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PROCEEDINGS

DECEMBER 1912.

THE forty-eighth meeting of the Society was held in the National Museum, Washington, D. C., on Friday and Saturday, December twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth, 1912. The first session began at 2.30 P. M, in room 45. President Paton took the Chair and read the annual address. His subject was "Israel in Canaan." By reason of a gratifying increase in attendance, adjournment was taken at this point, from room 45, which was overcrowded, to the Auditorium of the Museum. At 3.15, Professor Montgomery read the report of the Corresponding Secretary, after which the Recording Secretary read his report. These reports were accepted and placed on file. It was voted that the obituary portion of the Recording Secretary's report be printed in the Journal. Professor Prince then read the Treasurer's report, and the Recording Secretary read his financial statement. These two accounts with their vouchers were referred to an Auditing Committee, consisting of Professors Kyle and Kelso.

From 3.30 to 5.00, papers were read and discussed as follows:

By Professor Bacon: "The Prologue to John of Codex Toletanus."
(This paper was presented only in part.)
By Professor Prince: "Note on Ichabod."
By Professor Haupt: "The Visions of Zechariah."
By Professor Cadbury: "The Alleged Medical Language of Luke and Acts."
By Professor Jastrow: "An Analysis of Leviticus XIII—XIV."

The Chair appointed Professors Jastrow, Fullerton and Kelso a Committee to nominate officers.

Adjourned.

Friday evening. The Society met in the Auditorium, in joint session with the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association.

Saturday A. M., December twenty-eight. The joint session was resumed at 9.30, in four sections. The Oriental Section met in the Auditorium, and most of the papers presented were by members of the "Biblical Society."

Saturday P. M. The Society met in the Auditorium at 2.30, but soon adjourned to rooms 46 and 47, in order that the joint meeting of the other two Societies might have sufficient space. Professor Kyle reported that the Auditing Committee had found the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and of the Recording Secretary correct. The Council reported that they had elected Professor James A. Montgomery as Corresponding Secretary, and Professor William H. P. Hatch and William H. Cobb as additional members of the Publishing Committee. They announced that the next meeting is to be held December 29 and 30, 1913, at the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City, with Professors Friedländer, Gottheil and Prince as Committee of Arrangements. They nominated for active membership in the Society:

Miss Charlotte H. Adams, New York City, New York.
Dr. Earl Bennett Cross, Brown University, Providence, R. I.
Prof. D. E. Culley, Western Theological Sem., Pittsburgh, Pa.
George Dahl, M. A., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
Prof. Frank Leighton Day, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.
Dr. Orrin D. Foster, Madison, Wisconsin.
Rev. Warren F. Gookin, Episcopal Theol. School, Cambridge, Mass.
Prof. Charles B Hedrick, Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Connecticut.
Dr. Matthew W. Lampe, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. Walter A. Matos, Swarthmore, Pa.
Rev. John Meighan, New Britain, Pa.
Rev. John Miller, A. M., Coudersport, Pa.
Rev. William M. Nesbit, A. M., Montclair, N. J.
Prof. Waldo S. Pratt, Hartford Theological Sem., Hartford, Conn.
Prof. Frank H. Ridgely, Lincoln University, Chester Co., Pa.
Prof. Henry A. Sanders, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Louis Wallis, Chicago, Illinois.
Dr. Clarence R. Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.
These were all unanimously elected.

Professor Jastrow reported for the Nominating Committee, presenting the following list of officers:

Prof. George A. Barton	*President.*
Prof. Nathaniel Schmidt	*Vice-President.*
Rev. William H. Cobb	*Recording Secretary.*
Prof. J. Dyneley Prince	*Treasurer.*
Prof. William R. Arnold Prof. Walter R. Betteridge Prof. Loring W. Batten Prof. Francis A. Christie Prof. Edward I. Bosworth	*Associates in Council.*

These were all unanimously elected.

It was voted that the thanks of the Society be returned to the institutions that have hospitably entertained its members: to the Washington Society of the Archaeological Institute; to the Smithsonian Institution; and to the Universities of Washington and vicinity.

Papers were then presented as follows:

By Professor Pratt: "Statistical Experiences in the Psalter."
By Professor Haupt: "The Cuneiform Name of the Second Adar."
By Mr. George V. Schick: "The Hebrew Adverb Dûmâm."
By Professor Bacon: the conclusion of his paper on the Prologue to John.
By Dr. Kyle: "The Hyksos of Heliopolis."
By Professor Robinson: "The Mosaic Olive-Press at Moresheth-Gath."
(This was read, in the author's absence, by the Recording Secretary.)

Adjourned at 4.30.

WILLIAM H. COBB,
Recording Secretary.

MEMBERS DECEASED

Daniel Merriman. We lament the loss of one who was not only a Christian scholar, but also, and emphatically, a Christian gentleman. He was keenly alive to all forms of religious progress, and in hearty sympathy with critical research; his face was ever turned towards the dawn.

Henry S. Nash. His published works were known and appreciated everywhere; one might single out for mention here

a small book in the direct field of our Society, "The Higher Criticism of the New Testament." He impressed his own original and delightful personality upon his students.

William N. Clarke. He also was an eminent author who trained successive generations of students for the Christian ministry. Though a theologian rather than an exegete, he always remembered that exegesis gives theology its best material. His "Outlines of Christian Theology" appeared at a most opportune moment, and holding out a hand of welcome to both conservatives and liberals, helped them to understand each other.

Willis J. Beecher. A pioneer founder of the Society. He served as its Treasurer for nineteen years, 1884—1902. His papers and brief notes in the Journal were always important and suggestive. His judicial cast of mind will be recalled gratefully by all who knew him. He was ready, on the one hand, to criticize men of his own school of thought; on the other hand, to demand justice and liberty for friends of the opposite camp. President Harper said of him:

> "He holds a conservative position, it is true; but he reaches it by modern methods."

If he had written nothing else, "The Prophets and the Promise" would keep his memory green.

George D. Castor. This is in some respects the saddest death we have to chronicle. He was one of our younger members, who lost his life in a drowning accident in July, 1912. Joining the Society in 1906, and making his mark in Yale Theological Seminary, he afterwards removed to the far West, and entered on a promising career as Professor in Pacific Theological Seminary.

To human judgment, the life-work of the other four deceased members was mainly accomplished, while his was mainly incomplete. But in this, as in all things, human judgment is subject to revision by the wisdom of the All-Seeing.