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MEETING HELD AT EDINBURGH,

On SATURDAY, 17th NOVEMBER 1906.

THE NINTH GENERAL MEETING of the ASSOCIATION was held in the Fine Art Class-Room, Edinburgh University, on Saturday, 17th November 1906, at 11 A.M. The President, Professor G. G. RAMSAY, LL.D., took the Chair, and at the commencement of business there was an attendance of nearly seventy members. The Annual Reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer for the year 1905-6 were submitted. At 31st October 1906 the Association had 214 members, but since that date a large addition to the membership had been secured, chiefly through the efforts of the President. The balance carried forward to the year 1906-7 amounted to £75, 3s. 1d. On the motion of the President, both reports were adopted.

Professor HARDIE, Edinburgh, Mr BUCKLAND GREEN, Edinburgh, Mr R. K. HANNAY, St Andrews, and Dr H. N. PATRICK, Bothwell, were elected to serve on the Council for three years from this date.

On the recommendation of the Council dates for General Meetings in 1907 were fixed as follows:—Aberdeen, 9th March 1907; Glasgow, 16th November 1907.

A motion was submitted by the PRESIDENT, "That the Annual Subscription be reduced to five shillings." This was seconded by Professor HARDIE, and, after some discussion, the motion was adopted, and the Annual Subscription fixed at five shillings.

Professor HARDIE, Convener of the Special Committee on Latin Pronunciation, reported that his Committee had prepared the final form of the Syllabus on Pronunciation (Appendix p. 79). The scheme was practically identical with the Provisional Report and Summary printed in the Fourth Volume of Proceedings (pp. 45-59). The President proposed that the Association should adopt the scheme as adjusted by the Special Committee, and this was unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDENT thereafter delivered an address on the Work of the Association during the past year, and at the outset thanked members for their kindness and sympathy during his enforced absence, through illness, from the meetings.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—It is with real pleasure that I greet to-day my friends of the Classical Association. I have been prevented for a whole year from doing my duty to the Association, and I have greatly regretted not being able to take part in the interesting proceedings which have marked the year now closed. But Professor Butcher and Professor Burnet performed the Presidential duty far more ably than I could have done; your Council provided you with a very appetising bill of fare; and I have myself to thank you most warmly for the kind messages forwarded to me by the Association during my necessary absence last winter.

I appear before you to-day in a new character—that of an extinct Professor; and as it seemed to me unfitting that this vigorous society should be headed by one of the unemployed, I begged the Council to look for another President. But the remorseless kindness of their attitude has made it impossible for

me not to attempt, at least, a return to duty for this occasion; and if I am not able to-day to perform adequately all the duties of my position, you will understand that it is not my will that is wanting. For indeed I feel somewhat like that Parthian host described by Tacitus, whose condition was thus reported to the enemy, *me animo quidem satis ad obsequium coaluisse*—a phrase admirably rendered for me not long ago by a candidate in the Indian Civil Service Examination, “they reported that the army had not even spirit enough for a funeral.”

In addition to my own academic demise, there are other matters of personal interest to us to-day. Professor Phillimore has applied to himself that process of translation which he has already applied so felicitously to the poets of Greece and Rome; and while we all hope that this translation will be no less felicitous in its results to him, we may all congratulate the University of George Buchanan in having her Chair of Humanity occupied by one of the purest Latinists of our time. You will be glad no doubt to know that there was nothing incorrect in this translation of Professor Phillimore. Such a transference was specially sanctioned in the *Nova Erectio*, granted by King James VI. to the University of Glasgow in 1577; and provides that if the interests of the University require that two regents shall swop their subjects, and if the Gymnasiarch, that is the Principal, so orders, such interchange may be permitted. At the time, no doubt, the idea was that if a professor proved incompetent to teach the subject for which he had been appointed, it might be well to let him try his hand at something else. They little contemplated the possibility of a professor who had already obtained distinction in one Chair going on to earn still greater distinction in another. Then in Professor Phillimore's place we have to welcome with open arms his successor, Professor Davies, who comes to us laden with a double reputation, one gained in Liverpool and one in Cambridge. I feel sure that he will become an ardent and helpful member of our society. You have already been able to judge of his quality from the refined