

The President read some interesting selections from his earliest correspondence at the birth of the Association, showing the letters in January, 1920, sent to half a dozen Eddys of prominence around Boston, together with their cordial answers. This then resulted in calling the first meeting of ten or twelve men at the Luncheon table in the Exchange Club in Boston, when the first discussion was held and the first decision made to call the meeting of the Association on September 25 on the Eddyville green near Middleboro. At that meeting the Association was definitely organized, and the first officers were elected, and the luncheon group became the Executive Committee with other additions to represent other communities. The question was raised whether there were any letters to prove discussion of these steps before January 27, 1920. The President is filing with the Secretary this early correspondence for permanent preservation.

The current deficit caused by the publication of the Supplement two years ago was discussed, and efforts will be undertaken to clear this from the Treasurer's books by securing extra gifts. The Association has never had any current deficit and its expenses are always well beneath the membership income. The publication items will always require special financing.

Reviewing in perspective the work of the Association for these twenty three years, the President paid an earnest tribute to Mrs. Ruth Story (Devereux) Eddy, our Genealogist and the Editor of the Eddy Family Genealogy, in words like these:

"The one outstanding achievement of the Association has been the publication of our great volume of genealogy. This would have been quite impossible save for the devoted service of Mrs. Ruth Eddy who centered her energies upon this effort for at least five years, making great sacrifice in her household and in her other lines of public work. We wish her to feel that that sacrifice was worthwhile, for she has lifted the Eddy name to a higher level of importance in our nation's story, and every member of Eddy descent may stand the straighter and think the more clearly because of the vivid picture of our ancestors that has been created through the efforts of Mrs. Ruth Eddy. She cannot be repaid for this service, but it will remain an outstanding contribution to us all, and future generations will bear witness to the importance of this influence in our character and the service we may render to our nation."

The meeting adjourned at about three forty five o'clock.