

PROCEEDINGS.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 27, 1904, AT THE HALL OF
THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN BOSTON.

THE meeting was called to order by the President, the
HON. STEPHEN SALISBURY.

The following members were present:—

Edward E. Hale, Nathaniel Paine, Stephen Salisbury, Samuel A. Green, James F. Hunnewell, Edward H. Hall, Charles C. Smith, Edmund M. Barton, Charles A. Chase, Samuel S. Green, Daniel Merriman, Reuben Colton, Henry H. Edes, G. Stanley Hall, William E. Foster, Edwin D. Mead, Francis H. Dewey, Calvin Stebbins, George H. Haynes, William R. Livermore, Edward S. Morse; John Noble, Austin S. Garver, A. Lawrence Rotch, Samuel Utley, James W. Brooks, Edward H. Gilbert, E. Harlow Russell, Benjamin T. Hill, Edmund A. Engler.

The report of the proceedings of the previous meeting was accepted.

The report of the Council was prepared by Dr. EDMUND A. ENGLER and Mr. SAMUEL SWETT GREEN. The business portion of the report was presented by Mr. GREEN.

The essay on the part of the Council prepared by Dr. ENGLER was entitled, "The Commercial Primacy of the United States."

Prof. E. HARLOW RUSSELL, of Worcester, read a biographical sketch of the late HENRY S. NOURSE.

The report of the Council being now fully before the meeting, it was voted that the same be referred to the Committee of Publication.

Dr. GEORGE H. HAYNES, of Worcester, presented a paper entitled, "The Attempted Suicide of a Massachusetts Town," relating to Shays's Rebellion and the attempts of the Town of Pelham to surrender its charter.

The Recording Secretary reported that the Council recommend for election to membership: Victor Hugo Paltsits, assistant librarian of the Lenox Library; Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Doctor of Philosophy, of New York City; and Rev. John O'Dowd, A.B., of Portland, Maine.

Dr. HALE remarked: "If I may have a moment I would like to say that I think Father O'Dowd's name was placed on the list at my request. We had a very valuable member in Father O'Brien. Father O'Dowd has also distinguished himself by his studies of the Algonquian language and history. I do not know him personally, but I speak of him on the recommendation of gentlemen who know him, and speak of him as a valuable successor to Father O'Brien."

Messrs. WILLIAM R. LIVERMORE, EDWIN D. MEAD and SAMUEL UTLEY, appointed a committee to distribute and collect ballots, reported the unanimous election of the three above-named gentlemen.

A paper entitled "Certain Great Monuments," was offered by Mr. JAMES F. HUNNEWELL.

The President read an official communication and announcement of the 14th International Congress of Americanists, which occurs in Stuttgart on the 18th to the 23rd of August of this year, inviting this Society to send a delegate.

On motion of Dr. HALE, it was voted that the President be empowered to appoint any gentlemen of the Society to attend the meeting at Stuttgart.

Mr. HENRY H. EDES communicated a paper from Prof. WILLIAM D. LYMAN, of Walla Walla, Washington, entitled, "Myths and Superstitions of the Oregon Indians."

A sketch of the life, history and work of Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, late of New York, a deceased member of the Society, was presented by Mr. SAMUEL SWETT GREEN.

The President informed the Society that Lt.-Col. WILLIAM R. LIVERMORE was present with a very large number of early historical maps of Europe, and on adjournment of the meeting would be glad to show them to any interested members.

The papers being now before the Society, it was voted that they be accepted and referred to the Committee of Publication.

The meeting then adjourned.

Many of the members present repaired to the Hotel Somerset for lunch.

CHARLES A. CHASE,

Recording Secretary.

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