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Keld Literary Institute

Minute Book

Commenced. January 1932.

Minutes for Meeting held. January 7th 1932
Mr W Gunton Presiding
The Minutes for meeting held Dec. 10th 1931 were read and confirmed
It was reported by the Secretary that Mr Fred Metcalfe adhered to his original Tender of £3 for Cleaning, lighting &c of the Institute for the ensuing year: It was decided that this tender be accepted.
The following further arrangements were then made for the Annual Social to be held on Jan. 15th
The Secretary & Treasurer were asked to See Mrs. Waggett with regard to the baking for the Supper
Amount of Meat to be purchased. was left with Mr John Alderson of Smithy Holme (about 12 lbs)
The Milk was kindly promised by Mr Coates
Butter was left in the hands of Mr John Alderson (Smithy Hill)
Waitresses Mesdames, Thomas Alderson (Stens Fed) Fawcett. Sinclair. Waggett. Rukin. Alderson (Smithy Holme) Scott. (West Stonesdale) Metcalfe (west Stonesdale), Gunton. Thornborough. Metcalfe (Mrs) Alderson (Hill Top)
Door Stewards Messrs. G. Alderson, J Sinclair. L Rukin, J Alderson R. Scott.
Supper Table Stewards Messrs. S Scott (Park House) and Waggett
Charge for dance only 1/6; for Supper only 1/-

M.C.s: Messrs T. Sinclair, J Alderson (Smithy Holme)
W Alderson (Angram) J. Metcalfe (West Stonesdale)
W Gunton 12/11/32

Minutes for Meeting held. nov 12th 1932
Mr Gunton Presiding :—

The Minutes for meeting held. Jan 4th 1932 were read and confirmed

The Secretary then explained that the meeting had been called to ascertain whether the billiard table should be recovered. Patterns and estimates were submitted by two firms, but owing to the small number of members present. Mr Ls Scott moved and Mr C Alderson seconded that the matter be left until the annual meeting

The resolution was carried unanemously and the meeting was adjourned.

W Gunton 20/12/32

Minutes for Meeting held. Dec 20th 1932.
Mr Gunton presiding :—
The Minutes for Meeting held. Nov 12 - 1932 were read and confirmed
The Treasurer's Report showing a balance in hand of £14-8-8 was accepted as very satisfactory and confirmed
A Vote of Thanks to the Secretary, Treasurer, librarians and auditors for the passed year's Services was passed unanimously; also to Mr W Alderson, R. Scott and G Scott for leading coals for the Institute free of Charge.
The following officers were then appointed for the ensuing year. :—
Secretary Mr W Alderson: Treasurer Mr G Scott:
Librarians Mr J. Waggett & Mr J. Metcalfe.
Auditor Mr J. Waggett.
Committee Messrs Waggett. J Metcalfe. John Alderson jun^{r} (Smithy Holme) & W Alderson (Angram.)
Caretaker Mr T Metcalfe submitted a tender of £3 for lighting Firing & cleaning the institute for the coming year — This tender was accepted.
Papers It was decided that the following papers be purchased during the coming year
"The Daily Mirror" and "The News Chronicle"
There was some discussion concerning the "Northern Echo" and it was eventually decided to

take this paper for the first 3 months of the year. that it should be discontinued during the Summer months and a meeting be called during September to ascertain whether it should again be taken for the following Winter.

It was decided that Tit-Bits should not be taken during 1933

Annual Social The following arrangements were then made for the Annual Social

Date Jan 20th 1933. Place Public Hall. but that the Ladies room should not be engaged, but supper served on the platform.

Band Tenders to be asked for from the "Bentham Dance Band," "The Night Birds" and the "Imperial Northallerton". and a decision made as to which should be engaged at a general meeting to be held on Dec 29th

Prices for Tickets Members 2/- for a double ticket and 1/- each for additional single tickets: non-members 2/- each for single tickets

It was agreed that the Supper should be begged from members.

The Question of Re-covering the Billiard Table was then discussed. and a resolution was first passed "that if the table were recovered. the rules governing the use of the table. should be adhered to."

It was then decided that the work should be

done. and on a vote being taken. as to which quality of cloth should be used, the voteng was equal on the. two cloths at £9 + £10

It was eventually decided that the questoin of quality and proce be left in the hands of Mrs Waggett. W Alderson & Gunton. who would confer with a representative of the. firm at the earliest opportunity and make the best. arrangements possible with him

All other business was left to the next meeteng which Should be held on Dec 29., 1932

The Sale of Papers was as follows:—

Daily Mirror W. alderson 2/9.
News Chronicle Ls Scott. 2/6.
Northern Echo (3 months). C Barningham 2/6.
Stockbreeder J Metcalfe. W.S. 2/3.

W Gunton. 29/12/32

Minutes for meeting held. Dec 29 1932.

Mr Gunton Preseding:—.

The minutes for meeteng held Dec 20th were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that neither of the Bands who had responded to his invitation for lenders. could come on Jan 20th. It was therefore decided to change the. date to Jan 18th, or should the band not be able to come on that.

date, to the 19th.

The Leaders received quotations from the Night Birds whose quotation was £5-5-0 for four players and £6 for five Players.

The Imperial Northallerton whose quotation was £4 for four players and £4-15-0 for five

After some discussion it was decided to engage the Imperial. at a cost of £4 15-0 for five players.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Jan 4th 1933 at 7.30 pm.

