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Report of
Special Committee Meeting

On Friday, 11th April, 1919, at 7.30 p.m.
The President (Mr. W. H. Middleton) in the
chair, Vice-President - J. S. Vickery, Councillors
F. Barrow, ^{D. Maxwell} and A. O. Stubbs, the Principal
Mr. M. Copland and the Art Principal (Mr.
H. H. Smith) met to discuss the following
business:-

1. To consider the re-adjustment of Mr. Copland's duties
2. To consider what steps should be taken to provide adequate office accommodation
3. To consider the question of raising public funds for the restoration of the Museum
4. To deal with the applications for the position of caretaker at the Art School.

In discussing Mr. Copland's duties it was considered as essential that he should be relieved of his lecture work and that a scheme, providing for the appointment of a new lecturer, should be drawn up by the President, Vice-President (Mr. J. S. Vickery) and Mr. Copland, and submitted to the Education Department by a deputation. The President considered that the lectures in drawing should still be undertaken by Mr. Copland, as the omission of this subject would be opposed by the local Councils and the public. Mr. Vickery suggested that the deputation should emphasise the necessity of a new lecturer, by pointing out the large increase in the number of students and in

the general activities of the School.

In considering the question of extra office accommodation, Mr. Copland explained what alterations it was proposed to make and the following resolution was adopted:

That the scheme as recommended be submitted to the Education Department with a view to obtaining their approval together with a special grant for the purpose.

With regard to the Museum, Mr. Maxwell suggested that the local newspapers should be invited to take up this matter as a definite objective of the "War Memorial" scheme. Mr. Copland added that the provision for a "War Court" ^{in the new museum} would strongly appeal to the citizens. Mr. Maxwell also moved that the Council should confer with the City and Town Councils on the question, before approaching the local Press. The President asked Mr. Stubbs to ascertain unofficially the views of the Town Council.

The Committee then considered thirteen applications for the position of caretaker and attendant at the Art School. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining the services of an employee capable of ^{carrying out} ~~undertaking~~ both the caretaking and clerical duties, it was decided to appoint a caretaker only. The applications included seven from Returned Soldiers who were given preferential consideration. It was then resolved that the final selection of a caretaker be left in the hands of the President (Mr. W. H. Middleton) and Mr. H. H. Smith, preference being given

D. Maxwell
J. S. Vickery