



Devizes Dispensary Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Devizes Dispensary was held in the Town Hall, on Monday last, but the attendance was not so good as was expected from the interest evinced in this institution during the past year.

The Mayor having been requested to take the chair, the Rev. A. Smith read the Report of the Committee which, on the motion of Mr. Meek, seconded by Mr. Sloper, was adopted by the meeting.

The treasurer (Mr. Meek,) then read a statement of the account of the Donation Fund, raised to meet liabilities of the Dispensary, at the commencement of the year, from which it appears that, after the payment of all the debts, there remains in the hands of the Treasurers £21 17s. 0d., which is the reserve fund. The statement of the annual receipts and expenditure (which also appears in the advertisement) was next produced, by which it appeared that a further balance of £12 13s.5d. remained in the hands of the Treasurers, making a total, with the reserve fund, £34.10s.5d. This statement gave general satisfaction. Mr. Wallace presented to the Treasurer a cheque for £9. 9s.1d. being a donation from the late members of the county reading room, as the balance of their funds, on which a vote of thanks to these gentlemen was proposed by Mr. Paul Anstie, seconded by Mr. Falkner, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Anstie proposed, and Mr. Tugwell seconded the reelection of Mr. Waylen, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Waylen and Mr. T. B. Anstie as surgeons to the dispensary for the ensuing year, at a salary of £40, in equal shares - Carried unanimously.

Mr. P. Anstie proposed and Mr. Falkner seconded that the same officers be reappointed for the ensuing year, viz. Messrs Tugwell and Meek as Treasurers, Rev. A. Smith and Mr. E. B. Anstie as Secretaries, and Messrs. Falkner and Player as Auditors - Unanimously agreed to.

The annual election of seven gentlemen to serve on the committee, in addition to the ex officio members, was then made, as at the last annual meeting, by ballot, when it appeared that the following gentlemen were elected - viz. Mr. Falkner, Mr. Player, Mr. H Butcher and Mr. G. W. Anstie.

The thanks of the meeting having been given to the Mayor for his conduct in the chair, and the meeting dissolved.

We believe the fact of the meeting, being on the occasion necessarily held on Easter Monday, may account for the small attendance of subscribers; but we have no fear that the interest of this inhabitants lessened in the welfare of this important institution, and we hope that the new arrangement respecting subscribers' tickets may remove the dissatisfaction which has long been felt, in consequence of the difficulty of inducing the patients themselves to return them to the subscribers.

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