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PROCEEDINGS.

DECEMBER, 1901.

THE thirty-seventh meeting of the Society was held in Schermerhorn Hall, Columbia University, on Friday and Saturday, December 27th and 28th, 1901. The first session was held in connection with the Archaeological Institute of America, President John Williams White, of that Institute, presiding. This session began Friday afternoon, at 2.30, with an address by the President of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, Prof. Edward Y. Hincks, of Andover, whose subject was: "Some Tendencies and Results of Recent New Testament Study."

This was followed by eight papers, four representing each Society. The titles and authors follow.

"Some Problems in American Archaeology," by Prof. Franz Boas, of Columbia University. "The Hittite Lituus," by Rev. Dr. Wm. Hayes Ward, of New York. "The Tell Sandahannah Figurines," by Prof. Theodore F. Wright, of Cambridge. This paper was illustrated by the stereopticon. "Report of the Managers of the School in Palestine," by Prof. Theodore F. Wright, after which came a report, by Dr. James B. Nies, of Brooklyn, on a fund for that school.

The next paper was on "The Civilization of Canaan in the Fifteenth Century B.C.," by Prof. L. B. Paton, of Hartford. Next came "Some Aspects of the Work of Heinrich Brunn," by Prof. John H. Wright, of Harvard University, and the last paper (illustrated by the stereopticon) was entitled "New Observations on Architectural Refinements in Italian Churches (1901)," by Prof. Wm. H. Goodyear, of Brooklyn.

Friday Evening, Dec. 27.—The Society reassembled at 8.20, President Hincks being in the chair. Messrs. Bacon, Kent, and Schmidt were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the coming year. The Recording Secretary read his annual report, which was accepted and placed on file. The Treasurer presented his report, and this, with the financial statement of the Recording Secretary, was

committed to Messrs. Torrey and Barton as auditors. The Corresponding Secretary gave his annual report, which was accepted.

From 8.40 to 10.20, the following papers were read, but from lack of time were not discussed.

By Hon. S. J. Barrows: "Observations with Regard to the Translation of the New Testament into Modern Greek, with Reference to the Recent Disturbance at Athens." By Prof. B. W. Bacon: "What was the Sign of Jonah?" By Prof. J. D. Prince: "Two Versions of the Coptic Psalter." By Prof. C. F. Kent: "The Story of Cain and Abel." By Prof. T. C. Foote: "Ephod and Teraphim."

Adjourned to Saturday morning.

Saturday, Dec. 28. — Met at 9.45 A.M., President Hincks in the chair. Professor Bacon reported for the Nominating Committee the following list of officers, who were then unanimously elected:

Prof. Benjamin W. Bacon,	<i>President.</i>
Prof. R. J. H. Gottheil,	<i>Vice-President.</i>
Rev. Wm. H. Cobb,	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
Prof. W. J. Beecher,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Prof. L. B. Paton,	} <i>Associates</i> <i>in</i> <i>Council.</i>
Prof. G. A. Barton,	
Prof. E. D. Burton,	
Prof. S. I. Curtiss,	
Dr. W. H. Ward,	

Professor Torrey reported from the Auditing Committee that the accounts of Treasurer and Secretary were correct and accompanied by the proper vouchers. It was voted that the thanks of the Society be returned to Columbia University for the accommodations furnished for the meeting, and the Corresponding Secretary was chosen to convey this expression to the proper officers. The following amendments to the Constitution, proposed one year ago, were then adopted:

Section 3. Omit the words "all ex-Presidents of the Society, and."

Section 7 [a new section]. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of the Society, on recommendation of the Council, such amendment having been proposed at a previous meeting, and notice of the same having been sent to the members of the Society.

The Council reported that Prof. L. B. Paton had been reelected Corresponding Secretary, and Prof. J. H. Ropes and Rev. W. H. Cobb additional members of the Publishing Committee. On nomination of the Council, the following new members were elected:

Prof. Caroline M. Breyfogle,	Wellesley College, Mass.
Rev. George P. Eastman,	Millbury, Mass.
Karl J. Grimm, Ph.D.,	Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.
Rev. Richard M. Hodge, D.D.,	Union Theological Seminary, N.Y. City.
Rev. Hans H. Spoer, Ph.D.,	Astoria, N.Y.

From 10 to 1.20 papers were read and discussed as follows :

By Rev. Gabriel Oussani : "Arabic Parallels to the Song of Songs."
 By Prof. George A. Barton : "The Jewish-Christian Doctrine of the Pre-existence of the Messiah." By Prof. Samuël I. Curtiss : "Semitic Conceptions of God" ; "Local Divinities." By Prof. C. C. Torrey : "The recently Discovered Remains of a Text of 1 Maccabees" ; "An Important Series of Interpolations in Deutero-Isaiah." By Prof. Irving F. Wood : "Notes on Luke i. 45-55, 68-79." By Prof. Paul Haupt : "Some Difficult Passages in the Song of Songs" ; "The Phrase **וְכַכֵּם צִמְרִים** in 2 Kings ix. 25." By Dr. J. A. Bewer : "New Lexical and Critical Suggestions on Several Old Testament Passages." By Prof. I. J. Peritz : "Use of Talmudic Terms in interpreting the New Testament."

Adjourned at 1.20.

WM. H. COBB,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN PALESTINE.

The American School in Palestine.

At the meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis held December 28, 1900, the Committee appointed to establish the American School of Oriental Research in Palestine presented its final report and was discharged. The management of the School then passed into the hands of the contributing institutions and individuals named in said report, and by them a Board of Managers was chosen for the ensuing year. To this Board of five members, Prof. John Williams White, being President of the Archaeological Institute of America, was added *ex officio*. The Board was organized by choosing a Chairman and a Secretary. Prof. J. H. Ropes was requested to act as Treasurer and has done so.

The previous Committee had appointed Prof. C. C. Torrey as the first Director. His report, which is made a part of this report,¹ will show the faithfulness of his work under unexpected difficulties. Prof. H. G. Mitchell is now in Jerusalem as the second Director and reports favorably as to the continued assistance of U. S. Consul Merrill, the development of the library, and the work being done by him and his one regular student. This is Mr. Martin A. Meyer, a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, whose examination for the fellowship offered

¹ It is printed in the *American Journal of Archaeology*, Supplement to Vol. V. — EDITORS JBL.

by the Archaeological Institute showed that he was the best qualified of the three candidates. Professor Mitchell will give special instruction for limited periods to some others.

There are now twenty-one contributing institutions, namely, Andover Theological Seminary, Auburn Theological Seminary, Boston University, Brown University, Bryn Mawr College, Colgate University, Columbia University, Cornell University, the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, the General Theological Seminary of New York, Harvard University, Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, Johns Hopkins University, McCormick Theological Seminary, the University of New York, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Princeton Theological Seminary, Trinity College of Hartford, the Union Theological Seminary of New York, and Yale University.

The subscription being made through the labors of Dr. James B. Nies for an endowment excavation fund now amounts to about thirty thousand dollars.

The decease of Prof. Joseph Henry Thayer on the twenty-sixth day of November has removed from the Board of Managers its head and most active member. The School originated with him and had his constant attention and generous service until his strength failed. May it become the worthy monument of this sincere friend of man, ripe scholar, and beloved teacher.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Managers:

GEORGE F. MOORE,
JOHN P. PETERS,
WM. HAYES WARD,
JOHN WILLIAMS WHITE,
THEODORE F. WRIGHT.

December 10, 1901.