

PROCEEDINGS

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, APRIL 17, 1935,
AT THE HOUSE OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND
SCIENCES, BOSTON

THE semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the House of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 28 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts, Wednesday, April 17, 1935, at a quarter before eleven o'clock.

The President of the Society, Arthur P. Rugg, presided. The following members of the Society were present:

John McKinstry Merriam, George Henry Haynes, Daniel Berkeley Updike, Clarence Saunders Brigham, George Hubbard Blakeslee, William Vail Kellen, Arthur Prentice Rugg, Albert Carlos Bates, Charles Henry Taylor, Herbert Edwin Lombard, Grenville Howland Norcross, Thomas Hovey Gage, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Nathaniel Thayer Kidder, John Woodbury, Charles Knowles Bolton, Robert Kendall Shaw, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Francis Russell Hart, Gardner Weld Allen, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Alexander James Wall, Wallace Walter Atwood, Matt Bushnell Jones, Andrew Keogh, Clarence Macdonald Warner, Wilbur Henry Siebert, Aldus Chapin Higgins, Ralph Earle, James Melville Hunnewell, Lemuel Aiken Welles, William Davis Miller, Stephen Willard Phillips, Robert Francis Seybolt, Robert Stewart Mitchell, Robert William Glenroie Vail, Glenn Tilley Morse, Charles Taylor Tatman, Edward Larocque Tinker, Norman Morrison Isham, Eben Francis Thompson, John Woodman Higgins, George Gregerson Wolkins and Howard Corning.

At the appointed hour President Rugg called the meeting to order and the notice was read by the Recording Secretary. It was voted that the reading of the records of the last meeting be omitted.

The report of the Council to the Society was then presented by Mr. Brigham and it was voted that the same be accepted and referred to the Committee on Publications.

Mr. Brigham then announced the suggestions for membership in the Society presented by the Council, as follows:

Henry Wilder Foote, Belmont, Mass.
Allyn Bailey Forbes, Boston, Mass.
Valentine Hollingsworth, Boston, Mass.
Philip Ainsworth Means, Pomfret, Conn.
Frederic Gershom Melcher, New York, N. Y.
Edgar Legare Pennington, Ocala, Fla.

The President appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Bolton, Wall and Bates, to distribute and collect ballots for new members, who reported that all the ballots were for the names presented by the Council, and they were declared elected.

Wilbur H. Siebert, of Columbus, Ohio, then presented a paper on "The Underground Railroad in Massachusetts," at the conclusion of which interesting remarks were made by Mr. Bolton and Mr. Tinker.

Edward Larocque Tinker, of New York, then presented a paper on "Gombo: The Creole Dialect of Louisiana," which stimulated many interesting inquiries and led Mr. Tinker to extend his remarks and explain the origin of the negro game Craps. It was voted to refer the papers to the Committee on Publications.

The meeting adjourned at 12.45 o'clock and the members were entertained at luncheon by Mr. Matt B. Jones, at the Club of Odd Volumes, 50 Mount Vernon Street.

THOMAS HOVEY GAGE,
Recording Secretary

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