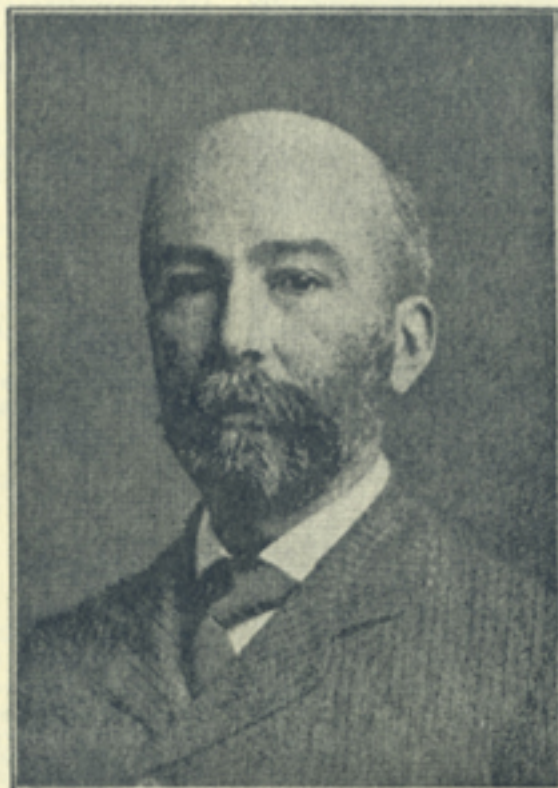




Professor William Morris Davis



The Harvard Union, now the Barker Center. Where the first Club meeting was held.

November 15, 1902 100th Anniversary November 15, 2002

DEAR SIR:

You are cordially invited to attend a meeting in the Assembly room, Harvard Union (2nd floor), Cambridge, at 8 P. M., Saturday, November 15, 1902, to consider the formation of a

HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB,

With the object of promoting intelligent travel and exploration, especially by Harvard men.

Mr. Jas. H. Kidder will speak on his travels in Alaska, with lantern illustrations.

Mr. Copley Amory will give his impressions from a short visit to Cuba.

Prof. W. M. Davis will outline a plan for the conduct of the proposed club.

We should be glad to receive from you the names and addresses of Harvard men who have travelled in the more distant parts of the world, and who might be interested in the club.

If you can attend the meeting, please send word not later than Nov. 12, to Dr. R. B. Dixon, Peabody Museum, Cambridge.

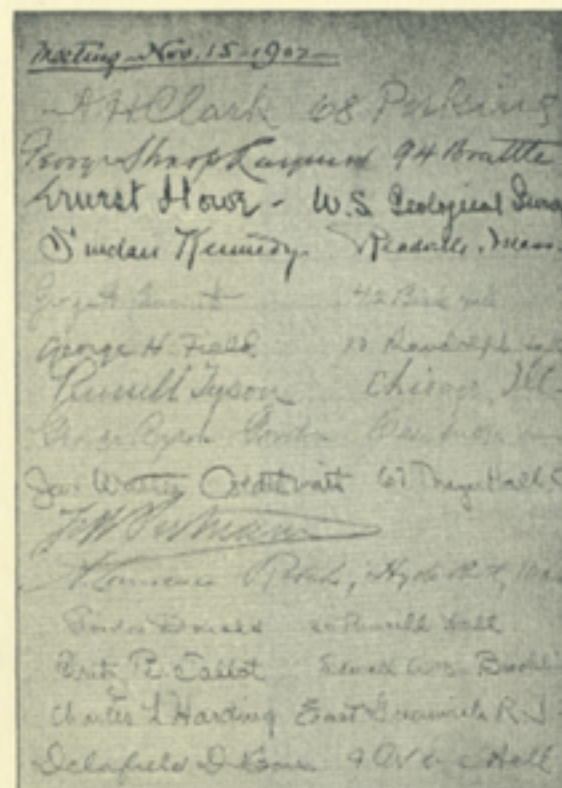
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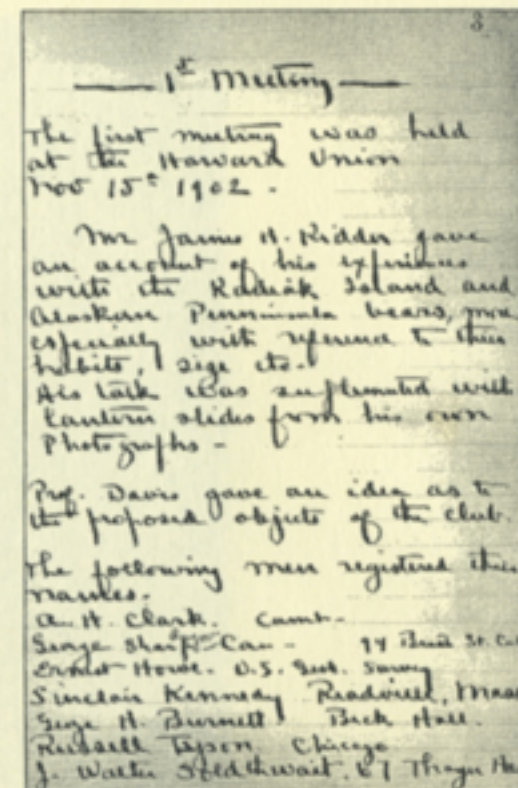
THE FOUNDERS

