

Committee meeting

held at 74 Sower St. Thursday March 18. 1880

Members present: Messrs Thompson, Jernadins, Mouro, P. Gardner, Myers and Macmillan (Hon. Sec).

Mr Thompson being voted into the chair the minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

The following were duly elected members of the Society: Mr A. H. Todd, Mr James Gow, Mr J. W. Vipan, Mr William Hunt, and Mr Sydney R. James.

After the names of some thirty new candidates had been read out, the Secretary raised the question whether a member who had already paid his subscription for 1879 might now compound by paying 9 guineas more; or whether he must pay 10 guineas down. In view of the fact that the Society had hitherto produced nothing it was ruled that the payment of 9 guineas now should constitute such member a member for life.

A discussion then arose as to the best way of starting the Society's work, and as it was felt to be a matter of the first importance to leave for the Society to have permanent rooms, the Secretary was instructed to open negotiations with Mr Vaux in regard to those

of the Asiatic Society and of the Royal Society of Literature, it being suggested that committee meetings should be summoned first in one & then in the other, with a view to choice being made between them.

The discussion then turned on the editing of the Society's journal and as it seemed impossible to fix on at present on a single Editor-in-chief it was decided to ask several scholars to act together. Accordingly the following resolution was proposed by Mr Pennadius, seconded by Mr Myers and carried unanimously

That Messrs Jebb, Bywater, Hort, & Newton be consulted by the Secretary in the name of the Committee as to whether they would be willing to serve as Editors of the Society's publications, in their several departments; and, in the event of Mr Bywater and Mr Newton declining, that Messrs Mouvo & Gardner be invited to act.

That no time might be lost in issuing the first number it was thought that efforts should be made to produce something by June or July of the present year, and a general feeling was expressed that publication should

take place twice a year. These ideas were embodied in the following resolution; proposed by Mr Gardner, seconded by Mr Inouo, & carried nem. con.

That the periodical of the Society be issued twice a year, as nearly as may be in the months of April & October, and that its form be octavo demy octavo.

The meeting then broke up leaving it understood that the Secretary was to summon another meeting after he had heard the views of the gentlemen proposed as Editors.

Ed. Thompson.