

PROCEEDINGS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER 15, 1930,
AT THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE Annual Meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Library of the Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 15, 1930 at 10.45 o'clock, a. m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Calvin Coolidge.

The following members of the Society were present: Reuben Colton, Edward Herbert Thompson, John McKinstry Merriam, Francis Henshaw Dewey, William Trowbridge Forbes, George Henry Haynes, Waldo Lincoln, George Parker Winship, Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Victor Hugo Paltsits, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Julius Herbert Tuttle, George Hubbard Blakeslee, Arthur Prentice Rugg, Wilfred Harold Munro, Rev. Shepherd Knapp, Homer Gage, Charles Henry Taylor, Rev. Herbert Edwin Lombard, Thomas Hovey Gage, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Leonard Wheeler, George Anthony Gaskill, Charles Knowles Bolton, Robert Kendall Shaw, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Gardner Weld Allen, Alexander James Wall, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, Joseph Grafton Minot, George Sumner Barton, Calvin Coolidge, Thomas Bonaventure Lawler, Bernard Fay, George Francis Booth, Aldus Chapin Higgins, Paul Beagary Morgan, James Melville Hunnewell, Harry Galpin Stoddard, Charles Martin Thayer, Charles Seabury Hale, George Crompton, Robert Lincoln

O'Brien, Rev. Maxwell Savage, Henry Watson Kent, Stephen Willard Phillips, Robert F. Seybolt, St. George Leakin Sioussat.

The call for the meeting was read by the Secretary. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

The report of the Council to the Society was then presented by the President, Mr. Coolidge. The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Bullock and the Librarian's report was presented by Mr. Brigham. On motion of Mr. Lincoln, it was voted to accept these reports and refer them to the Committee on Publications.

The election of officers being in order, the President appointed Messrs. Shaw, Merriam and Seybolt a committee to distribute and collect ballots for the election of a President, which committee reported that all the votes were for Calvin Coolidge and he was declared elected.

It was voted to authorize the President to appoint a committee to nominate other officers of the Society. The President appointed to this committee Messrs. Lincoln, Barton and Colton, who presented the following nominations:

Vice-Presidents

Arthur Prentice Rugg, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.

Clarence Winthrop Bowen, LL.D., of New York, N. Y.

Councillors

Waldo Lincoln, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Francis Henshaw Dewey, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.

Henry Winchester Cunningham, A.B., of Boston, Mass.

George Parker Winship, Litt.D., of Dover, Mass.

William Vail Kellen, LL.D., of Boston, Mass.

Paul Beagary Morgan, B.S., of Worcester, Mass.

Charles Henry Taylor, of Boston, Mass.

William Evarts Benjamin, of New York, N. Y.

George Sumner Barton, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.
Aldus Chapin Higgins, LL.M., of Worcester, Mass.

Secretary for Foreign Correspondence

George Hubbard Blakeslee, L.H.D., of Worcester,
Mass.

Secretary for Domestic Correspondence

Clarence Saunders Brigham, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.

Recording Secretary

Thomas Hovey Gage, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Treasurer

Chandler Bullock, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Committee on Publications

Clarence Saunders Brigham, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.
Julius Herbert Tuttle, of Dedham, Mass.

Auditors

Homer Gage, M.D., of Worcester, Mass.
Daniel Waldo Lincoln, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.

A ballot was thereupon taken and the nominees were declared elected.

The Secretary was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties by Francis H. Dewey, a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Brigham then presented the recommendations of the Council for membership in the Society and the President appointed Messrs. Wall, Phillips and Lawler a committee to distribute and collect ballots for new members, who reported that the following were unanimously elected:

Edward Tuckerman Esty, Worcester, Mass.
Ralph Leslie Rusk, New York, N. Y.
St. George Leakin Sioussat, Philadelphia, Pa.
Reginald Washburn, Worcester, Mass.
George Robert Graham Conway, of Mexico.

Chief Justice Rugg called the attention of the Society to Mr. Brigham's long service as Librarian and moved that the following resolution of appreciation be spread upon the records of the Society, which motion was unanimously adopted:

The members of the American Antiquarian Society desire to place on record an expression of appreciation for the signal service rendered by Clarence S. Brigham during twenty-two years as Librarian. He has enhanced the usefulness of the Society and enlarged its activities to cover a wide field. His practical sagacity has greatly increased the resources of its library. He has builded wisely upon the secure foundations laid in early days. He has manifested a rare faculty in kindling and cultivating interest in the Society on the part of those of historical and antiquarian tastes among scholars, collectors and others sympathetically disposed toward research in American life and affairs. Rare skill has been his in spreading knowledge of the treasures of the Society and in placing them at the disposal of the professional or casual investigator. He had made conspicuous contributions to the publications of the Society. His own scholarly achievements have been a stimulating example. While he will cease to be Librarian, the Society is fortunate to retain his unabated devotion in the new position of Director, which he will be the first to hold.

The following papers were then presented: "Van Braam Houckgeest, an Early American Collector," by Henry W. Kent, of New York, N. Y.; "Duff Green's 'England and the United States,' with an Introductory Study of American Opposition to the Quintuple Treaty of 1841," by St. George L. Sioussat, of Philadelphia, Penn.; "Benjamin Franklin Bache, a Democratic leader of the 18th Century," by Bernard Fay, of Paris, France.

The meeting adjourned at 1.00 p. m. and the members were entertained at luncheon by Mr. Paul B. Morgan at his residence on Cedar Street.

THOMAS HOVEY GAGE,
Recording Secretary

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