

The 31st meeting of the Society was held on Nov. 10th in Mr. Sheppard's rooms. There were present 14 ordinary members & 8 honorary members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed, after one insignificant alteration had been insisted on.

The secretary read a letter from the secretary of the Chetwynd Society, conveying a motion of sympathy with the Walspole Society in its efforts to preserve the right of free speech, passed unanimously at their last meeting. He also read a letter from Mrs. Birch,

who was unable to be present, mentioning a ^{lengthy} interview which the
writer had had with the tutor, & enclosing a letter & declaration
from the tutor. These also were read, & the latter is
appended for future reference, in case of a need which
it is to be hoped will not arise. The meeting felt

that its honour was completely satisfied, & accordingly,
on the motion of Mr Keynes, seconded by the Secretary, the
following resolution was ^{addressed} sent to Mr Macaulay, to be sent by
the President: "That Mr Macaulay be thanked for his
"Courteous Communication, which has entirely set at rest
"any misunderstanding which may have arisen with
"regard to the Society's liberty of discussion." Several
other resolutions more or less to the same effect were lost.

The Society then passed the following resolution, to
be sent by the Secretary to the Secretary of the Chetwynd
Society: "That this Society thanks the Chetwynd Society
"for their kind Communication & Cooperation in the
"defence of that liberty of discussion, which they have always
"valued so highly."

A motion that Mr Birch be thanked for his great
efforts on behalf of the Society found no seconders; the

supposition was, perhaps, that such virtue is its own reward.

The business being at last concluded, Mr Adcock, who had at the beginning been voted to the chair in the absence of the president, called upon Mr Shove to move that this college is not incumbered. Mr Oatfield opposed. There also spoke, for the motion, Messrs. Bramholtz & Sheppard, against Messrs. Heynes & Moulton. Mr Shove having left the meeting, Mr Oatfield was empowered to reply, but waived his right. There voted, for the motion, 12, against 4. The motion was therefore declared carried, & the house adjourned.

J. S. Adcock