

Committee Meeting held at
74 Sowerst on Thursday Oct. 30. 1879
at 5. P.M.

Members present: Mr Newton, Prof. Sayce, Prof. Colwin, Mr Sennaduis,
S^r W^m Smith, Mr Bywater, Mr E. M. Thompson, Mr P. Gardner, Mr E. Myers,
Mr Cotter Morrison, Mr Oscar Browning, Mr Oscar Wilde, & Mr George
Macmillan (Hon. Sec.)

Mr Newton being voted into the chair opened the proceedings
by calling upon the Secretary to read over the names of those
who had at the last meeting been put up as candidates for the
Society. This being done their election was duly confirmed by
the votes of those present. The new members were as follows:
The Dean of Chester, Mr T. G. Jackson, Hon. E. Lytton, Mr Hallam Tennyson,
Mr Alfred Benn, Mr W^m Wills, Mr Herman Hager, Mr John Peile, Prof. J. W. White,
Mr J. P. Postgate, Mr Henry Jackson, Mr C. Gore Chambers, Mr Gustave Hirschfeld,

Mr Justus. D' Eichtal, Mr A. W. Verrall, Mr Hamilton Aidé, General Meredith Reade, Rev G. Christian, Mr W. F. Rawnsley, Mr W. Chawner, Mr H. Broadbent, Mr A. C. Ainger, Mr C. H. Swerard, Rev E. D. Stone, Mr S. A. Donaldson, Mr Walter Durnford, Mr H. E. Luxmoore, Prof. A. Goodwin, Mr Talfourd Ely, Mr H. W. Roe, Mr E. R. Horton, Mr Thos. Miller, Mr H. C. Levander, Mr H. Staniton Moses, Mr R. J. Gordon, Rev G. C. Bell, Prof. Maguire, Mr W. W. Ward, Mr T. H. Warren, Mr J. S. D. Murray, The Rector of Lincoln.

The chairman then proceeded to read through the rules as amended at the last meeting, after which they were discussed in detail and various new amendments passed & introduced. In the objects of the Society, at the suggestion of Mr Freeman, from whom the Secretary read a letter, the words "in the Levant" were omitted. In Rules 18 & 19 Prof Sayce proposed that the President & Vice-Presidents should hold office for 'three' instead of 'one' year. Being seconded by Mr Macmillan ~~it~~ this was put to the vote but lost by a large majority. In Rule 28 it was decided that candidates must have the votes not of 'two thirds' but of 'the majority' of the members present in the Committee. In Rule 32. Prof. Sayce ~~had~~ proposed that the no. of British Honorary members should not exceed 'five' the present number being 'twenty'. This was lost, but a second amendment proposed by Dr Smith to read 'ten' instead of 'twenty' was carried unanimously.

The Chairman next brought forward the question of ~~the~~ the Presidency of the Society, explaining that it would be impossible for himself to hold the office, as it had been generally hoped that it would do. He expressed his willingness to take the Chair at the ensuing general meeting but after that the Presidency must be regarded as vacant. He therefore called ~~to~~ upon all ~~Council~~ members of the Committee to turn their attention to this matter, it being necessary that they should have a President to propose to the general meeting. Several names were suggested but no certain conclusion arrived at.

Mr Smith then stated, with reference to the periodical meetings which the Society hoped to hold later on, that the Royal Literary Fund, of whose Council he was a member, had a good room at 7 Adelphi Terrace, which he thought could be hired for such meetings at the rate of about £20 a year. The suggestion was received with favour and the Hon Sec was requested to look at the room in question, & report to the Committee at their next meeting. The meeting then broke up.

C. J. Linton