

PROCEEDINGS.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 25, 1894, AT THE HALL OF THE
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, BOSTON.

THE Society was called to order at 10.30 A. M., by President SALISBURY. In the absence of the SECRETARY, CHARLES A. CHASE was elected Secretary *pro tem.* The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following members were present¹ :—

Robert C. Winthrop, George E. Ellis, Edward E. Hale, George F. Hoar, James D. Butler, Nathaniel Paine, Stephen Salisbury, P. Emory Aldrich, Samuel A. Green, Elijah B. Stoddard, James F. Hunnewell, Albert H. Hoyt, Edward G. Porter, Reuben A. Guild, Charles C. Smith, Edmund M. Barton, Lucius R. Paige, Charles A. Chase, Samuel S. Green, Justin Winsor, Henry W. Haynes, Solomon Lincoln, Andrew McF. Davis, Cyrus Hamlin, J. Evarts Greene, Charles M. Lamson, Henry S. Nourse, Reuben Colton, William W. Rice, Robert N. Toppan, Henry H. Edes, Grindall Reynolds, James P. Baxter, G. Stanley Hall, John McK. Merriam, William E. Foster, Hamilton A. Hill, John F. Jameson, Charles P. Bowditch, Charles P. Greenough, Edwin D. Mead, Calvin Stebbins, Francis H. Dewey, Charles J. Hoadly, Benjamin A. Gould, Henry A. Marsh, Edward F. Johnson.

Mr. HENRY H. EDES requested a correction of the record of his remarks at the annual meeting. What he said, in substance, was this : That the reason why the University of Cambridge had not followed the lead of Oxford in

¹ The names are printed in the order of election.

printing a general catalogue of her graduates [not “ undergraduates ”] was, that an interesting volume of matriculations [not “ recollections ”] containing the names of some of the early settlers of Massachusetts was missing from the Cambridge archives. He offered the following vote : —

Voted : that the Committee on Publication be requested to submit seasonably to the several authors a proof of all communications to the Society, whether oral or written, which are to be included in any of its publications.

The PRESIDENT stated that in almost every case the remarks of the different members who took part were submitted to them, but it was possible that some omissions might have taken place.

Mr. PAINE said “ that it is the rule of the committee to send extended remarks to the different gentlemen, and that instructions to that effect were given to the printer. Brief remarks may not have been sent.”

The vote of Mr. EDES was then passed.

The PRESIDENT : — “ We have with us to-day one of our oldest and most valued members, the Rev. Dr. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, who has made a special exception and a great effort to attend the meeting to-day. I know it is a great honor to the Society and a gratification to its members to have him present, and we are glad that he is in such good health. We also have the attendance of another venerable member, the seventh oldest member of our list. He has come a great distance to be present with us : Dr. JAMES D. BUTLER, of Madison, Wisconsin. It is pleasant to see that the interests of our Society are kept so fresh in the minds of its members at a distance.”

The report of the Council was presented by the Secretary *pro tem.* in part.

The President called on Dr. G. STANLEY HALL to continue the Report of the Council in the paper prepared by himself.

Dr. PAIGE :—“I have been glad to see the pleasant faces of our associates once more. But as I have not been able to hear one word of the proceedings, I may therefore ask to be excused.”

Dr. PAIGE then left, the whole Society rising to do him honor.

The PRESIDENT :—“During the reading of the last interesting paper, the Society may not have noticed the entrance of our senior member, The Honorable ROBERT C. WINTHROP. He came in and seated himself in the rear of the room, but left the meeting before the paper was finished. I thought it proper that notice should be taken of this visit, that the Society might extend a greeting to him; but I was unwilling to interrupt the proceedings. Mr. WINTHROP was elected a member in 1838, a period when many of our members had not come upon the stage. He is followed, after an interval of nine years, by Dr. GEORGE E. ELLIS and Dr. EDWARD E. HALE. I think that it would be graceful if the Society were to take some notice of the attention that has been paid to it by our oldest member.”

On motion of Mr. SAMUEL S. GREEN :—It was voted that an entry be made on the records of the Society, of the fact that Mr. WINTHROP was present and the great gratification it afforded to the Society, and also that the secretary communicate an expression of our gratification to Mr. WINTHROP.”

