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A stated meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at eleven o'clock, a. m.; the President, the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read by the Recording Secretary.

The Librarian read the usual monthly list of donors.

The Corresponding Secretary announced the receipt of a letter from John Foster Kirk, of Philadelphia, accepting his election as a Corresponding Member.

The President announced the death of a Corresponding Member, - Mr. Buckingham Smith, of Florida, - which took place in New York the 4th of January, 1871.

Henry T. Tuckerman, Esq., of New York, was elected a Corresponding Member.

The President exhibited three small pictures, drawn in crayons, belonging to the daughter of Captain Robert Gray, of Boston, the discoverer of Columbia River, designed to illustrate his connection with that historical event. On the back of one of them was this inscription: "Capt. Gray giving orders concerning the building of the ship." On another this: "Capt. Gray obliged to fire upon the natives who disregard his order to keep off." On the third, the following: "Capt. Gray, Commander of ship Columbia, facing his ship while discussing with a friend upon the discovery of Oregon."

The President exhibited a pack of cards made of horse-hide, presented to the Peabody Museum of Ethnology, at Cambridge, by Lieut. Duncan Sherman, U. S. Cavalry, and obtained from the Arizona Indians.

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