Minutes of Annual Meeting

Old Exchange

Sept. 12th 1912

Business Meeting 7 P.M.

Mr. John Miller (in the Chair)

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

Mr. Fairweather brought forward the question of old students in the outlying districts meeting & holding local reunions when the opportunity arose. Also the advisability of some member, who might be in touch with several more, acting on behalf of the Hon. Sec. collecting & forwarding subs.

On the motion of Mr. Fairweather seconded by Mr. Pocock it was decided that in cases such as this the Hon. Sec. should arrange with one member to collect & remit subscriptions

Report & Balance Sheet

The Hon. Sec. briefly outlined the position of the Association & presented the Balance Sheet which showed a bank balance of £29. 7. 9.

Adopted

Officers Elected.

President. Professor Perkin
Vice. P. do re-appt.
Hon. Sec.. Mr H. E. Laffer
" Treas. Mr W. E. Holland
Committee. Messrs. H. B. Robson,
R. H. Martin, C. J. Savage,
W. Mottram & H. Snow.
Auditors. Messrs Pritchard & Spafford.

Mr Savage gave notice of motion for the next Annual Meeting, "That in view of the increasing length of our list of Vice Presidents, the

number be limited to six, to be re-elected at each annual meeting.

At the close of the meeting the Annual Dinner was held at which Professor Perkins presided.

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Professor Lowrie proposed "The Old Collegians' Association." He said the value of the college must lie in the character to the work being done by the old students, who were its fruits. In travelling around the State he had found many men who were worthily maintaining the credit of the college. He trusted that would long continue. (Applause.) They would drink the toast in the hope that the association would grow to greater size and influence, and be a means of helping to carry forward the improvement in agriculture in the State. (Applause.)

Mr. H. E. Laffer (Secretary), in responding, felt that the association had done good work during its existence. Its membership had increased considerably. He emphasized the importance of the members working together. (Applause.)

—Annual Meeting.—

The annual meeting of the association was held prior to the dinner. Officers elected:—President, Professor Perkins; Secretary, Mr. H. E. Laffer; Treasurer, Mr. E. Yelland; Committee, Messrs. H. P.