

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

A MEETING of the Council was held at the hall of the Society at 5 P. M., on April 26, 1904, President SALISBURY in the chair.

There were also present, Messrs. Paine, Chase, S. S. Green, Hall and Engler.

President SALISBURY said:—

It is with great regret that I formally call the attention of the Council to the loss of our beloved associate, **EGBERT COFFIN SMYTH, D.D., LL.D.**, of Andover, who died at his home, of pneumonia, April 12th, at the age of seventy-five years.

His beautiful character and scholarly attainments, native simplicity and sincerity of manner, and fairness of judgment endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

The Council always found in him an adviser ready to suggest a broad and liberal course of action, and a member who kept the interests of our Society constantly in mind.

Dr. Smyth became a member of the Society in 1870, and was made a Councillor in 1880. He prepared four reports of the Council and three formal papers, besides adding many shorter contributions in the literary discussions that occurred at the stated meetings of the Society.

The RECORDING SECRETARY offered the following:—

Death has visited us again, and taken away one of our brilliant and honored members. The Society received a valuable accession to its roll of able and honored men when the Rev. **EGBERT C. SMYTH** joined its ranks; and from his election to the Council this body gained the benefit of his wisdom and the rare privilege of his friendship and intimate acquaintance.

Dr. Smyth's position in his chosen profession and field of theology was almost unique; and we cannot now enter

upon so great a task as to give its history or to describe the great change in the theology of the Christian church which has taken place in the last half century and which is so largely due to the modest, conscientious, non-belligerent teaching of this quiet New England scholar. His name must ever hold a place in church annals not unlike the names of Luther, Calvin, Edwards and (in a different school), the name of Channing.

His contributions to our Proceedings were never of a polemic character, but were of general interest, and gave evidence that much time and labor had been spent in preparing them.

While he was undoubtedly of a strong and rugged character, his nature was very sweet; and we shall always treasure the delightful recollections of our communion with him at our meetings, especially at the semi-social meetings in the autumn when we all shared in the hospitality of our senior Vice-President, Senator HOAR.

Attest:

CHARLES A. CHASE,
Recording Secretary.

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