

PROCEEDINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER 21, 1908, AT
THE HALL OF THE SOCIETY IN WORCESTER.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr.
WALDO LINCOLN.

There were present:—

Edward E. Hale, Nathaniel Paine, Samuel A. Green, Edward L. Davis, William A. Smith, James F. Hunnewell, Edward H. Hall, Charles C. Smith, Edmund M. Barton, Franklin B. Dexter, Charles A. Chase, Samuel S. Green, Henry W. Haynes, Andrew McF. Davis, Frederic W. Putnam, William B. Weeden, Reuben Colton, Henry H. Edes, Edward H. Thompson, A. George Bullock, William E. Foster, Francis H. Dewey, Carroll D. Wright, Henry A. Marsh, John Green, William T. Forbes, Leonard P. Kinnicutt, George H. Haynes, Charles L. Nichols, Waldo Lincoln, George P. Winship, Austin S. Garver, A. Lawrence Rotch, Samuel Utley, James W. Brooks, E. Harlow Russell, Benjamin T. Hill, Alexander F. Chamberlain, William MacDonald, Alexander H. Vinton, Clarence W. Bowen, Deloraine P. Corey, Clarence S. Brigham, Lincoln N. Kinnicutt, Franklin P. Rice, Caleb B. Tillinghast, Herbert Putnam, William C. Lane, Julius H. Tuttle, Charles G. Washburn, Samuel B. Woodward.

The President called attention to the plans of the proposed new building which were exposed upon the cabinets, and then requested the Recording Secretary to read the call of the meeting. The reading of the records of the last meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Report of the Council was then read by Judge UTLEY. Following this, the printed Treasurer's Report was distributed among the members present and the Report was read by Mr. BULLOCK, the Treasurer. Mr. BARTON read the Librarian's Report. The three Reports were, on motion, referred to the Committee of Publication.

A list of persons proposed by the Council for membership was then submitted to the Society and Dr. Nichols, Professor MacDonald and Mr. Colton were appointed as tellers in the election of members.

The following gentlemen were then elected as members of the Society:

James Bourne Ayer, M.D., Boston, Mass.
George Hubbard Blakeslee, Ph.D., Worcester, Mass.
Ralph Charles Henry Catterall, Ph.D., Ithaca, N. Y.
Clyde Augustus Duniway, Ph.D., Missoula, Mont.
William Curtis Farabee, Ph.D., Cambridge, Mass.
Max Farrand, Ph.D., New Haven, Conn.
Frederick Webb Hodge, Washington, D. C.
William Vail Kellen, LL.D., Boston, Mass.
Alfred L. Kroeber, Ph.D., San Francisco, Cal.
Otis Tufton Mason, LL.D., Washington, D. C.
Arthur Prentice Rugg, LL.D., Worcester, Mass.
Marshall Howard Saville, New York, N. Y.
Alfred Marston Tozzer, Ph.D., Cambridge, Mass.

The President then stated that the next business before the meeting was the election of officers, and appointed Hon. Charles G. Washburn, Mr. Rotch and Dr. Chamberlain to act as tellers in the election of a President.

The ballot having been taken, the tellers reported that WALDO LINCOLN had received all the votes cast. Mr. LINCOLN acknowledged the honor conferred upon him by this new expression of confidence and pledged his best services to the Society.

Dr. Samuel A. Green, Lincoln N. Kinnicutt and Caleb B. Tillinghast were then appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

This committee reported the following ticket:

Vice-Presidents:

EDWARD EVERETT HALE, D.D., of Roxbury, Mass.
SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN, LL.D., of Boston, Mass.

Council:

SAMUEL SWETT GREEN, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.
CHARLES A. CHASE, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.
EDWARD LIVINGSTON DAVIS, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.
GRANVILLE STANLEY HALL, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.
WILLIAM BABCOCK WEEDEN, A.M., of Providence, R. I.
JAMES PHINNEY BAXTER, LITT.D., of Portland, Me.
CARROLL DAVIDSON WRIGHT, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.
EDMUND ARTHUR ENGLER, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.
ELIAS HARLOW RUSSELL of Worcester, Mass.
SAMUEL UTLEY, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Secretary for Foreign Correspondence:

FRANKLIN BOWDITCH DEXTER, LITT.D., of New Haven,
Conn.

Secretary for Domestic Correspondence:

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

Recording Secretary:

ANDREW MCFARLAND DAVIS, A.M., of Cambridge, Mass.

Treasurer:

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

Committee of Publication:

GEORGE HENRY HAYNES, PH.D., of Worcester, Mass.
FRANKLIN PIERCE RICE of Worcester, Mass.
CALEB BENJAMIN TILLINGHAST, LITT.D., of Boston, Mass.
DELORAINÉ PENDRE COREY of Malden, Mass.

Auditors:

BENJAMIN THOMAS HILL, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.

