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PROCEEDINGS

DECEMBER, 1911

THE forty-seventh meeting of the Society was held in Sherred Hall of the General Theological Seminary, Ninth Avenue and Twenty-first Street, New York City, on Thursday and Friday, December 28th and 29th, 1911. The first session began at 11.10 A.M., with President Burton in the Chair. The reading of the records was dispensed with, as they had been distributed in print. The Recording Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary read their annual reports, which were accepted and placed on file. Professor Denslow presented the invitation of the General Theological Seminary, making the members of the Society the guests of the Seminary during the sessions.

The President appointed Professors Bacon, Barton, and Jastrow, a Committee to nominate officers. Professor Prince read the Treasurer's report. The Recording Secretary read his financial statement. These two papers were referred to Professors Frame and Betteridge as an Auditing Committee.

At 11.30 Professor Burton gave the Presidential address on "Some Phases of the Synoptic Problem." In view of the general interest shown in this paper, it was voted to open it to discussion. The Vice-President, Professor Paton, took the Chair. The subject was discussed by Professors Bacon, Porter, and Barton, Professor Burton making some remarks in reply.

At 12.35, the President resumed the Chair. Professor Arnold read a paper on "The Passover Papyrus from Elephantine." This was discussed until 1 P.M., when a recess was taken for lunch and social hour.

Thursday P.M. The Society resumed its session at 2.25. Papers were read and discussed as follows: By Professor Jastrow: "On the Original Character of the Atonement Festival." By Professor Wood: "St. Paul's Use of Prophetic and Priestly Scriptures." Professor Hyvernât gave an account of the Coptic manuscripts in the library of Mr. John Pierpont Morgan, and exhibited many facsimiles of these rare papers. Professor Bewer gave the following critical notes: (1) "The Superscription of the Oracle against Edom in Isa. 21 11." (2) "Did the Jews plan to build a Yahweh Temple in Babylonia?" (3) "The Originality of the Samaritan Reading *Gerizim* in Dt. 27 4." Professor Paton read on "Dagon and Dagan," Professor Haupt on "John Hyrcanus's Campaign against the Edomites," Dr. Schick on "Some Difficult Passages in the Psalms." Professor Montgomery presented three notes, as follows: (1) "On Hoze, Isa. 12 15." (2) "On Succoth-Benoth, 2 Kings 17 30." (3) "On the Name Ahikar." Professor Heffern read on "The Four Women in the Genealogy of Christ."

Adjourned for dinner and social hour.

Thursday evening. The Society met at 8 in the library. The librarian of the Seminary, Mr. Edward Harmon Virgin, gave a very interesting and familiar talk on some books and manuscripts of especial value, which the library contains, and invited the members to inspect them.

The report of the Director of the American School in Jerusalem, Prof. Charles Rufus Brown, was read by the Recording Secretary. Professor Shepard read on "A Masoretic Manuscript of the Old Testament, of date 1264, in the Library of the General Theological Seminary."

The remainder of the evening was spent in an informal examination of the rich treasures of the library.

Adjourned at 10.

Friday A.M., December 29. The Society met at 9.20. The Council reported that they had reëlected Prof. J. A. Montgomery as Corresponding Secretary, and Prof. B. W. Bacon and Rev. W. H. Cobb as additional members of the Pub-

lishing Committee; also that the time and place of the next meeting are to be arranged in conjunction with the meeting of the Archæological Institute, provided the latter meeting is held not further west than Washington, D.C.

The Council nominated the following active members, who were then unanimously elected:

Prof. Alfred E. Alton, Hamilton, N.Y.
 Miss Ethel Cutler, B.D., New York City.
 Rev. F. C. Harding, Yonkers, N.Y.
 Miss Harriet E. Johnson, Boston.
 Rev. Robert F. Lau, New York City.
 Rev. Fred. M. Lindsay, New York City.
 Rev. George Norcross, D.D., Carlisle, Pa.
 Rev. Daniel I. Odell, Philadelphia.
 Prof. Wm. R. Newbold, Philadelphia.
 Prof. Llewellyn Phillips, Bucknell Univ., Pa.
 Prof. J. Milton Vance, Wooster Univ., Ohio.
 Rev. H. B. Vanderbogart, Middletown, Conn.
 Miss Katrine Wheelock, New York City.
 Rev. Wm. C. White, Aurora-on-Cayuga, N.Y.
 Miss Eleanor D. Wood, Wellesley College, Mass.

Professor Wood offered the following resolution: That the thanks of the Society be returned to the General Theological Seminary for the hospitable and bountiful arrangements provided for this meeting. This was adopted by a unanimous vote. Informal remarks were made by several members favoring a closer affiliation between the Society and the School at Jerusalem.

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

Prof. Lewis B. Paton	<i>President.</i>
Prof. George A. Barton	<i>Vice-President.</i>
Rev. Wm. H. Cobb	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
Prof. J. Dyneley Prince	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Prof. H. P. Smith	} <i>Associates</i> <i>in</i> <i>Council.</i>
Prof. E. D. Burton	
Prof. W. R. Arnold	
Prof. W. R. Betteridge	
Prof. L. W. Batten	
Prof. J. P. Peters	} <i>To represent the</i> <i>Society on the</i> <i>Palestine School.</i>
Pres. Mary A. Woolley	
Prof. A. T. Clay	

These were all unanimously elected.

It was voted to send the Treasurer a set of the Journal to replace one lost in the burning of his home.

It was voted to limit the reading of papers to twenty minutes each. During the remainder of the morning papers were read and discussed as follows: By Professor Schmidt: "The 'God of the Hebrews' in the Paris Magical Papyrus, ll. 3019 ff." By Dr. Poebel: "The Royal Standing-Place in the Temple." By Dr. Vanderburgh: "The Ode on the King of Babylon, Isa. 14 4 b-21." By Professor Barton: "The Hebrew Originals of the Names of Angels and Demons in Ethiopic Enoch." By Professor Stearns: "A Collation of the Papyrus Fragments bearing on the New Testament Text." By Professor Haupt: "The Prayer of Moses, the Man of God." By Professor Moulton: "Irenæus on the Dating of the Gospels." By Professor Yerkes: "Some Notes on the Use of *El* in Genesis." By Professor Montgomery: "New Testament Quotations in the Odes of Solomon."

Adjourned at 1 P.M.

WILLIAM H. COBB,

Recording Secretary.

[The List of Members and Constitution and By-Laws will appear at the end of the Volume.]