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Reception Committee Social.

On Monday evening, February 20th, at 6.45 the members of the Reception Committee met together for tea and a social chat on the work of the Reception Committee. About 30 members were present. After a good tea had been partaken of they adjourned to the Board Room and the proceedings of the evening were commenced with prayer by several of the members, after which Mr. Orchard, the Chairman of the Reception Committee, gave a short address of welcome to all who were present, and expressed his great pleasure at seeing the members of the Committee taking such a genuine interest in their work, and hoped that this interest would continue to grow as long as there was any work left for the Committee to do. He also, in the name of all present, heartily welcomed four new members who had undertaken the work of the Reception Committee. An intensely interesting and instructive paper was read by Mr. Booth, in which he showed the qualifications necessary to make a successful member of this Committee. 1st. He should have a heart so full of love toward others that he would be willing to make everything else bend to the claims of his work. 2nd. He should be a good judge of human nature so that he could readily determine the dispositions of those with whom he came in contact and thus be able to address himself to them in such a way as would be agreeable and ensure a reciprocal good feeling. He suggested as a motto for the Committee the words of the Apostle Paul addressed to Timothy—"Instant in season and out of season" and said that the members of this Committee should feel that they were not merely on duty on occasional evenings, but that they were always on duty. The reader of the paper then gave some valuable hints on: 1st. "How to help one another in our work"—by remembering one another daily

in prayer and especially those who would be on duty for the evening of that day and by cultivating a brotherly feeling one toward the other. 2nd. "On the kind of work to be done." 3rd. "The method for doing the work and the grand possibility that may be realized by united zeal and earnestness on the part of each member, how strangers can be made to feel that they have a home and friends who are interested in them, and how young men may be brought out of the darkness of sin into the marvellous light of the Gospel of Christ. The writer brought his paper to a close by showing that what the Committee wanted was to see young men brought under Christian influences, to make them feel that the time spent in the Association Building had been well and profitably spent, and lastly, but most important of all to lead them to accept Christ as their Saviour and Friend and strive to live like Him that they may one day reign with Him forever.

Mr. W. H. Seymour supplemented the paper with some very valuable suggestions from his own experience in the work, as to how to best carry out the objects of the Committee. An animated discussion of the various suggestions brought forward then followed in which nearly every one present took part showing that they all had the success of the work very much at heart. It was decided that the next social gathering of the Committee should take place on Monday, 23rd April, when a paper will be read by Mr. Paul on "The outside work of the Committee" to be followed with some practical hints in the same line by Mr. Gauld.

After an unanimous vote of thanks had been given to Messrs Booth and Seymour for the impetus which their words had given to the meeting and to the work generally the meeting was closed with prayer by the Chairman, every one feeling that a most enjoyable and profitable evening had been spent,