

Minutes of Meetings.

Thirty Ninth Meeting

held on Monday, August 7th 1871.

The Vice President in the Chair.

Present.

Mess^{rs} J. Gourlay - H. J. Gerrard - J. Kivell - J. C. Anderson
" E. Dwyer - R. H. Draper - and the Secretary.

The Meeting being called to order, the Chairman called on the Secretary to read the Minutes of the previous Meeting which were then passed.

The Members present engaged in conversation and discussion respecting the expediency of a Picnic, when it was

Proposed by In: C. Anderson

Seconded by In: Gourlay.

"That a Committee be formed to engage a Sloop or Steam Launch to take an excursion to Point Abino or Oakfield as the weather permits, and that it be composed of the following Members - William Odeno - the Vice-President, the Secretary
now being put to the Meeting, this was carried *unanimously*.

Proposed by Tho: O. Medcalf

Seconded by J. C. Anderson

"That the price of the Tickets be fixed at Fifty Cents each there being no dissentient, this was Resolved.

Proposed by R. H. Draper.

Seconded by E. Dwyer.

That Wednesday August 23rd be the day appointed for our Picnic and that the Secretary issue Notices to this effect.
carried unanimously.

It was

Moved by E. Dwyer.

Seconded by R. Hookrich.

"That the ordinary Club Meeting for Monday August the
"Twenty eighth be constituted a Special one, for the consid-
"eration of the subject of "A Course of Lectures", and also the
"purchase of a Musical Instrument for the use of the Club."
This meeting with the general approval was "Resolved."

The Members then proceeded to Ballot for New Members
where it was announced. That

Mr. George Leishman, was unanimously, elected.

" John Shaw was unanimously, elected.

" Alex^r Harrison was, elected (with 2. B. B's).

The Meeting, was, adjourned at 10.27 P.M.

Thos. E. Medcalf

Sec^y

Forty First Meeting

held on Wednesday, August 16th 1871.

The President in the Chair. —

Present.

Mess^{rs} H. Edew, H. A. Wood ~ H. Gerrard ~ J. H. Wilson
and the Secretary.

The Meeting being called to order, the President requested
the Secretary to read the Resolution, calling the Meeting, wh.
being done, the Special Committee reported having secured
the Steam Yacht "Jenny Sutton" for the Twenty third
at a cost of Twenty Dollars.

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The Secretary reported having written for Terms, connect- ed with the Aire of a Melodeon, answers not having been as yet received. He then presented his Financial Report of the late Picnic shewing an Expenditure of Twenty three ⁶⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$23.⁸⁰) against which were credits to the amount of Sixteen ¹³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$16.¹³) proving a loss to the Society of Seven Dollars ⁶⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$7.⁴⁶). Of the \$16.13, the Treas- urer had received \$2.45 and there were outstanding among the Members (on acc of Tickets) a balance of \$7.18 which w^d soon be paid in. The balance of \$6.20 was paid in expenses by the Vice-President. It was then.

Proposed by Fred Bardgett

Secounded by Eug. Dmyer.

" That the accounts in connection with the Picnic, now read
" be accepted in full and passed "

Resolved without dissent.

After a little lively discussion on the subject

It was

Moved by Wm. A. Wood.

Secounded by C. A. Cruickshank

" That we do now recommence our Friday's Meetings, and
" that they be devoted to debating "

Carried in unisonously.

The subject fixed upon for Friday Sept. 8th was
" Which most conduces to elevate and enrich the happiness
of mankind - Poetry or Painting? "

Mr. C. A. Cruickshank Champions for the Poet.

" J. E. Medcalf Knight of the Painter "

Forty Sixth Meeting

held on Monday Jan^y 22/72

The Vice-President in the Chair.

10 Present Mess^{rs} E. A. Cruickshank, J. C. Anderson, W. A. Wood
W. Thompson - W. B. Treble - J. Bardgett - E. Dryer -
R. A. Draper - Fred Bardgett and the Secretary.

The notice, convening the Meeting (as a Special Meeting) being read by the Secretary.

