

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held at No. 13 Foster street, in Worcester, on the 16th of November, 1903.

President Salisbury announced the death of the Hon. HENRY S. NOURSE, which occurred at his home in Lancaster, Mass., on the 14th inst.

The following minute was read by the Recording Secretary, and was adopted as the sense of the Council after remarks by Messrs. Paine, Davis and S. S. Green.

By the death of the Hon. Henry Stedman Nourse the Council of the American Antiquarian Society is called upon to mourn the loss of a most valuable member. Though but recently elected as our associate in this body, he came into a circle of intimate friends who had long known of his virtues and his merits; and the value of his assistance in our work was at once manifested and recognized. Chosen to fill the recently established office of biographer he had had but little occasion to exercise its functions, but he showed that he fully appreciated the true nature of the work required, and that he would perform it without prejudice and without flattery.

He performed much valuable historical work outside of our Society; and his last contribution to history, made at the recent annual meeting and now in press, is an evidence of his thoroughness, his public spirit and his zeal.

The death of such a man is to be mourned by all who appreciate the value of a life so full of good works, of faithful service to his family and the community, and of unquestioned integrity.

Attest: CHARLES A. CHASE,

Recording Secretary.

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