

## PROCEEDINGS

---

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, APRIL 13, 1921,  
AT THE HOUSE OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS  
AND SCIENCES, BOSTON

**T**HE semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held in Boston, at the House of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, on Wednesday, April 13, at 10.30 a. m. In the absence of the President, Vice-President Rugg took the chair.

There were present:

Reuben Colton, Henry Herbert Edes, William Eaton Foster, Charles Pickering Bowditch, Charles Pelham Greenough, George Henry Haynes, Arthur Lord, Charles Lemuel Nichols, Edward Sylvester Morse, George Parker Winship, Samuel Utley, Daniel Berkeley Updike, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Lincoln Newton Kinnicutt, Worthington Chauncey Ford, William Coolidge Lane, Julius Herbert Tuttle, Charles Grenfil Washburn, William Vail Kellen, Arthur Prentice Rugg, Alfred Marston Tozzer, Wilfred Harold Munro, Henry Winchester Cunningham, Frank Farnum Dresser, Albert Bushnell Hart, George Francis Dow, Livingston Davis, Rev. Herbert Edwin Lombard, Grenville Howland Norcross, Thomas Hovey Gage, Charles Francis Jenney, John Whittemore Farwell, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Nathaniel Thayer Kidder, John Woodbury, Charles Knowles Bolton, John Henry Edmonds, Samuel Lyman Munson, Harold Marsh Sewall, Robert Kendall Shaw, William Roscoe Thayer, Fred Norris Robinson.

After the call for the meeting had been read by the Secretary, it was moved by Mr. Washburn, and voted that the reading of the records be dispensed with.

The Report of the Council followed, read by Mr. Edes, and on motion of Mr. Farwell, it was voted to refer it to the Committee of Publication.

Election of members being next in order, Messrs. Sewall, Shaw and Jenkins were appointed by the chair to distribute ballots and report the result. The following were elected active members of the Society:

William Bradford Homer Dowse, of Sherborn, Mass.  
Allan Forbes, of Boston, Mass.

There being no further business the Society listened to the papers presented: "The Massachusetts Archives," by Mr. John H. Edmonds, and "Pen Portraiture in Seventeenth Century Colonial Historians," by Mr. William R. Thayer.

In the discussion which followed the latter paper Mr. Edes stated that in the absence of personal details he felt that memorials of to-day of these worthies were very desirable and he took pride in the fact that of the four Johns mentioned in "Johannes in Eremo" in Mather's *Magnalia* there were memorials of all in the First Church of Boston—three tablets and a notable monument by Bela Pratt. Mr. Washburn stated that there might be some consolation in the absence of personal details because of the liability of error in such descriptions. He then instanced the error in the recent memoirs of Mr. Champ Clark, Speaker of the House in the late Administration, in which the writer described Theodore Roosevelt as over six feet tall while he was well known to be much less than that.

The Society adjourned to the hall below where they listened to an informal talk on "The Sacred Cenote at Chichen-Itza, Yucatan," by Mr. Alfred W. Tozzer, illustrated with lantern slides of its location and the

discoveries made there. On motion it was voted to refer to the committee on publication the papers read by Messrs. Edmonds and Thayer, and also a paper entitled "Some Letters of Andrew Jackson," contributed by title by Henry F. DePuy. There being no further business the meeting was dissolved and the Society accepted the hospitable invitation of Mr. Kellen to luncheon at the Hotel Puritan.

CHARLES LEMUEL NICHOLS,  
*Recording Secretary.*

Copyright of Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society is the property of American Antiquarian Society and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.