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DELIVERED BEFORE THE VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
AT MONTPELIER, OCTOBER 25, 1894, BY

HENRY O. HOUGHTON,

WITH THE ADDRESS OF

JUSTIN S. MORRILL,

ON PRESENTATION OF THE SENATOR'S PORTRAIT TO THE SOCIETY
BY THOMAS W. WOOD,

WITH THE

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Joint Resolution.

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives :
That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to procure the printing of twelve hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the Annual Meetings of the Vermont Historical Society, October 16, 1894, and of the adjourned Annual Meeting of said Society, October 25, 1894, and of the address of Hon. JUSTIN S. MORRILL and Hon. H. O. HOUGHTON, delivered before said Society, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on the evening of said day, to be disposed of as follows: To each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, one copy; to each Town and City Clerk, one copy; to each College, Normal School, Academy and Public Library, one copy; to the Governor, each of the heads of Departments, and each Judge of the Supreme Court, one copy; to the VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, four hundred copies, and the remainder to the State Library, subject to the control of the Trustees thereof.

WILLIAM W. STICKNEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

ZOPHAR M. MANSUR,
President of the Senate.

Approved November 6, 1894.

URBAN A. WOODBURY,
Governor.



PROCEEDINGS.

THE VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, pursuant to notice, held its Annual Meeting in the State House, in Montpelier, on Tuesday the 16th day of October, A. D. 1894.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. HIRAM CARLETON, and opened with prayer by the Rev. A. D. BARBER.

The following members were present: G. G. BENEDICT, of Burlington; A. D. BARBER, of Williston; R. M. COLBURN, of Springfield; GEO. C. CHANDLER, of Berlin; HIRAM CARLETON, of Montpelier; G. A. DAVIS, of Windsor; CHARLES DEWEY, of Montpelier; JOS. A. DE BOER, of Montpelier; C. S. FORBES, of St. Albans; W. S. HAZEN, of Northfield; T. S. PECK, of Burlington; GEO. W. SCOTT, of Montpelier.

The records of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby directed to give notice to each member of the fact that his dues, if any, are unpaid, and the amount thereof, and that he inclose in such notice a copy of the 3d By-Law; that any member who will pay two dollars, of which one dollar shall represent the dues of current year, before January 1, 1895, shall remain in regular standing.

Mr. DEWEY moved that a committee of three be appointed by the President to nominate a Board of Officers of the Society for the year ensuing, which was agreed to.

The President named as such Committee: CHARLES DEWEY, R. M. COLBURN and G. A. DAVIS.

Pending the report of said Committee, the President presented to the Society, on behalf of W. W. Goss, of The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn., a twelve pound cannon ball, which had been dug up on the site of the manufactory conducted by ETHAN ALLEN at Salisbury, Conn., before his emigration to Vermont. Letters attesting the originality of the relic accompanied the donation and were ordered to be placed on file.

HON. CHARLES DEWEY, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following list of Officers for the year ensuing :

President—HON. HIRAM CARLETON, of Montpelier.

Vice-Presidents—HON. GEO. G. BENEDICT, of Burlington; Rev. W. S. HAZEN, D. D., of Northfield, and R. M. COLBURN, Esq., of Springfield

Recording Secretary—JOS. A. DE BOER, of Montpelier.

Corresponding Secretaries—Gen. T. S. PECK, of Burlington; Col. CHAS. S. FORBES, of St. Albans.

Treasurer—GEO. W. SCOTT, of Montpelier.

Librarian—GEO. C. CHANDLER, of Berlin.

Curators—HON. GILBERT A. DAVIS, for Windsor County; EDWARD CONANT, for Orange County; F. W. BALDWIN, for Orleans County; HON. GEO. N. DALE, for Essex

County; JOS. K. EGERTON, for Washington County; HON. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, for Caledonia County; REV. A. D. BARBER, for Chittenden County; HON. J. L. MARTIN, for Windham County.

