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PROCEEDINGS.

DECEMBER, 1899.

THE thirty-fifth meeting of the Society was held in room 413 of the Columbia University Library Building, beginning Thursday, December 28, at 2.40 P.M., with President Moore in the chair. The reading of the records was omitted, as they had been distributed in printed form. Professor Gottheil reported for the Committee of Arrangements. The Treasurer presented his report, and the Recording Secretary read his financial statement. These two reports were referred to an Auditing Committee, consisting of Messrs. Dickerman and F. Brown. Messrs. McGiffert, Schmidt, and Frame were appointed a Committee to nominate officers. It was voted to postpone further business to the beginning of the evening session, and to follow the order of the printed programme, except where more than one paper is presented by the same person. At 2.50 President Moore read the annual address. The subject of this paper was "The Age of the Jewish Canon of Hagiographa." This was discussed by Dr. Kohler.

From 3.45 to 6 papers were read and discussed as follows:—

By President Ramsay, "A Study of the Great Commission, Matt. 28^{19, 20}." Discussed by Messrs. Schmidt, Kohler, and Ewell.

By Professor Lyon, "Rubute-Rehoboth in the El-Amarna Tablets."

By Dr. Votaw, "Dates and Duration of Jesus' Public Ministry." Discussed by Professor Briggs.

By Dr. Peters, "The Primitive Religion of Israel and the Religion of Moses." Discussed by Messrs. Moxom and Kohler.

At 6 the Society took a recess for dinner and a social hour at the University restaurant.

Thursday Evening, December 28.—The Society reassembled at 8.15. Professor Lyon gave the report from the Publishing Committee. The Council recommended the following persons for active membership in the Society, and they were unanimously elected:—

Rev. Owen H. Gates, Ph.D., Dorset, Vt.
 Prof. George R. Berry, Colgate Univ., Hamilton, N.Y.
 Wallace N. Stearns, Ph.D., Delaware, O.
 Rev. Nathan A. Seagle, 640 Madison Avenue, N.Y. City.
 Rev. W. K. J. Fiebke, Liverpool, N.Y.
 Arthur Bumstead, B.A., Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn.
 Rev. Warren J. Moulton, Ph.D., Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn.
 Rev. Nathan Söderblom, 2 Rue Maleville, Paris, France.
 Prof. Walter Rauschenbusch, Rochester Theol. Sem., Rochester, N.Y.
 Prof. George W. Osborn, M.A., Univ. of N.Y., Univ. Heights, N.Y. City.
 Prof. Franklin W. Hooper, M.A., Brooklyn Inst., 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Rev. Charles S. Albert, D.D., Editor *Augsburg S.S. Teacher*, Phila, Pa.

The Recording Secretary read his statistical report. A statement was presented from Professor Thayer, of the Committee on an American School of Oriental Research in Palestine. This embodied a circular to be sent out immediately, appealing for funds for the establishment of the school.

From 8.30 to 10 papers were read and discussed as follows:—

By Professor Haupt, "Babylonian Elements in the Levitic Ritual." Discussed by Messrs. Kohler and Moore. By Dr. Macfarland, "The Use of Prophecy by Jesus." Discussed by Professor Briggs. By Professor Schmidt, "The 'Son of Man' in the Book of Daniel." By President Ramsay, "Note on Exodus 6³." On this Professor Moore remarked.

Adjourned to Friday morning at 9.30.

Friday Morning, December 29.—The Society met at 9.40. Professor Gould read a paper on "The Alexandrian Gospel." Discussed by Messrs. Briggs and Thurston.

The Council reported that Professor Lyon having declined reëlection as Corresponding Secretary, a vote of thanks had been extended to him for his efficient services; and that as correspondence would be necessary to fill the vacancy, no name would be reported at present. They announced the election of Professor J. H. Ropes and Rev. W. H. Cobb as the two additional members of the Publishing Committee.