The Chairman, expounded his views on the subject before the Club (viz the purchase of a Melodeon in the possession of J. H. M. Caul) giving his opinion in favor of procuring an Instrument, but preferring to hire rather than to purchase, with the aim of retaining the Funds in hand.

The Secretary explained steps taken previously in the matter, showing an impossibility of hiring in Canada, and the many difficulties connected with the Bonding &c of one from the "States", in addition to which he considered it a good investment, paying best interest with prospect of good return in the event of Sale.

Mess^{rs} Cruickshank and Anderson protested, with all the ardor of a forlorn hope, against the appropriation of the funds for such a purpose, laboring under a fear that the Literary Element would be neglected, and urging the immediate founding of a Library Reading Room.

Mr. Thompson rose to support the Purchase, strongly arguing the futility of attempting such a Foundation without the means in possession, showing how far more than the Balance in hand would be absorbed in preliminary expenditure, and proving, by past experience, that we must

look, chiefly to the Musical appliances to bring in the necessary Funds. He resolutely defended the Club from any intention of dropping the Literary Phase of the Society, shewing conclusively how satisfactory had been the alliance of the two branches.

A question having arisen as to the real cash in the Exchequer the Treasurer read his Financial Report, which stood
 Total Receipts \$145.64 Total Expenditure \$96.27
 Balance in hand 49.40 Outstanding Assets \$14.93
 and It was

Moved by E. Dwyer Secouded by W. Thompson
 "That the Accounts, as read by Treasurer be accepted
 "as correct" Resolved sine die:

Then ensued a series of Rallies and Counter Rallies the Literarians endeavoring to hurl the down the throats of their opponents - Books, Magazines, Newspapers and all species of Paper missiles - but whether, from the dryness of the weapons, the feebleness of the Force Pumps, or the Organ-ic defense of the enemy, a lodgement could not be effected, and other strategies had to be attempted. An endeavor was made to silence the Bertie contingent by placing it in such a position (the flau) as would prevent their firing a "shot," but this was defeated by a flank movement of a Staff-Officer, compelling the Literarians to retire in a disorganised condition, and

"Again - again and the havoc did not slack."

At length with feebled troops, ammunition spent or useless, wearied with defeat and strong in despair - their last reserve, composed of Fresh warriors (only used in emergencies

and but rarely sees his hard battling (or work) was brought to the front fired a volley and — retired
 Moved by Am. B. Freble Secounded by J. C. Anderson

"That the Question of purchasing an Instrument be adjourned until next meeting and the members will consider more thoroughly, whether, it will be practicable to the interest of the Society to have an Instrument" —

Opposed on the grounds that due notice had been given and the meeting called for the Special purpose, — This resolution was Lost.

An amendment (or rather an original motion) was Proposed by W. Thompson. Secounded by G. Dryer-

"That it is to the best interest of this Society to purchase an Instrument for the use of this Society, & a Committee be appointed to wait upon Mr. J. A. McCaul and purchase an Instrument at present owned by the said J. A. M. for the lowest obtainable price"

Carried by a majority of six to three.
 Moved by W. Thompson — Secounded by Fred Bardgett

"That the Melodeon Committee be composed of Mess^{rs} Dryer- Wood and the Secretary"
 = Resolved =

On becoming conscious of defeat the main body of the Literarians, including the plucky irresistible reserve, struck their colors, resigned their Commissions, and professed their intention to retire on their Laurels, forsake the rebels and resume the solitude consequent on an estrangement from the Garden of Eden.

Scips, came in fast and heavy, and were the only

shots (fired at random in the moment of retreat) that found a vulnerable point in the armor of the "Gleeists" Messrs E. Cruickshank - W. B. Treble and J. C. Anderson formally tendered their resignations - when it was

Moved by E. Dwyer seconded by W. Thompson
 "That the Resignation of the following gentlemen
 "Messrs W. B. Treble - E. Cruickshank and J. C. Anderson be accepted" Carried

The Secretary was instructed to call a Quarterly Meeting for Monday January 29th and the Meeting then adjourned