The President then called for the report of the Treasurer. This was presented by Mr. NATHANIEL PAINE, in print.

Mr. EDMUND M. BARTON read his semi-annual report as Librarian.

Mr. HOAR :—“I move that the Report of the Council be accepted, and that the thanks of the Society be extended to President HALL for his masterly statement of the very interesting subject with which he has dealt. I am sure

that this paper will be carefully read by us all when it is printed. There were some of the sentences into which I wanted to break with applause as they were read. But it has occurred to me that there was perhaps one thing which would be interesting and would add completeness to his narrative, and which might be inserted before it is printed; and that is an account of Emerson's lectures at Harvard College towards the close of his life. He gave some lectures on 'The Natural History of the Intellect,' which were largely ethical, as was everything that Emerson said. I do not know that there is anywhere published, even in his biography, a good account of that experiment, and I think it would be very interesting to have an account of it as a fitting conclusion to Dr. HALL's narrative."

Dr. BUTLER:— "In regard to the study of Hebrew in Harvard a hundred and fifty years ago, I have heard of an incident that may be used as an illustration. In Dedham, there is an old almanac in which is told the story of the hazing of the teacher of Hebrew, a Jew, between the years 1756 and 1758. Certain students were brought to trial, and some ran away, for "bull-riding," as was said, the Hebrew teacher."

The motion of Mr. HOAR was then passed.

On motion of Mr. HENRY W. HAYNES, a vote of thanks was given to the Treasurer for the satisfactory results he had secured.

The Secretary *pro tem.* announced that the Council recommended the following-named gentlemen for membership:—

GARDINER GREENE HUBBARD, of Washington, D. C.

JOHN GREEN, M.D., of St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. WILLIAM DELOSS LOVE, JR., of Hartford, Conn.

JOHN ELBRIDGE HUDSON, of Boston.

ROCKWOOD HOAR, of Worcester.

Rt. Rev. HENRY BENJAMIN WHIPPLE, of Faribault, Minn.

Rev. WILLIAM JEWETT TUCKER, LL.D., of Hanover, N. H.

Ballots were taken and the above-named gentlemen were elected.

HON. SAMUEL A. GREEN:—“At the last Annual Meeting of this Society, on motion of Senator HOAR, a list of Fast Days ordered in the early history of the colonies of Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay, was referred to me with the request that I should prepare it for publication in to-day’s proceedings. This list, made at the suggestion of Mr. HOAR, was drawn up in the office of the Secretary of State, from such records as are found in the archives of the Commonwealth. By a clerical error the name of Mr. SAMUEL S. GREEN appears in the printed account of that meeting as the person to whom the matter was referred; but the mistake has since been corrected. This explanation is due in order to show why I make the report.

“It is known by some members of the Society that the Rev. William DeLoss Love, Jr., of Hartford, for a long time, has been engaged on a work which gives a list not only of Fast Days in Massachusetts, but also of Thanksgiving Days, and includes, furthermore, within its scope, similar days in the States of Connecticut and New Hampshire. It is accompanied by a critical essay on the causes leading up to the various occasions when they were appointed, and forms an exhaustive historical treatise on the subject. As the author intends to publish his work, within a few months at the farthest, it seems hardly expedient for the Society to print the list as submitted by Mr. HOAR.

“I am happy to add that Mr. Love is one of the gentlemen just chosen to-day to our list of membership.”

MR. ANDREW McF. DAVIS:—“It is well known that several years ago I presented a paper for the consideration of this Society concerning the Lady-Mowson Scholarship at Harvard College. It was probably through the information submitted in that paper that the scholarship was re-

