

Proceedings of the Semi-annual Meeting

APRIL 20, 1955

AT THE COLONIAL SOCIETY, BOSTON

THE semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Colonial Society, 87 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on April 20, 1955, at 11 o'clock. Thomas Winthrop Streeter, President of the Society, presided at the meeting. The following members were present: John McKinstry Merriam, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Samuel Eliot Morison, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, George Sumner Barton, Mark Antony DeWolfe Howe, Russell Sturgis Paine, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, William Irving Clark, Henry Wilder Foote, Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Theron Johnson Damon, Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Albert White Rice, Frederick Lewis Weis, Hamilton Vaughan Bail, Clarence Henry Haring, Chauncey Cushing Nash, Henry Rouse Viets, Walter Muir Whitehill, Frederick Haven Pratt, Samuel Foster Damon, William Alexander Jackson, Bradley Baldwin Gilman, Richard Allen Heald, Ernest Caulfield, George Russell Stobbs, Arthur Adams, John Alden, Edward Harold Cole, Bertram Kimball Little, Carleton Rubira Richmond, John Adams, Lyman Henry Butterfield, George Talbot Goodspeed, Stephen Thomas Riley, Rollo Gabriel Silver, Lee Max Friedman, Robert Earle Moody, Rae MacCollum Spencer, Bradford Fuller Swan, William Henry Harrison, Hermann Porter Riccius, and Guy Warren Walker, Jr.

The Secretary read the call for the meeting. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the Annual Meeting of October, 1954.

The Director read the report of the Council. It was voted to accept the report and refer it to the Committee on Publications.

The election of new members being in order, the President announced the following recommendations by the Council for membership in the Society:

Paul Herman Buck, Cambridge, Mass.

Ray Nash, Hanover, N. H.

Vernon Dale Tate, Hingham, Mass.

Albert Goodnow Waite, Worcester, Mass.

d'Alté Aldridge Welch, Cleveland, Ohio.

President Streeter appointed Messrs. Silver, Moody, and Harrison a committee of three to distribute and collect the ballots. Mr. Silver reported that all of the ballots cast were in favor of the nominees and they were declared elected.

Papers were read by John Alden on "A Season in Federal Street: J. B. Williamson and the Boston Theatre, 1796-97," and by William A. Jackson who presented Lyle H. Wright's "A Few Observations on American Fiction, 1851-75," since Mr. Wright, due to illness, was unable to be present.

At the close of the meeting the Society was entertained at luncheon at the Club of Odd Volumes by John M. Merriam, senior member of the Society.

DANIEL W. LINCOLN,
Recording Secretary

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