

The 313th meeting of the Society was held on Nov. 3d
in the rooms of the President. 14 ordinary members
& honorary members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read &
confirmed. The Secretary then endeavored to refer
to the financial position of the Society, but was promptly
~~interrupted~~. The president then called upon
Mr R. L. Johnson to move "That cats should not be
licensed". The intended motion was "That harlots
should not be licensed", but this had been dropped
in accordance with the desire of the ~~Tutor~~ authorities,
expressed by the tutor to Mr Johnson. Mr Birch

opposed the motion. There also spoke, for the motion, Mr. Brooke, against, Messrs. Shore & Sheppard. It was impossible under the circumstances to take the new resolution seriously, accordingly ~~the debate~~^{forable} no effort was made to continue the debate. The house divided, & the motion was lost by 5 votes to 7.

~~It was~~ A discussion was then opened as to what course should be taken with regard to the intervention of the authorities. On the motion of Mr. Birch, seconded by several members simultaneously, the following ~~resolution~~ was ^{carried} unanimously:—

"That this society wishes respectfully but strongly to protest against any action being taken by the authorities to discourage a debate of a serious & vital nature seriously undertaken, & that in the opinion of the Society any such action conveys a reflection on the character of the Society such as it has never yet deserved."

Considerable discussion, including a good deal of

indignation at the action of those responsible for the intervention, took place as to the best method of sending the protest; & it was finally resolved that the President should sign ~~the~~^{it} protest on behalf of the meeting, & forward it to the tutor.

The meeting then gradually adjourned.

F.S. Adcock.