

Wednesday 8th February 1871

Monthly Meeting of Committee.

Present Dr Prins (in the chair), Canon Cotterill & Mess^{rs} Jones, Martin and Tye.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed and the Treasurers Report showing a balance of £9.4.6 in favour of the Institute submitted.

Canon Cotterill Reported on behalf of the Catalogue Committee that a fair start had been made and that he hoped to be able to report further at next meeting.

Moved by Canon Cotterill, seconded by Mr Jones, and carried That the Rev^d C. Fraser, Dr Prins, and Mess^{rs} Jones and Tye be a sub Committee to draw up a Report as to the relation and obligation of the Institute to its Shareholders, with power to take advice if necessary.

Read and Confirmed this 8th day of March 1871

William Pratt

Chairman

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Monthly meeting of Committee

Present Mr Pratt in the chair, Mess^{rs} Thomson Jones, Bird, Martin, and Black.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr Jones reported that the sub-committee appointed to prepare a new catalogue had been progressing in their work during the month. The Treasurer ~~reported~~ reported a balance of £15.8.4 in favour of the Institute, and the clerk reported the addition to the library of eleven volumes being the remainder of the purchase from the bazaar library. Several accounts were passed for payment and the meeting terminated.

Read and confirmed this 12th day of April 1871

Charles Fraser

Chairman

12th April 1871

Present Mr J. Treen in the chair Mess^{rs} Pratt Martin Tye (Dr Prins was Mr. Estwill).

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed and the Treasurers Report submitted showing a balance in favour of the Institute of £15.17.1

Resolved That the alterations made to the Reading Room be approved of and that the thanks of the Committee be tendered to Mr Pratt for his liberality in defraying the entire expense.

The following memo was transmitted by Mr. T. Treen on behalf of the Trustees of the Savings Bank.

The Trustees of the Savings Bank propose to give £100 for the use of the Room, during next year, and also with the understanding that a room should always be at their disposal should they require it for the future use of the Bank.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Pratt seconded by Mr Martin that the money be accepted subject to the above stipulations.

Resolved That the Library Committee be authorized to expend £20 of the said £100 on books, and that the £80 balance incurred to the Rogers Library be also repaid therefore further that a sum not exceeding £20 be expended in the purchase of chairs, glass pane and other necessary for the improvement of the Reading Room.

Resolved That Mr Pratt be requested to enquire as to the cost of introducing gas into the Institute and report to next meeting.

The following donations were reported 150 volume from Mr Tread of Finsbury.

The following are now ordered for payment Mr. Walker 35/- of Paghe, 24/8 Southland Times of Glasgow daily Times 30/-

It was suggested that annual subscribers be allowed to have two books from the library at once instead of one as at present to be ordered to annual meeting. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Mr.