Thos. E. Medcalf
 Secretary

Forty Seventh Meeting
 held on Monday Jan^r 29th / 42

The Vice-President in the Chair
 Present Messrs H. A. Wood - E. Dwyer - W. Thompson
 R. Draper - J. Bardgett and the Secretary.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & approved.
 The report of the Melodeon Committee was submitted
 "The Committee appointed to purchase a Melodeon of
 "J. A. M^o Caul Esq. beg to report ^{that} having obtained informa-
 "tion from that gentleman the lowest price was Sixty
 "Five Dollars, (in accordance with the Rules of the Society)
 "they procured an order from the President on the Treasurer
 "to pay for said instrument the sum of Sixty Five Dollars.
 "This order was presented by Members of the Committee to

Forty Ninth Meeting

held on Monday Feb 19th 1872

The President in the Chair

10 Present Mess^{rs} E. Dwyer - W. Edew - E. Bearint - C. Johnson
Fred Bardgett - S. Sillev - H. Cuddes - W. R. Calloway
Tho^s Bardgett - and the Secretary.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read, and approved.

It was

Moved by Sidney Sellev & Secouded by C. O. Johnson
" That this Society rents from Charles Treble Esq, the
" lower Hall of the Drill Shed for the space of four weeks
" from this date at the rate of One Dollar per week. Mr Treble
" to provide Fire and Light. The Society to have the use of
" the Hall each Monday and Friday Evening.

The Reeve (W. Edew Esq) rose to explain the steps taken and purposed by the Council in reference to the control and leasing of the Hall, and gave the Society good promise of their Offer of Two Dollars per month being accepted for the use of the Hall on each Monday and Friday. He also hoped to be able to refund to the Society any excess sum paid to C. Treble Esq for the use of Hall.

Speaking of the future our worthy Reeve prophesied for us a successful season of Amusement, Literary Improvement and Finance, and stated his best intentions of encouraging and aiding the Society in all ways possible.

The Resolution was put and Carried unanimously.

It was

Moved by Thomas Bardgett - Secouded by F. Bardgett
" That the Treasurer shall be authorised to pay Mr C Treble

" at the rate of Fifty Cents per Meeting for previous use of
" Club Room" Passed nem: con:

The Meeting then proceeded to Election of New Members
when it was announced that

M^r. John Smith was Elected (unanimously)

" H. R. Calloway was Elected (unanimously)

The following name was introduced as a Candidate for
Membership

Proposed by..	Secounded by	Nominee
William Eden Esq	J. E. Medcalf	M ^r . H. G. Guiler

It was

Moved by H. R. Cudden Secounded by E. Bearint

" That this Meeting be adjourned until Friday Evening the
" 23rd at 7.30 P.M. when Members will give selections of
" Readings and Recitations. Members to have the privilege of
" introducing a friend"

Carried at 10.00 P.M.

Thos. E. Medcalf Secretary

Fiftieth Meeting

held on Friday Feby. 23rd 1872.

H. Eden Esq in the Chair

Present. Mess^{rs}. H. Eden - H. R. Cudden - C. O. Johnson - H. J.
Gerrard - E. Selten - E. Bearint - J. Kwell and the Sec^y.

The Meeting being called to order, the Members present
endeavour'd to pass an agreeable hour with Speeches, readings
and songs, and on adjournment one and all express'd a
desire to arrange and carry out as early as possible, Lectures
and Concerts.

Thos. E. Medcalf Secretary

to be 26, six of whom were however amenable to Rule No. 2. latter clause and who it was hoped would soon remove their disqualifications. Arrears due from Members amounted to \$20⁰⁰⁶⁸, and it was desired to have this amount in the Treasury. The report rehearsed the past quarters proceedings and spoke hopefully of the future. -

The President read a communication from C. Greble Esq, calling upon the Society to clean & repair the effects of the Concert, and after a good deal of consultation on the subject as to the computed cost of so doing

It was
Moved by N. R. Cuddon - Seconded by J. H. Wilson.
"That the President be empowered to sign an order on the Treasurer to pay John Crogan (Care-Taker) the sum of Two Dollars for the cleaning and repairing the Hall Benches and Floor." Resolved.

