

PROCEEDINGS.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 17, 1907, IN ELLIS HALL, AT
THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

The meeting was called to order at 10.30 A. M. by the first Vice President, Hon. SAMUEL A. GREEN.

The following members were present:—

Nathaniel Paine, Samuel A. Green, Edward L. Davis, James F. Hunnewell, Edward H. Hall, Charles C. Smith, Edmund M. Barton, Franklin B. Dexter, Charles A. Chase, Samuel S. Green, Andrew McF. Davis, Daniel Merriman, William B. Weeden, Reuben Colton, Henry H. Edes, A. George Bullock, William E. Foster, Charles P. Greenough, Francis H. Dewey, Calvin Stebbins, Henry A. Marsh, James L. Whitney, William T. Forbes, George H. Haynes, Waldo Lincoln, John Noble, George P. Winship, A. Lawrence Rotch, Samuel Utley, E. Harlow Russell, Benjamin T. Hill, George L. Kittredge, Albert Matthews, William MacDonald, Roger B. Merriman, Victor H. Paltsits, Deloraine P. Corey, Clarence S. Brigham, Frederick L. Gay, Franklin P. Rice.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was on motion dispensed with, the printed report of the proceedings having been already distributed among the members of the Society. The report of the Council which was prepared by FRANKLIN B. DEXTER and SAMUEL UTLEY was then submitted. In behalf of Mr. Utley who prepared the business report, Mr. Dexter read that portion of the report relating exclusively to the business of the Society.

The Recording Secretary, in behalf of the Council, reported that the Committee heretofore appointed to investigate and report on the publication of the British Royal Proclamations had submitted their report to the Council, recommending that power be given them to proceed with the publication of the Proclamations, and asking authority to charge the expense of the publication to the Publishing Fund. The Council, having approved of this course of action, recommended that power be granted the Committee to carry it out as suggested.

On motion it was so ordered.

The Recording Secretary read the list of nominations for membership in the Society, submitted by the Council as follows:

For resident membership:

Caleb Benjamin Tillinghast, Litt. D., Boston, Mass.
Worthington Chauncey Ford, Washington, D. C.

For foreign membership:

Genaro Garcia, Mexico.

On ballot these gentlemen were duly elected.

The Recording Secretary, in behalf of the Council, presented a printed set of by-laws, which had been approved by the Council with a recommendation that they be adopted by the Society—and he thereupon moved their adoption.

Mr. CHARLES A. CHASE, in behalf of the Committee which prepared the by-laws, explained the changes which had been made from the existing by-laws of the Society and called attention to the additions proposed by the Committee.

A discussion then ensued mainly directed to the phraseology of one or two of the paragraphs, which was participated in by Messrs. William T. Forbes, Samuel S. Green, Waldo

Lincoln, Edward L. Davis, Andrew McF. Davis and William MacDonald.

The By-Laws with such changes as were agreed upon, were then adopted.¹

FRANKLIN B. DEXTER, Litt. D., then read the portion of the Council Report exclusively prepared by himself. It was a paper entitled, "Early Libraries in New England."

GEORGE L. KITTREDGE, LL.D. then communicated, "Some Notes on Witchcraft."

Mr. VICTOR HUGO PALTSITS then read a paper the title of which was "Almanacs of Roger Sherman, 1750 to 1761."

Mr. ABBOTT LAWRENCE ROTCH read a paper entitled "Benjamin Franklin and the first balloons."

Vice-President Lincoln, in behalf of J. FRANKLIN JAMESON, LL. D., presented by title the paper, "Notes on the English Admiralty Papers."

The foregoing papers were referred to the Committee of Publication.

The meeting was then dissolved.

ANDREW McF. DAVIS,
Recording Secretary.

Many of the members present then proceeded to the University Club where they lunched together.

¹ The By-Laws have been separately printed for the use of the members.

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