

Committee Meeting

held at 7 Adelphi Terrace. Jan 22. 1880

at 3.30 P.M. previous to the General Meeting.

Members present: Mr Newton, Mr Pennadius, Mr Thompson,
Mr Pelham, Mr Myers, Mr Gardner, Mr Perry, Mr Wilde
& Mr Macmillan, Prof. Colvin & Mr S. B. Moore.

The minutes of last meeting were read
& confirmed.

The programme of the ensuing meeting was
then arranged as will appear in the following report.

Several new names were read out as
candidates to for election to the Society.

Mr Pennadius then proposed that a formal
letter should be written to the Secretary of the French Hellenic
Society to inform them of the formation & constitution of
our Society, that the two bodies may be put en rapport
with each other. He further suggested that the name

of the marquis de St Hilaire should be added to the proposed list of Foreign Honorary Members. The meeting then assumed the character of a General Meeting, and Mr Newton being voted into the chair, on the motion of Sir Frederick Pollock, opened the proceedings by reading out the Rules which were the result of the deliberations of the Council since the last general meeting on June 16. 1879. When these Rules had been read through the Chairman invited suggestions or amendments from any member. Thereupon Mr Seldart called attention to the Rule 27 by which all members were to be elected not by the general body of the Council Society, or even by the Council, but by the Standing Committee only. He thought this contrary to all precedent. The Chairman replied that till regular monthly meetings of the Society were established it would be obviously inconvenient that elections should take place only once a year at the Annual General Meeting, and that it being the object of the Society not to exclude, but to introduce as many respectable members as possible he thought the power of choice might safely be left to the Committee. The point not being taken up by any other speaker, nor pressed to a motion by Mr Seldart, the matter dropped.

Mr Bonsfield then asked whether papers were to be read before the Society or only before the Council or Committee. To this the Chairman replied that this could not be answered definitely at present, until ~~the~~ something could be arranged about regular meetings. No further question being ~~arisen~~ raised Mr Percival moved "That the rules as just read by the Chairman be adopted as the Rules of the Society". This being seconded by Mr Verrall was carried unanimously. Mr Pennadius then moved ~~the election~~ "That the Bishop of Durham be elected President of the Society". Dwelling on the great importance of having obtained so ~~ever~~ eminent a scholar a prelate as the President, and expressing ~~his assurance~~ he could not at the same time avoid expressing in passing the regret which all must feel that the gentleman now in the Chair could not have continued to preside over the Society's labours. Of the great services he had already rendered in superintending the deliberations of the Council, ~~it~~ and allowing his name to be connected with it, it was superfluous to speak, but in proposing the name of the new President, distinguished as that name was, it was impossible not to thank in the name of the Society the eminent scholar who had provisionally filled the office.

Prof. Colwin in seconding the vote with the greatest pleasure confirmed at the same time all that Mr Pennadvis had said in recognition of Mr Newton's kind help & countenance in the past. The motion then being put was carried unanimously.

Sir ~~Frederick~~ Frederick Pollock then moved & Mr C. K. Tuckerman seconded the following resolution

That the gentlemen named in the list submitted to the meeting (& annexed on opposite page) be respectively the Vice-Presidents ^{the} & Council of the Society.

This being passed without opposition Mr Peraval proposed & Mr Bonsfield seconded the following resolution

That Mr Douglas Freshfield & Mr Frederick Pollock be appointed Auditors to the Society for the current year.

This also was carried nem. con., after which the Chairman proceeded to make a financial statement to the effect that up to the present time £156 u 7 had been received in subscriptions, whereof £23 u 18 u 5 had been expended in printing, stationery, postage & hire of room, leaving a balance to the good of £132 u 8 u 7. There was further due to the Society in subscriptions unpaid upwards of £350, it being understood that all members who joined or were

lected to the Society before Nov. 27. 1879 were held liable as from Jan 1. 1880 ~~from~~ for two annual subscriptions, for 1879 & for 1880. The chairman proceeded to point out that the Society's power of work, whether in the direction of publication or of regular meetings, ^{for discussion} greatly depended on the punctuality with which these arrears were paid up, and also on the numbers of the Society being considerably increased. There were at present some 277 members, and he saw no reason why in a year's time there should not be 500.

Mr Myers then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, again expressing the Society's gratitude for all that he had done for them already, and also ~~to~~ their satisfaction at being able still to count upon his valuable services as a Vice-President. This being seconded by Mr Frederick Pollock was carried by acclamation.

Mr Newton in returning thanks expressed his regret that other engagements did not allow him to feel justified in retaining the actual guidance of the Society. He looked upon $\frac{1}{2}$ its future career however with deep interest & with hope. He had been acquainted with many societies and too many of them had been only promising societies. He hoped that this would not

be a promising Society in the sense of promising more than it was able to perform, but ^w should rather be characterized by performing more than it promised. In one field especially he looked for most important results, and in this connection the election of the Bishop of Durham as president was of special value, namely the laying bare the treasures of the monasteries of the Levant. There was no reason why foreigners only should find MSS. It was quite time that Englishmen too get the credit of such discoveries. The Chairman felt sure that M. Gennadius would help the Society in this. Perhaps some scheme of questions might be drawn up & sent to the various monasteries.

A vote of thanks was then to the Hon. Secretary was then proposed by Prof. Colvin, seconded by M. Gennadius, & carried, after which the meeting broke up.

Among the members present besides those of the Committee mentioned above, were Sir Frederick Pollock, Hon. C. K. Tuckerman, Mr Hamilton Aide, Mr E. M. Seldart, Mr G. W. Bonsfield, Mr G. Tyrwhitt, Mr Middleton, Mr A. W. Verrall, Mr H. D. Skrine, Mr F. Pollock, Mr Percival, Mr A. A. Tilley, Mr W. W. Ward, Mr Bywater, Sir Charles M. Gregor.

C. J. Kenton