

## PROCEEDINGS

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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, APRIL 18, 1928,  
AT THE HOUSE OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS  
AND SCIENCES, BOSTON

THE semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the House of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 28 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts, Wednesday, April 18, 1928, at half past ten o'clock. The following members of the Society were present:

Reuben Colton, William Eaton Foster, Francis Henshaw Dewey, William Trowbridge Forbes, George Henry Haynes, Charles Lemuel Nichols, Waldo Lincoln, George Parker Winship, Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Victor Hugo Paltsits, Daniel Berkeley Updike, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Worthington Chauncey Ford, Julius Herbert Tuttle, Charles Grenfill Washburn, George Hubbard Blakeslee, Wilfred Harold Munro, Henry Winchester Cunningham, Albert Bushnell Hart, Livingston Davis, Samuel Eliot Morison, Grenville Howland Norcross, John Whittemore Farwell, Ira Nelson Hollis, Alexander George McAdie, John Woodbury, John Henry Edmonds, Samuel Lyman Munson, Alfred Claghorn Potter, Robert Kendall Shaw, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Francis Russell Hart, Gardner Weld Allen, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Matt Bushnell Jones, Frederic Winthrop, Frank Brewer Bemis, Paul Beagary Morgan, Russell Sturgis

Paine, Charles Edward Banks, Thomas James Holmes, James Melville Hunnewell.

The meeting was called to order by President Nichols. George H. Blakeslee was appointed temporary recording secretary and read the call for the meeting. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

The report of the Council to the Society was read by Mr. Winship.

Mr. Brigham presented the recommendations of the Council for membership in the Society as follows:

*Resident Members*

William Herbert Perry Faunce, Providence, R. I.  
John Huston Finley, New York, N. Y.  
John Clement Fitzpatrick, Washington, D. C.  
Evarts Boutell Greene, New York, N. Y.  
Percival Merritt, Boston, Mass.  
Joseph Allen Skinner, Holyoke, Mass.

The President appointed Messrs. Colton, Paine and Morgan a committee to distribute, collect and count ballots for the election of new members, who reported that all of the nominees were elected.

The following papers were then presented: "George Downing, a Puritan Politician," by Alexander McAdie, of Milton, Mass.; "The Bookbindings of John Ratcliff and Edmund Ranger, Seventeenth Century Boston Bookbinders," by Thomas J. Holmes, of Cleveland, Ohio; "Who Was the Author of the Declaration of Independence?" by Charles G. Washburn, of Worcester, Mass. Charles L. Nichols presented by title a "Checklist of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont Almanacs."

It was voted to refer the report of the Council and the papers read to the Society to the Committee of Publication.

The President extended to the members of the Society the invitation of Mr. Frank B. Bemis to luncheon at the rooms of the Club of Odd Volumes, 52 Mount Vernon Street.

The meeting adjourned at 12.50 o'clock.

GEORGE H. BLAKESLEE,  
*Temporary Recording Secretary*

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