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Rumford Committee.

WOLCOTT GIBBS, STEPHEN P. RUGGLES, EDWARD C. PICKERING, John Trowbridge, JOHN M. ORDWAY, Josiah P. Cooke, JR., JOSEPH LOVERING.

*Member of Finance Committee.

THOMAS T. BOUVÉ.

The Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Librarian were appointed a committee to consider the appropriations from the Academy's funds for the ensuing year.

On the motion of Professor Cooke, it was Voted, To meet, on adjournment, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., on June 11th.

Seven hundred and twenty-third Meeting.

June 11, 1879. — Adjourned Annual Meeting.

The President in the chair.

Professor Lovering presented the Report of the Rumford Committee.

Professor Lovering also presented the following votes of the Rumford Committee:

" Voted, To recommend to the Academy to charge to the Rumford Fund the expenses incurred for the following journals during the years 1872-77, inclusive: Poggendorff's Annalen and Beiblätter; Comptes Rendus; Philosophical Magazine; Carl's Repertorium; Journal de Physique; Fortschritte der Physik; Dingler's Journal; Franklin Journal; Annales de Chimie; Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science; and Philadelphia Photographer."

" Voted, That, in consideration of the time of the Assistant Librarian spent in the service of the Rumford Committee hetween 1872-78, the committee recommend that the Treas-

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urer be authorized to transfer five hundred dollars (\$500) to the general fund."

"Voted, That the list of periodicals contained in the records of the Rumford Committee, June 12, 1878, be paid for, including the binding, from June, 1878, to June, 1880, out of the Rumford Fund."

"Voted, That an appropriation of four hundred dollars (\$400) be made from the Rumford Fund for continuing the purchase of books upon light and heat."

These votes were severally confirmed by the Academy.

Professor Cooke presented the printed Report of the Council, and stated that the new volume of Proceedings would be ready during the present month.

Professor Peirce read the following papers: -

"On the Reference of the Unit of Length to the Wave-Lengths of Light." By Charles S. Peirce.

"On the Meteoric Constitution of the Universe." By Benjamin Peirce.

Professor Pickering described the work now in progress at the Harvard College Observatory upon Nebulæ.

The following papers were presented by title: -

"The Temporary Change of Refrangibility in the Spectrum of Solar Protuberances." By Leaguil Trouvelot.

"On the Supposed Existence of Two Permanent Zones of Solar Protuberances." By Leopold Trouvelot.

"On the Coefficient of Expansion of Nickel-plated Steel Bars." By William A. Rogers.

The following committees were appointed: -

Committee on Publication.

ALEX. AGASSIZ, W. W. GOODWIN, JOHN TROWBRIDGE.

Committee on Library.

EDWARD C. PICKERING, HENRY P. BOWDITCH, WILLIAM R. NICHOLS.

Auditing Committee.

HENRY G. DENNY, ROBERT W. HOOPER.

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