

PROCEEDINGS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, OCTOBER 19, 1938,
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 19, 1938, at 10.45 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-president, Charles Henry Taylor.

The following members of the Society were present: John McKinstry Merriam, George Henry Haynes, George Parker Winship, Victor Hugo Paltsits, Clarence Saunders Brigham, George Hubbard Blakeslee, William Vail Kellen, Albert Carlos Bates, Charles Henry Taylor, Herbert Edwin Lombard, Samuel Eliot Morison, Charles Knowles Bolton, Robert Kendall Shaw, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Gardner Weld Allen, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Wallace Walter Atwood, Matt Bushnell Jones, Andrew Keogh, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, George Sumner Barton, Aldus Chapin Higgins, Paul Beagary Morgan, Russell Sturgis Paine, Ralph Earle, Thomas James Holmes, James Melville Hunnewell, Harry Galpin Stoddard, Abraham S. Wolf Rosenbach, George Crompton, Lemuel Aiken Welles, Stephen Willard Phillips, Edward Tuckerman Esty, Wilbur Macey Stone, Stewart Mitchell, Robert William Glenroie Vail, Glenn Tilley Morse, Charles Taylor Tatman, Claude Moore Fuess, William Irving Clark, Eben Francis Thompson, John Woodman Higgins, George Gregerson Wolkins, Allyn Bailey Forbes, Philip Ainsworth Means, Hermann Frederick Clarke, Francis Henshaw Dewey, Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Alexander

Hamilton Bullock, Theron Johnson Damon, Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Henry Hornblower, Albert White Rice.

George H. Blakeslee was elected Secretary pro tem.

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

The report of the Council of the Society was presented by the Director, Mr. Brigham; the Treasurer's report by Mr. Bullock; and the Librarian's report by Mr. Vail. It was voted to accept these reports and refer them to the Committee on Publications.

The election of the President being in order, Mr. Chandler Bullock reported that the Council, in view of the death of the late President of the Society, Arthur Prentice Rugg, recommended the nomination as President of Samuel Eliot Morison. After Mr. Morison had been placed in nomination, the Vice-president appointed Messrs. Keogh, Mitchell and Goodspeed a committee to distribute, collect and count ballots for President, who reported that all the votes cast were for Samuel Eliot Morison, and he was declared elected. Mr. Bullock escorted the new President to the chair.

The President appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Brigham, Wroth and Forbes, to nominate other officers, who reported as follows:

Vice-presidents

Charles Henry Taylor, LL.D., of Boston, Mass.

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

Councillors

George Parker Winship, Litt.D., of Charles River, Mass.

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

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

George Sumner Barton, A.B., of Boylston, Mass.

Aldus Chapin Higgins, Eng.D., of Worcester, Mass.

Matt Bushnell Jones, Litt.D., of Newton Centre, Mass.
James Melville Hunnewell, LL.B., of Boston, Mass.
Daniel Waldo Lincoln, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.
Russell Sturgis Paine, of Worcester, Mass.
Albert White Rice, A.M., of Worcester, Mass.

Secretary for Foreign and Domestic Correspondence

Clarence Saunders Brigham, Litt.D., of Worcester,
Mass.

Recording Secretary

George Hubbard Blakeslee, LL.D., of Worcester, Mass.

Treasurer

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

Committee on Publications

Clarence Saunders Brigham, Litt.D., of Worcester,
Mass.

Julius Herbert Tuttle, of Dedham, Mass.

Robert Kendall Shaw, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Auditors

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, LL.B., of Worcester, Mass.

Reginald Washburn, A.B., of Worcester, Mass.

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

The Secretary was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties by Mr. Merriam.

The Director, in behalf of the Council, then proposed for membership in the Society:

Resident Members

Fred Tarbell Field, Newton, Mass.

Douglas Southold Freeman, Richmond, Va.

Joseph Gavit, Albany, N. Y.

James Blaine Hedges, Providence, R. I.

John Hinsdale Scheide, Titusville, Penn.
Frederick Lewis Weis, Lancaster, Mass.

The President appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Jones, Wolkins and Means to distribute, collect, and count ballots for new members, who reported that all ballots were for the persons nominated and they were declared elected.

Papers were then read by Albert C. Bates on "The Expedition of Andros to Connecticut in 1786" and by A. S. W. Rosenbach on "The First Theatrical Company in America." Claude M. Fuess spoke informally on "The Early Life and Background of Calvin Coolidge." A paper on "Thomas Bray's Associates and Their Work Among the Negroes" was contributed by title by Edgar Legare Pennington. It was voted to refer the papers to the Committee on Publications.

Mr. Brigham reported briefly on the exhibition of items collected during the past year on display in the library.

The meeting then adjourned, and the members were entertained at luncheon by Mr. Aldus C. Higgins at his house, John Wing Road.

GEORGE HUBBARD BLAKESLEE,
Recording Secretary

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