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THE ENGLISH GOETHE SOCIETY.

London, February 8, 1886.

AT a meeting of persons interested in the formation of a Goethe Society, held on the 5th ult., by permission of the Society of Arts, at 18, John Street, Adelphi, Mr. H. Schütz Wilson in the chair, it was resolved:—

- I.—That it is desirable to establish in this country a Society to be called »*The English Goethe Society*«, whose aim shall be to aid and direct the scientific study of Goethe's work and thought, to promote research upon all subjects connected with Goethe, and to further by all the means in its power the exposition and diffusion of his writings.
- II.—That the Society be affiliated to the Weimar Goethe Gesellschaft.
- III.—That the affairs of the Society be transacted, and its meetings held, in London, but that subsidiary local centres shall be established wherever practicable.
- IV.—That the Annual Subscription be One Guinea.
- V.—That the following be invited to be Vice-Presidents of the Society:—Mr. Matthew Arnold, M. A., Professor John Stuart Blackie, Professor Edward Dowden, the Hon. J. Russell Lowell, Professor Max Müller, Professor J. R. Seeley, and Miss Swanwick.

VI.—That Mr. W. C. Coupland, M. A., be requested to act as Honorary Secretary.

VII.—That a Committee, composed as follows, be appointed to draw up the Rules of the Society, to be submitted to a General Meeting, viz.:—Professor Althaus, Dr. Karl Breul, Mr. Oscar Browning, M. A., Professor Buchheim, Dr. R. Garnett, Mr. T. W. Lyster, Mr. Alfred Nutt, Dr. Stock, and Mr. Schütz Wilson; with power to add to their number.

Several members of the Society having expressed a wish that the benefit to be derived from affiliation to the Weimar Society should be made retrospective, negotiations with a view to securing this result have been opened with the Goethe Gesellschaft.

The resolutions submitted to the preliminary meeting respecting the work of the Society were purposely drafted in a general sense, so as not to fetter the future Council. Amongst the many suggestions thrown out were the issue (following the example of the German Shakespeare Gesellschaft, with respect to existing translations of Shakespeare) of a thoroughly accurate and scholarly translation of Goethe's leading works, the compilation of a Goethe Manual (after the manner of Scartazzini's wellknown *Manuale Dantesco*); the reprint of English Goetheana, which have become scarce; the issue (to members) of portraits and other artistic memorials of Goethe.

Stress was laid at the preliminary meeting upon the educational side of the Society's work, and without prejudicing in any way the action of the Council, it may be assumed that one of the first subjects which will claim its attention will be the formation of local centres for the organisation of studies. An evident desire was felt that the country members should be placed upon the same footing as town members, and through the local centre system this equivalence may be obtained.

As considerable interest was manifested in the precise operation of the affiliation to the Goethe Gesellschaft, it may be stated that the Annual Subscription of £ 1 1 s. will cover gratis delivery of the *Goethe-Jahrbuch* to all members living in the United Kingdom, and give members the privilege of receiving all the Gesellschaft's extra publications at a considerably reduced rate.

The first list of members is appended, as the result of a very limited appeal. It is hoped that all who have the welfare of the Society at heart will aid its officers in their efforts to make the existence of the Society widely known, and to secure such a measure of support as will enable the Society to do really valuable work.

The names of intending members and all suggestions to be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, 11, Maitland Park Road, Haverstock Hill, London, N.W.

The following represents the composition of the Society at the date of issue of this circular.

Vice-Presidents.

Professor *J. S. Blackie*, M. A.
Professor *E. Dowden*, M. A.
Professor *Max Müller*, M. A.
Professor *J. R. Seeley*, M. A.
Miss *Swanwick*.

[Replies have not yet been received to the remaining invitations, according to Resolution V.]

Honorary Secretary.

Mr. *W. C. Coupland*, M. A., B. Sc.