W Gunton Jan 4. 1933

Minutes for Meeting held Jan. 4. 1933.
Mr Gunton Presiding :-

The secretary reported that the Imperial Band Northallerton had been secured for Jan 18. 1933 for the Annual Social.

The following Arrangements were then made for the social:-

The Secretary & Treasurer promised to see Mrs Waggett. with regard to baking for the Supper

Mr John Alderson (Smithy Holme) promised to purchase the meat & the Butter., Whilst it was thought Sufficient milk would be brought by the Members.

The rest of the provisions to be begged from the members.

Waitresses Mesdames Thomas Alderson (Skeugh Head)
Fawcett. Waggett. Rukin, Alderson (Smithy Holme)
Scott (West Stonesdale) Metcalfe (west Stonesdale) Gunton,
Thornborrow, Metcalfe (Firs) Alderson (Hill Top)
Door Stewards Messrs C. Alderson, J Sinclair; L Rukin;
J. Alderson (Angram) G. Alderson. (Hill Top.): C Barningham.
Supper Stewards. Messrs S Scott. & Waggett.
The charge for Dance or Supper only to be. 1/- each.
M.C.s Messrs F. Sinclair: J. Metcalfe: (West Stonesdale)
W Alderson. (Angram). C Barningham

W Gunton April 10/33

Minutes for meeting held April 10th 1933.
Mr Gunton Presiding:—.

The secretary reported that he had received an application from the Held Band, asking for the use of the Institute basement for practices.

After some discussion. Mr J Alderson (Angram) moved and Mr G Scott (Stonesdale) Seconded

"That the Band be granted the use of the basement at a charge of 10/- per year. That the band should provide their own light and fire and keep the room clean. But that the Institute would fix a lock on the door, provide a key for the band, and put the fireplace in order": This was carried.

The question of Spring cleaning the Institute was raised but it was thought that if Mr Metcalf were asked to give the room an extra dust & sweep out it would answer the purpose for the Easter Holidays.

The question of Spring Cleaning was therefore deferred.

W Lawton Oct 31- 33

Minutes for Meeting held. Oct 31 1933.
Mr Lawton Presiding ——

The Minutes for meeting held April 10. 1933 were read and confirmed.

Mr G Scott. (Stonesdale) proposed, and Mr J Alderson (Smithy Holme) Seconded that a vote of thanks should be passed to the ladies who had voluntarily and so thoroughly cleaned the Institute. This was passed unanimously, and the Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the meeting personally to those concerned.

A request was received from the Field Band to be supplied with the Institute coal, offering to pay a/- per year for same. On the proposition of Mr Waggett. and the seconding of Mr J Metcalfe (W Stonesdale) this was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr C. Barningham & the Seconding of Mr J Alderson (Smithy Holme) it was decided

to take the "Northern Echo" for November and December
The paper was sold & to the Highest Bidder Mr C Barningha for 2/1 for the two months.

It was reported that the Mail Driver (Mr Clark) thought the charge of 1/- per week for fire in the Institute during the daytime was excessive.

After full consideration it was decided that the charge was as reasonable as it could be made, when all the circumstances were taken into consideration; and the secretary was instructed to inform Mr Clark of the decision of the meeting.

W Glenton 15/12/33

The Annual Meeting of the Institute was held on Friday Dec 15th 1933
Mr Glenton Presiding :—

The Minutes for meeting held on Oct 31st 1933 were read and confirmed

The Treasurers report showing a balance in hand ~~was read~~ of £8-14-8 was read by Mr W Alderson. This was accepted as satisfactory and confirmed.

A vote of thanks to all the officials, viz: The Secretary, Treasurer Librarians and Auditor for their past years services was passed unanimously, also to Messrs G. Scott. W. Alderson, ef. Angrom, and L Rukin, for leading coals to the

Institute free of charge, and to Mr & Mrs Gunton for dusting and arranging the books in the Institute

Officers for year 1934 were then appointed as follows :—

Secretary Mr. W. Alderson.
Treasurer Mr G. Scott
Librarians Messrs Waggett & J. Metcalfe.
Auditor Mr Waggett
Committee Messrs Waggett, J Metcalfe, John Alderson Junr (Smithy Holme) & W Alderson (Angram).
Caretaker: Mr J Metcalfe submitted a tender of £3 for lighting fire, cleaning &c. of Institute for year 1934 — This Tender was accepted.
Papers: It was decided that the following papers be purchased for the coming year (1934) "The Daily Mirror" and "The News Chronicle".

There was some discussion concerning the "Northern Echo". It was eventually decided that this paper should be taken for the first and last quarters of the year only. (Jan 1st to March 31st & Oct 1st to Dec 31st) and discontinued during the Summer months

Annual Social The following arrangements were then made for the annual Social.
Date. Jan 26th if not clashing with other festivities. and if a suitable band is available

Place Held Public Hall — Large Hall and platform only to be engaged.

Band. That prices be asked for from the following Bands:. "Night Birds". "Camp Band". "Corona"

Prices for Tickets Members 2/- for double ticket and 1/- each for additional single tickets; non members 2/- each for single tickets; Prices in each case. including Supper.

The charge for dance only to be 1/3 each.

