

## Committee Meeting

held at 74 Lower St on Thursday Jan. 15. 1880. 5. P.M.

Members present. Mr Newton, Mr Thompson, Mr Perry, Mr Myers,  
Mr Gardner, Mr Colvin, Mr Wilde & Mr Macmillan (Hon. Sec.)

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

The Secretary then read over the names of Candidates proposed at the last meeting, and they all were duly elected members of the Society; being as follow. Rev W. Wayte, Mr Septimus Rivington, Mr J. S. Mann, Mr J. E. C. Weldon, Mr H. W. Roscoe, Mr E. L. Lushington, Mr T. R. Buchanan, Mr Alfred Milner, Mr J. Baldwin Brown, and Sir Frederick Pollock.

A discussion then arose as to the order of proceedings



at the general meeting, and it was decided that in the first place the Rules should be read through & submitted to the Society en bloc, and that next should be read out the names of the proposed President, Vice-Presidents & Council

It being important to have funds available as soon as possible it was suggested that the Chairman should when the rules were passed ~~intimate~~ <sup>intimate</sup> that remind all members who joined or were elected to the Society before Nov. 27. 1879 that they were held liable for a subscription for the past year, so that in fact two subscriptions for 1879 & 1880 became due on January 1. He should further point out that the Society's <sup>power of</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>work</sup> greatly depended on the prompt payment of subscriptions.

The question of auditors was then raised & after some discussion the following motion was moved by Prof. Colwin, seconded by Mr Perry, & passed nem. con.

That the Secretary be authorized to apply to the following gentlemen for the purpose of securing two of them to be proposed as auditors <sup>to</sup> of the Society's accounts at the ensuing general meeting - viz. Mr Douglas Freshfield, Mr Charles Harrison, Mr Fred. Pollock, Mr S. J. C. Middlemore, & Mr W. Bousfield.

It having been ruled that the financial statement should be read from the chair after the confirmation of the



Rules & Officers, the Secretary was next instructed to summon a Committee meeting for 3.30 on the day of the general meeting, that final details might be arranged.

A long discussion then arose as to the propriety of pledging the Society to start their proposed Journal in the present year. There was some difference of opinion at first, but in the end the Committee seemed agreed that as members would certainly expect some tangible return for their furnace and would be disappointed & might possibly drop off should none be forthcoming within the next year, the best course would be to use every effort to get four or five really good papers, backed by strong names, together as soon as possible & issue them at an early date. It was estimated that when subscriptions now due had been paid up the Society would have between £400 & £500 in hand, so that there seemed no great imprudence in making a start. The size & character of future periodical publications must of course be matter for future discussion, & depend on the Society's income, but it was thought that the Chairman might go so far as to say to the general meeting that a Journal was contemplated and that every effort would be made to issue the first number in the current year.

Meanwhile, between now & next Thursday, members



should make Enquiries with a view to ascertaining what  
if any available & suitable papers were now ready or  
nearly so, and what people had better be asked specially  
to contribute. The meeting then broke up.

~~C. J. Weston~~