

## PROCEEDINGS.

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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 11, 1917, IN THE HOUSE OF  
THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES,  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

The semi-annual meeting of the Society was held in the house of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, No. 28 Newbury Street, Boston, on Wednesday, the eleventh of April, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The following members were present:

Samuel Abbott Green, Charles Card Smith, Samuel Swett Green, Andrew McFarland Davis, Reuben Colton, Henry Herbert Edes, John McKinstry Merriam, William Eaton Foster, Charles Pickering Bowditch, William Trowbridge Forbes, George Henry Haynes, Arthur Lord, Charles Lemuel Nichols, William Roscoe Livermore, Waldo Lincoln, Edward Sylvester Morse, George Parker Winship, Rev. Austin Samuel Garver, Samuel Utley, James Ford Rhodes, Daniel Berkeley Updike, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Lincoln Newton Kinnicutt, Worthington Chauncey Ford, Julius Herbert Tuttle, Charles Grenfill Washburn, Samuel Bayard Woodward, William Vail Kellen, Alfred Marston Tozzer, Wilfred Harold Munro, Justin Harvey Smith, Henry Winchester Cunningham, Albert Bushnell Hart, George Francis Dow, Homer Gage, Rev. Henry Ainsworth Parker, John Spencer Bassett, Livingston Davis, Rev. Herbert Edwin Lombard, Howard Miller Chapin, Samuel Eliot Morison, Jesse Walter Fewkes, Thomas Hovey

Gage, Otis Grant Hammond, John Whittemore Farwell, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Alexander George McAdie, Nathaniel Thayer Kidder, Richard Ward Greene, Lawrence Park, and Edward Herbert Thompson.

President Lincoln, in consequence of a cold which interfered with his speaking, resigned the chair to Vice-President Davis.

After the call for the meeting had been read by the Secretary, it was voted on motion of Mr. S. S. Green, that the reading of the records be dispensed with.

The report of the Council was read by Mr. Cunningham and it was voted to refer it to the Committee of Publication.

The election of new members being next in order, the President appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Foster, Edes and Lombard, to collect and count the ballots and report the result. The following were elected:

Henry Farr DePuy, of New York, N. Y.  
George Anthony Gaskill, of Worcester, Mass.  
John Thomas Lee, of Madison, Wis.  
Charles Edwards Park, of Boston, Mass.  
Isaac Rand Thomas, of Boston, Mass.

The members then listened to the speakers of the morning.

Professor John Spencer Bassett, of Smith College, Northampton, spoke on "George Bancroft and the Round Hill School."

Edward Herbert Thompson, formerly of Merida, Yucatan, spoke on "Some Early American Pioneers," and showed why some sections of Mexico are to-day war torn, while others continue usually peaceful.

J. Walter Fewkes, of the Smithsonian Institution, spoke on "Types of Prehistoric Southwestern Architecture." Mr. Bowditch asked if the Kiva was car-

ried up more than one story, and Mr. Fewkes replied that while it was done so at times, no secular building was allowed above this religious type and no one was permitted to walk upon its walls.

Charles Grenfill Washburn, of Worcester, spoke on "Some Letters of Thomas Boylston Adams," in which he alluded briefly to the life of Judge Adams and read several extracts from his letters to William S. Shaw. These letters were part of a large collection of Papers of the Adams Family, including several letters written by John Adams and John Quincy Adams, which Mr. Washburn had recently purchased and presented to the Society.

At the close of the meeting it was announced that the members of the Society would be entertained at luncheon by Mr. Henry W. Cunningham, at his house, No. 351 Marlborough Street. The meeting was then dissolved.

CHARLES LEMUEL NICHOLS,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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