HENRY ALEXANDER MARSH of Worcester, Mass.

A ballot was then taken and the Recording Secretary having been thereto duly instructed by the President counted the ballots and reported the result to the President. The officers on the ticket reported by the committee were declared to be elected.

The Recording Secretary then stated that he had been instructed to make the following communication to the Society:

The resignation of Mr. Barton as Librarian was received at the meeting of the Council last evening and was accepted, and Mr. Barton was elected Librarian Emeritus with a salary, the same to take effect January first next, and the latter to be at the discretion of the Council. It was thereupon voted by the Council that it be recommended to the Society to cause the following to be spread upon the records as the sentiment of the Society upon learning of this event:

The Society learns with regret that Mr. Edmund M. Barton has resigned the office of Librarian, which he has held for twenty-five years with conspicuous fidelity and success, which were preceded by seventeen years' service as Assistant Librarian, in all forty-two years; and the action of the Council in appointing Mr. Barton Librarian Emeritus, is hereby approved, such appointment to hold during the pleasure of the Council, with or without duties, and at such salary as the Council may from time to time provide.

Dr. HALE: I had the honor, last night, of presenting this resolution at the Council, and am glad to say a word here. Few gentlemen here will remember the time when Mr. Barton first came into the Library. He had the honor and pleasure of coöperating a great deal with Dr. Haven. While I am one of the outside people who must be an awful bore to such men as Mr. Barton, yet I know the conspicuous

diligence and care with which he has attended to people who asked him to do things which they had no business to ask him to do, and in a thousand cases he has assisted myself and other gentlemen a great deal by his work here. It was, therefore, a great pleasure to me to introduce this motion to the Council, and I now move the adoption of their recommendation.

Dr. HALE'S motion being put to vote, the action of the Council in electing Mr. Barton Librarian Emeritus, with a salary at the discretion of the Council, was approved.¹

The Recording Secretary stated that under instructions from the Council he had another recommendation from the Council to submit, which was the passage of the following vote:

"In recognition of the long and honorable service of Mr. Nathaniel Paine as Treasurer of the Society for forty-four years, *Article I.* of the By-Laws is hereby suspended so far as it fixes the number of the Councillors and Mr. Paine is hereby elected a Councillor for the ensuing year in addition to the number provided for in said By-Laws."

Dr. WRIGHT moved that the By-Laws be suspended and Mr. PAINE be elected a Councillor, adding these words: "I wish to say that it is a very remarkable experience for a Society of this kind to have a Treasurer forty-four years and never have a question raised as to his integrity. It is a record of which any man may be proud and a record of which the Society itself may be proud." By vote of the Society this recommendation of the Council was then approved.

The President then called upon Dr. JOHN GREEN of St. Louis to read a paper prepared by EUGENE F. BLISS on Dr. Saugrain's Note-Book. Prior to Dr. Green's entering upon the reading of Mr. Bliss's communication, Mr. Samuel S. Green stated that he wished to call attention to the fact that in 1897 he read a paper prepared by Mr. Bliss in

¹ Mr. Clarence Saunders Brigham was appointed to succeed Mr. Barton as Librarian.

which he gave a sketch of the life of Dr. Saugrain. It was a translation into English from the French of what seemed to be a letter that Saugrain had written to France describing a trip down the Ohio River from Pittsburg to the Falls near Louisville in 1788. The present contribution is a translation of a note-book by Dr. Saugrain covering his experiences during a second visit to this country.

Dr. GREEN then proceeded to read from Mr. Bliss's manuscript enough to show the character and value of the communication, and added in conclusion that St. Louis had been fortunate in the character of some of its early settlers, among whom he especially mentioned Dr. Engelmann, the distinguished botanist, and Dr. Saugrain, whose note-book formed the basis of Mr. Bliss's paper.

GEORGE PARKER WINSHIP then read a paper on "Early South American Newspapers."

The President then called upon Mr. E. H. RUSSELL and asked him to read the paper prepared by Mr. WILLIAM HARDEN on the "Kinship of States," Mr. Harden having been prevented by illness in his family from being present.

After Mr. Russell had concluded, Dr. EDWARD E. HALE spoke at some length concerning John White of Dorchester.

Dr. HALE: I want to call attention for a moment to some new information which we recently have had as to the early history of the Massachusetts Company,— thanks to the pertinacity of friends in Dorchester and of the Dorchester Historical Society.

The best statement up to this moment of the early history of Massachusetts is that made by the American Antiquarian Society, when we edited the first part of "The Records of Massachusetts Bay," and our distinguished Librarian, Dr. Haven, published his biographies, as you might say, of the founders of Massachusetts. He speaks of Rev. John White of the English Dorchester. He uses the phrases, "The Father of The Massachusetts Colony" and "The Patriarch of New England."