Further business was left over until the next meeting which was fixed for Friday Dec 22nd

The Sale of papers was as follows:—

"Daily Mirror" to Mr C Barningham for 3/3
"News Chronicle" " Mr G. Scott " 4/-
"Northern Echo" (6 months) Mr C Alderson (Harkers) " 4/6
"Stock Breeder" —— Mr G. Scott " 4/-

W Gunton
Dec 22 1933

Minutes for Meeting held. Dec 22 1933.

Mr Cumton presiding:—

The Minutes for Meeting held. Dec 15. 1933 were read and confirmed

The business of the Meeting was arrangements for the annual Social. After the tenders received from various bands had been opened, the question was raised as to whether it would not be a good thing to hold a short local entertainment before the dance began.

After some discussion Mr P Metcalfe moved & Mr C Barningham seconded that an entertainment be held from 7.30. for about 1 hr to 1½ hrs. at an extra charge of sixpence. This resolution was passed by four votes to two. several members not voting.

The following committee were appointed to arrange the concert. Mrs P. Metcalfe. C. Barningham; W Alderson; and J Sinclair

Tenders were received from bands as followers:— Stan Godfrey's Band £1 per hour. for 8 players plus 35/- travelling expences; The "Night Birds" 15/- per hour for plus £2 for travelling expenses; and The "Corona" Band £6 for 6 hours.

It was eventually decided that we should engage Stan Godfrey's band for 5 hours (9 p.m. to 2 a.m.)

at a charge of £6. 15. 0 including travelling expenses.

The Pastor raised ~~the~~ a question concerning the prizes given for winning numbers; After some discussion it was decided that decision on the matter should be deferred until the next ~~meeting~~ meeting, the feeling being that if no charge was made for the numbered tickets, no objection could be raised to the proceedure.

W Sumton Jan 14. 34

Minutes for Meeting held Jan 17 1934

Mr Gunton Presiding :—.

The Minutes for Meeting held Dec 22 1933 were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that Stan Godfrey's Band had been secured for the Social on Jan 26th.

The following arrangements were then made for the Annual Social :—

Provisions :— Mr J Alderson (Smithy Holme) promised to purchase the Meat & the butter, whilst the Secretary & Treasurer promised to make arrangements for the baking.

The rest of the provisions to be begged (including

Milks) from the members.

Waitresses:- Mesdames. I. Alderson (Skeugh Head) Fawcett, Waggett, Rukin, Alderson (Smithy Holme), Scott. (West Stonesdale), Metcalfe. (West Stonesdale), Cranton, Thornborrow, (Frith) Metcalfe. (Firs), Alderson (Hill Top), and Calvert (Hoggarth's).

Door Stewards:- Messrs C. Alderson, J Sinclair, L. Rukin, Alderson (Angram), C. Barningham, and G Metcalfe (Frith); Messrs G. Metcalfe & L Rukin agreed to be on duty at the door during the entertainment.

Supper Stewards Messrs S. Scott & Waggett.

M.C.s Messrs J Sinclair, J Metcalfe (West Stonesdale) W Alderson (Angram), & C Barningham.

Chairman for the Concert the Treasurer Mr. G. Scott.

It was decided that Complimentary Tickets for the concert should be given to the Misses C. Waggett. & Alderson (Smithy Holme) and Mr. E. Fawcett. in recognition of their services in cleaning the Institute during the preceding Summer.

The discussion regarding the prizes to be given for winning Numbers, which had been begun at the previous meeting was then continued:—

Mr P Metcalfe moved & Mr L Rukin seconded. that Prizes should be given on some

card scheme but that no charge should be made for the cards or tickets

Mr G Metcalfe moved and Mr W Alderson (Ingram) seconded as an amendment, that the same system should be adopted as in previous years, ie. That tickets should be sold as entrance to the prize scheme and winning numbers drawn out.

When the vote was taken, this Ammendment was lost by four votes to three.

The resolution was then put, that prizes should be awarded, but no charge for tickets made, and carried by five votes; no one voting against, but many members refrained from voting on both the resolution & the amendment.

Mr P Metcalfe moved & Mr G Metcalfe (Forth) seconded that the whole building of the Public Hall should be engaged. (The reading room in addition to the large Hall) This was carried by 5 votes to 1.

Some members refrained from voting

M Gunton
Dec 12. 34

The Annual Meeting of the Institute was held on Wednesday Dec 12th 1934.
Mr Gunton presiding :—

The Minutes for Meeting held Jan 17. 1934 were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's Report showing a balance in hand of £19.2.8. was read by Mr W Alderson. This was accepted as very satisfactory and confirmed.

A Vote of Thanks to all officials was passed unanimously viz. to Mr W Alderson. secretary; Mr G Scott Treasurer; Messrs J Waggett & J Metcalf. Librarians; and Mr Waggett auditor. Also to Mrs Miss W Alderson. G Scott & L Rubin for leading coal to the Institute free of charge.

Officers for 1935 were then appointed as follows :—

Secretary Mr W Alderson (Anagram)
Treasurer Mr G. Scott
Librarians Messrs J Waggett & J Metcalfe
Auditor Mr J Waggett
Committee Messrs Waggett. J Metcalfe. John Alderson (anagram) W Alderson (Anagram)
Caretaker. Mr Fred Metcalfe of Keld

Submitted a tender of £3 for lighting fire

cleaning &c of Institute for year 1935.
This Tender was accepted.