An application was reported by the President from the Members of the Baptist Color'd Church praying the Society to grant them the loan of the Melodeon for Wednesday the 3rd inst, and it was Moved by Colin M^c Rae. Seconded by S. Bellew.

"That in relation to the application of the Baptist Color'd Church for the use of the Melodeon on April 3rd, the Society do accede to their desire to borrow the Instrument for that occasion - Free of Charge"

This was Carried unanimously.

Moved by S. Bellew - Seconded by C. M^c Rae.

"That the Club, allow M^c C. O. Johnson ^{25⁰⁰} the Tickets that are charged against him on night of Concert for his trouble and expenses in building the stage." - Passed

Some conversation took place regarding the idea of the Complimentary Concert, but owing to the lateness of the hour, and the large amount of business consequent on its being the Quarterly Meeting, the decision of the Society was deferred until the next business

Meeting, also the reading and consideration of the Papers.

The usual Ballotting for New Officers then took place, and on examination of the Ballot Papers, the result was, announced by the President to be as follows. -

For <u>President</u>	<u>Eugene Dwyer</u>	10 votes	Elected.
do	(R. H. Draper)	1 vote	
" <u>Vice President</u>	<u>W. R. Calloway</u>	6 votes	Elected
do	(W. Thompson)	2 votes	
do	(W. J. Guiler)	2 votes	
do	(C. McKae)	2 votes	
" <u>Secretary</u>	<u>J. E. Medcalf</u>	8 votes	Elected
do	(C. McKae)	2 votes	
" <u>Treasurer</u>	<u>W. Thompson</u>	8 votes	Elected
do	(H. R. Cuddon)	3 votes	
" <u>Committee</u>	<u>J. Bardgett</u>	8 votes	Elected
do	<u>In. Kwell</u>	8 votes	Elected
do	<u>H. R. Cuddon</u>	8 votes	Elected
do	<u>Colin McKae</u>	8 votes	Elected
do	<u>W. J. Guiler</u>	7 votes	Elected
do	<u>S. Sellen</u> (President's C.V.)	5 votes	Elected
do	(R. H. Draper)	5 votes	
do	(J. H. Wilson)	4 votes	
do	(W. A. Wood)	3 votes	
do	(W. R. Calloway)	3 votes	
do	(J. Bardgett)	2 votes	
do	(H. B. Graham)	1 vote	
do	(C. O. Johnson)	1 vote	
do	(J. E. Medcalf)	1 vote	

The Meeting then adjourned

J. E. Medcalf Secretary

Fifty Seventh Meeting.
held on Saturday: Feby 1st 1843

The President in The Chair.
Present Messrs. Kivell, Graham, Hobson,
Thompson, Cuddeu, J. Bardgett, and Dwyer.

This meeting was held in consequence of a notice issued by The President, and was for the purpose of selling The Organ, disposing of The funds, and winding up The affairs of The Society.

The Treasurer read a report of money on hand, showing balance to be \$17.85

The list of Members was then read over and after striking from the roll all those who owed The Club money (in accordance with bylaw No. 2) There were found to be eleven remaining members.

It was
Moved by H. K. Cuddeu, seconded by Wm Thompson,
" That the offer of Rev. R. Arnold on behalf of the
" Ridge Church of fifty dollars (\$50) for The
" Society's Organ be accepted, and in case he fails
" to take it at that figure, The Treasurer be
" Empowered to sell it to any one else who may
" want it, who will pay the same amount
" for it.
Carried Unan.

Moved by F. Bardgett, seconded by J. Kivell,
 " That the sum received from the sale of the
 " Organ (\$50.00) be added to the amount in the
 " Treasurers hands (\$17.85) and the total amt.
 " be equally divided among the remaining
 " members of the Club." Carried.

Moved by Wm. Thompson, seconded by W. Hobson
 " That the organization known as the Fort Erie
 " Literary Society and Ice Club, be now
 " declared dissolved by the mutual consent
 " of the remaining members of said organization."
Carried. new. con.

The purposes for which the Meeting was called
 having thus been effected, The President declared
 the F. E. G. C. + L. S. dissolved, and the
 meeting at an end.

E. Dwyer
 Pres. + Secy. pro Tem.