

PROCEEDINGS.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 8, 1914, IN ELLIS HALL AT
THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

The semi-annual meeting of the Society was called to order by President Lincoln, in Ellis Hall, at 10.30 A. M.

The following members were present:

Samuel Abbott Green, Charles Card Smith, Edmund Mills Barton, Samuel Swett Green, Andrew McFarland Davis, Reuben Colton, Henry Herbert Edes, Charles Pelham Greenough, Charles Francis Adams, Francis Henshaw Dewey, Henry Alexander Marsh, George Henry Haynes, Arthur Lord, Charles Lemuel Nichols, Waldo Lincoln, Edward Sylvester Morse, George Parker Winship, Austin Samuel Garver, Samuel Utley, Albert Matthews, William MacDonald, Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Frederick Lewis Gay, Lincoln Newton Kinnicutt, Franklin Pierce Rice, Worthington Chauncey Ford, Henry Ernest Woods, Julius Herbert Tuttle, Charles Grenfill Washburn, Samuel Bayard Woodward, Wilfred Harold Munro, Justin Harvey Smith, Henry Winchester Cunningham, Roland Burrage Dixon, Frank Farnum Dresser, Albert Bushnell Hart, Albert Carlos Bates, George Francis Dow, Henry Ainsworth Parker, Archibald Cary Coolidge, Livingston Davis, George Emery Littlefield, Herbert Edwin Lombard.

The call for the meeting being read, it was moved that the reading of the records of the last meeting be

omitted. The report of the Council was read by Mr. Bowen and was accepted.

The Secretary reported the following persons recommended for resident membership:

Howard Millar Chapin, Providence, R. I.
Samuel Eliot Morison, Boston, Mass.
Grenville Howland Norcross, Boston, Mass.
George Arthur Plimpton, New York City.
Alexander Samuel Salley, Jr., Columbia, S. C.

Messrs. Lombard, Dresser and Greenough were appointed a committee to distribute and count the ballots and the above named persons were declared elected.

The President spoke of the importance of the Bibliography of American Newspapers, the first installment of which was published in the Proceedings recently distributed to the members.

Mr. Andrew McFarland Davis spoke of the labor of the Librarian in preparing this Bibliography and said that it was decidedly appropriate that the Society should publish it, inasmuch as it was Isaiah Thomas who compiled the first comprehensive work on the subject. Mr. Brigham referred to some of the early lists of newspapers, such as that which appeared in the "Spirit of the Public Journals," listing 96 papers published in 1805; and the Thomas list giving 364 papers published in 1810. He also spoke in appreciation of the work of William Nelson along these lines and said that a full account of the lists previously published would be given in the Introduction to the Bibliography to be written after the printing of the last installment.

The following papers were then read: "Notes on the Calendar and the Almanac," by George Emery Littlefield of Boston, Mass.; "Early Migrations in New England," by Roland Burrage Dixon of Cambridge,

Mass.; "Notes on Connecticut Almanacs," by Albert Carlos Bates of Hartford, Conn.; "Poinsett's Career in Mexico," by Justin Harvey Smith of Boston, Mass.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Henry Herbert Edes, in behalf of the members residing in Boston and vicinity, invited the Society to be their guests at luncheon at the Harvard Club. The meeting was then dissolved.

CHARLES LEMUEL NICHOLS,
Recording Secretary.

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