

*Proceedings
of the Semiannual Meeting*

APRIL 20, 1988
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

THE SEMIANNUAL meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held in the Members Room of the Atlanta Historical Society, Atlanta, Georgia, on Wednesday, April 20, 1988, at 4:00 P.M. with the following members present: Thomas Randolph Adams, Charles Beach Barlow, William Pusey Barlow, Jr., Philip Charles Beals, Karl Lombard Briel, Jill Ker Conway, Bruce Goddard Daniels, Otto Vincent Gustafson, Michael Garibaldi Hall, Robert Palmer Hallock, John Bixler Hench, Frederick Herbert Jackson, John Jeppson, 2nd, William Leonard Joyce, Elliott Burris Knowlton, Mason Ira Lowance, Jr., Marcus Allen McCorison, Calvin Peter Otto, William Oscar Pettit, Jr., Jules David Prown, Samuel Robert Rosenthal, Charles Edward Sawyer, John Douglas Seelye, Kevin Starr, Roderick Douglas Stinehour, George Calvin Rogers, Jr., Wilcomb Edward Washburn, John Clark Woodbury, and John Munro Woolsey, Jr.

President Conway presided. The reading of the minutes of the annual meeting held on October 21, 1987, was waived. Mrs. Conway reported the following changes in membership:

- Gordon Willis Jones, M.D., died October 29, 1987
- Bradley Baldwin Gilman, died November 12, 1987
- Forrest David Mathews, resigned November 13, 1987
- Donald Dean Jackson, died December 9, 1987
- Richard Barksdale Harwell, died March 9, 1988

The following persons were elected by ballot to membership in the Society with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Lowance acting as tellers: James H. Billington, James Earl Carter, Jr., Charles Edwin Clark,

Gillian Elise Avery Cockshut, Julian Irving Edison, Eugene Dominick Genovese, Philip Francis Gura, Joseph Henry Hagan, Donald William Krummel, Richard Manney, John Martin Nelson, Donald Oresman, Robert S Pirie, Steven Rotman, Sidney Verba, and Garry Wills.

The Report of the Council was presented by Mr. McCorison. It was followed by remarks of the president, during which Mrs. Conway stated that she was highly pleased by the scholarly work being encouraged by the Society. She gave particular thanks to John Hench for organizing a number of excellent programs that are designed to encourage that use. Also, Mrs. Conway thanked the members of the Society for their support of its work, calling on all to act as ambassadors of the Society in whatever circle each member moves. In expressing her personal delight as well as the gratitude of all members of the Society, Mrs. Conway thanked Dr. John H. Ott and his staff of the Atlanta Historical Society for their hospitality. President Conway also thanked our fellow members Mason Lowance and Mills Lane for their assistance in making such pleasant arrangements for the meeting in Atlanta. Kevin Starr rose to express his pleasure on the occasion of attending his first meeting of the Society and offered to provide whatever help he could to advance the affairs of the American Antiquarian Society.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M., following which the members joined their guests in a tour of the grounds of the Atlanta Historical Society.

Later that evening, members and guests gathered for refreshments and dinner at the Piedmont Driving Club as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mason I. Lowance, Jr. On Thursday morning, April 21, members and their guests again gathered at the Atlanta Historical Society. With Mr. Lowance in the chair, the audience considered the question 'The Old South: How Separate?' Speakers were George C. Rogers, Jr., of the University of South Carolina, whose paper was entitled 'A Social Portrait of the South at the Turn of the Eighteenth Century'; Mills Lane, of Savannah, Georgia, who

paper was entitled 'A Social Portrait of the South at the Turn of the Eighteenth Century'; Mills Lane, of Savannah, Georgia, who spoke on 'Yankees in the Old South: Architecture, North and South'; and John D. Seelye, of the University of Florida, who delivered a paper entitled 'If at First You Don't Secede, Try, Try Again: Southern Literature from Fenimore Cooper to Faulkner.' Following these discussions, the assembly retired for lunch at a nearby restaurant and then went on to the Carter Presidential Center. There members and guests were greeted by former president Jimmy Carter. President Carter described the library as well as the activities of the Center itself. In addition, President Carter graciously accepted his election to membership in the Society and expressed his pleasure with this action. President Carter answered a few questions before turning the audience loose to visit the museum of the Jimmy Carter Library. At 3:45 P.M. the members and their guests went their separate ways, some returning to their homes, others going on to Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, South Carolina, to visit those two historic cities.

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