

Moved by Mr. Bannon, seconded by Mr. Wickens, that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as read. Carried

Chairman,—

The Secretary has drawn to my notice the fact that the majority of new members, who have been brought into the Club have been obtained by the same men, that is there are a few members of the Club who are putting forth an effort to enlarge the membership. As we are now going to start the New Year it is very desirable that an extra effort be put forth, by the members of the Club to enlarge the membership, and I trust that every member will bring in, at least, one new member, and if this is done we will double our membership. I was told by the Secretary that one member has brought in in the neighborhood of fifty members, and if one member can bring in fifty members, surely each member can bring in, at least, one new member.

It has been the rule in the past for the Executive Committee to meet at seven o'clock, but as this hour is inconvenient for some of the members, it has been decided to-night that they will meet at 7.30 in future.

During the past year I am very sorry to say that the papers which have been read to the Club have not been very thoroughly discussed. There has been an inclination on the part of the members to sit in their seats and say nothing and listen. If we are going to get the results which we hope to obtain from our Club meetings, the members must take a greater interest in the papers and the questions which are presented to them, by asking questions, even though they may be classed as foolish questions. Discussions of the greatest interest are sometimes brought out by asking what might be thought a foolish question.

The rule of the Club has been since its inception to have simplicity. The members who have given papers, have put them in very simple language. There has been nothing very technical about them, in the hope that the members would take the paper to heart and discuss it thoroughly. Unfortunately, this has not been done. The discussions have been very similar to the bringing in of members, they have devolved on a few of the members. I hope and trust that in the ensuing year my successor will have better discussions of the papers than I, or my predecessor have had.

Probably at the next meeting or before a notice will be given out regarding our Annual Winter Entertainment. This matter will be taken up by the Executive Committee at their next meeting.

During the year we have had some excellent evenings, and at one of them we had the question box, and if my memory