

Committee Meeting

held at

74 Power St Thursday Nov. 27. 1879

Members present. Mr Newton, Mr E. M. Thompson, Mr H. F. Pelham, Mr Sennaduis, Prof. Colwin, Mr E. Myers, Mr P. Gardner & Mr George Macmillan

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

Mr Newton being voted into the chair proceeded to read through the rules as last amended. These meeting with general approval the following ~~motion~~ resolution was moved by Prof. Colwin & seconded by Mr Myers, & carried nem. con.

viz: That the Rules as drafted by the Rules Committee and approved by the General Committee be submitted for confirmation to the members of the Society at the first general meeting of the Society

Subsequently however on the motion of Mr Gardner the following words were decided to be added to Rule 2. "and shall be, ex officio, members of the Council" With this addition the Rules were finally approved by the Committee

The Secretary then read over the names of certain candidates who will be brought up for election at the next meeting.

This done the question of the Presidency of the Society was

raised but before attempting any conclusion it was thought better to settle the number of Vice-Presidents & who should be invited to fill this office. The following names were mentioned in this connection. viz. The Dean of S. Pauls, Mr Jennadius, Mr Tozer, Mr Newton, the Dean of Ch. Ch. the Master of Trinity, Prof. Ingram, Prof. Jebb, Sir H. Rawlinson, Admiral Spratt, the Rector of Lincoln, Prof. Sayce, Prof. Colwin, Lord Morley, Mr E. M. Thompson, Mr Matthew Arnold, Dr William Smith, Sir Charles Dilke, & the Bishop of Durham. After some discussion the balance of opinion was in favour of 12 Vice-Presidents, to be appointed on the principle of 6 residents in London, 2 representing Oxford, 2 Cambridge 1 Scotland & 1 Ireland.

It was then moved by Prof. Colwin, seconded by Mr Jennadius & carried nem. con.

(1) That the number of Vice-Presidents shall not exceed twelve and (2) That the Secretary be authorised ~~be authorised~~ to ask the gentlemen whose names are subjoined whether they would be willing to serve in that capacity.

Names. For Oxford, Prof. Sayce, ^{and} Mr Tozer; For Cambridge Prof. Colwin and the Master of Trinity or Mr Henry Jackson; For Scotland, Prof. Jebb; For Ireland, Prof. Ingram; For London Mr Newton, Mr Jennadius, Mr E. M. Thompson, the Dean of S. Pauls;

Lord Morley, & Mr Justice Bowen. As alternatives in case of any of those mentioned declining to take office were mentioned Sir Charles Dilke, Mr Matthew Arnold, & William Smith and (in case of his refusing the Presidency) the Bishop of Durham.

The question of President was then again brought forward and after some discussion the Chairman was instructed to offer the Presidency (1) to the Bishop of Durham, and in case of his refusal, successively to Mr Justice Bowen, the Dean of St. Pauls, and Lord Morley, in the order named.

It was thought that another meeting should be held on Thursday Dec 11 in order to communicate to the Committee the result of these several negotiations so that, in the event of their being successful, ~~as~~ the date of the general meeting of the Society might be definitely fixed.

The Secretary then raised the question whether those members who had paid a subscription for 1879 should be again called upon for one as on Jan 1. 1880. It was ruled that all members were so liable, except those who should be elected between the present time and the end of the year. The meeting then broke up.

L. J. Newton