Papers It was decided that the following papers be purchased for the coming year (1935) "The Daily Mirror" & The "News Chronicle"

There was some discussion concerning the Northern Echo. It was eventually decided that this paper should be taken for the first & last quarters of the year only (Jan 1st to March 31st & Oct 1st to Dec 31st) and discontinued during the Summer months.

The need for the purchase of more cues was pointed out by Mr J Alderson (augram) and it was decided that two new ones at about 10/- each should be purchased and the matter left in the hands of the Secretary. Mr W Alderson.

Mr Waggett raised the question of cleaning the Institute. After some discussion it was decided that the ceiling & walls should be white & colour washed respectively, and that the committee should obtain tenders & Submit them to a general meeting of members to be called the early part of March 1935.

Attention was called by Mr Waggett to the

unsatisfactory condition of the Bagatelle Table. It was decided that this should be dismantled and put up for sale with the papers.

Annual Social The following arrangements were then made for the Annual Social.

Date Jan 18th unless it clashed with any other function.

Place Public Hall. The whole Hall to be hired

Band It was decided that the Secretary should obtain prices from likely bands and submit them to the next meeting.

It was decided that a concert should be held during the early part of the Evening, and that Messrs C Barningham, J Sinclair ~~make enquiries~~ & W Alderson make enquiries concerning a concert party & report at the next meeting

All other details were left till the next meeting which was fixed for Thursday Dec 20th

The Sale of Papers was as follows :—

Daily Mirror to Mr W Alderson for 3/9

News Chronicle - Mr J Scott - 3/6

Northern Echo (6 months) Mr C Barningham for 3/-

Stock Breeder to Mr J Scott for 3/6

The Bagatelle Table was sold to Mr Waggett for 2/-

W Gunton
20/12/34

Minutes for Meeting held Dec 20th 1934

Mr Gunton Presiding

The Minutes for Meeting held Dec 12th were read and confirmed

Mr W Alderson reported that the committee appointed to ~~enquire~~ make enquiries concerning a Concert party were of opinion that a concert could be arranged. The matter was left in their hands.

It was decided that the Concert should commence at 7 pm & the charge should be 6d

The prices for Supper & dance to be as follows :-

Members 2/- for double ticket and 1/- each for additional single tickets. Non-Members 2/- each for single tickets. Prices in each case to include Supper

The charge for dance only to be 1/3

It was decided that Bowmans Band of Cockermouth. be engaged from 9 pm to 2 AM. at a charge of £6. 15. 0

Provisions. Mr C Barningham promised to obtain the meat & the butter. and to make arrangements for the baking. Other provisions (including the milk) to be begged from members. Sec'd Treas

Waitresses :- Mesdames J. Alderson (Skeugh Head) Fawcett, Waggett, Rukin, Alderson (Smiley Holme) Scott (Keld) Metcalfe (West Stonesdale) Gunton, Thornborrow (Firth) Metcalfe (Firs) Alderson (Hill Top) Calvert (Hoggarth's) & G. Scott (West Stonesdale)

The following promised to interview the above to obtain their consent { Mr J Alderson (angram) Mr C Barningham Mr & Mrs G Metcalfe. Mr L Rukin.

It was decided that the Supper should be held in the lower room. & that the Public Hall Boiler should be used for boiling the water.

Gunton
Jan 9-35

Minutes for Meeting held Jan 9th 1935
Mr Gunton presiding

The Minutes for Meeting held Dec 20 1934 were read & confirmed

After some discussion on hearing the reports of those who interviewed the Ladies re waiting at Supper. A resolution was passed by 3 votes to 2. (several members abstaining from voting) to rescind the resolution of the previous meeting and to have the Supper on the platform unless the ladies wished otherwise.

Door Stewards for Concert:- Messrs J Metcalfe. G Metcalfe & L Rukin

for dance Messrs G Alderson, J Sinclair, G. Scott. C Barningham

Supper Stewards Messrs J Waggett & J. Scott. In Cs Messrs T Sinclair J Metcalfe (West Stonesdale) W Alderson (Angram) C. Barningham & P Metcalfe.

W Gunton
Jan 30/35

Minutes for Meeting held Jan 30th 1935
Mr Stinton Presiding.
The Minutes for meeting held Jan 9th were read and confirmed.
Mr Waggett pointed out that the legs of the Bagatelle table which he had bought were in good enough condition to bear a table for the first room. & that he would give these back to the institute if members cared to make a table of them.
It was decided that Mr G Scott of Thwaite be asked to make a table top for the legs, adjusting the same to a convenient size for the room.
New Door The question of a new door for the institute was raised. It was understood that Mr Scott's price for a door would not exceed £2 (hanging extra) It was decided that a new door should be ordered if the price, including hanging, did not exceed about 50/-
New Chairs Mr Waggett promised to make enquiries concerning new chairs for the institute
Cleaning. It was agreed to ask Mr G Scott and Mr Frank Metcalfe to quote prices for cleaning & painting the interior and that Mr Fred Metcalfe should be asked to paint the exterior of windows &c

Table cloths It was pointed out that the Chapel table cloths were in poor condition in view of the fact that the Institute used them for every social. It was agreed that when the Church bought new table cloths the Institute should pay for one.

J Waggetts
June 1935

Minutes for Meeting held June 1935.

