

present currency. Lieut Hancock with £2.2, and J. T. Thomas with £3 were the next largest contributors. Commander Orlebar was connected with the same survey as Lieut Hancock, and Mr. Thomas was a merchant, who for many years did a large business in this city. He returned to his native land not long after this and the writer had the pleasure of spending a day with him in Plymouth, England, in the summer of 1862.

On Monday, 14th January, 1856, a general meeting of the members of Association the was held in the same place when as the first business the "Managing Committee" was formed. The following gentlemen were elected:—

For the Episcopal Church, Chs. Palmer and Theo. DesBrisay, Jr.

For the Presbyterian Church, John W. Morrison and John McNeil.

For the Baptist Church, George Davies and C. F. Harris.

For the Wesleyan Church, Wm. E. Dawson and Wm. Brown.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of office bearers, which resulted as follows :

President, Capt. Orlebar, R. N.; Vice-Presidents, Lt. Hancock, R. N., Messrs. Wm. Heard, H. D. Morpeth and James DesBrisay; Secretary, Robt A. Strong; Treasurer, George Beer; Librarian, Samuel Westacott.

At a committee meeting held on 21st January, Messrs. W. Dawson, T.

DesBrisay and Davies were appointed a committee to procure a suitable room for the use of the Association.

Messrs. Beer, Dawson, T. DesBrisay, Westacott and McNeil were appointed a committee to solicit and receive donations for the present year, and Messrs. C. Palmer, Heard, Morpeth, J. DesBrisay and Morrison were chosen a committee to obtain lectures for the current year and to make enquiry with a view of obtaining the first lecture of the season. These committees reported on the 28th to a meeting of the Managing Committee held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, when it was resolved that the room committee be authorized to engage the upper room in the Temperance Hall, now known as Kindergarten Hall, for the public lectures to be given every alternate Thursday evening; also to hire the infant school room, or any other apartment for the weekly meetings and to make enquiries as to engaging a room as a reading room. The Lecture Committee reported that Rev. Mr. Snodgrass had consented to deliver the inaugural address on the following Wednesday, and the Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald would lecture on the following Thursday week. At the time appointed Mr. Snodgrass delivered the inaugural address to a crowded audience, which so pleased the association that at a committee meeting held immediately after its delivery they directed the