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The usual monthly meeting of the committee was held last evening.

Present: Messrs. J. Ellison (president), Holmes, Bailles, Herman, Watson, Dr. J. Boyd (hon. treasurer), Pallett, Loudon, Crofts, Steane, Kirby, and H. Birch (hon. secretary).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—Mr. Herman on behalf of eleven out of the twelve committeemen presented Mr. John Ellison with a requisition that he should again accept the position of president, which he had hitherto so ably filled. Mr. Ellison, in reply, stated that he had filled the position for a number of years, and had fully determined to retire, as he thought the other members of the committee were entitled to occupy the position, and whoever was elected he should give him all the assistance in his power but the requisition was unexpected and of so flattering a character that it staggered his resolution. He would place himself in the hands of the committee. On the motion of Mr. Herman, seconded by Mr. Crofts, Mr. Ellison was unanimously re-elected president. Mr. Herman was elected vice-president, Dr. J. Boyd hon. treasurer, and Mr. Birch hon. secretary. Drs. J. D. Boyd, Atkinson, and Tattersal were the applicants for the position of medical officer, the chief conditions attached to the office being that the doctor should be non-resident, visit daily, attend to patients, and receive a salary of £25 per annum. A ballot was taken and resulted in the election of Dr. J. D. Boyd.—Messrs. H. Holmes, Steane, and G. Pallett were elected a building committee.—Messrs. Bailles, Kirby, and Crofts were elected a visiting committee.—For the position of sewing mistress there were five applications, and Mrs. Russell was appointed at a salary of £1 per week.

THE SCHOOL TEACHERS.—The president stated that the term for which the Industrial School teachers had been engaged would expire tomorrow. Application had been made to the Education department to have the school appointed a "State school" failing which it was intended to send the children to a State school. He had received telegrams from the Education department requesting that the teachers should be requested to retain office for a month, until the matter of transforming the Industrial school into a State school had been considered. On the motion of Mr. Herman, seconded by Mr. Watson, it was decided to request the teachers to retain office for a month, and failing compliance with the request the executive committee to deal with the matter.

REPORTS.—The treasurer reported for the month ending 31st January, 1884:—Dr.—To municipal grants, £162; contributions, £53 17s; Government grant for building, £250; sundries, £7 13s; balance, £5,542 9s 8d; total £6,015 19s 8d. Cr.—By overdraft, 31st December, 1883, £5,410 9s 3d; payments during January, £605 10s 5d; total, £6,015 19s 8d. Received.—The collector reported that he had collected £56 during the past month, and that he intended to take a collecting trip up country. Received.—The medical officer reported that the general health of the boys was good, there only being a few cases of ophthalmia. Received.—The superintendent reported that there had been admitted, during the month, 4 males, discharged 5, died 2, children 3 admitted. At present in the institution—Males, 110; females, 23; children, 94; total, 227. Out-door distribution 1,019, at a cost of £153 10s. Ms. Jacob Cohen forwarded a valuable parcel of books. Received, and a vote of thanks accorded to Mr. Cohen.

CORRESPONDENCE.—From W. C. Vahland, stating that he would issue the certificate in Albert's Tuck's, and Bosselman's contract provided certain works were done. Received.—From the Treasury, Melbourne, stating that £1,125, also £250, had been passed for payment. Received.—From F. L. Russell, with reference to applying for an appointment as assistant teacher in the Industrial School. Received.—From the Bendigo Amalgamated Miners' Association, stating that the matter referred to would be laid before "the half-yearly meeting in July, when it will be decided with regard to the anniversary and the disposal of the profits (if any) that may accrue therefrom. Received. From the same, a donation of £5. Received.—From the Huntly Shire Council, forwarding cheque for £50 as a contribution. Received.—From Mr. J. B. Watson, forwarding his annual subscription, £10; also £2 2s from Mr. John Cato. Received.—The Mayor of Sandhurst reported verbally that £16 1s 3d had been donated by the committee of the Sandhurst Sorrento trip.—From Mrs. Patterson, late teacher in the Sandhurst Industrial school, applying for reference. Application granted.

GENERAL BUSINESS.—The President said he had noticed with great regret the failing health of Mr. and Mrs. Dorman, particularly of late, and considering their long and faithful services, he thought a month's leave of absence might be granted. Other members of committee also spoke in regretful words of Mr. Dorman's health, and leave of absence was granted.

Accounts amounting to £650 4s 9d were passed as follows:—Salaries and wages, £124 2s 9d; A. Bush, C. H. Reed, A. Beischer, W. Webb and Co., M. Burke, H. W. Jones and Co., W. Bowman, R. Matchett, A. Birch, H. C. Alger, T. Bissett, E. Martin, Morton, Graham and Co., J. Inglis, J. Harrison, A. H. Shum and Co., J. Lane, A. K. Johnstone, M. Thomas, Moore and Yates, Goodyer, W. H. Beuvien, J. H. Abbott and Co., C. Ross and Co., J. Carmichael, Taylor Bros. and Co., J. Minty, Gas Company, H. M. Marks and Co., J. W. Faul, J. Whidborne, J. Stephenson, J. R. Hoskins, Melbourne Telephone Company, Roberts and Sons, P. O'Neill, W. C. Vahland, Finch, and Bosselman, F. Albert.

The committee then adjourned.

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