

*Stated Meeting, May 3, 1889.*

Present, 16 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

A circular from the R. Academia delle Scienze, of Turin, soliciting subscriptions for a monument to the late Angelo Genocchi.

A circular from the New Haven Colony Historical Society, stating that a valuable sword presented to the late Admiral Foote, U. S. N., had been stolen.

Circular from the Rhode Island Historical Society, in reference to Indian names and localities in that State.

Program of prizes to be awarded by the Académie Royale de Belgique for 1890.

Letters from August Neilson, Gefle, Sweden, in relation to a proposed international language.

Accessions to the Library were announced from the Geological Survey of India, Calcutta; Physiologische Gesellschaft, Berlin; Naturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft "Isis," Dresden; Université Royale, Lund, Sweden; Société Zoologique de France, Paris; Société d'Histoire et d'Archéologie, Geneva, Switzerland; Bath and West of England Society; Mr. P. Hoinix, London; New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord; Massachusetts Historical Society, Rev. P. S. Moxen, Boston; Harvard College Observatory, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. T. H. Safford, Williamstown, Mass.; American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; New York State Library, University of the State of New York, Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara, Albany; Mr. W. J. Potts, Camden, N. J.; New Jersey Historical Society, Newark; Prof. John Eyer- man, Easton, Pa.; Indian Rights' Association, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Messrs. Richard B. Osborne, Henry



Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Department of the Interior, War Department, U. S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington; Col. Charles C. Jones, Augusta, Ga.; Prof. John C. Branner, Little Rock, Ark.; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Historical Society, Chicago, Ill.; Academy of Natural Sciences, Davenport, Ia.; Washington College, Topeka, Kans.; University of California, Sacramento, Cal.; Imperial Observatorio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

An obituary notice of Dr. N. A. Randolph was read, by appointment, by Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock.

The deaths of the following members were announced:

Henry W. Field, London, d. March, 1888.

Prof. Samuel W. Gross, M.D. (Philadelphia), b. February 4, 1837, d. April 16, 1889.

William Henry Rawle (Philadelphia), b. August 19, 1823, d. April 19, 1889.

F. A. P. Barnard (New York City, N. Y.), b. May 19, 1815, d. April 27, 1889.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint suitable persons to prepare the usual obituary notices of Dr. Gross and Mr. Rawle.

The Secretaries presented a communication from Dr. W. J. Hoffman, Washington, D. C., on the "Folk-Medicine of the Pennsylvania Germans."

The Secretaries presented a paper by Mr. James Mooney, Washington, on "The Holiday Customs of Ireland."

Prof. E. D. Cope made a communication, "A Review of the N. A. Species of Hippotherium."

Prof. Cope made an oral communication as to "The Partial Results of the Geological Survey of the Cypress Hills, near the Saskatchewan River, in the Dominion of Canada."

Dr. Allen made some remarks upon the "Characteristics of the American Pronghorn."

Pending nominations 1183-1187 were read.

The Librarian reported the preparation of a first list of the lacunæ on the shelves of the Society's Library among



sets of publications of various learned societies. On motion, it was ordered to be printed and distributed.

A communication was read from Col. F. M. Etting in reference to the MS. copy of the Declaration of Independence in the autograph of Thomas Jefferson, owned by the Society.

On motion, the Society resolved to publish the same in *fac simile*, and requested Col. Etting to prepare suitable letter-press to accompany the reproduction.

The consideration of the publication of the old Records of the Council was postponed until the autumn.

Prof. Cope offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretaries see that there are printed on the separata issued to the contributors to the publications of the Society, the name of the publication from which they are taken, and the date at which they are issued to the author. And that both be placed on the sheets of the separata and not alone on the cover.

Mr. Wood moved to refer the motion to the Committee on Publication, and being put to a vote, the motion was declared carried.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, May 17, 1889.*

Present, 22 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Program of the award of the Hoeufft prizes, by the R. Nederlandish Academy.

A letter from August Neilson, Gefle, Sweden, in relation to international language.

A communication from the "American Anthropologist," requesting a subscription, was referred to the Library Committee with power to act.



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