J Waggett presiding:
The Secretary reported that he had received an application from the Manager of Barclays Bank Ltd Hawes for the use of the first room for Bank business for one hour each Wednesday and longer if required, to provide fire & light when required, table 3 Chairs & Cupboard and to give ten pounds per year for use of Same.
After some discussion Mrs John Alderton proposed Mrs L Putnis seconded that we allow Barclays Bank Ltd the use of the first room, for Bank business & to Charge Ten pounds per annum for use

for one hour each wednesday & longer if required
of same & to provide fuel & light when required
Table Chair & Cupboard.
Also it was Moved & Carried that Members
do not enter the institute during Bank hours,
only on Bank business

J Waggett
Aug 21/35

Minutes for Meeting held Aug 21. 1935

J Waggett presiding
The Secretary reported that Mr F. Metcalf
wished to be relieved from the duties as Caretaker
After accepting Mr Metcalfs resignation. Mr W. Alderson
moved & Mr John Alderson seconded, that
Mrs J Scott be asked to tender for the
lighting fire & Cleaning &c of Institute
Arnold F. Mee.
14th. Dec. 1935.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 14th. Dec. 1935.
The Rev. A. F. Mee presided.
The Minutes for the last meeting were read & confirmed.
The Treasurers Report was made, indicating a favourable
balance of £12.15.5. This was approved, with evident
satisfaction.

A Vote of Thanks was accorded to all officials for their services, & to those who had helped by loading coal to the Institute free of charge.

The Officers for 1936 were then elected as follows:-

Secretary. Mr. W. Alderson. (Anyam).

Treasurer. Mr. G. Scott.

Librarians. Messrs. J. Wayfett & J. Melcalfe.

Auditor. Mr. J. Wayfett.

Committee. Messrs. Wayfett. J. Melcalfe. John Alderson (Anyam). W. Alderson (Anyam).

Papers.

It was agreed to purchase the ~~Daily~~ Mirror" & the "News Chronicle". for the ensuing year. After some discussion it was decided to take the "Northern Echo" during the first & fourth quarters only. It was also determined to order the "Mid-Cumberland Herald". - also omitting the summer months - April to September.

Caretaker.

On the motion of Mr. J. Wayfett. seconded by Mr. John Alderson, it was agreed to accept Mrs. Scott's tender for the office of caretaker.

Coal for Hand.

It was decided to ask the Hand in future to provide their own coal, in view of the fact that since the closing of Tan Hill Pit. the sum of 2/- a year was hardly sufficient.

Chairs.

Mr. J. Wayfett was asked to arrange about the purchase

of 6 secondhand chairs @ 5/- each from Cabberick Comp.

Barclay's Bank.

In view of the fact that to hire of the small room by the Bank is conditional upon the provision of lavatory accommodation, it was resolved to accept the decision of the School Managers to charge 5/- a year for the use of the school lavatory. This on the motion of Messrs. L. Rukin & J. Scott.

Enfranchisement of Property.

It was proposed by Mr. W. Alderson (anon.), seconded by Mr. Geo. Scott, & carried unanimously that £1 be paid to the Trustees towards the cost of enfranchising the property.

Chimney.

The matter of improving the chimney was delegated to the Committee.

Social.

It was resolved to hold a Social on 17th. January, 1936. assuming that this date was free. It was determined further that it be held in the Public Hall. It was proposed by L. Rukin & seconded by S. Scott, that enquiries be made of suitable bands for consideration at the next meeting. Messrs. W. Alderson & L. Rukin were also asked to make enquiries about concert parties that might be available, to report at the next meeting, which was arranged for Dec. 21st. at 7.30.

The Sale of Papers resulted as follows:-

News Chronicle. Mr. J. Scott. 4/3, Daily Mirror. W. Alderson. 3/6, Northern Echo. C. Calvert 3/6, Farmer & Stockbreeder, J. Scott 4/- Mid-Cumb. Herald. J. Waggett. 2/9.

Arnold J. Mee 21/12/35.

Meeting held on 21st. Dec. 1935.

The Rev. A. F. Mee presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Social.

In view of the difficulty of getting a band for 17th. January, it was decided, on the motion of L. Rubin & John Metcalfe, to hold the social on Jan. 16th.

On the proposition of W. Alderson, seconded by John Scott that we invite 8 players of Stan Godfrey's Collegians for 4 hours @ 2/- per hr. plus 10/- travelling expenses.

Concert. It was agreed upon that the concert programme be made up by local talent, & further, that we invite a party from Mulen to give a sketch.

Charges

Mr. L. Rubin proposed, & the Secretary seconded that the charges be as follow:-

Concert 9d.; Supper & Dance. - members 2/- for double ticket, & 1/- each for additional single tickets. Non-members 2/- each for single tickets. (prices in each case to include supper). The charge for dance only to be 1/-.

Provisions.

It was determined to pay for the whole of the provisions to be bought: that Gibson. Sec. & Treasurer and Misdames Waggett. Scott. Alderson (High Row) Scott (Anyrom) & Rubin to buy; & that members be jointly responsible for bringing milk.

Waitresses.

It was decided to ask the same ladies as before to act as waitresses, - with the substitution of Mrs. Mee for Mrs. Gunton, & the addition of Mrs. J. Sinclair.

Doorkeepers.

Messrs. Geo. Metcalfe, Wm. Calvert & J. Metcalfe were chosen as doorkeepers for the concert, Messrs. Waggett, John Scott & J. Alderson (High Row) for the Supper, & Messrs. C. Alderson, C. Calvert, J. Sinclair & F. Scott for the dance.