THE INVITATION on the previous page is the first document in the first of several Club scrapbooks. Those registering at this inaugural meeting included professors at the college, graduates and undergraduates, and alumni, in all thirty, as follows:

	Years of Membership
George Hall Burnett	1902-03
Austin Hobart Clark (<i>First to sign-in at First Meeting</i>)	1902-03
William Morris Davis (<i>First President</i>)	1902-34
Roland Burrage Dixon	1902-34
Gordon Donald	1902-22
Delafield Dubois	1902-07
George Hayes Field	1902-03
Alexis Everett Frye	1902-36
William Hargadine Glasgow	1902-03
James Walter Goldthwait	1902-31
George Byron Gordon	1902-27
Charles Lewis Harding	1902-09
Ernest Howe	1902-32
Thomas Augustus Jaggar, Jr.	1902-53
Harris Kennedy	1902-51
Sinclair Kennedy	1902-47
James Hathaway Kidder (<i>First Speaker</i>)	1902-03
Samuel Watts Lewis	1902-57
Leonard Metcalf	1902-07
John Charles Phillips (<i>First Secretary</i>)	1902-38
Frederick Ward Putnam	1902-15
George Sharp Raymer	1902-29
Motte Alston Read	1902-20
Abbott Lawrence Rotch	1902-12
Rollin S. Saltus	1902-34
Herbert Weir Smyth	1902-37
Raymond Eugene Streit	1902-03
Fritz Bradley Talbot (<i>Last surviving Charter Member</i>)	1902-64
Russell Tyson	1902-63
Robert Walcott	1902-56



Page 1 of the First Meeting sign-in book.



The Minutes of the First Meeting.

WILLIAM MORRIS DAVIS

"The history of any successful enterprise commonly centers about some great personality whose vision and courage give the initial impetus and whose inspiration helps to maintain the momentum. To the enthusiasm and zeal of its first president, Professor William Morris Davis, the Club owes much of its early success. A mere perusal of his scrap book kept during these years suffices to show the unremitting effort he put forth in its behalf—letters to well-known explorers and travellers inviting them to address our meetings, many more in the shape of replies to invitations he sent out to personal friends before each meeting, cordially asking their presence or as his guests at dinner to meet the speakers and hear the lectures. By this constructive method he interested many of his close acquaintances who later became staunch members of the Club. He aimed high that a standard might be set at the beginning which should place the meetings of the Club above the level of mediocrity."

—From the *History of the Harvard Travellers Club*, 1933