In date of organization the Town of Dorchester, which is now a part of the municipality of Boston, is the earliest of the settlements in the Bay, Charlestown, Boston, Cambridge, and Watertown, having been organized at later dates in the summer of 1630.

We have now received from England the full records of the city of Dorchester in Dorsetshire, where our Dorchester Colony was organized under the direction of Rev. John White, whom they there call the "Patriarch of Dorchester." A copy of his will has been obtained.

I have asked Mr. Barton to bring together before us, those of John White's printed works which we have in our Library. Gentlemen will be glad to examine them.

Mr. Haven has pointed out carefully the distinction between Rev. John White and "Century" White,—as he was called,—or "Convention" White, who sat in Cromwell's Rump Parliament. He was called "Century" White because he is the author of a very curious tract which excited great interest at the time. It is called "The First Century of Scandalous, Malignant Priests."

Dr. HALE then showed a copy of this pamphlet which was presented by Thomas Hollis to Harvard College.

Our Rev. John White, the Patriarch of New England, died in the year 1648. Our Dorchester Historical Society has a copy of his will. This makes no mention of any sons. But one of the English authorities says that he had a nephew, James White, "a rich merchant in Boston" in 1650. There was no such person in Boston at that time, and we should be very glad if anybody can find out where James White was in 1650. I cannot but wish that some gentleman interested in those things might make a collection of White's sermons, which we could print all together. It does seem to me that better than a bronze statue in Dorchester would be a full statement of what a man the founder was. He got together a colony of his own in Dorchester and they met together there and organized there in the spring of 1630. Although they were in alliance with Winthrop and the party on the "Arbella," they started first and got here

first, and picked out our town of Dorchester, quite wisely; so that when we undertake to enumerate the local churches in the vicinity of Boston, the Dorchester church always stands first, and they say, "We are earlier than the rest of you," because they organized in the English Dorchester and the church in Charlestown did not organize until they came here. The organization, therefore, of the town of Dorchester is the earliest. And without wishing to arouse the anger of the gentleman whose paper was just read, I will observe that they always seemed disposed to leave our Dorchester and go somewhere else. They went to Connecticut and Georgia because they did not like Massachusetts.¹

[“We have in the first place The Vicar of Eccles, Lancashire, born in 1570 and died in 1615. He was afterwards Fellow of the Collegiate Church, Manchester, and later Rector of Barsham, Suffolk; also, Chaplain in ordinary to James I. He wrote ‘The Way to the True Church,’ printed in 1608, of which Harvard College Library has the “second impression,” 1610, and the “third impression,” 1612.² He also wrote ‘English Paradise,’ 1612, and various sermons. His works were collected and re-published by his brother Francis in 1624, in one volume, folio.

“Secondly, we have the author of the ‘Century,’ 1590-1645. He graduated at Jesus College, Oxford, went thence to the Middle Temple, and was called to the Bar in 1618. In 1640 he was returned to Parliament for Southwark. He died 29th January, 1645, and was buried in the Temple Church. He is not to be confused with the Patriarch of Dorchester (1575-1648), who was Rector of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, and was interested in sending out the colony of Dorset men to settle in Massachusetts. The two have been confused, because John White, the member of Parliament was also connected with Massachusetts. The ‘Dictionary of National Biography’ says:

“The first charter of the Colony of Massachusetts was procured probably under his advice, and was perhaps

¹Mr. Lane, our associate, who heard the above remarks has been kind enough to furnish me with this careful memorandum, which I place in brackets and incorporate in my remarks, as to the three John Whites who have a place in the literary history of the first half of the century of the emigration.

²The American Antiquarian Society has the fifth edition.

actually drafted by him also. He also drew up, in October 1629, the articles agreed upon 'between the Planters and Adventurers for the performance of what shall be determined' and was chosen one of the umpires to settle any disputes that might arise.'

"Of the third John White, the Rector of Dorchester, I find that we have only one published work, 'The Troubles of Jerusalem's Restauration,'³ in a sermon before the House of Lords, November 26, 1645.' He is also the author of 'The Planters' Plea,'³ of which we have two reprints, but no original; 'A Way to the Tree of Life,' 1647, which may perhaps have been confused with the first John White's 'Way to the True Church;' 'David's Psalms in Metre,' 1655; and a Commentary upon the Three First Chapters of Genesis, 1656. The last was edited after his death by friends and is accompanied by a dedication signed, John White, Jr.]"

Professor Putnam stated that the reference to the migration of the Dorchester colonists recalled to him the fact that he had recently seen an old settlement on the Ashley river where the Dorchester people took up their abode for a time. He further said that there is an old fort and the remains of an old church there, the fort being an object of great interest.

The various communications were referred to the Committee of Publication.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ANDREW McFARLAND DAVIS,

Recording Secretary.

After the meeting, the members were entertained at luncheon by the President at his residence.

³These sermons are in the Library of the American Antiquarian Society.

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