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## PREFACE

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The Publishing Committee of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society takes great pleasure in presenting to the members of the Society the Fourth volume of its "Proceedings and Collections."

Thirteen years have elapsed since the Third volume, "The Memoir of Harrison Wright, Ph. D.," was published, and more than that period of time since the list of members was printed, although the hiatus has been slightly filled by fifteen brief titles from the Society's press.

In resuming the issue of the "Proceedings and Collections" it is the present purpose of the Committee to issue a similar volume annually, and the work on volume Five will begin during the summer, so as to secure its delivery early in the coming year.

The Committee found it necessary to issue the first part of the present volume, "The Memoir of Sheldon Reynolds, Esq.," without waiting for the Proceedings of the Society, as a matter of justice to our late honored President. In binding the volume, the Memoir (pages 1 to 78) should take its place immediately after page xlii.

The labor of the entire work of preparation, proof reading and issue of volume Four has fallen upon the Corresponding Secretary, who wishes to assume all responsibility for such errors as may appear.

REV. HORACE EDWIN HAYDEN,  
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PROCEEDINGS.

**Annual Meeting, February 11, 1893.**

The meeting convened at 11 o'clock A. M. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayden.

President Calvin Parsons in the chair. The Society proceeded with the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen receiving all the votes cast were declared elected:

President, Calvin Parsons.

Vice Presidents, Rev. Henry L. Jones, Hon. Eckley B. Coxe, Hon. L. D. Shoemaker, F. V. Rockafellow.

Trustees, L. H. Taylor, M. D., H. H. Harvey, Edward Welles, Hon. C. A. Miner, S. L. Brown.

Treasurer, Andrew H. McClintock.

Recording Secretary, Joseph D. Coons.

Corresponding Secretary, Sheldon Reynolds.

Librarian, J. Ridgway Wright.

Assistant Librarian, Dr. F. C. Johnson.

Curators—Mineralogy and Conchology, I. A. Stearns.

Paleontology, Ralph D. Lacoë.

Archæology, Sheldon Reynolds.

Numismatics, Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden.

Historiographer, George B. Kulp.

Meteorologist, Rev. Franklin Blanchard Hodge, D. D.

The Historiographer reported thirteen deaths during the year, viz: Henry Colt Wilson, William Penn Miner, Fred Landmesser, J. H. Hildreth, John C. Phelps, Edward Jones, J. A. Price, Hubbard B. Payne, Brinton Coxe, J. Vaughn Darling, Henry M. Hoyt, Jay Gould, Houghton B. Robinson.

The following persons were elected to Resident membership: John M. Crane, Shepherd Ayers, Asher Miner, Jacob Roberts, Jr.

The question of the time and manner of opening the new building was presented by Mr. Reynolds, who moved that the Trustees be appointed a Committee with full power to arrange for the formal opening of the building. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried. The report of the Treasurer was read, received and filed. The report of the Secretary was also read, received and filed. On motion of Rev. Mr. Hayden, the Secretary was instructed to request Mr. William B. Miner to deposit with the Society, either as a gift or a loan for safe keeping, the files of local newspapers left by his father. Dr. F. C. Johnson, referring to a Moravian map of the settlements along the Susquehanna, from Harris Ferry to Plymouth, on motion, Dr. Johnson was requested to read a paper on this map. On motion, W. H. Sturdevant was elected to represent the Society at Hartford, Conn., in an effort to obtain copies of maps and other documents relating to Wyoming.

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#### **Special Meeting, November 20, 1893, 8 o'clock P. M.**

Present, sixty-two members, one hundred visitors. President Calvin Parsons in the chair.

This meeting was called for the formal presentation to the Society, by the Directors of the Osterhout Free Library, of the building erected for the use of the Society.

After prayer by the Rev. Dr. Hodge, the President announced the object of the meeting.

Henry A. Fuller, Esq., on behalf of the Osterhout Free Library, in a brief address, presented the building to the Society.

Hon. Stanley Woodward, on the part of the Society, accepted the building in an address which appears on page 83.

The formal exercises having been brought to a close, those present were invited to inspect the rooms, and the President announced that the rooms will be opened to the public on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from two to five o'clock.

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#### **Annual Meeting, February 10, 1894.**

President Calvin Parsons in the chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. H. L. Jones. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.