

## Meeting of Council

held at 22 Albemarle St on Wednesday December 15 at 5 P.M.

Members present: Messrs Newton, Sennadius, Thompson, Colwin, Mowro, Bywater, Myers, Wilde, & Macmillan

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

The Hon Sec. then read out the names of some new candidates, for election at next meeting.

Mr Gardner raised the question of the price put upon

the Journal for non-subscribers & expressed an opinion that it was excessive. For instance Libraries might wish to subscribe and probably would hesitate if the price were so high. Mr Bywater thought that exception might be made in favour of certain Libraries, and a feeling was generally expressed that contributors should be allowed to buy extra copies, & new members back numbers at a reduced rate. In the case of Libraries it was felt that the application for the Journal must be official or personal, and not through a bookseller. After some discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr Pennadius, seconded by Mr Colvin & carried nem. con.

That the price of each volume of the Journal when sold to non-members shall be maintained at the figure of 30/- as already resolved, but that the price shall be reduced to 25/- nett in the following instances

- 1) For Public Libraries & Corporations applying directly to the Society; one copy for every such institution whose claim shall be approved by the Council
- 2) For contributors to and the Editors of the Journal, to the extent of 6 copies each
- 3) For members applying for back numbers of the Journal issued before they became members, one copy each.

The question was then raised of advertising the Journal and this leading to a discussion as to the Society's financial position, the following result was arrived at from the data furnished by the Hon. Sec. That the amount in hand at the present date was £688, while the outstanding account for the Journal came to about £250 and for other expenses to about £50, leaving a balance when these were paid of £388, and with subscriptions still due to the amount of £110. As however 31 life subscriptions had been paid in, which should properly be treated as a reserve fund, the balance of actual subscriptions stood, when present accounts were settled, at about £170.

The following accounts were then ordered to be paid: Messrs Dickenson & Co £35.13..2 (Paper), The Autotype Co £18.11.9, J. D. Cooper. Engraving £6.6., D. Nutt for Books £30.12., Typographic Etching Co. £6.10., Wolf for clichés £4.17., and Macmillan & Co for Stationery & Postage £5.9.

The question of advertising being then resumed the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Ingers & carried

That a sum not exceeding £10 shall be spent on advertising the first volume of the Society's Journal.

Mr. Gardner then raised the question of general regular

meetings of members and moved the following resolution which after some discussion, was seconded by Mr Macmillan & carried nem. con.

That meetings of the Society for the reading of papers be held as follows: One meeting in each term at Oxford and one at Cambridge; and four meetings each year in London, in the months of January, March, June & October: the London hour of meeting to be 5 p.m.

The importance of funding the life subscriptions being generally felt the following resolution was moved by Mr Thompson, seconded by Mr Gardner & carried

That the life subscriptions received up to this date shall be funded in the names of the Treasurer, the Secretary and one Vice-President.

The Secretary was ~~at the~~ then instructed to consult Sir John Lubbock as to the funds to be selected; and also to prepare an accurate Balance sheet to be submitted to the next meeting

Mr Gardner ~~ear~~ suggested the appointment of a library Committee, and also of a librarian, but it was finally decided to postpone the question till another meeting.

Mr Sennadius then raised the question of establishing communications with some body in Athens who could assist members travelling in Greece. He recommended opening negotiations with a literary Society in Athens, the Parnasos, to whom he had mentioned the matter already and who were quite disposed to cooperate. He then moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Thompson and carried

That the Secretary be authorized to write officially to the Parnasos Society of Athens, and propose to them to open up corresponding relations between the two Societies, and to allow members to be introduced to them on visiting Greece; and that a copy of the first volume of the Society's Journal be forwarded to the Parnasos at the same time

It was further suggested that members of the Parnasos visiting England might be allowed to attend the regular meetings of the Society

Mr Newton then proposed the following resolution which was carried unanimously.

That the following British Consuls be made Honorary members of the Society, Mr Merlin, at the Piræus, Mr Biliotti at Trebizond, Mr Wood at Patras,

and Mr Dennis at Smyrna.

The question as to whether Honorary members were entitled to a copy of the Journal was left open, and the appointment of Foreign Honorary members was also postponed till another occasion. The meeting then broke up.

C. T. Kenton