

PROCEEDINGS

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, APRIL 8, 1925,
AT THE HOUSE OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS
AND SCIENCES, BOSTON

THE semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held in Boston, in the House of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, on Wednesday, April 8, at 10.30 a. m.

The following members were present at the meeting:

Reuben Colton, John McKinstry Merriam, Francis Henshaw Dewey, William Trowbridge Forbes, George Henry Haynes, Charles Lemuel Nichols, Waldo Lincoln, Edward Sylvester Morse, Albert Matthews, Clarence Winthrop Bowen, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Worthington Chauncey Ford, William Coolidge Lane, Julius Herbert Tuttle, Charles Grenfill Washburn, Samuel Bayard Woodward, George Hubbard Blakeslee, William Vail Kellen, Wilfred Harold Munro, Henry Winchester Cunningham, Albert Bushnell Hart, Livingston Davis, Grenville Howland Norcross, Thomas Hovey Gage, John Whittemore Farwell, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Alexander George McAdie, Nathaniel Thayer Kidder, John Woodbury, Charles Knowles Bolton, John Henry Edmonds, Samuel Lyman Munson, Robert Kendall Shaw, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Francis Russell Hart, Henry Raup Wagner, Gardner Weld Allen, Francis Tiffany Bowles, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Alexander James Wall, Wallace Walter Atwood, Clarence Macdonald Warner.

The meeting was called to order by President Lincoln and the notice of the meeting read by the

Secretary. It was voted that the reading of the records of the last meeting be dispensed with.

The report of the Council was then presented by Mr. Charles G. Washburn.

Mr. Brigham, in behalf of the Council, then presented therecommendations of the Council for membership in the Society and the President appointed Messrs. Haynes, Shaw and Edmunds a committee to distribute, collect and count ballots for new members and a ballot being taken the following were declared elected:

Resident Members

Frank Brewer Bemis, Beverly Farms, Mass.
 William Brooks Cabot, Boston, Mass.
 Louis Henry Dielman, Baltimore, Md.
 Joseph Grafton Minot, Boston, Mass.

Foreign Members

Mariana Cuevas, Mexico City, Mexico.
 Alfred William Pollard, London, England.

The Secretary presented, in behalf of the Council, the following minutes concerning Mr. Munson's gift, which was unanimously adopted:

The American Antiquarian Society has received from Mr. Samuel Lyman Munson of Albany, a member of the Council, the gift of about four thousand Almanacs constituting those issues from his own great collection which were not already owned by the Society. This gift, the most notable of the kind ever received by the Society, enables it to show almost unbroken files of all American Almanacs and of English Almanacs printed previous to the close of the American Revolution.

The Society wishes to record its grateful recognition of this gift and its appreciation of Mr. Munson's interest in its collections.

It is, therefore, voted to accept with gratitude Mr. Munson's gift, to convey to him the sincere thanks of the Society for it and to spread this minute upon its records.

The following papers were then presented:

"Samuel Dexter, Father and Son," by Clarence W. Bowen, of New York; "Some Early French Tracts on

Guiana," by Lawrence C. Wroth, of Providence, R. I.; "Samuel Salisbury, a Boston Merchant in the Revolution," by Charles L. Nichols of Worcester, Mass.; "Naval Songs and Ballads," by Gardner W. Allen of Boston, Mass.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bowen's paper there were inquiries by Mr. Brigham as to what became of Mr. Dexter's library and Mr. Norcross suggested that the Boston Exchange referred to was the Boston Exchange Coffee House. Mr. Bolton called the attention of the Society to the recently discovered portrait of Governor Richard Bellingham and Mr. Edmunds made some remarks upon a reproduction of the Map of New England.

It was voted that all the papers be referred to the Publication Committee.

An invitation was then presented to the Society by Mr. Cunningham to lunch with him at his house, 351 Marlborough Street and the meeting was then dissolved.

THOMAS HOVEY GAGE,
Recording Secretary

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