The following gentlemen were asked to serve as M.C's :-
Messrs. Percy Metcalfe, W. Alderson & J. Metcalfe.

Arnold J. Mee. 9/12/36.

Minutes of Meeting held on 19th. Dec. 1936., Rev. A. T. Mee presiding.

The minutes of last meeting were read & adopted.

Great satisfaction was expressed at the Treasurer's Report, which recorded a favourable balance of £ 211.6.10.

A Vote of Thanks was passed, accorded to all who had served the Institute during the year.

Election of Officers. The following were elected to office for 1937,- on the motion of Messrs. L. Rubin & J. Metcalfe :-

Secretary: Mr. W. Alderson (Anpron).
Treasurer: Mr. Geo. Scott.
Librarians: Messrs. J. Waggett & J. Metcalfe.

Auditor: Mr. J. Waggett.

Committee: Messrs. J. Waggett. J. Melcalfe. John Alderson (Aysgarth) & W. Alderson (Aysgarth).

Papers.

After some discussion it was agreed to purchase papers as last year.

Caretaker.

Mrs. Scott's tender for the caretakership was accepted. on the motion of W. Alderson & J. Melcalfe.

Coal for Band.

In reply to the Band request to be allowed to pay 4/- a year for coal. it was moved by Mr. G. Scott. seconded by Mr. J. Waggett. that their Wish be accepted.

Chairs.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Waggett for his services in obtaining chairs.

Repairs.

It was agreed. on the motion of J. Melcalfe. seconded by Simon Scott. that necessary minor repairs should be carried out.

Non-Members.

Attention was drawn to the rule that non-members should not come into the premises regularly; & this rule was accordingly re-emphasised.

Social

Messrs. J. Melcalfe & T. Hall proposed that we hold a Social; it was further agreed that the date should be Jan. 22, 21, or 20, in

order of preference; also that it be held in the Public Hall.

Band.

On motion of J. Metcalfe & P. Scott it was decided to invite Billy Bowman's Band.

Entertainment.

Mr. L. Rulon was asked to make arrangements, as far as possible, with local & Rulon friends, & report progress at next meeting.

Charges Provisions.

It was proposed by Mr. P. Scott, seconded by Mr. C. Alderson, that charges, & arrangements for provisions, be as last year.

It was left to the Committee to get bills out as soon as possible, & next meeting was arranged for 29th. December. at 7.30.

Clerk

It was agreed to ask Mr. P. Say for his opinion as to whether it is worth while to retain the clerk.

Papers

W. Alderson proposed, & R. Metcalfe seconded, that daily papers, should be free to be taken away at 10.0 p.m. on Monday & since. The motion was carried.

Another resolution was passed, on motion of L. Rulon & C. Alderson that weeklies may be taken away at closing time after Tuesday.

Sale of Papers.

As a result, & value of papers was enhanced, the sale resulted as follows:-
News Chronicle, to S. F. Scott. for 12/6.; Daily Mirror to W. Alderson for 9/-;
Northern Echo to R. Metcalfe for 7/- Mid-Cumberland Herald. to W. Alderson. 14/-
Farmer & Stockbreeder to John Scott. for 5/6. Total 38/-

Arnold F. Metcalfe
29/12/36

Meeting held 29th. Dec. 1936. The President was in the Chair. Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, which were read & adopted, Mr. L. Rubin was elected on to the Committee in place of John Alderson, Organist, who is no longer a member.

Social. - Band

2 letters were read, one from the 'Night Birds', & another from Bowmans. After discussion, Bowmans offer to send four players on Jan. 20th. for £5. 10. 0, inclusive, was accepted.

Entertainment.

It was reported that the Mulen Party were willing to come, give two sketches & some songs, & it was proposed & carried that they be invited. No further arrangements were thought necessary, as the programme was deemed sufficient.

Waitresses.

The following were to be asked to serve as waitresses:- Mesdames B. Coates, Fawcett, Waggett, Rubin, Alderson, (Ilkley) Scott (Ilkley) Metcalfe (W.S) Mess, P. Metcalfe, J. Metcalfe (Fins) T. Coates, Calvert (Hoyland) & G. Scott (W.S) & Mrs R. Alderson & Mrs J. Swinden.

Doorkeepers M.C's.

It was agreed to appoint the same doorkeepers as last year, & that L. Rubin & S. Metcalfe be added to the list of M.C's.

Tickets

After some discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of W. Alderson & R. Metcalfe, that 2/6 be charged for members' double tickets, in view of the fact that this amount has actually been taken in previous years.

Special Meeting held 4th. June. 1937.

It was reported that the Institute roof was in need of repair that we had been advised to have half of it removed & re-laid. The cost might run to about £40.0.0 or £5. Mr. Geo. Scott moved. Mr. S.F. Smith seconded, that the work be put in hand. It was further agreed that Mr. Frank Metcalfe be asked to quote a figure, as exact as possible.

Mr. Waggett reported that Mr. W. Alderson was away from the district. He might return after a time, or he might not. He suggested the election of a Secretary pro tempore, & agreed to serve in that capacity on the distinct understanding that he should not be asked to be permanent Secretary should need arise.

Attention was drawn to the fact that almost all the Billiard cues were without tips, & Mr. L. Rubin was appointed to be responsible for them in future, & generally for the billiard table. It was resolved that he be authorised to purchase a set of billiard balls of the same size as those now used, & also a supply of tips & chalk if needed.

