

You have all been supplied with copy of minutes of last meeting, and in order to proceed it will be necessary for some person to move that these minutes be taken as read.

Moved by Mr. Jefferis and seconded by Mr. Fletcher, that the minutes be taken as read.

Chairman,—

At our last meeting I appointed a committee to see if it were possible to secure better quarters for holding our meetings. As you know that the proprietors of this hotel prohibit smoking in these rooms. The members of this committee inspected several rooms where meetings might be held, but were unable to locate one suitable for our meetings. They then interviewed the proprietors of this hotel, with the result that they have consented to allow smoking in this room. They also consented to make better arrangements for lighting, which you see has been done. Therefore, we have decided to remain where we are at present. I might say here that the proprietors and members of the Reception Committee request that no lighted cigars are thrown on the carpet. However, you can throw all the ashes you wish, but do not burn the carpet.

Chairman,—

The Executive met this evening previous to the regular meeting and one of the propositions that was brought before it was the holding of an entertainment on the next meeting night. The Executive decided that we would hold an entertainment on the next meeting night, but it will not affect the regular proceedings of the Club on that night. We will open the proceedings at eight o'clock as usual, with a short paper, and then adjourn to the dining room and proceed with the amusement programme. The expenses will be borne by the club on this occasion. You will remember last year the members stood one half of the expenses and the Club the other half. However, this year the Club intends to defray all the expenses.

We propose to have some musical talent and some speakers, and we trust that the members will come out in force and bring their friends with them. We trust that this meets with the approval of the Club.

Moved by Mr. Burrows, seconded by Mr. Tushingam, that the thanks of the Club be tendered Messrs. Nelson Bros., for their kindness in re-arranging the room and consenting to the members smoking therein.—Carried.

Messrs. Campbell and Lewkowiez were appointed a Committee to tender the above to the Proprietors.

Chairman,—

The next order of business is the announcement of New Members, which I will call upon the Secretary to read: