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TENTH GENERAL MEETING, SHEFFIELD, 1913

On Thursday, January 2nd, at 9 p.m., the Association was received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in the Town Hall. On Friday, January 3rd, the Business Meeting of the Association was held in the University at 10 a.m. The Rev. H. M. Butler, D.D., Master of Trinity, occupied the chair.

Mr. R. C. Seaton (Hon. Treasurer) presented his Report :-

"The Receipts and Expenditure for 1911 are published in the current volume of *Proceedings*. I now ask you to approve that statement which was put before you at the last General Meeting. The receipts were £446 and the expenses £341. We were able to invest £150 and to carry forward £89 to 1912.

I am happy to say that I am in a position to lay before you the accounts for 1912 also, for which I ask approval. At the first glance these accounts seem to compare very unfavourably with those of 1911, inasmuch as the receipts were £433 and the expenditure £442—£9 on the wrong side; but in fact there would have been a substantial balance on the right side but for certain legal expenses of an exceptional nature. These expenses were incurred in connection with the Trust Deed, approved a year ago, which invested our property in three Trustees, and with the transfer of Stock thereby rendered necessary.

It will be observed that the cost of the *Proceedings* is £26 more than in the preceding year (£103 as against £77) and the cost of *The Year's Work* £42 more (£132 as against £90). The cost of the former is due to the increased size of the volume, and of the latter to the fact that *The Year's Work* is now sent out post free to all who have paid their subscriptions for the year, and not, as before, only to those who have made application for it. On the other hand the cost of 'clerical assistance' is £13 less than in 1911 owing to a rearrangement of work. We carry forward to 1913 a balance of £80 18s. 7d.

The Association is in a thoroughly sound condition, but so many losses occur through deaths and resignations that we always welcome new members. A member joining during the last three months of any year can, if he prefers it so, have his subscription counted for the following year. In that case he does not, of course, receive the publications due to those who have paid for the expiring year, but he is on a level in all other respects. Unless I hear otherwise I assume that those who are elected in November and December pay for the following year.

I have to thank Mr. H. B. Walters, of the British Museum, for kindly auditing these accounts, and I move the adoption of the financial statements for 1911 and 1912."

Professor Moulton seconded the motion.

Professor Summers.—"I think I caught the word 'resignation' from the Treasurer. I should like to know, as a Local Correspondent, exactly how resignation is effected or assumed. I take it that each year there are a certain number of people who fail to pay their subscriptions. In my own little flock three have been swept off by some process, I do not quite know what. I never heard what the reason was; indirectly I assumed that it was their failure to pay up the subscription. When is it determined that a member has ceased to have the right to pay up arrears?"

Mr. Seaton.—"I used the word 'resignation' in the ordinary sense, meaning only those who actually write and resign. I wish those who resign would give their reasons; they mostly do not do so.

With regard to Professor Summers' question respecting those who do not pay, they do not resign; we remove them after giving them great latitude. We give them two years' grace, and at the last moment a fortnight, informing them that if they do not pay within a fortnight they will no longer be regarded as members. We are glad to retain people on any tolerable excuse. If a member could give a good reason for non-payment we should keep him on the list; otherwise it is not fair to existing members who do pay. Those, for instance, who have not paid for 1911 after many reminders of that fact deserve to be struck off the list."

Professor Summers.—"I thoroughly sympathize with the Treasurer in these problems, but still I would point out that it is much easier to get rid of a member than to get fresh ones. I think it is most important that Local Correspondents should be informed of any persons about to be swept off the roll. In the case of one of those three members whom I mentioned I only discovered a few days ago that she had been swept off the list. I happened to look her up in the local list and she was a member; in the other list she was not. As soon as I knew what had happened I approached her, and she has returned to the fold. The simple method of letting the Local Correspondent know that some person is in danger of being removed from the list should, I think, be adopted."

Mr. Seaton.—"Certainly I have not informed any Local Correspondents of such matters, but I will see that they are informed in future."

Mr. Sleeman.—"I have written to Local Correspondents myself to try to save a member."

The adoption of the Report of the Hon. Treasurer was then carried.

Mr. CASPARI read the Report of Council.

Branches and Affederated Associations

"The Council is once more able to report a successful year's work. The membership of the Association has well maintained its numbers, and an increase may be anticipated from the foundation of new Branches for Bristol, London, and Northumberland and Durham. Thanks to the initiative of Dr. Leeper, Warden of Trinity College, Melbourne, a Classical Association has been formed in Victoria, and negotiations are proceeding for its affederation to the central Association.

A resolution has been passed by Council by which members joining the Association for any year in the last three months of the preceding year will be accepted as members from the date of payment of their subscription, but do not receive publications of any year earlier than that for which their subscription is paid.

Imperial Conference

At the Imperial Conference of Teachers' Associations, held in London in July, 1912, a special Classical session was organized by the Classical Association. The Opening Address was delivered by Prof. Gilbert Murray, and papers were contributed by Profs. Sonnenschein and Conway.

Latin Pronunciation

The Council has made inquiries as to the extent to which the reformed Latin pronunciation has been adopted in the chief Public Schools; and a committee of Council has been appointed