

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASS'N.

Fourteenth Annual Meeting Well Attended—The Papers.

The American Historical Association held its fourteenth annual meeting at New Haven, beginning Wednesday, Dec. 28, and lasting through Thursday and Friday. The meeting was attended by many prominent men from all parts of the country. Prof. William Cunningham of Cambridge University, England, was present at most of the sessions and spoke informally once.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President—James F. Rhodes of Boston.

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Although a joint session was held with the New England History Teachers' Association Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the real opening of the Historical Association was held that evening at 8 o'clock in Colonial Hall, where the address of welcome was given by President Dwight. The inaugural address by Prof. George P. Fisher of Yale, President of the Association, was followed by a paper on "Municipal Life in the Twelfth Century," by Prof. J. M. Vincent of Johns Hopkins University.

On Thursday morning papers were read on "Institutional History of the later Middle Ages," by A. L. Lowell of Harvard, and on "American Colonial History, 1690-1750," by Prof. C. M. Andrews of Bryn Mawr College. In the afternoon, Church History held the floor, papers being read on "Beginnings of Protestant Worship," by Prof. J. W. Richards of Gettysburg; "Erasmus," by Rev. George Norcross, Carlisle, Pa., and on "Zwingli and the Baptist Party in the City of Zurich." Following this session Prof. George P. Fisher gave the members of the Association a reception at his home, which was largely attended.

DIPLOMATIC HISTORY.

Diplomatic History was dealt with at the evening session. Three papers were read on this subject: "Napoleon's Plans for French Colonies in Spanish America," by Professor William M. Sloane, Columbia University; "The Search for the Venezuela-Guiana Boundary," by Professor George L. Burr, Cornell University; "The Diplomatic Relations of the Confederate States and England, 1861-65," by Dr. J. M. Callahan, Johns Hopkins University; "American Diplomacy," by Prof. E. A. Grosevenor, of Amherst College.

The papers on Colonial History and Policy on Friday were: "A Forgotten Danger to the New England Colonies," by Dr. F. A. Strong of Yale; "Some Lessons from the Recent History of European Dependencies," by Prof. Henry E. Bourne of Western Reserve University, and "The Constitutional and Legal Aspects of the Government of Dependencies by the United States," by Judge Simeon E. Baldwin, Dean of the Yale Law School.

The closing session at 2.30 on Friday discussed Historical activities, a paper being read by Dr. Herbert Friedenwald, Supt. of MSS. Dept., Washington, on "Historical Manuscripts in the Library of Congress." The report of the Historical Manuscript Commission was read by J. Franklin Jameson of Brown University, and after the business meeting and election of officers an adjournment was taken till the Christmas vacation week in 1899, when the Association meets in Boston, Mass.

OBITUARY.

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its work. In this society, as in others to which he gave more than passing attention, as one of his friends well said, he quickly became a leader whom all recognized and were glad to follow.

"Another club, one of a social nature, in which he took great interest, was the University Club. He was one of the founders of this and the first president, holding that office for four or five years. He was one of the organizers in 1881 of the Chicago Musical Festival Association, which first brought Theodore Thomas prominently before Chicagoans."

At the time of his death he was preparing a work on the History of Illinois for Houghton, Mifflin & Company, which was to have been published in two volumes. He has left the manuscript for about half of this, and it is said that from the notes that he had made, the remainder can probably be completed. The work is looked forward to with a great deal of interest, owing to Mr. Mason's reputation for most intimate acquaintance with all the sources and facts of the history. He had, as well, a most interesting style of treatment. His principle addresses were at the unveiling of the statute of La Salle in Chicago in 1889 and the unveiling of the bronze memorial group of the Chicago massacre of 1812, at Chicago in 1893, and the address at the opening of the Field Columbian Museum at Chicago in 1894, which was an historical and descriptive account. Since then he has made a number of addresses on different occasions and in different places. Especially noteworthy was the one delivered at the dinner given to Joseph Choate by the Chicago Bar Association last Winter. Mr. Mason was independent in politics.

An Editorial Estimate of Mr. Mason.

[Waterbury American.]

There are some men about whom, for those who know them, it is difficult to speak with discrimination, with a due sense of measure and proportion. These possess that first of all gifts, the gift of charm—the quality which Matthew Arnold tells us distinguishes true poetry from good verse. This quality baffles analysis in personality as in poetry, suggesting that closeness of tie between personality and poetry called genius.

Such a man of personal charm was the late Edward G. Mason of Chicago. To those who felt the spell it is not given to tell the secret. They appreciated his many rare qualities, rare in themselves and rarer in combination; his culture, his literary taste, his love of the past and its study, his love of travel, his sense of humor, his good comradeship, his enjoyment of a good story and his own skill as a story teller, his strong common sense, his business ability, his ability in his own profession, the law. He was a man of yesterday and a man of to-day, touching at once tradition and action, a perfect type of that much abused phrase, "a man of the world," yet finding his chief delight and inspiration in his own home. Through and above all was an abounding youthfulness of spirit. This made him, though almost 60, still seem under 40, and gave him that freshness of noble enthusiasm which keeps pace unabated with adding years and defies age. The place he filled in the city of his residence was many-sided and important, as a man of affairs in that center of large interests, and as a man of culture doing all that was in him to conserve its higher citizenship in its Literary Club, its Historical Society (of which he was President), its most important library (of which he was an active trustee), and in its University Club.

Here, indeed, he found his most congenial companionships, for to his college days his life was constantly harking back. Yale had never a more loyal son nor one who has placed his alma mater under greater obligations for personal service rendered, often at extreme inconvenience. As a member of the Corporation he was always present at the meetings, and he gave to the University and its affairs the same watchful care and sound business advice as to his most important clients.

New Haven Country Club.

The building of the New Haven Country Club on the east side of Lake Whitney is nearing completion and in all probability will be finished about the middle of January. The building is a gabled cottage builded of sheathed pine. The assembly room is of good dimensions and the floor is laid with an eye to dancing. The house will be fitted with lockers for ladies and gentlemen and otherwise well appointed. The suspension bridge connecting the Club House with the road on the West side of the lake is more than half finished.

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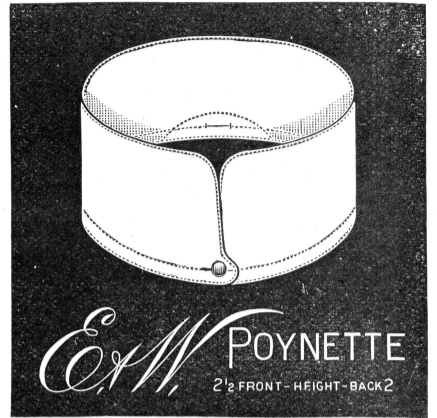
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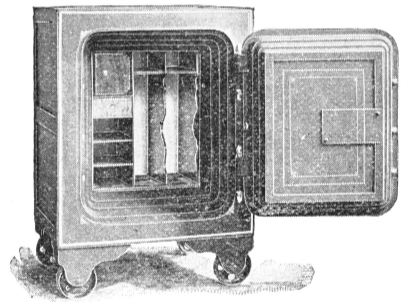
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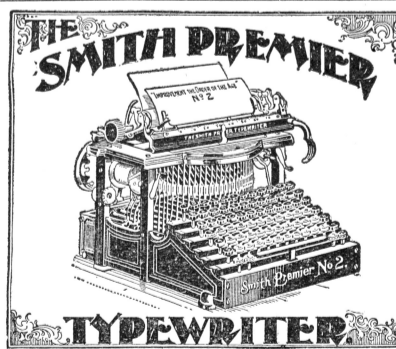
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