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HELD

January Sixteenth, Nineteen Hundred,

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

The American Philosophical Society,

BY TWENTY-SIX LEARNED SOCIETIES

IN HONOR OF THE LATE

Daniel Garrison Brinton, M.D.

PHILADELPHIA:
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

1900.

1. Introductory by the Presiding Officer, representing the
American Philosophical Society,
Provost CHARLES C. HARRISON.
2. Presentation of an oil portrait of Dr. Brinton, the gift
of friends, to the American Philosophical Society,
Hon. SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER.
3. Acceptance in behalf of the American Philosophical
Society, Prof. J. W. HOLLAND, M.D.
4. Memorial Address, Prof. ALBERT H. SMYTH.
5. Presentation of a collected set of Dr. Brinton's works,
the gift of his family, to the American Philosophical
Society, Rev. JESSE Y. BURK.
6. Acceptance in behalf of the American Philosophical
Society, Mr. JOSEPH G. ROSENGARTEN.
7. Address, . . Prof. F. W. PUTNAM, of Cambridge, Mass.
8. Presentation of a medal bearing Dr. Brinton's portrait
in relief, the gift of the Numismatic and Antiquar-
ian Society, to the American Philosophical Society,
Mr. STEWART CULIN.
9. Acceptance in behalf of the American Philosophical
Society, Dr. J. CHESTON MORRIS.
10. Address on the Ethnological Work of Dr. Brinton,
Dr. W. J. MCGEE, of Washington, D. C.

THE BRINTON MEMORIAL MEETING.

DANIEL GARRISON BRINTON, M.D.

BORN MAY 13, 1837.

DIED JULY 31, 1899.

At the stated meeting of the American Philosophical Society, held October 6, 1899, the death of Dr. Daniel G. Brinton was announced as having taken place on the 31st July, 1899, and Prof. Albert H. Smyth was requested to prepare a Memorial Address to be read at an early meeting.

At the stated meeting held the 3d November, it was resolved to hold a Memorial Meeting in honor of Dr. Brinton, at which Prof. Smyth's address should be read. A Committee was appointed to arrange for such meeting, and was authorized to extend invitations to all American learned societies of which Dr. Brinton was a member, and request such societies to appoint delegates, with which to confer and arrange the plan of the meeting.

The delegates selected attended a general committee meeting at the Hall of the Society on the 9th December, 1899, at which it was decided to hold the Memorial Meeting on the evening of Tuesday, the 16th January, 1900, in the Hall of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and a programme for the meeting was arranged.

The Memorial Meeting was called to order by Provost Charles C. Harrison, of the University of Pennsylvania.

The following Societies were represented at the meeting :

American Philosophical Society.

Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

American Antiquarian Society.

American Association for the Advancement of Science.

American Folk-Lore Society.

American Museum of Natural History.

American Oriental Society.

Anthropological Society of Washington, D. C.

Bureau of American Ethnology.

Chester County Historical Society.

Field Columbian Museum.

Geographical Society of Philadelphia.

Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Loyal Legion.

Modern Language Association of America.

New Jersey Historical Society.

Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia.

Oriental Club of Philadelphia.

Peabody Institute of Arts and Sciences.

Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology.

Smithsonian Institution.

United States National Museum.

University of Pennsylvania.

Wyoming Historical and Geological Society.

The following letters of regret were read:

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
BUREAU OF AMERICAN ETHNOLOGY.

WASHINGTON, January 15, 1900.

My Dear Sir:—I greatly regret to inform you that I cannot be present at the Memorial exercises for Dr. Brinton to-morrow night. I have contracted a bad cold, my voice could not be heard by an audience, and my physician, who has just called, tells me that I cannot speak to-morrow evening. I beg of you to present my regrets to the Committee, and to express to them my sincere disappointment at not being able to use my voice in an expression of appreciation of the noble character of Dr. Brinton, his great and valuable contributions to anthropology, and the loss which American science has sustained in his death.

Yours with respect,

J. W. POWELL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 16, 1900.

It is with great regret that I am constrained at the last moment by unexpected circumstances to forego being present at the Memorial Meeting in honor of Dr. Brinton. I regret this enforced absence deeply. Dr. Brinton was very much in my life. He was a wise friend, and a true counselor in all my work. For nearly twenty years I have been in close touch with him, and in all that time have learned more and more to honor him as a man and to appreciate his attainments as a scholar. I have not telegraphed you, as it would only add another burden to your hands already so busy and full with this occasion. I write because I want you, and any other person you may deem proper, to know that I planned to be present, to add my small quota of public tribute to Dr. Brinton. I desired to represent the feeling expressed by the Woman's Anthropological Society, and of the women who are students of archæology and ethnology. I sincerely hope a lasting memorial may be created for him in the University.

Very truly yours,

ALICE C. FLETCHER.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
BUREAU OF AMERICAN ETHNOLOGY.

WASHINGTON, January 16, 1900.

Gentlemen:—In the hope, albeit faint, that improved health would enable me to accept your valued invitation by personal participation in the Memorial Meeting in honor of the late Dr. Daniel Garrison Brinton, I have withheld reply until this last moment.

The event, as announced by you, is one of great interest and of paramount importance to the anthropological world, forming, as it does, a signal and, in itself, an almost sufficient tribute to the broad scholarship and the wide literary, no less than scientific, sympathies and attainments of its subject, our lamented leader.

Then there is the count of his written works, scarce less in length than the *Wallum Olum* of the Leni Lenapi of his native State, which he was the first to adequately edit and introduce—that stands, a monument more lasting than the sculptured monoliths of Central America which he loved and labored so successfully to make speak again—leaving pathways and signs for all the rest of us to follow or beware, in study of these the most subtle and significant of our archæologic problems.

But more than all this is the position he so valiantly and at last victoriously held throughout the later years of his life in the field and school of which he was a familiar and master—that field which embraces all countries and peoples, that school which gains data from all human ages and records—that the mind of man is of single essence, responsive identically everywhere through the entire range of possible human experiences and perceptions—by the apprehension of which still disputed fact only, may formulate laws whereby the data of anthropology can be correlated, so to make of this the youngest also the greatest of the sciences.

There is one side of the life of an eminent man which, more surely and swiftly than any other, shows the secret of his greatness, on an occasion like the present, for it is lost to