

Inaugural meeting June 16. 1879.

The Inaugural Meeting of "The Society for the promotion of Hellenic Studies" was held at the Freemason's Tavern at 5. P.M. on ~~the~~ Monday June 16. 1879. ~~The speaking~~ when the following members & members-elect were present viz: Mr Newton, Lord Morley, M. Sennadios, Mr Ralli M.P., Mr A. J. Balfour M.P., The Master of Trinity, Mr F. C. Penrose, Prof. Sayce, Prof. Jebb, Prof. Colvin, Dr William Smith, Mr S. A. Freeman, Mr E. M. Thompson, Mr Percy Gardner, Mr Ernest Myers, Mr Walter Perry, Mr D. B. Monro, Hon J. Abercromby, Rev E. M. Geldart, Mr R. Hamilton Lang, Mr R. W. Maean, Mr T. Lauder Brunton, Mr Alexander Macmillan, Mr Oscar Wilde, Mr J. W. Balfour, Mr F. W. Percival, Rev Coates Trotter, & Mr George Macmillan

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded by Mr Ralli, Mr Newton took the chair, & opened the proceedings by an address, in which he defined the meaning of the term "Hellenic Studies", & indicated generally the lines on which the Society might work, & the methods they might follow. He divided the history of Greek Language & Literature into 3 periods (1) The ancient, coming down to the extinction of Paganism (2) The Byzantine, ending with the taking of Constantinople in 1453 & (3) The Neo-Hellenic,

coming down to the present day.

After the address (a fuller report of which will be given later on) the following resolutions were put & passed

(1) Proposed by Lord Morley  
Seconded by Dr William Smith

"That this Society be called "The Hellenic Society for the promotion of Hellenic Studies" & that the Annual Subscription be one guinea"

(2) Proposed by Prof. Sayce  
Seconded by Prof. Colvin

"That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee with power to add to their number; viz:

Mr Newton	Mr A. J. Balfour M.P.
Lord Morley	Dr William Smith
✓ The Bishop of Durham	Mr H. O. Coxe
✓ The Bishop of Lincoln	Mr Chenery
✓ The Dean of Westminster	Mr Tozer
✓ The Dean of St. Pauls	✓ Mr D. B. Mouso
✓ The Dean of Christ Church	✓ Mr J. Collier Morrison
✓ Sir John Lubbock	Mr F. C. Pewrose
✓ Sir Charles Dilke	✓ Mr Percy Gardner
✓ M. Gennadius	Mr J. A. Symonds
✓ Prof. Colvin	Mr Walter Perry
✓ Prof. Jebb	Mr Ernest Myers
✓ " Mahaffy	Mr Oscar Wilde
✓ " Bryce	Mr George Macmillan
✓ " Bonamy Price	
✓ " H. J. S. Smith	

& that the offices of Treasurer & Hon. Secretary be filled respectively by Sir John Lubbock and Mr Macmillan "

On the 2nd in putting the motion to the meeting the Chairman suggested that the names of its proposer & seconder should be added to the Committee; this was agreed to.

(3) "That Proposed by the Master of Trinity, Cambridge  
Seconded by Prof. Jebb.

"That the Committee be empowered to add to the members of the Society either by invitation or election; to draw up rules for the management of the Society to be submitted to members at a subsequent meeting; and also to prepare a scheme of work to be undertaken by the Society."

These resolutions being passed, & the Society formally constituted, the Chairman called on various gentlemen to address the meeting.

Mr E. M. Thompson, Keeper of MSS at the British Museum gave his views on the subject of the MSS likely to be found in the Monasteries of the Levant. In his opinion the finding of such classical

MSs, hidden away under palimpsests, was by no means impossible. But all such MSs would need to be carefully examined by experts, not merely passing travellers, but settled for some time at least on the spot.

Mr Ralli M. P., speaking on the behalf of the Greek members, promised to do all he could to help in opening up the monasteries, though anticipating some difficulty in the present unsettled condition of the East.

Mr Walter Perry said a few words on the subject of the Museum of Casts which he has been anxious to see formed in London, & expressed an opinion that the Society should interest itself in the matter.

Mr F. C. Penrose spoke of the preeminence of Greek genius as displayed in their architecture.

Mr R. W. Macan of Ch. Ch. Oxford, made some remarks upon the recent proposals to exclude Greek from certain examinations at the Universities.