established and that subsequently the name of Radcliffe College was adopted by the Society for the Higher Instruction of Women, at Cambridge. At the time this name was adopted, there was a slight gap in the evidence as to the actual identity of the family-name of Lady Mowlson. I think it is proper to inform you to-day that the gap has been entirely closed. Mr. John Ward Dean, who has taken a great interest in the development of the matter, wrote not only to Mr. Waters, who was then at work in England, but to Mr. Marshall of the Heralds College, and the latter has sent from London the pedigree of the Mowlson family. He also sent copies from entries in the Registers of St. Christopher le Stocks, London, which give the marriage of Sir Thomas Mowlson to Ann Radcliffe. From the dates therein given we get some idea of her age, for there has been nothing known hitherto which enabled us to judge how old she was when she made the gift. She was married in 1600, and there is recorded the baptism and burial of a child in 1606, so that in 1643 she must have been a woman well-advanced in years. Further than that, Mr. Marshall gave a reference through which I was able to find in the College library a pedigree of the Radcliffe family in full."

REV. DR. EDWARD E. HALE :— "I am the person who had the honor of calling the attention of the officers of Harvard College to what a graceful thing it would be to take this original gift of Ann Radcliffe and present it as their dowry to Radcliffe College, with compound interest of course, from that time to the present. It requires only the transfer of some forty-three millions of dollars. It is a considerable sum, but they will probably attend to it at the proper time!! By the death of Miss Sarah Parker, of Roxbury, Radcliffe College receives its first large benefaction in the shape of a bequest of \$150,000."

A paper was then read by Dr. BUTLER, of Madison, Wis.,

on "The New Found Journal of Charles Floyd, a Sergeant under Captains Lewis and Clark."

Mr. JUSTIN WINSOR made the following statement as to the present condition of the archives of Harvard College, now in his custody, and of date previous to 1805:—

The *Records of the Corporation*, beginning in 1643, in eight volumes, insufficiently indexed. Of the first and third volumes, a careful transcript has been recently made by Mr. ANDREW MCFARLAND DAVIS, and given to the College. The second book is missing; but Mr. DAVIS made up a statement of its contents from other sources, and this statement was printed in 1888, as No. 27 of the "Bibliographical Contributions of the Library of Harvard University."

Some years ago, four volumes of loose papers, pertaining, for the most part, to these records, were arranged and bound in President SPARKS's time. Recently, three other volumes have been made up as supplements. A calendar with references to historical authorities, has been lately made, and bound in one volume with an index, which affords a key to the entire series of papers in these seven volumes. This work has been done by Mr. William G. Brown, the assistant immediately in charge of the archives.

There are in the archives some other volumes illustrating the records of the Corporation:—

A small volume, "Benefactors of Harvard College," extending from 1636 to about the outbreak of the American Revolution.

A volume lettered, "Wills, Gifts and Grants, 1643-1801," a compilation.

The "Donation Book, 1636-1839," in two volumes, constantly referred to in Quincy's "History of the University."

A more recent schedule marked "Donations, 1638-1870," not bound, made by Mr. Gibbs, at the time secretary to President Eliot.

A volume of "Sewall Deeds, 1696."

"Papers relating to Harvard College, 1698-1700," copied in England by Henry Stevens.

"Papers concerning the Charlestown Ferry, 1707-1806."

"Rev. Daniel Williams' will, 1711," printed.

"Thomas Hollis's letters to President Leverett and others, 1709-1735."

"Thomas Hollis's statutes and orders for his gifts, with related papers, 1722-1724."

"Hollis book, 1718-1774," containing papers of Thomas, Isaac and T. B. Hollis.

"Records of the Dudleian lectureship, 1750-1850."

"Papers concerning the philosophical apparatus and the professorship of Natural History, 1765-1820."

"Three letters from I. Mauduit, concerning the society for propagating the gospel, 1770, 1771."

"Papers concerning eastern lands, 1780-1835." These are lands in Maine belonging to the College. 2 volumes.

"Papers about the College, from the Bowdoin Papers, 1780-1783." Given by Robert C. Winthrop.

The "Diary of Tutor Flynt, 1707-1750," an old parchment-bound quarto.

"President Leverett's Book, 1707-1723," covering data of his administration, including a diary.

"President Wadsworth's Book, 1725-1736," of a similar character.

