

Proceedings of the Semi-annual Meeting

APRIL 19, 1944

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 19, 1944, at 10.45 o'clock. In the absence of President Morison, Vice-president Paul B. Morgan presided at the meeting. The following members of the Society were present.

John McKinstry Merriam, George Henry Haynes, George Parker Winship, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Fred Norris Robinson, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, Mark Antony DeWolfe Howe, Paul Beagary Morgan, Russell Sturgis Paine, James Melville Hunnewell, William Davis Miller, Stephen Willard Phillips, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, George Gregerson Wolkins, Howard Corning, Allyn Bailey Forbes, Philip Ainsworth Means, Hermann Frederick Clarke, Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., James Duncan Phillips, Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Keyes DeWitt Metcalf, Albert White Rice, Donald McKay Frost, Clarence Henry Haring, Henry Joel Cadbury, William Greene Roelker, Henry Rouse Viets, Walter Muir Whitehill, Thomas Franklin Currier, Allen French, Harold Stein Jantz, Leonard Woods Labaree, Arthur Hobson Quinn, Samuel Foster Damon, William Alexander Jackson, and Shepard Pond.

In the absence of Mr. Blakeslee, Daniel W. Lincoln was

chosen Secretary pro tem and read the call for the meeting. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the Annual Meeting of October, 1943.

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 Director announced the following recommendations by the Council for membership in the Society:

Henry Francis duPont, Wilmington, Del.

George Leslie McKay, New York, N. Y.

Stanley Thomas Williams, New Haven, Conn.

Roger Wolcott, Milton, Mass.

Mr. Morgan appointed Messrs. Jantz, Jackson, and Means a committee of three to distribute and collect ballots. The committee reported that all of the ballots cast were in favor of the nominees, and they were declared elected.

Mr. Wolkins stated that Dr. Gardner W. Allen, one of the senior members of the Society, was ill at the United States Veterans' Hospital in West Roxbury, and suggested that the Society send to Dr. Allen a message of sympathy and hope for his continued improvement. It was so voted.

The Director read the following letter from the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia:

To the American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Massachusetts

Your sister society, the American Philosophical Society, which was "founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1743, for the promotion of useful knowledge among the British Plantations in America," sends cordial greetings to the American Antiquarian Society, through one of its honored members, Arthur H. Quinn.

While the American Philosophical Society in its early years covered the entire field of learning, it has been found necessary in these later

times of high specialization, to concentrate the work of the Society in certain fields, and so far as the Library and Archives of the Philosophical Society are concerned, we are attempting to build up a record of original manuscripts, letters, documents, and publications, dealing with the earlier history of science and learning in America. In doing this, we have entered upon the field that is occupied to a considerable extent, by your own society, and we have, therefore, an increased interest in the work and activities of the American Antiquarian Society.

With cordial greetings and all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

EDWIN G. CONKLIN

President

It was voted that the Secretary write an appropriate reply to the American Philosophical Society.

Papers were then read by Leonard W. Labaree on "The Nature of American Loyalism," and by Arthur H. Quinn on "American Literature and American Politics—A Study of the Relations of Some of the Greater American Writers to their Political Affiliations." Comments on American loyalism were made by Chandler Bullock, Allen French, and J. Duncan Phillips, and remarks regarding Whittier's political affiliations were made by T. Franklin Currier.

The Society was then invited to luncheon by Mr. Augustus P. Loring, Jr., at the Club of Odd Volumes.

DANIEL W. LINCOLN,

Secretary pro tem.

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