Mr Percy Gardner spoke of inscriptions & MSs in England which still needed examination, & dwelt on the fact that it had been left to

a foreigner, Prof. Michaelis, to make a catalogue of the various rich private collections of Greek sculpture in English houses.

Prof. Colvin took the opportunity ~~for~~<sup>of</sup> informing the meeting that the Syndicates of the Cambridge University Press had undertaken to bring out Prof. Michaelis' catalogue in an English dress.

A vote of thanks to Mr Newton was then proposed by M. Jannadius, Chargé d'Affaires for Greece, who in an eloquent speech & thanked Mr Newton for his able & comprehensive address, expressed his confidence that the Greek Patriarch would, if invited to be a member of the Society, gladly help in opening up the Monasteries, and finally confirmed the Chairman's disclaimer of any political intention in the Society, pointing out that in a free country like England there was no need whatever to veil political aims under the name of a literary society.

Mr Freeman, in seconding the vote, thanked the Chairman warmly for the stress he had laid in his address on the Byzantine period as fully worthy of attention, & congratulated him on the broad & liberal view he had taken of the Society's possible labours.

The general meeting was then dispersed, but some members of the ~~Society~~ <sup>Committee</sup> remained behind to elect certain candidates whose names were read out by the Hon. Sec. Some opposition to the election of so many members at one time, & before some of the most eminent Greek scholars in England had been invited to become candidates, being overruled by a majority of the Committee, the following were declared duly elected.

Rev Canon Liddon

Rev J. R. Maughan (Provost of Queens Coll. Oxon)

Mr W. Little

Mr Arthur Sidgwick

} Fell<sup>w</sup> & Tutor of C.C.C. Ox.

Mr J. E. Sandys,

Public Orator at Cambridge

Mr James Donaldson,

High School Edinburgh

Mr John Richard Green

Mr S. Dill,

Manchester Gram. Sch.

Mr Alexander Macmillan,

Publisher

Mr S. Shuckburgh,

Master at Eton

Mr J. E. C. Welldon

Fellow of Kings Coll. Camb.

Mr R. J. Parker

Scholar " " " "

Rev G. E. Jeans

Fellow of Hertford Coll. Oxon

Mr S. E. Spring Rice

Treasurer, & Scholar of Trin. Coll. Camb.

Mr H. B. Cotterill

Prof. Robinson Ellis  
 Mr E. M. Thompson, of British Museum  
 Mr M. C. Macmillan, Master at St. Paul's School.  
 Mr E. J. Rawley  
 Mr S. H. Butcher, Fell. & Tutor of Univ. Coll. Oxon  
 Mr A. O. Prichard " " " " New Coll. " "  
 Rev R. L. Clarke " " " " Queens " "  
 Mr J. Bywater " " " " Exeter " "  
 Mr H. F. Pelham " " " " " " "  
 Mr Evelyn Abbott " " " " Balliol " "  
 Mr Strachan-Davidson " " " " " " "  
 Mr R. L. Nettleship " " " " " " "  
 Mr A. C. Bradley " " " " " " "  
 Mr W. W. Fowler " " " " Lincoln " "  
 Mr W. W. Merry " " " " " " "  
 Mr W. W. English Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge  
 Mr T. Herbert Warren " " Magdalen " Oxford  
 Mr C. A. Fryffe " " University " "  
 Rev W. W. Capes Fellow of Hertford, & Reader in Ancient  
 History at Oxford  
 Mr J. G. Greenwood, Principal of the Owens' Coll. Manchester  
 Rev Dr Percival, President of Trinity Coll., Oxford  
 Rev E. C. Wickham Head Master of Wellington College,  
 Rev Dr Horaby, Head Master of Ston  
 Rev Canon Stubbs, Oxford.

Mr Matthew Arnold

Mr Robert Browning

Mr Charles Bowen

Prof. W. Y. Sellar, University of Edinburgh

Rev E. Hatch, Vice-Principal of St. Mary Hall, Oxford

Mr H. P. Richards, Fell. & Tutor " Wadham Coll. "

Rev T. L. Thomas, " " " " Jesus " "

Rev T. W. Jex Blake, Head Master of Rugby

Rev F. D. Morice, Fell. of Queens, & Master at Rugby

Mr J. W. Oddie, Fell. & Vice President of C.C.C. Oxon.

Rev Blombfield Jackson, Master at King's College, School

Mr Andrew Lang, & Mr C. Kegan Paul.

The proceedings then terminated.

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