

SOME OF THE FOUNDERS.



W. Meets.
H. M. Chappell.

A. Marshall.
C. P. Rutland.
W. W. Tanner.

W. Harvey.
J. W. McKay.
D. Richardson.

A. Rountree
J. Clarke.

At the conclusion of this general meeting, the Provisional Committee met, those present being: Messrs. J. Clarke, A. Marshall, A. Rountree, H. M. Chappell, W. Meers, and W. W. Tanner, who presided. It was decided to register the Library as the Linwood Public Library, Mr. W. W. Tanner undertaking to do this. The Secretary was instructed to forward the names of the trustees to the City Council, and to ask for possession of the old Borough Council Chambers. The following letter explains itself:—

The Town Clerk,
Christchurch City Council.

Linwood, May 11th, 1909.

Dear Sir,—

I am instructed by the committee of the Linwood Public Library to inform you that the Trustees have been appointed, and the Library registered as requested, also to state that the committee would like possession of the old Borough Council Chambers about the middle of June, or at a date about that time that is most suitable to your Council and the present tenant.

I am, etc.,

H. M. CHAPPELL.

Certain sub-committees were elected, but these were altered at the meeting on June 11th, 1909, and again on June 25th.

Perhaps the fact that there was but a moderate attendance is the reason for more definite progress not being made at the above meeting. On June 11th, 1909, another general meeting was held, when the report of the Provisional Committee was finally discussed and adopted, and all officers and committees elected.

In the interval, viz., on May 31st, there is an interesting item recorded in the minutes of the Christchurch City Council wherein the Finance Committee recommended, *inter alia*, "that Linwood be subsidised £ for £ up to £100."

A further minute of the Christchurch City Council on June 11th, 1909, gives the reply to the letter of May 11th, 1909, stating that the tenants would vacate the old Borough Council Chambers on July 11th, 1909.

The meeting in the Rolleston Street Hall on June 11th, 1909, is recorded in the "Lyttelton Times" of June 15th, 1909, as follows:—

A public meeting of subscribers and those interested in the Linwood Public Library was held in the Rolleston Street Hall on June 11th, when Mr. W. W. Tanner occupied the chair. The Provisional Committee presented its final report, stating that the Library and Reading Room proposals were being well supported. A letter was received from the Town Clerk advising that the old Borough Council Chambers would be available about July 11th for