It was also agreed to have the billiards pay-box repaired, as it was no longer secure.

Arnold F. Mee

27/11/37.

Special Meeting held 18th. Octr. 1937.

At a special meeting to request the Richmond Postmaster for the use of the clubroom for the new postmen was considered. After discussion it was decided to allow this use on the following terms:- Eighteen shillings for three membership fees at 6/- each. plus 2/- a week to cover the increased cost of coal etc. + 10/- a year to the caretaker for additional duties. Care was also to be taken to avoid any clash with the regular enjoyment of Bowling Bowls on Wednesdays.

Arnold J. Mee.

14/12/37.

Annual Meeting, 27th. November. 1937.

The minutes were read & adopted, & then the Treasurer's Report was given. This indicated a credit balance of £23.18.0. which was regarded as very satisfactory. Cordial thanks were given to the Treasurer. Auditor. & other Officers of the Society for their services during the year.

Election of Officers.

Mr. L. Rulon was elected Secretary, as no further expectation remained of Mr. W. Alderson's return. All the other Officers were re-elected, except that Mr. L. Rulon was to be on the Committee in place of Mr. W. Alderson. & Mr. J. Alderson (Canon). instead of Mr. John Alderson (Gamekeeper).

Papers.

It was decided to purchase the same papers as last year, but the Northern Echo & the Mid-Cumberland Herald were to be recommenced in September instead of October.

Caretaker.

Mrs. Scott's tender was accepted on the understanding that it was intended to be the same as last year..

Postman.

Mr. Waggett reported that the Postmaster would accept the terms offered, to the limit of £4 a year. It was felt that this should be sufficient to avoid financial loss. The approval of the members was accorded to a one-year's trial on these terms.

Social.

On the motion of Mr. John Metcalfe Mr. L. Rubin to was agreed to hold a social again, the dates proposed were Jan. 19th. 20th. or 21st. 1938. but the 19th. for preference.

Entertainment.

It was agreed that the non-official members of the Institute should give a sketch, which those present promised to do. Mr. L. Rubin accepted responsibility for the rest of the programme.

Band.

The Secretary was asked to make enquiries about a Dance Band before the next meeting, which he was to summon when prepared. Members were to help him in

his enquiries.

Table Tops.

The members decided that a new tops should be fixed on the round tables.

Fires in Billiard Room.

It was resolved that fires should be laid regularly in the Billiard Room. slit as required.

Club Room Collecting Box.

Mr. Wappett showed members the collecting box empty (as he had found it) with the lock obviously forced. It was agreed to make the lock more secure.

Auction of Papers.

This resulted as follows:-

Daily Mirror to Thos. Hall for 7/3.
News Chronicle to Geo. Metcalfe. 4/6.
Mid Cumberland Herald. to S. F. Scott 4/-
Northern Echo Simon Fawcett. 8/6.
Farmer & Stock breeder. John Scott 6/3.

Arnold F. Mee.
14/12/37.

Meeting held. 14th. Dec. 1937.

Band for Social.

It was resolved to accept Mr. Bowman's tender of £5.5.0 for Jan. 20th. 1938.

Supper.

The members decided to arrange for the supper on

the same lines as usual, with potted meat. the baking paid for.

Charges.

It was agreed that if a sketch were given, 1/- should be charged for admission to the concert. The combined ticket for concert. supper & dance was to be 2/6, & the remaining charges as in previous years.

Clubroom lamp.

As the lamp was not powerful enough to light the room adequately, & needed renewal, it was agreed after discussion that one light of Coke Gas should be installed, on condition that the wall switch was used.

It was left to the Secretary to call the next meeting when preparations for the Social were more developed.

Arnold F. Mee

29/1/38.

Meeting held 8th. January. 1938.

Bakers. Members resolved that the Secretary & Treasurer should ask those who had baked previously, & any others who were thought necessary.

The waitresses also were to be as before.

Doorkeepers. The following doorkeepers were appointed.

Concert, Messrs. John Metcalfe. Geo. Calvert & Thos. Calvert.

Supper, Messrs. Wappett & J. Scott., & for the dance, as before, with the addition of W. & G. Calvert.

Messrs. J. Metcalfe & W. Calvert promised to see that milk was provided.

M.C.'s. The same M.C.'s as before were elected, with the omission of W. Alderson & P. ~~Metcalfe~~ Metcalfe.

Arnold F. Mee.

29/1/38.

Minutes of Meeting held 29th Jan. 1938.

Report on Social.

A report was given of the Social which had cleared £4.3.9. Gratification was expressed at the result, & great appreciation of the efforts of all who had taken part.

Calor Gas.

It was agreed, on the motion of Messrs. S.F. Scott & L. Rutcin, to have Calor Gas installed in the Billiard Room, but to defer the purchase of a 2nd. cylinder till the autumn.

Decorations.

Mr. Waggett moved, & Mr. Jas. Scott seconded, that the walls & ceiling in the small room, & the ceiling in the Billiard Room, should be decorated, & that it be left to the Committee to decide about the panels in the Billiard Room walls, after getting an estimate. The motion was carried.

Arnold F. Mee.

26/4/38.

Meeting. 2nd. May. 1938.

