

PROCEEDINGS.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 25, 1900, IN ELLIS HALL, IN THE NEW BUILDING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON.

THE meeting was called to order by President SALISBURY at 10.30 o'clock.

The following members were present :

George F. Hoar, Nathaniel Paine, Stephen Salisbury, Samuel A. Green, Elijah B. Stoddard, Edward L. Davis, James F. Hunnewell, Egbert C. Smyth, Charles C. Smith, Edmund M. Barton, Charles A. Chase, Samuel S. Green, Henry W. Haynes, Andrew McF. Davis, Henry S. Nourse, William B. Weeden, Daniel Merriman, Reuben Colton, Robert N. Toppan, Henry H. Edes, George E. Francis, Lucien Carr, Frank P. Goulding, James P. Baxter, G. Stanley Hall, William E. Foster, J. Franklin Jameson, Calvin Stebbins, Francis H. Dewey, Henry A. Marsh, John E. Hudson, Thomas C. Mendenhall, William T. Forbes, Edwin A. Grosvenor, Leonard P. Kinnicutt, George H. Haynes, Charles L. Nichols, Waldo Lincoln, John Noble, George P. Winship, A. Graham Bell, Austin S. Garver, A. Lawrence Rotch.

Upon motion of Mr. NATHANIEL PAINE, the reading of the records of the previous meeting was omitted.

The report of the Council was read by Mr. SAMUEL S. GREEN, after which the Society listened to a paper by Mr. GREEN on "The Craigie House, Cambridge, during its occupancy by Andrew Craigie and his Widow."

The report of the Librarian was read by Mr. EDMUND M. BARTON.

The report of the Council was accepted, and referred to the Committee of Publication.

Vice-President HOAR recited a humorous poem by his classmate Daniel S. Curtis, describing an imaginary visit of General Washington to the Craigie House.

The Recording Secretary, in behalf of the Council, presented the names of Samuel Utley, of Worcester, and Francis Blake, of Weston, as candidates for resident membership. They were duly elected on separate ballots.

Dr. ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, of Washington, read a paper, entitled, "A Philanthropist of the Last Century Identified as a Boston Man."

A paper upon "The Life of Dr. William Paine" was read by GEORGE E. FRANCIS, M.D., of Worcester.

GEORGE PARKER WINSHIP, of Providence, presented a paper on "George and Sebastian Cabot."

A paper on "Isaiah Thomas, Printer, Massachusetts," was presented by CHARLES L. NICHOLS, M.D., of Worcester.

Owing to lack of time, the following papers which had been prepared were not read, but were referred to the Committee of Publication :—

A paper by Prof. LUCIEN CARR, of Cambridge, on "The Mascoutins"; "The Andros Records," by ROBERT N. TOPPAN, of Cambridge; and "The Value of the New England Shilling," by ANDREW MCFARLAND DAVIS, of Cambridge.

On motion of Vice-President Hoar, it was voted that the thanks of the Society be presented to the gentlemen who had contributed these very interesting papers, and

that they be referred to the Committee of Publication. Mr. HOAR said, "I think no person who is accustomed to take part in these proceedings will consider it improper to express our special pleasure in the contributions which have been made to the Society by the gentlemen who have taken part here today for the first time, and especially to express the great delight that we all feel at the presence of the illustrious inventor and man of science who has given mankind a greater gift than any other man of his generation, one of the great inventions, not only of this age, but of all ages,—the telephone."

The President reported that he had received from Dr. Charles L. Nichols as a gift to the Society a beautiful copy of his "Bibliography of Worcester."

Dissolved.

CHARLES A. CHASE,

Recording Secretary.

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