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CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CHURCH HISTORY¹

I.

This Society shall be called The American Society of Church History.

II.

Its object shall be the promotion of studies in the department of Church History.

III.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

No President shall be elected to succeed himself.

These officers, the ex-Presidents and two other members to be elected annually, shall constitute the Council, of which three shall be the quorum.

The Council may fill vacancies until the next annual meeting.

IV.

The duties of the persons just named shall be respectively as follows:

The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Society. In the absence of these officers, the Society may choose a temporary president from the members present.

The Secretary shall notify the members at least two weeks in advance of each meeting, keep the minutes, and conduct the correspondence of the Society under the direction of the Council.

¹As amended December 30, 1913.

The Treasurer shall send bills regularly to all annual members, take charge of the funds of the Society, and invest and disburse them under the direction of the Council.

The Council shall be charged with the general interests of the Society including the election of members, the calling of meetings, the selection of papers, the arrangement of programs, the determination of papers to be published, and the auditing of the Treasurer's accounts. The Secretary may, however, enroll the name of any library as a member on payment of its dues.

V.

The members shall be either active or sustaining. The annual fee for active members shall be Three Dollars; for sustaining members, Ten Dollars. On payment of One Hundred Dollars at any one time any member may become a life-member exempt from fees.

VI.

One copy of each of the publications of the Society, issued after their election, shall be sent to all life-members, and to all other members not in arrears for more than two years; but libraries shall be expected to pay dues only for those years in which the Society publishes a volume.

VII.

The Society shall meet annually at such time and place as the Council may determine. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Council. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may sit for the purpose of hearing and discussing papers presented.

VIII.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, provided that notice of such amendment shall be given at the preceding annual meeting, or the amendment itself shall be approved by the Council before the meeting at which it shall be voted upon.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
REORGANIZED AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
CHURCH HISTORY

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER

THE Society held its sixth annual and seventh public meeting in the Directors' Room of the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York on Tuesday, December 31, 1912.

MORNING SESSION

Present: Messrs. Ayer, Christie, Corwin, Faulkner, Good, Howland, Lyttle, Nichols, Reed, Severance, Spieker, Curtis H. Walker, Williston Walker, Weber, and the Secretary, also six guests, including the Rev. Vernon Stauffer later elected to membership.

Vice-President Ayer called the meeting to order at 10.15 A.M. Prayer was offered by former President Corwin.

The Secretary read the Presidential address prepared by the late Samuel Macauley Jackson, entitled "A Humanist of the Ninth Century, Servatus Lupus." The second paper was read by George Frederick Spieker,¹ "Vergerius and Protestant Tendencies among the Roman Prelates of the Sixteenth Century." The paper was discussed by Messrs. Good, Rockwell, Walker, and Christie.

Williston Walker read a paper by Champlin Burrage, entitled "New Light on the Origin of the 'Scattered Flock' and the Beginnings of Quakerism." In the subsequent dis-

¹ Died September 7, 1913.

cussion, Messrs. Christie, Williston Walker, and Faulkner took part.

The Vice-President arranged that a meeting of the Council should assemble after luncheon. Eighteen members and guests attended the luncheon, which was held at one o'clock in the Commons of Columbia University.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Present: Messrs. Ayer, Christie, Corwin, Faulkner, Good, Howland, Lyttle, Nichols, Reed, Severance, Spieker, C. H. Walker, Williston Walker, Weber, and the Secretary, also three guests, including Messrs. Hesselgrave and Margrander later elected to membership.

At half-past two, John Alfred Faulkner read a paper on "Luther and Toleration." Messrs. Weber, Williston Walker, Ayer, Severance, and Christie participated in the discussion.

The second paper of the afternoon was by Richard Clark Reed on "A Sketch of the Religious History of the Negroes in the South." It was discussed by Messrs. Rockwell, Corwin, and Weber.

The closing paper was by Charles Harold Lyttle, "Pre-suppositions Regarding the Stigmata of Francis of Assisi," which was discussed by Mr. Weber.

In the business meeting which ensued the Secretary reported the various items of business enumerated below.

The Council has to-day elected the following scholars to membership in the Society: Curtis H. Geer, Charles M. Jacobs, John H. Logan, David S. Schaff, H. Morse Stephens.

Volume III. of the *Papers* was published on the 15th of October. In accordance with the vote of the Society at the last annual meeting, the Secretary sent review copies to a carefully selected list of American and foreign periodicals. He also caused to be printed advertising circulars describing the series.