

PROCEEDINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 1905, AT THE HALL OF THE
SOCIETY IN WORCESTER.

THE meeting was called to order by the President, the Hon.
STEPHEN SALISBURY, at 10.30 A. M.

The following members were present:

Edward E. Hale, Nathaniel Paine, Stephen Salisbury, Samuel A. Green, Edward L. Davis, James F. Hunnewell, Edward H. Hall, Charles C. Smith, Edmund M. Barton, Franklin B. Dexter, Charles A. Chase, Samuel S. Green, Andrew Mc F. Davis, Daniel Merriman, William B. Weeden, Henry H. Edes, Edward Channing, George E. Francis, Edward H. Thompson, G. Stanley Hall, William E. Foster, Charles P. Bowditch, Francis H. Dewey, Carroll D. Wright, Henry A. Marsh, Frederick A. Ober, John Green, Rockwood Hoar, James L. Whitney, William T. Forbes, Leonard P. Kinnicutt, George H. Haynes, Waldo Lincoln, George P. Winship, Austin S. Garver, Samuel Utley, James W. Brooks, E. Harlow Russell, Benjamin T. Hill, Edmund A. Engler, George L. Kittredge, Alexander F. Chamberlain, William MacDonald, Edward G. Bourne, Alexander H. Vinton, Clarence W. Bowen, Francis H. Lee, Daniel B. Updike, David Casares, Deloraine P. Corey.

Dr. CARROLL D. WRIGHT, in connection with the report of the Council, read a paper with the subject: "The History of Labor Organizations in Ancient, Mediæval and Modern Times."

REV. DR. EDWARD EVERETT HALE presented a memorial of the late Vice-President of the Society, Senator GEORGE FRISBIE HOAR. In the course of his paper Dr. Hale said:—

“When Mr. Thomas established this Society, there were not so many literary societies as there are now in the country, and a special Act was passed in the early days of this Society, giving the American Antiquarian Society any or all papers printed by the government, so that anybody who is in Washington and wants to rake up something, has the power and privilege of looking back to this old statute, which is just as much a law of this country as any law; and they can make any arrangement they choose about the method of distributing the documents, but this American Antiquarian Society by law has the right to anything which the government of the United States prints.”

Dr. HALE read a sonnet written by Rev. Dr. Roundslay, of Great Britain, on hearing of the death of Senator Hoar. In speaking of Dr. Roundslay, Dr. Hale remarked:—“We were at a public dinner party, when Mr. Hoar said, ‘I must go down and speak to Roundslay, for I brought him here.’ I said, ‘Who is Roundslay?’ He said, ‘If you don’t know Roundslay, you don’t know the first poet in Great Britain.’ Mr. Hoar always spoke well of the people he liked, but I believe he was right in this instance. I went down and shook hands with Roundslay, and he said at once: ‘Mr. Hale, you have a first-rate ballad of Paul Revere; why isn’t there a ballad to the other man, the man who went out and roused the country—*Dorsey*?’ I said, ‘If the first poet in England asks me that question, I will say that as soon as he will write me the ballad, we will print it; but I warn you not to let the public know what you have said to me, because if you do, you will have six hundred letters the day after tomorrow from the differ-

ent Dorseys, for they are very sensitive on the subject, and are eager to have a ballad written.' So it has always been a joke between us as to when he would write the ballad, which he has never done."

Dr. JOHN GREEN, of St. Louis, read a sketch of Henry Hitchcock, LL.D., late president of the Law Association of the United States, and a former resident of Worcester.

The treasurer, NATHANIEL PAINE, presented his report. He announced that the Society had received from the estate of the late Andrew H. Green, the legacy left by him, which after deducting the inheritance tax amounts to \$4,839.45.

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

The report of the Council being now before the Society, it was voted that the Society accept the same, and that it be referred to the Committee of Publication.

On a ballot for President forty-two ballots were cast, all for the Hon. STEPHEN SALISBURY.

Dr. HALE said:

"Every gentleman here who is interested in Revolutionary history has used the marvellous reproductions which Mr. Stevens made. I have received from the representatives of Mr. Stevens's estate a very careful catalogue of the immense index of those documents. It is understood that this index contains the documents of England, France, The Hague and Spain, and that it is now offered for sale in this country. I suppose that the cost of purchasing will be very considerable, but a good many of us who have been interested in that literature hope to bring something to bear in Washington this winter looking towards an appropriation with which to purchase the index for the Library of Congress."

Mr. ANDREW MCFARLAND DAVIS said in reference to the subject: "I was in London and wanted to get a copy of the documents mentioned in the English Historical manuscript collections. I gave a memorandum to Mr. Stevens of the documents, and he agreed to get a copy and send it to me. After I got home I received a copy, but instead of its coming from the office referred to, it came from the collection of Lord Landsdowne. Of course I was not satisfied that I had gotten the copy that I wished, but by some curious chain—I do not know how it occurred—he had given me through his index an exact copy of the documents I wanted, procured from another source. It seems there were duplicates at these two places."

At the suggestion of Dr. HALE, it was voted that the Council be requested to unite with other literary bodies in securing this manuscript index.

The Recording Secretary announced that the Council recommends for election to the Society the following gentlemen:—

Henry Holmes, of Washington, D. C.

Clarence S. Brigham, of Providence, R. I.

Those gentlemen were duly elected by ballot.

Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, from a committee appointed to nominate the other officers, reported the following list:

Vice-Presidents.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE, D.D., of Roxbury, Mass.

SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN, LL. D., of Boston, Mass.

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The RECORDING SECRETARY was instructed by unanimous vote to cast a single ballot in favor of the report of the nominating committee, which he did, and the above list of officers was duly elected.

The PRESIDENT said:—

“Among the gentlemen present with us today, who have come from a great distance, is our associate Mr. DAVID CASARES, A.M., of Merida de Yucatan, Federal Inspector of the railroads in that state, and a Commissioner of Public Construction. I will ask Mr. Casares to address the Society.”

Mr. CASARES read a paper entitled, “Yucatan and its Water Supply.”

“The Jackson-VanBuren Papers” was the subject of a paper by Prof. WILLIAM MACDONALD of Brown University.

Mr. EDWARD H. THOMPSON, United States Consul to Yucatan, presented the next paper, entitled: “A Page from American History.”

On motion of Dr. S. A. GREEN, it was voted that the papers which have been read be presented to the Committee of Publication, and that the thanks of the Society be extended to the authors, and especially to the two gentlemen from Yucatan.

The meeting was dissolved at two o'clock. The members present repaired to the house of President SALISBURY, where lunch was served.

Attest:

CHARLES A. CHASE,

Recording Secretary.

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