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BUSINESS MEETING.

The meeting was called to order by Hollis Russell Bailey, Esq., of Cambridge, Mass., president of the association, at 11.45 A. M., in the Baptist Church.

The opening prayer was made by Rev. David M. Locknow of Rowley.

In the absence of the secretary, John T. Bailey of Somerville, the president called attention to the printed report of the last annual gathering.

The treasurer, James R. Bailey, presented his report, which was accepted and placed on file. This report showed a total expenditure by the treasurer during the year of about \$150, of which the principal items were for printing "Account of Third Annual Gathering," printing circulars and programs and for postage. The report further showed an indebtedness of the society of about \$43, consisting of \$18.75 due to printer and \$25 due to one of the officers for money advanced.

By vote of the association the president appointed Wm. W. Bailey, James R. Bailey and Rev. Vincent Moses as a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The matter of a motto for the association was next considered, and by a unanimous vote the following motto was adopted:

Semper Fidelis—Always Faithful.

The committee appointed to nominate officers having reported, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

President, J. Warren Bailey of Somerville.

Vice-Presidents, Eben H. Bailey of Boston and John T. Bailey of Somerville.

Secretary, Hollis R. Bailey of Cambridge.

Treasurer, James R. Bailey of Lawrence.

Executive committee: The above-named officers, ex-officio, together with John Alfred Bailey of Lowell, Dr. Stephen G. Bailey of Lowell, Mrs. Milton Ellsworth of Rowley, Wm. H. Reed of South Weymouth, George Edson Bailey of Mansfield, Albert Edward Bailey of Rowley and Wm. W. Bailey of Nashua, N. H.

Brief reports were made by members of committees on genealogy, including Hollis R. Bailey and Dr. Stephen G. Bailey, showing considerable progress made in the gathering of genealogical information. The forenoon exercises concluded with a brief address by Wm. H. Reed and the reading of an original poem contributed by Mrs. Elizabeth S. Emerson Bailey of Marietta, Ohio.

ADDRESS OF WILLIAM H. REED.

I received an invitation from your committee to say a word here to-day, and I will state that I received a letter from Dr. J. Q. Robinson of West Newton, Pa., with the best wishes for the Bailey Association and their fourth annual reunion. Dr. Robinson is in his 80th year, and has been in practice in West Newton, Pa., for 48 years. His mother was Achsah Bailey, eldest daughter of Daniel Bailey, who moved from Bridgewater, Mass., to Bud's Ferry in Pennsylvania in 1794. Dr. Robinson is the last one living of the family and he has sent me valuable data.

I received a letter from Hon. John Bailey of Wells River, Vt., saying, "Business engagements will stand in the way of my being with you this year, but am in hopes to be with you next year."

I also have manuscript of the descendants of Joseph Bailey, son of John Bailey and Sarah White of Scituate, through Adams Bailey, Daniel Bailey, Seth Bailey, Jr., and Martin Bailey, some of whom moved West before 1800.

It is one of the most interesting and one of the most valuable records that has been presented to this association. It was compiled by Miss Lucy Dennison Bailey of Marietta, Ohio, and she spent much time in collecting data for it. Her work shows her to be a woman of more than ordinary ability, well up in historical, genealogical and biographical literature and very thorough in her research. Her father was William Dennison Bailey, born in Constitution, Ohio, May 24, 1816, and was one of eleven children of Seth and Polly James Bailey, who settled below Marietta about the beginning of this century. He graduated at Marietta College in 1843, and in 1850 married Elizabeth S. Emerson, and had children, Ella Frances, Lucy Dennison (the compiler of these records), William Emerson and Charles Emerson. The Emerson family represents a long line of ministers, college professors and teachers, and I think Mrs. Elizabeth S. Emerson Bailey will keep the family record good, for she has sent us to-day a "Song of Greeting," which I will now read:

GREETING FROM THE BANKS OF "LA BELLE RIVIERE."

All hail to our kin of the true Bailey clan
Who will gather at Groveland to-day;
Ohio, the gate of the teeming "Northwest,"
Would her heartiest greetings convey.

John Bailey of Scituate scarce would have dreamed,
In his highest ambitions for fame,
To see here assembled such hosts of his kin,
To keep in remembrance the name.

The Baileys of Rowley and Salisbury, too,
Would be more than amazed at the sight;
And would view this assembly, so goodly and true,
With feelings of pride and delight.

Seth Bailey of Easton, the sire of our line,
Came West in his twenty-first year;
He was pleased with the country, with sweet Polly James,
And the banks of "La Belle Riviere."

All honor and praise to the pioneer band
Who planted their homes on this soil;
They opened the gate to a glorious land,
Through danger and hardship and toil.

And the pioneer women who stood by their side
In the time of such peril and fear,
To them is befitting a tribute of song,
As we meet at this time of good cheer.

They raised, and hatcheded, and spun the flax,
And they plied the loom as well;
They made the pants and the linsey shirts
To clothe the men and to sell.

A pair of pants bought a bushel of salt,
That was worth eight dollars in gold:
For the good man travelled a hundred miles
For his salt in the days of old.

He built his camp fire for rest and sleep,
And to keep the wolves at bay;
While his quivering horses crept to his side,
Not daring to wander away.