On motion of Mr. BARBER, the report was accepted, and, on motion of Mr. DEWEY, it was agreed that the Secretary should cast the ballot of the Society for the gentlemen named. Said ballot having been cast, they were duly declared elected.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Library—JOS. A. DE BOER, GEN. T. S. PECK and R. M. COLBURN.

On Printing—HON. G. G. BENEDICT, HON. HIRAM A. HUSE and GEORGE W. SCOTT.

On Finance—COL. CHARLES S. FORBES, JOS. K. EGERTON and GEO. C. CHANDLER.

On motion of Mr. BARBER, the Secretary was directed to express the thanks of the Society to Mr. W. W. GOSS, of Lakeville, Conn., for the "Ethan Allen Cannon Ball;" and also to all other persons who had made donations to the Society at this time.

The following gentlemen were duly elected Active Members of the Society:

HON. LEVI K. FULLER, Brattleboro, Vt.; DR. W. SEWARD WEBB, of Shelburne, Vt.; MR. JAMES C. HOUGHTON, Montpelier, Vt.; WM. B. C. STICKNEY, Esq., Bethel, Vt.; COL. M. R. PAINE, Windsor, Vt.; REV. A. N. LEWIS,

Montpelier, Vt.; Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

The following gentlemen were duly elected Corresponding Members of the Society :

Rev. WM. COPLEY WINSLOW, Boston, Mass.; BENJ. F. STEVENS, Esq., London, England; Rev. E. H. BYINGTON, Newton, Mass.; E. S. WALKER, Esq., Springfield, Ill.

The reports of the Treasurer and Librarian, accepted, adopted and ordered recorded, were as follows :

Treasurer's Report—Cash in Savings Banks, October 18, 1893, \$128.52; Interest to July 1, 1894, \$5.09; Total \$133.61. Disbursed: May 31, 1894, for moving books \$4.00; Balance, October 16, 1894, in the Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co., \$129.61, with interest from July 1, 1894.

GEO. W. SCOTT, Treas.

Librarian's Report—Received during the year ending October 16, 1894, 152 books, 63 pamphlets, one daguerre-type and one copy of old money.

GEO. C. CHANDLER, Librarian.

On motion of Mr. DE BOER, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Society cause an entry to be made upon its Records, attesting the value to Vermont and to his town home, of the distinguished public and private services of W. H. H. BINGHAM, recently deceased. Prominent for many years in State affairs, long identified as Counselor, Trustee and Officer, with several of its most important financial, insurance and civic institutions, Mr. BINGHAM was always found by all, wise, able, attentive, courteous and true. His

influence was of the highest good, his acquaintance, therefore, a valuable possession, and his friendship an evidence of character in the man who enjoyed it. This record, accordingly, sincerely attests the respect of this Society for Mr. BINGHAM, the character of whose long and useful life has rarely been equalled and seldom been surpassed in this State.

Resolved, That the Society learns with sincere regret of the recent death of Col. ELISHA P. JEWETT, the oldest at the time of his decease, and one of the most respected citizens of Montpelier. His early connections with local commercial interests, and, afterwards, with the construction of the Vermont Central R. R. and other lines of transportation, his generous contributions to the building of Churches and State Houses, and his public services, both for his Town and State, deserve a record as being one of unusual individual accomplishment, and as meriting the regard of good citizens everywhere. Not only because Mr. JEWETT was a member of this Society, but also because of his useful life, is it thought appropriate to spread this testimony to his life and character upon the Records of this Society.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, the President was directed to arrange, if possible, for the use of Representatives' Hall at some time in the near future, for the reading of a paper by the Rev. A. D. BARBER on "The Place of Vermont in the Educational Progress of the United States."

On motion of Mr. DE BOER, the Society adjourned until October 25th, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Society met pursuant to order of adjournment on the 25th of October, A. D. 1894, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Hon. HENRY OSCAR HOUGHTON, of Cambridge, Mass., and Prof. JOHN W. BURGESS, of New York City, were elected Honorary Members of the Society.

The following gentlemen were duly elected Active Members of the Society :