

Proceedings of the Semi-annual Meeting

APRIL 21, 1948

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 21, 1948, at 10.45 o'clock. The President of the Society, Samuel Eliot Morison, presided at the meeting. The following members were present:

John McKinstry Merriam, George Parker Winship, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Samuel Eliot Morison, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Robert Kendall Shaw, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, Russell Sturgis Paine, James Melville Hunnewell, Stephen Willard Phillips, Stewart Mitchell, George Gregerson Wolkins, Foster Stearns, Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., James Duncan Phillips, Earl Gregg Swem, Theron Johnson Damon, Perry Miller, Albert White Rice, Fred Tarbell Field, Frederick Lewis Weis, Hamilton Vaughan Bail, Arthur Meier Schlesinger, Henry Joel Cadbury, Bernhard Knollenberg, Chauncey Cushing Nash, Walter Muir Whitehill, Carl Custer Cutler, Harold Stein Jantz, Frederick Haven Pratt, William Alexander Jackson, Roger Wolcott, Bradley Baldwin Gilman, Richard Allen Heald, Ernest Caulfield, George Russell Stobbs, Arthur Adams, Richard LeBaron Bowen, and Raymond Sanger Wilkins.

Clarence S. Brigham was elected 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, 1947.

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

William Robertson Coe, New York, N. Y.
George Laban Harding, Palo Alto, Calif.
Bertram Kimball Little, Brookline, Mass.
Gerald Doan McDonald, New York, N. Y.
Carleton Rubira Richmond, Milton, Mass.
Charles Belcher Rugg, Boston, Mass.
Alfred Lewis Shoemaker, Reading, Pa.

President Morison appointed Messrs. Whitehill, Stearns, and Cutler 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.

A paper was read by Earl G. Swem, of Williamsburg, Virginia, on "Brothers of the Spade: Correspondence of Peter Collinson, of London, and John Custis, of Williamsburg, 1734-1746." Perry Miller, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, spoke on "The Edwards-Chauncy Debate, 1740-1746." At the end of Dr. Swem's paper, President Morison left the chair to fulfill an engagement in Cambridge, and Chandler Bullock became the presiding officer. Both papers brought forth remarks or questions from various members. Mr. William Stuart Smith, guest and son-in-law of John M. Merriam, spoke interestingly, stating that his former home was at Mill Hill, north of London, the early residence of

Peter Collinson. He said that some of the trees on nearby property, notably an ancient yew, had been planted by Collinson early in the eighteenth century.

Mr. Bullock announced that the members would accept the hospitality of Mr. John M. Merriam at luncheon, stating that this year was the sixtieth anniversary of Mr. Merriam's election to membership. Mr. Merriam, in response to a request to say a few words, spoke of the early meetings of the Society, and especially of his association with Senator Hoar.

CLARENCE S. BRIGHAM,

Secretary pro tem.

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