

Rev. H. Jacobs
Loan to Reading Room

The Rev. Henry Jacobs offered to lend a monthly file of the London daily Times for the use of the Reading Room each file to be returned on the receipt of the succeeding one, this offer was also accepted with a unanimous vote of thanks.

Mr. W. Wilson's
Loan to Reading Room

Mr. Rae stated that Mr. W. Wilson had also offered to place the Gardiners Chronicle at the service of the Society, on condition that the papers were filed and returned to him at the end of the year.

This offer was thankfully received.

Report on
Town Hall

The Rev. C. Alabaster reported on behalf of the Subcommittee appointed to confer with a deputation of the Managing Committee of the Christchurch Commercial Hall, that they had met those Gentlemen as appointed and the result of their conference had been highly satisfactory.

The Rev. Gentleman then read a letter from Mr. W. Wilson containing the following conditions on which the Members of this Institute may occupy the Town Hall

Abstract of
Mr. Wilson's
Letter

1st The lesser side room from 5 till 10 o'clock every evening in the week, leaving however to the Committee of the Town Hall the right to claim the use of the room on any one night of the week on which it might happen to be required.

Conditions
of Tenure

2nd To place at the service of the Institute the large side room every Saturday; and also any two evenings each week; unless very particularly required for other purposes.

3rd To place at the service of the Institute the occasional use of the large Hall for Public Lectures &c, together with the use of the Furniture of the Building.

The total yearly rental to be Twenty pounds (£20) payable quarterly from the date of taking possession. signed W. W. ...

Report &
adopted

Moved by Mr. S. Miles and seconded by Mr. Locke that this report be received, and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate to the Committee of the Town Hall, our acceptance of the terms proposed.

Book Stamp

Carried unanimously. Some discussion ensued on a motion by Dr. Turnbull that the Librarian should be empowered to procure a stamp for marking the Books, Maps &c belonging to the Institute an amendment moved by Mr. Locke and seconded by Mr. Brooks, that the Librarian should be empowered to procure a temporary stamp at a cost not exceeding ten shillings was then put, and carried by a large majority.

Date of
Opening

Proposed by Dr. Turnbull and seconded by Mr. Jas. Johnstone that the Officers of the Institute be instructed to make the necessary arrangements for opening the Institute on or about the first of August next.

Form of
Opening

Carried nem. con. Moved by Dr. Turnbull and seconded by Mr. Brooks, that a Subcommittee be appointed to act with the Officers in carrying out the arrangements necessary for opening the Institute with a conversation carried unanimously. The following Gentlemen conducted to act. — The Rev. Chas. Inge. — The Rev. Chas. Alabaster, Messrs J. Johnstone, Locke, J. Anderson, Stansell, Button, Council Brooks, Dr. Turnbull and the Office bearers of the Institute.

Application
for College
Library.

Moved by Mr. S. Miles and seconded by Mr. Locke, that the Secretary be instructed to apply to the Warden and Fellows of Christ's College for the loan of a portion of their library by letter; in accordance with the draft prepared by the Rev. C. Alabaster. Carried nem. con.

W. Moorhouse
Aug. 3. 1859 President