

PROCEEDINGS

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, APRIL 21, 1937
AT THE CLUB OF ODD VOLUMES, BOSTON

THE semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Club of Odd Volumes, 77 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, April 21, 1937, at 10.45 o'clock.

The President of the Society, Arthur Prentice Rugg, presided. The following members of the Society were present:

John McKinstry Merriam, George Henry Haynes, George Parker Winship, Daniel Berkeley Updike, Clarence Saunders Brigham, George Hubbard Blakeslee, William Vail Kellen, Arthur Prentice Rugg, Hiram Bingham, Shepherd Knapp, Charles Henry Taylor, Samuel Eliot Morison, Thomas Hovey Gage, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Nathaniel Thayer Kidder, John Woodbury, Robert Kendall Shaw, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Francis Russell Hart, Gardner Weld Allen, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Wallace Walter Atwood, Matt Bushnell Jones, Clarence Macdonald Warner, Mark Antony De Wolfe Howe, Ralph Earle, Thomas James Holmes, James Melville Hunnewell, Lemuel Aiken Welles, Dixon Ryan Fox, William Davis Miller, Stephen Willard Phillips, Stewart Mitchell, Robert William Glenroie Vail, Charles Taylor Tatman, Samuel Flagg Bemis, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, Eben Francis Thompson, George Gregerson Wolkins, Howard Corning, Allyn Bailey Forbes, Valentine Hollingsworth, Hermann Frederick Clarke, Philip Leffingwell Spalding, Foster Stearns, Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr.

The President, Honorable Arthur P. Rugg, called the meeting to order and the Secretary read the call for the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

The Director then presented the report of the Council to the Society and it was voted to accept the same and to refer it to the Committee on Publications.

The election of new members being in order, the Director announced the following recommendations for membership in the Society to fill vacancies:

Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Washington, D. C.
LeRoy E. Kimball, New York, N. Y.
Clifford K. Shipton, Shirley, Mass.
Frederick W. Skiff, Portland, Oregon.

The President appointed Messrs. Streeter, Wolkins and Clarke a committee to distribute and collect ballots. The committee reported that there were thirty nine ballots cast, all for the nominees and they were declared elected.

Papers were then presented by Samuel F. Bemis, of New Haven, Conn., on "The Rayneval Memoranda of 1782 and Some Comments on the French Historian Doniol," and by Hiram Bingham, of Washington, D. C., on "Elihu Yale—Native of Boston, Benefactor of a College in Connecticut."

At the close of the papers, Mr. Atwood inquired whether in the negotiations for the Treaty of Peace, conducted at Paris by representatives of the United States, France, and England, any reference appeared indicating that the negotiators knew of the mineral wealth in the territory west of the Allegheny Mountains. Mr. Bemis replied that he had not discovered any such reference, but that it would be of considerable interest.

Mr. Morison called attention to the fact that John Higginson, who succeeded Elihu Yale as Governor of

Madras, and who conducted investigations as to Yale's administration of his office, was a Harvard man and that perhaps the investigation did not tend to stimulate Mr. Yale's interest in Harvard College. Mr. Kellen told of the casual discovery in England by the late Mr. Greenough of a letter written by Elihu Yale, which finally came into the possession of Yale College, which up to that time had not possessed an example of Yale's writing.

It was voted to refer the papers to the Committee on Publications.

It was voted to request the Secretary to send to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences the thanks of the American Antiquarian Society for its hospitality in recent years.

The Society was then invited to luncheon by Mr. Stephen W. Phillips. Mr. Brigham called the attention of the members to the remarkable collection of early New England books and pamphlets which was on exhibition in the large hall where the luncheon was to be held.

THOMAS HOVEY GAGE,
Recording Secretary

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