It was voted that the thanks of the Society be returned to the President and officers of Columbia University, and to the Committee of Arrangements, for the accommodations furnished for this meeting.

Dr. Dickerman reported for the Auditing Committee that the

accounts of the Treasurer and Recording Secretary were correct and properly vouched.

Professor McGiffert reported for the Committee on Nominations, and the report was accepted and adopted, the following officers being elected :—

Dr. John P. Peters,	<i>President.</i>
Prof. Edward Y. Hincks,	<i>Vice-President.</i>
Rev. William H. Cobb,	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
Prof. Willis J. Beecher,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Prof. Lewis B. Paton,	} <i>Associates</i> <i>in</i> <i>Council.</i>
Prof. Benjamin W. Bacon,	
Dr. William H. Ward,	
Prof. Richard J. H. Gottheil,	
Prof. Ernest D. Burton,	

From 10.20 to 12.50 papers were read and discussed as follows :—

By Professor Bacon, "The Doctrine of Faith in Hebrews, James, and Clement of Rome." Discussed by Messrs. Ropes, Gould, and McGiffert. By Professor Prince, "Notes, Psalms 2^{11. 12.}"

By Professor Lyon, "Did the Assyrians observe a Day corresponding to the Hebrew Sabbath?" By Professor Haupt, "Critical Notes on the Hebrew Text of the Book of Proverbs."

By Professor Bacon, "Further Displacements in the Fourth Gospel." Discussed by Professor Briggs. By Professor Prince, "Note on אִרְיָא Isaiah 44^{14.}"

By Professor Schmidt, "Notes on Some Passages in Enoch." By Professor Haupt, "The Hebrew Word שְׁלִי"; "Professor Delitzsch's New Cuneiform Chrestomathy."

At 12.50 the Society adjourned.

WILLIAM H. COBB,
Recording Secretary.

Members in attendance.—Bacon, Bucher, Bradley, Briggs, F. Brown, Cobb, Dickerman, Ewell, Fagnani, Frame, G. Gilmore, R. Gottheil, Gould, Haupt, Hazard, Hooper, Jackson, Kohler, Lyon, McFarland, McGiffert, G. Moore, Moxom, Peters, Prince, Ramsay, J. Ropes, Sanders, Schmidt, Schwab, Thurston, Votaw, Williams, Wolf, Wood, Woolley.

V.

It shall be the duty of the Council to propose candidates for membership of the Society; to elect the Corresponding Secretary and the additional members of the Publishing Committee; to fix the times and places for meetings, and generally to supervise the interests of the Society.

VI.

It shall be the duty of the Publishing Committee to publish the proceedings of the Society, and also to select, edit, and publish, as far as the funds of the Society will justify, such papers and notes from among those laid before them, as shall in their judgment be fitted to promote Biblical science.

VII.

The fee for admission into the Society shall be five dollars, besides which each member shall annually pay a tax of three dollars; but libraries may become members without the fee for admission, from which, also, members permanently residing abroad shall be exempt. The donation at one time, by a single person, of fifty dollars shall exempt the donor from all further payments, and no payments shall be required of honorary members.

VIII.

Each member shall be entitled to receive, without additional charge, one copy of each publication of the Society after his election; in addition to which, if he be a contributor to the *Journal*, he shall receive twenty-five copies of any article or articles he may have contributed.

IX.

Five members of the Council, of whom not less than three shall have been elected directly by the Society, shall constitute a quorum thereof. Twelve members of the Society shall constitute a quorum thereof for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may continue in session for the purpose of hearing and discussing papers presented.

The following resolution, supplementary to the By-Laws, with reference to the price at which members may procure extra copies of the *Journal*, was adopted June 13th, 1884.

Resolved: That the Secretary be authorized to furnish to members, for the purpose of presentation, additional copies of any volume of the *Journal*, to the number of ten, at the rate of \$1 a copy, but that the price to persons not members be the amount of the annual assessment.