

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 15, 1941

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, 1941, at 10.45 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Samuel Eliot Morison.

The following members of the Society were present: John McKinstry Merriam, George Henry Haynes, George Parker Winship, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Samuel Bayard Woodward, George Hubbard Blakeslee, William Vail Kellen, Shepherd Knapp, Albert Carlos Bates, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Robert Kendall Shaw, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Gardner Weld Allen, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Alexander James Wall, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, George Sumner Barton, George Francis Booth, Paul Beagary Morgan, Russell Sturgis Paine, James Melville Hunnewell, Abraham S. Wolf Rosenbach, George Crompton, Lemuel Aiken Welles, Stephen Willard Phillips, Edward Tuckerman Esty, Reginald Washburn, Joseph Henry Sinclair, Glenn Tilley Morse, Edward Alexander Parsons, Charles Taylor Tatman, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, William Irving Clark, George Gregerson Wolkins, Allyn Bailey Forbes, Philip Ainsworth Means, Hermann Frederick Clarke, Julian Parks Boyd, Lathrop Colgate Harper, Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., LeRoy

Elwood Kimball, Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Theron Johnson Damon, Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Albert White Rice, Frederick Lewis Weis, Donald McKay Frost, Arthur Meier Schlesinger, William Greene Roelker, Wat Tyler Cluverius, Everett Dwight Graff.

The Secretary read the call for the meeting.

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 Mr. Morison; the Treasurer's report by Mr. Bullock; and the Librarian's report by Mr. Shipton. It was voted to accept these reports and refer them to the Committee on Publications.

Mr. Brigham stated that since the preparation of the Librarian's report, and in fact on the day previous to the meeting, he had received a communication from Mr. Stephen W. Phillips who said that he would be willing to contribute a sufficient sum to the Library to enable it to purchase from Goodspeed's the Matt B. Jones copy of John Norton's *The Heart of New England Rent at the Blasphemies of the Present Generation* (Cambridge, 1659). Mr. Brigham said that the Society already owned seventy out of the one hundred and thirty-five known examples of early Cambridge printing and that this very notable publication was one of the most interesting New England items of the seventeenth century. He also referred to the gift, on the morning of the meeting, from Mr. Lathrop C. Harper, of the first Hawaiian almanac, that for the year 1835, printed at Oahu in the native language, and constituting an important addition to the Hawaiian collection.

The election of the President being in order, the President appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Edward A. Parsons, Everett D. Graff, and LeRoy E. Kimball, to distribute, collect and count ballots for the President, who

reported that there were fifty-three ballots cast and all for Samuel Eliot Morison, who thereupon was declared elected.

The President then appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Daniel W. Lincoln, Philip A. Means, and Thomas W. Streeter to nominate other officers, who reported the following nominations:

Vice-presidents

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

Paul Beagary Morgan, Eng.D., of Worcester, Mass.

Councillors

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

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

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

Donald McKay Frost, LL.B., of Dover, Mass.

John Hinsdale Scheide, of Titusville, Pa.

Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., A.B., of Boston, 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. John M. Merriam.

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

Henry Lowell Mason, Boston, Mass.

Frank Luther Mott, Iowa City, Iowa

The President appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Lemuel A. Welles, William G. Roelker, and Alexander J. Wall, who reported that fifty-four ballots had been cast and all for the persons nominated, and they were declared elected.

Papers were then read by Julian P. Boyd on "Horatio Gates Spafford and His Historical Activities," and by Lawrence C. Wroth on "The Press in the New England Town." It was voted to refer the papers to the Committee on Publications.

Mr. Brigham referred to the exhibition of rare volumes acquired by the Library during the past year, including books from the Hunnewell and Matt B. Jones collections, in the cases in the upper hall.

The meeting then adjourned, and the members were entertained at luncheon by Mr. Daniel W. Lincoln, at the Waldo Lincoln house, 49 Elm Street, where the Society was entertained by his father from 1907 to 1927.

GEORGE H. BLAKESLEE,

Recording Secretary

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