

Proceedings of the Semi-annual Meeting

APRIL 16, 1941

AT THE CLUB OF ODD VOLUMES, BOSTON

THE semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Club of Odd Volumes, 77 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, April 16, 1941, at 10.45 o'clock.

The President of the Society, Samuel Eliot Morison, presided. The following members were present:

John McKinsty Merriam, George Henry Haynes, George Parker Winship, Clarence Saunders Brigham, George Hubbard Blakeslee, William Vail Kellen, Shepherd Knapp, Samuel Eliot Morison, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Gardner Weld Allen, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, William Sumner Appleton, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, George Francis Booth, Paul Beagary Morgan, Russell Sturgis Paine, James Melville Hunnewell, William Davis Miller, Stephen Willard Phillips, Edward Tuckerman Esty, Charles Taylor Tatman, George Gregerson Wolkins, Howard Corning, Henry Wilder Foote, Allyn Bailey Forbes, Hermann Frederick Clarke, Augustus Peabody Loring, James Duncan Phillips, Theron Johnson Damon, Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Perry Miller, Albert White Rice, Fred Tarbell Field, James Blaine Hedges, Frederick Lewis Weis, Hamilton Vaughan Bail, Henry Joel Cadbury, Henry Lefavour.

The Secretary read the call for the meeting. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the Annual Meeting of October 16, 1940.

The Director, Clarence S. Brigham, read the report of the Council. It was voted to accept the report and refer it to the Committee on Publications.

The election of new members being in order, the President read the names of the men recommended by the Council for membership in the Society to fill vacancies, and commented briefly upon each:

Gilbert Chinard, Princeton, N. J.
Chauncey Cushing Nash, Boston, Mass.
Allan Nevins, New York, N. Y.
William Greene Roelker, Providence, R. I.

The President appointed Messrs. Tatman, Miller, and Stephen W. Phillips a committee of three to distribute and collect ballots. The committee reported that thirty-seven ballots had been cast and that they were all for the nominees, who were thereupon declared elected.

Papers were then read by James B. Hedges of Providence, Rhode Island, on "The Brown Papers: the Record of a Rhode Island Business Family," and by Perry Miller, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, on "Declension in a Bible Commonwealth." A paper on "The Reverend Robert Jenney," by Edgar Legare Pennington, of Miami, Florida, was contributed by title. Mr. Brigham stated that in the present number of the *Proceedings* there would be printed a document from our manuscript collections relating to the French settlement of Fontaine Leval in Maine, with an introduction and notes by Frances S. Childs. The President then spoke informally on the history and the problem of

the authenticity of some fifty carved stones, which were alleged to be letters from Eleanor Dare to her father, Governor John White, of the lost colony of Roanoke Island.

The Society was invited to luncheon by President Samuel E. Morison, at the Club of Odd Volumes.

The meeting was then adjourned at 12.58 o'clock.

GEORGE H. BLAKESLEE,
Recording Secretary

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