Decorations

Messrs. Bunnell & Nicholson's estimate was read. It was resolved on the proposal of Mr. J. Alderson (Anyon)

of Mr. Wagstaff. that the estimate should be accepted, + also that the porch + the windows, inside work, should be done. It was further decided to board up the piece of wall, where one climbs up to the cylinder.

Arnold J. Mee

26/11/'38.

Meeting held 26th. Nov. 1938, the Rev. A. J. Mee being in the Chair. The minutes of the two latest meetings were read + adopted, after which the Treasurer's Report was given, + a balance of £15·8·7 was announced. This was regarded as particularly gratifying, in view of the heavy outlay on improvements during the year, + cordial thanks were voted to the Treasurer, Secretary + Auditor.

Election of Officers.

All last year's officers were re-elected.

Papers.

It was agreed to purchase papers as last year.

Dartboard.

It was proposed by Mr. Geo. Melcalfe, + seconded by Mr. R. Melcalfe, that a dartboard be obtained, + provision made to ensure no damage should be done. The motion was carried + Mr. L. Rutair was asked to arrange for the purchase of a dartboard + Mr. Wagstaff to provide a board for the protection of the wall.

Books for Library.

Mr. Wagstaff produced a few books discarded from a lending library, which were offered for 2/- the lot. The offer was accepted.

Social.

It was decided to organise a Social once more, & that the proposed dates should be Jan. 19th. 18th. & 20th. in that order of preference.

Sketch.

A cordial invitation was given to those who gave a sketch last year to prepare another, & they kindly agreed. The rest of the programme was to be discussed later pending enquiries.

Band.

On the proposal of Messrs. John & Geo. Metcalfe. it was resolved that Billy Bowman's Band be invited again.

Caretaker.

Mrs. Scott's estimate. the same as last year's, was accepted

Sale of Papers.

Used periodicals were allotted as follows:- Daily Mirror to T. Hall for 6/6. News Chronicle to S. F. Scott 6/-; Mid Cumberland Herald to S. Fawcett 6/-; Maryport Echo to J. Scott 5/- Farmer & Stockbreeder to J. Scott for 6/-.

Arnold T. Mee.

30/12/38.

Meeting, 30th. Dec. 1938.

Mr. Mee was in the chair, & the minutes were read & adopted. A report was made of the state of arrangements about the entertainment & dance on Jan. 19th. It was decided to choose a sketch immediately, & that Mr. L. Rubin arrange any singing required.

Doorkeepers & M.C's.

The following gentlemen were selected to serve as doorkeepers:- - at the Concert. Messrs. J. Metcalfe. S. F. Scott. T. Calvert. & S. Scott: at the Supper, Messrs. Waggett & J. Scott; at the dance. Messrs. R. Metcalfe, G. Calvert. C. Alderson. J. Sinclair. W. Calvert & S. Fawcett,
The M.C's were elected as before: J. Metcalfe. L. Rutcair. & G. Metcalfe.

Balcony: It was agreed, as last year, that the Secretary & Treasurer should ask those who had baked previously, & any others who were thought necessary. Those previously asked to bake were, Waggett. Scott. Alderson (Wold). & Rutcair; members having been jointly responsible to bring milk.

Waitresses. These were to be asked as previously, & their names are appended. Mesdames Waggett. Rutcair. Fawcett. Alderson (Wold) Scott (Wold) Metcalfe (W.S.) Mee. P. Metcalfe. J. Metcalfe (Firs). T. Coates. Calvert (Hayparthis) G. Scott. R. Alderson & J. Sinclair. Any additions to be made as necessary & convenient.

Charges. The members agreed to make the same charges as last year. 2/6. for a combined ticket, 1/- for the concert 2/6 for a double ticket for the dance & 1/- (to members) for additional tickets, & 2/- for single dance tickets to non-members.

Bills. It was resolved to get bills printed as soon as possible.

Linoleum. Mr. Waggett suggested that Linoleum be fitted to the reading room floor, & it was decided to consider the matter at the next meeting, when information as to the cost would be forthcoming.

Arnold T. Mee.

23/11/39.

Annual Meeting. 23rd. Dec. 1939.

After the reading & adoption of the minutes, the Treasurers Report was given. indicating a credit balance of £28.6.2 Great satisfaction was expressed. & thanks were accorded to the Treasurer.

Election of Officers. The Officers were all reelected, as follow: Chairman. Rev. A.F. Mee (as pastor). Vice Chairman. Mr. Jas. Waggett (as Sec. of the Trustees). Secretary. Mr. L. Rudkin. Treasurer. Mr. Geo. Scott. Librarians. Messrs. J. Waggett & J. Metcalfe: Auditor. Mr. Jas. Waggett.

Committee: Messrs. J. Waggett. L. Rudkin. J. Alderson (Skelgh Head) J. Metcalfe. & the President.

Lloyds Bank. It was reported that on account of the War, the Bank had given Six months notice. (expiring in February) to end the use of the Reading Room for bank purposes. but offered a retaining fee of £2 per annum. The offer was accepted.

Caretaker. Mrs. J. Scott's tender of £5.7.0. including firewood. was accepted.

Papers. It was agreed to order the Northern Echo. News Chronicle. Mid-Cumberland Herald. Picture Post. in addition to the Farmer & Stockbreeder.

Blinds. On the motion of L. Rudkin & R. Metcalfe. it was decided that dark blinds should be fitted in the Billiard Room. & wherever else necessary.

Improvements. It was left to the Committee to find the

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