There are also two modern scrap-books, in which various papers have been placed as they came to light. One is called: "Harvard College Miscellaneous Papers," of which the earliest paper is dated 1691. The other, "Scrap Book of Harvard College," contains a paper called "Gifts to Harvard College, 1639-1770"; various early deeds and the engrossed charter of 1692; letters of Henry Flynt, 1719, 1720, on gifts to the College; the Ward Nicholas Boylston Papers, 1800-1822; papers relating to the estate of Christopher Gore, 1828-1836, etc., etc., etc.

The original charter of 1650 is framed, with a protecting

curtain, and hung in the librarian's room. A heliotype of it was given in the "Record of the 250th Anniversary of the College," in 1886.

The *Records of the Overseers*, roughly indexed, begun in 1707, and included in four volumes, down to 1805.

The *Records of the Treasurers and Stewards* are fragmentary. The Treasurers' accounts from 1669-1693 were found in the stables of the Hancock House in Boston, at the time of its destruction; but the volume is too badly damaged by mould to be serviceable in most parts, and the experts in restoration have declined to touch it. The book of the Treasurer, Thomas Brattle, 1693-1713, contains accounts, letters, etc. "Treasurer's Letter-books, 1778-1821," in three volumes. This statement does not include what is kept in the office of the Treasurer in Boston.

The *Faculty Records* begun in 1725, and continued in seven volumes down to 1805. They are roughly indexed. They afford little respecting the curriculum, but much about disciplining the students.

In addition to these papers, the Librarian has in his charge a large collection, known as the University Collection, which embraces, for the most part, printed matter relating to the College, gathered from every source and suited to illustrate all phases of the progress of the College and the life of the Academic community.

Among the manuscripts not of an official character in this collection are various sermons and records of sermons, *e. g.* :—

Benjamin Wadsworth's sermons, 1711, 1712.

Notes of sermons by President Leverett, 1712, 1713.

Notes of sermons published at the College, 1716-1718.

Professor Winthrop's abstracts of sermons preached at the College, 1728, 1729.

There are also in this University Collection various papers relating to President Dunster, which have been

acquired of late years, and are not a part of the archives.

Dunster manuscripts, the earliest being papers signed by him, March 20, 1640, and one by Richard Saltonstall, 1651. Some of these papers have been printed in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Vol. XXXII. These were given by Samuel Dunster, of Attleboro', in 1886.

Dunster manuscripts, given by Benjamin Pierce in 1846. The earliest is a paper by Stephen Daye, the printer, 1638, and there are sundry other papers relating to the early Cambridge press. These have been used by Mr. ANDREW McFARLAND DAVIS in a paper, "The Cambridge Press in its Early Days," which was presented to this Society in April, 1888. It may be added that there is reason to believe that this original press, after many wanderings, is now the property of the State of Vermont, and is preserved in the capitol at Montpelier.

The Collection given by Samuel Dunster also contains various other manuscripts, ancient and modern, relating to Dunster and his descendants, with his Bible, and other books and tracts.

Mr. WINSOR also said that it is well to take notice of a late volume of the Historical Manuscripts Commission (1892, Vol. XLV.), containing some new letters, found among the Dartmouth Papers, written by George III. during the American Revolution. The editor says: "Quite recently Lord Dartmouth has discovered a large mass of other papers, many of which also relate to America, which have been sent up to London for examination. A report upon these is being prepared for a later date." It will be remembered that the Commission has already calendared a large mass of the Dartmouth Papers in the appendix of their Eleventh Report.

Mr. WINSOR further remarked that he had observed a few slight traces of Edward Winslow's service, as one of Cromwell's Commissioners to the West Indies, in the

Papers of the Duke of Portland, calendared in the appendix of the 13th report of the same Commission.

A Paper on "Colonial Concord and its Burying-grounds" was read by Mr. JOHN MCK. MERRIAM.

Mr. MERRIAM exhibited the old gun which bears the name of Josiah Merriam, and which he supposed was brought to this country before the battle of Lexington.

The PRESIDENT asked Senator HOAR to read a paper which had been sent by JOHN BELLOWS, of Gloucester, England. Mr. Hoar prefaced the reading by referring to Mr. BELLOWS as the author of various valuable works, and having a great knowledge of the Roman antiquities in Britain, and the Roman occupation of Jerusalem. He is also a very eminent and accomplished naturalist. On one occasion, he went to Russia on a commission from the Society of Friends, of which he is a member, and was received by the Emperor with great cordiality. His mission was fruitful in lightening the burden of some of the oppressed races there.

