

PROCEEDINGS

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, APRIL 18, 1934,
AT THE HOUSE OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND
SCIENCES, BOSTON

THE semi-annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the House of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 28 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts, Wednesday, April 18, 1934, at 10.45 o'clock.

The President of the Society, Arthur Prentice Rugg, presided. The following members of the Society were present:

Reuben Colton, John McKinstry Merriam, George Parker Winship, Victor Hugo Paltsits, Daniel Berkeley Updike, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Julius Herbert Tuttle, George Hubbard Blakeslee, William Vail Kellen, Arthur Prentice Rugg, Wilfred Harold Munro, Charles Henry Taylor, Herbert Edwin Lombard, Samuel Eliot Morison, Thomas Hovey Gage, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, John Woodbury, Robert Kendall Shaw, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, Francis Russell Hart, Gardner Weld Allen, George Ichabod Rockwood, Lawrence Counselman Wroth, Wallace Walter Atwood, Matt Bushnell Jones, Clarence Macdonald Warner, George Francis Booth, James Melville Hunnewell, Lemuel Aiken Welles, William Davis Miller, Stephen Willard Phillips, Edward Tuckerman Esty, Robert Stewart Mitchell, Robert William Glenroie Vail, Glenn Tilley Morse, Charles Taylor Tatman, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, William Irving Clark, Norman Morrison Isham and Eben Francis Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the call for the meeting was read by the Recording Secretary. On motion of Mr. Shaw it was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

Mr. Brigham presented the report of the Council. The last part of the report, concerning book auctions and book collectors was, with the permission of the Society, postponed until after the reading of the papers. It was voted to accept the report and refer the same to the Committee on Publications.

The President announced that there were four vacancies in the membership of the Society and asked the Secretary to present the recommendations of the Council to fill the vacancies. The Secretary presented the following recommendations:

Frederick Edward Brasch, Washington, D. C.
John Woodman Higgins, Worcester, Mass.
Dumas Malone, Washington, D. C.
George Gregerson Wolkins, Boston, Mass.

The President appointed Stewart Mitchell, W. Irving Clark and William D. Miller a committee to collect ballots, who reported that all the ballots were in favor of the nominees and they were declared elected.

Mr. Matt B. Jones then presented a paper on "The Early Massachusetts Bay Seals."

The President read a telegram from Mr. Winthrop H. Duncan, regretting his inability to be present owing to illness. It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mr. Duncan the Society's regrets and best wishes for his speedy recovery.

The following papers were contributed by title: "The Beginnings of the Library in Charles Town, South Carolina," by Rev. Edgar L. Pennington of Ocala, Florida; "Joaquin Garcia Icazbalceta," by Henry R. Wagner of San Marino, California. Upon

vote the papers presented were referred to the Committee on Publications.

Mr. Brigham then continued the report of the Council, comprising that portion which related to the history of American book auctions.

Mr. Charles E. Goodspeed spoke informally on book sales in Boston, telling of his experiences when attending Libbie sales of thirty or more years ago, and relating anecdotes of George D. Morse, Dr. Charles E. Clark, George E. Littlefield and other well-known figures in the auction room. Mr. Victor H. Paltsits spoke particularly on New York book auctions, referring to the Barlow Sale of 1890, the first which he attended, and to the Brayton Ives Sales of 1891. Mr. Wilfred H. Munro related several humorous anecdotes of his experiences in book collecting. Mr. Lawrence C. Wroth spoke of the interest of book catalogues, the need of a complete checklist of such catalogues and the value of a reminiscent story of famous American book collectors.

The members of the Society were invited to luncheon at the house of Mr. Francis R. Hart, 474 Beacon Street.

THOMAS HOVEY GAGE,
Recording Secretary

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