

## PROCEEDINGS.

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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 26TH, 1882, AT THE HALL OF  
THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, BOSTON.

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THE President, Hon. STEPHEN SALISBURY, LL.D., in the  
chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Rev. EGBERT C. SMYTH, D.D., read the report of the  
Council.

EDMUND M. BARTON, Esq., Assistant-Librarian, and  
NATHANIEL PAINE, Esq., Treasurer, read their semi-annual  
reports.

On motion of CHARLES DEANE, LL.D., the reports  
were severally accepted and referred to the Committee of  
Publication.

Rev. GEORGE E. ELLIS, D.D., called the attention of  
the Society to the fact that the report of the Council  
omitted any reference to the use of the Catacombs as places  
of religious worship, and inquired whether this was an  
intentional omission for the reason that the writer of the  
report did not believe they had been so used, or an  
accidental one.

Dr. SMYTH, in reply to the query, gave some further  
explanation of his theory, which by vote of the Society, he  
was requested to embody in a note to the report.

The following gentlemen, having been recommended by  
the Council, were chosen to membership in the Society, a  
separate ballot being had on each name :

Hon. ISRAEL WASHBURN, Jr., LL.D., of Portland, Me.  
Gen. HORATIO ROGERS, of Providence, R. I.

Rev. STEPHEN D. PEET, of Clinton, Wis.  
J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, Esq., of St. Paul, Minn.  
Prof. HENRY HITCHCOCK, LL.D., of St. Louis, Mo.  
Bishop WM. STEVENS PERRY, of Davenport, Iowa.  
FREDERICK W. PUTNAM, Esq., of Cambridge, Mass.  
Col. SOLOMON LINCOLN, of Boston, Mass.  
ANDREW McF. DAVIS, Esq., of San Francisco, Cal.  
LOUIS H. AYMÉ, Esq., of Mérida, Yucatan.  
Prof. JAMES BRYCE, of Oxford, Eng.  
Commendatore GIOVANNI BATTISTA DE ROSSI, of Rome,  
Italy.

On motion of STEPHEN SALISBURY, Jr., Esq., CHARLES A. CHASE, A.M., was unanimously elected a member of the Committee of Publication.

Prof. CHARLES O. THOMPSON, Ph.D., read a biographical sketch of Robert Boyle, which on motion of Hon. DWIGHT FOSTER, was referred to the Committee of Publication, with the thanks of the Society.

Prof. HENRY W. HAYNES read a brief memorandum in reference to the perforated humerus which was a subject of discussion at the October meeting, showing that it had been erroneously assumed that this was the distinctive peculiarity of the skeletons of American mound-builders. The Recording Secretary moved that the thanks of the Society be presented to Prof. HAYNES for his critical comments on the subject, and that he be requested to furnish the same to the Committee of Publication, which motion was adopted.

The meeting was then dissolved.

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