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AT a meeting of the NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, held in its Hall on Tuesday evening, November 19th, 1901, to celebrate the Ninety-seventh Anniversary of the founding of the Society, Charles Francis Adams, LL.D., President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, delivered the address, entitled: "Before and After the Treaty of Washington: The American Civil War and the War in the Transvaal."

Upon its conclusion Mr. A. V. W. Van Vechten submitted, with remarks, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Adams for his instructive and interesting address before the Society this evening, and that a copy be requested for publication.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. William P. Prentice. The resolution was then adopted unanimously.

Extract from the minutes,

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NEGOTIATED during the spring of 1871, and signed on the 8th of May of that year, the Treaty of Washington not only put to rest questions of difference of long standing, big with danger, between the two leading maritime nations of the world, but it incorporated new principles of the first importance into the body of established International Law. The degree, moreover, to which that treaty has influenced, and is now influencing, the course of human affairs and historical evolution in both hemispheres is, I think, little appreciated. To that subject I propose this evening to address myself.

The time to make use of unpublished material bearing on this period—material not found in newspapers, public archives or memoirs which have already seen the light—has, moreover, come. So far as any considerable political or diplomatic result can be said to be the work of one man, the Treaty of Washington was the work of Hamilton Fish. Mr. Fish died in September, 1893—now over eight years ago. When the treaty was negotiated General Grant was President; and General Grant has been dead more than sixteen years. In speaking

of this treaty, and describing the complications which led up to it and to which it incidentally gave rise, frequent reference must be made to Charles Sumner and John Lothrop Motley; and, while Mr. Sumner died nearly twenty-eight years ago, Mr. Motley followed him by a little more than three years only. Thus between the 11th of March, 1874, and the 7th of September, 1893, all those I have named—prominent actors in the drama I am to describe—passed from the stage. They belonged to a generation that is gone. Other public characters have since come forward; new issues have presented themselves. The once famous *Alabama* claims are now "ancient history," and the average man of to-day hardly knows what is referred to when allusion is made to "Consequential Damages" or "National Injuries" in connection therewith; indeed, why should he, for when, in May, 1872, that issue was finally put to rest, he who is now (1901) President of the United States was a boy in his fourteenth year. None the less, as the Treaty of Washington was a very memorable historical event, so President Grant, Secretary Fish, Senator Sumner and Minister Motley are great historic figures. Their achievements and dissensions have already been much discussed, and will be more discussed hereafter; and to that discussion I propose now to contribute something. My theme includes the closing scene of a great drama; a scene in the development of which the striking play of individual character will long retain an interest.

History aside, moreover, the Treaty of Washington itself is a living, and it may even be said a con-