniels, Francis Henshaw Dewey, Jr., Ernest Stanley Dodge, Linwood Mandeville Erskine, Jr., Luther Harris Evans, Paris Fletcher, Esther Forbes, Malcolm Freiberg, Claude Moore Fuess, Pierce Welch Gaines, Ebenezer Gay, Bradley Baldwin Gilman, Richard Gimbel, Frederick Richmond Goff, George Talbot Goodspeed, Richard Walden Hale, Jr., Sinclair Hamilton, George Laban Harding, Thompson Ritner Harlow, Frank Leighton Harrington, William Henry Harrison, Richard Allen Heald, James Joseph Heslin, Milton Prince Higgins, Penrose Robinson Hoopes, Harold Hugo, William Alexander Jackson, Howard Bonar Jefferson, John Jeppson, 2nd, Alden Porter Johnson, Edward Chase Kirkland, Edward Connery Lathem, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, Bertram Kimball Little, Marcus Allen McCorison, Gerald Doan McDonald, George Leslie McKay, Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Robert Earle Moody, Edmund Sears Morgan, Samuel Eliot Morison, Ray Nash, Andrew Oliver, William Bradford Osgood, Howard Henry Peckham,

Hermann Porter Riccius, Albert White Rice, Carleton Rubira Richmond, Stephen Thomas Riley, Ivan Sandrof, Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Rae MacCollum Spencer, Frank Oakman Spinney, George Russell Stobbs, Harry Galpin Stoddard, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, Bradford Fuller Swan, Milton Halsey Thomas, Henry Rouse Viets, Carl Erhard Wahlstrom, Nicholas Biddle Wainwright, Albert Goodnow Waite, Guy Warren Walker, Jr., Alexander James Wall, Jr., Michael Joseph Walsh, Nathaniel Wheeler, Walter Muir Whitehill, and Edwin Wolf, 2nd. Also present were the following guests: Philip May Hamer, Oliver Wendell Holmes, John Melville Jennings, and James Russell Wiggins.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the call and the records of the last meeting.

The Report of the Council of the Society was presented by the Director and the Librarian's Report by Mr. McCorison. Mr. Bullock made a few remarks on the state of the treasury. It was voted to accept these reports and refer them to the Committee on Publications.

A proposal to amend the By-Laws was then discussed, and the following amendment to Article VII adopted by vote of the members present:

The membership of the Society shall not exceed two hundred and twenty-five, and the number in excess of two hundred shall not be increased by more than five in any one year.

The election of officers being in order, Mr. Riccius reported for the nominating committee, consisting of Messrs. Riccius, Bradley B. Gilman, and Theron J. Damon, appointed by the Council in April, 1961, the following nominations:

*President*

Carleton Rubira Richmond, of Milton

*Vice-presidents*

George Sumner Barton, of Boylston  
Clifton Waller Barrett, of New York

*Councillors*

Clarence Saunders Brigham, of Worcester  
Albert White Rice, of Worcester  
Thomas Winthrop Streeter, of Morristown, New Jersey  
Richard Allen Heald, of Worcester  
Edward Larocque Tinker, of New York  
Walter Muir Whitehill, of Boston  
Harry Galpin Stoddard, of Worcester  
Augustus George Bullock, of Worcester  
Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, of Belmont  
Fred Harold Daniels, of Worcester  
Frank Leighton Harrington, of Worcester

*Secretary for Foreign Correspondence*

Alden Porter Johnson, of Worcester

*Secretary for Domestic Correspondence*

Clifford Kenyon Shipton, of Shirley Center

*Recording Secretary*

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, of Worcester

*Treasurer*

Augustus George Bullock, of Grafton

*Director*

Clifford Kenyon Shipton, of Shirley Center

*Librarian*

Marcus Allen McCorison, of Worcester

*Committee on Publications*

Alden Porter Johnson, of Worcester

Rae MacCollum Spencer, of Marblehead

Marcus Allen McCorison, of Worcester

*Auditors*

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, of Worcester

Bradley Baldwin Gilman, of Worcester

*Finance Committee*

Augustus George Bullock, of Worcester

Albert White Rice, of Worcester

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, of Worcester

*Library Committee*

Frank Leighton Harrington, of Worcester

Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, of Belmont

Ivan Sandrof, of Worcester

*Committee on the Hall*

George Sumner Barton, of Boylston

Richard Allen Heald, of Worcester

Fred Harold Daniels, of Worcester

It was unanimously voted that the Secretary be requested to cast a ballot for the nominees, and this being done, with no other nominations being offered, the foregoing nominees were declared elected.

Mr. Shipton, on behalf of the Council, proposed for membership in the Society:

Rodney Armstrong, of Exeter, New Hampshire

Karl John Richard Arndt, of Worcester

Elisabeth Ball, of Muncie, Indiana

James Franklin Beard, Jr., of Worcester

Robert Dechert, of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

Sinclair Hamilton Hitchings, of Boston

Willman Spawn, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Robert Ernest Spiller, of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Ernest James Wessen, of Mansfield, Ohio

The President appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Berkeley and McCorison, to distribute, collect, and count the ballots. Mr. McCorison reported that seventy-four votes had been cast for the persons nominated and they were declared elected.

Papers were read by Lyman Butterfield, of Boston, on "Mapping our Isthmus," and by Julian Boyd, of Princeton, New Jersey, on "The Next Stage?"

In honor of the occasion Thomas Boylston Adams, in behalf of the Massachusetts Historical Society, presented to the Society a copy of *An Ordinance for the Government of the Territory of the United States, North-West of the River Ohio.*

The President then announced that members of the Society and guests were invited to luncheon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harold Daniels, 190 Salisbury Street. There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

A reception and tea in honor of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary was held in the Library from 3:30 to 6:00 for Worcester people interested in the Society. About four hundred attended.

Respectfully submitted,  
DANIEL W. LINCOLN,  
*Recording Secretary*

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