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Sixty-seventh Annual Meeting

PROCEEDINGS

DECEMBER 28th and 29st, 1931

THE sixty-seventh meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis was called to order by the President, Professor B. S. Easton, at 10:30 A.M. on December 28th, 1931, at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Professor C. H. Kraeling, was presented as were those of the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer (see pp. v—vii).

As a committee to nominate officers for next year, Professors L. W. Batten, I. J. Peritz, and D. W. Riddle were appointed by the chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Arrangements a report was made by Professor E. G. H. Kraeling.

The Society then proceeded to the consideration of the following papers:

By B. S. Easton: Ethical Lists in the New Testament (Presidential Address.)

By E. A. Leslie: The Second Millennium in the Fertile Crescent.

By A. Freed: The Probable Author of the Book Found by Hilkiah.

By W. F. Albright: The Official Seals of the Temple Treasury in the Post-Exilic Age.

By J. A. Montgomery: Strains of Asceticism in Early Judaism.

Monday Afternoon, December 28. The Society reconvened at 2 P.M. The following papers were read and discussed until adjournment:

By D. W. Riddle: The Logic of the Theory of Translation Greek.

By W. N. Donovan: Notes on a Trip in the Negeb.

By W. F. Stinespring: Some Aspects of the Historical Topography of Antioch.

By C. H. Kraeling: The Jewish Community at Antioch.

By Dudley Tyng: The Septuagint Text of Theodore of Mopsuestia.

By Trude Weiss Rosmarin: Metaphorical Use of "Heaven," "Sun," "Moon," "Stars" in the Bible, and in Cuneiform Inscriptions.

By Amos B. Hulen: The "Dialogues with the Jews" as Sources for the Early Jewish Argument against Christianity.

*By H. R. Willoughby: The Lost Miniatures of the Rockefeller-McCormick Manuscript.

Monday Evening, December 28. This session was held as an annual meeting of the Fund for Biblical and Oriental Archaeological Research with the following program:

By W. J. Moulton: Report of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

*By W. F. Albright: The Excavation of Beth-Zur.

*By R. H. Pfeiffer: The Excavations at Nuzi (1929—30).

Tuesday Morning, December 29. The Society convened about 9:30 A.M. The Recording Secretary reported on behalf of the Council. 33 persons, who had been nominated for membership in the Society upon recommendation of the Council, were elected.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Council, it was agreed to accept the invitation of the Divinity School of Chicago University and of the Oriental Institute to hold our next meeting there. The time of meeting is to be in the week following Christmas, the exact days to be determined by the President and Recording Secretary.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had found the Treasurer's accounts correct. Their recommendations with regard to ways and means of balancing the budget were discussed and were finally referred to the Council for consideration and report to the Society.

The Nominating Committee made its report and the following appointments were then made:

Prof. J. M. P. Smith, University of Chicago

Prof. James Moffatt, Union Theol. Seminary

Prof. Henry J. Cadbury, Bryn Mawr College

Prof. H. H. Tryon, Union Theol. Seminary

Mr. Joshua Starr

Prof. C. B. Hedrick, Berkeley Divinity School

Prof. Mary E. Andrews, Goucher College

President

Vice-President

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

} *Associates in Council.*
} *Term expires in 1934*

* Illustrated with the stereopticon.

Prof. W. F. Albright, Johns Hopkins University

*Delegate to the American
Council of Learned So-
cieties. Term expires
1936*

The Council reported that it had elected Professor C. H. Kraeling as Corresponding Secretary and to be associated with him as an Editorial Committee Professors B. W. Bacon and George Dahl.

Announcement was made of a plan of English Scholars to establish a Memorial to the late Dr. Cowley. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to communicate with those responsible for this Memorial expressing the interest of our members and to publish a statement about it in the Journal (see p. 73).

The Society voted to express its thanks to the Union Theological Seminary for the hospitality which it received this year.

The activities of the American Council of Learned Societies, as they interest our membership, were briefly reported by one of our delegates to that Council, Professor Albright.

Papers were read and discussed during the morning session as follows:

By S. V. McCasland: Miracle Stories in Josephus.

By J. M. P. Smith: The Growth of the Hebrew Idea of God.

By Fleming James: Was there Monotheism in Israel before Amos?

By G. S. Duncan: The Contribution of George Foot Moore to Biblical Learning.

By Joshua Starr: Jewish and Gentile Affinities to the Markan Portrayal of John the Baptist.

By Julian Morgenstern: The Samaritan Schism.

By C. D. Matthews: Palestine, Holy Land of Islam.

Tuesday Afternoon, December 29. The Society convened at about 2 P.M. The Council reported that it had considered carefully the recommendations of the Auditing Committee in which changes were suggested to improve the financial situation of the Society, and that it recommended that no action be taken this year since the balance in the Treasury would apparently be adequate to meet the expected expenses. The members were, however, reminded that by recommending for membership in the Society suitable persons they will not only be helping the Society fulfil its general function but will assist its financial situation.

The membership listened to the presentation of papers in two divisions. In the Old Testament section, which adjourned at about 5 P.M., the following papers were read and discussed:

- By James Muilenburg: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream.
- By R. H. Pfeiffer: The Personification of Wisdom.
- By Barnett A. Elzas: A Note on Job 2 12.
- By H. S. Gehman: The Armenian Version of Kings I and II.
- By George Dahl: The Integrity and Date of Joel.
- By G. R. Berry: The Title of Ezekiel (1 1-3).
- By Sam'l. Rosenblatt: The Text of the Bible in the Light of Mishnaic Exegesis.
- By Robert Gordis: Some Hitherto Unrecognized Meanings of the Hebrew Root *shub*.
- By E. G. H. Kraeling: The Death of Sennacherib in 2 Kings 19 36-37.

In the New Testament section, which adjourned at about 5:45 P.M., the following papers were presented:

- By Geo. A. Barton: When and by whom was the Church at Rome founded?
- By C. B. Hedrick: Pageantry in the Fourth Gospel.
- By C. R. Bowen: Love in the Fourth Gospel.
- By C. C. Torrey: John 12 32 "When I shall be lifted up from the earth."
- By Mary E. Andrews: The Problem of Motive in the Ethics of Paul.
- By E. C. Colwell: Method in the Study of the Text of the Gospel Lectionary.
- By D. W. Riddle: The Character of the Lectionary Text of Mark in the Week-day Readings.
- By K. W. Clark: The Text of a New American Codex of the Greek New Testament.
- By Henry J. Cadbury: Noon (Acts 22 6; 26 13): A Problem in Motif.
- By Elbert Russell: Possible Influence of the Mysteries on the Form and Interrelation of the Johannine Literature.

The following papers were presented only by title:

- By G. L. Robinson: The Bible, Oriental in its Standards of Morality.
- By Julian Obermann: The Basilica of St.'Ashmunit at Antioch.
- By E. G. H. Kraeling: The Legend of Ehud.
- By Kemper Fullerton: A Defense of the Massoretic Text of Job 40 2.
- By E. B. Cross: The Liturgical Structure of Certain Psalms.
- By L. J. Liebreich: The Text of the Targum to Canticles.
- By Margaret B. Crook: Kings and Kingship in the Works of the Great Prophets.
- By C. C. McCown: The Geography of Jesus' Last Journey.
- By B. W. Bacon: The Self-Witness of the Fourth Evangelist.

HENRY J. CADBURY, *Recording Secretary*.