A paper by Mr. FREDERICK A. OBER on the "Aborigines of the West Indies" was read by Mr. HENRY W. HAYNES.

Rev. Dr. EDWARD E. HALE then presented the letters of Mr. Gilfillan and Father Butler on the subject of Eliot's Bible, and asked permission to refer them to the Publishing Committee. They will be found in their place in the Proceedings.

Dr. HALE then said: — "I will take this moment to say that, thirty years ago, I had the pleasure of laying before the Society a list of the pictures by White, who was the artist brought over by Lane in 1585 to the unsuccessful colony on the Roanoke. I had the good fortune, in 1859, to discover these pictures in the British Museum, where they were in the Sloane Collection, and called the attention of the authorities to the fact, which they did not know, that these were original pictures, painted on this continent

twenty-two years before the settlement of Jamestown. In the Proceedings of the Society for April, 1860, I expressed the hope that some bureau of the government might obtain possession of copies of these pictures. I think the Society will be glad to know that the Smithsonian Institution has just obtained a complete set of copies, which are now in the government archives."

On motion of Mr. A. McF. DAVIS, the various papers and communications were referred to the Committee of Publication, and thanks were given to the writers of the papers.

Senator HOAR asked that the Secretary be directed to send a suitable communication to Mr. JOHN BELLOWS, of Gloucester, England.

Mr. CHARLES J. HOADLY exhibited a mutilated copy of a papal bull by Urban VIII. It is said that a Spanish ship brought a large number of these bulls to Boston, and that Mr. Fleet bought them and advertised them in Boston papers at prices very much cheaper than they could be bought of the priests, and warranted to be equally efficacious. They permitted the holder to eat meat in Lent and on every fast day, and also to have plenary absolution from all sins and crime, even those reserved to the Holy See, except heresy. The bull is in old Spanish. There is a note about this bull on page 254 of the second volume of the second edition of Thomas's "History of Printing." In the archives of Connecticut (*War*, V. 280), there is another of these with an account of work done on Fort Edward during the French war written on the back of the paper. The end of both of them is missing.¹

¹The heading and title of the bull are as follows:—

QVINTA PREDICACION DE LA DECIMA QVARTA CONCESSION DE
VRBANO OCTAVO.

Bulla de la Santa Cruzada, concedida por la Santida de Vrbano VIII, de felice recordacion, para todos los Fieles Christianos, vecinos, estantes, y habitantes en las Provincias de Neueva España, y Filipinas, sujetas al Rey nuestro señor Don Felipe Quinto, con grandes indulgencias, para socorro de la guerra contra Infieles.

Mr. WINSOR: — “I once made a reference to that, and the Catholic papers, especially in Baltimore, said that no such bull could ever have existed. I am glad to see it.”

Hon. SAMUEL A. GREEN: — “One of the most remarkable instances of two different pronunciations of a geographical word is the name of the State of Arkansas, one of which comes from the French and the other from the English. Original settlers from the Louisiana Territory pronounced it *Arkansaw*; while those from the North called it *Arkansas*, and in the State itself, the practice has not been uniform, although within ten or fifteen years, an act has been passed declaring the pronunciation to be *Arkansaw*. I have inquired many times, in that State in regard to the matter; and even at Little Rock, the capital, there is a diversity of pronunciation. When Governor Dallas was Vice-President, and so president of the Senate, he used to introduce the one senator or the other as the gentleman from *Arkansas* or *Arkansaw* according as the gentleman himself used to pronounce the name.”

During the meeting, conversational remarks were made by MESSRS. JUSTIN WINSOR, EDWARD E. HALE, GEORGE F. HOAR, JAMES D. BUTLER and HAMILTON A. HILL.

The meeting was then dissolved.

The Society dined at the Parker House, at 2.30 o'clock, by invitation of the members living in Boston and its vicinity.

CHARLES A. CHASE,
Secretary pro tempore.

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