

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, The 2nd day of January, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of December, 1898—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, and Margrett, (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Trees in Promenade—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to cut down the tree opposite the fountain in the Promenade, which is growing into the willow tree there.

2- Shelburne Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up a specification of the works required to be done to this road by the abutting owners.

3-- Roof over Yard at Portland Mews—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 31 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, a further letter was read from Mr. F. Jones, asking that the front half of the roof over his yard ordered to be removed should be allowed to remain, as he wished to afford cover for his new hansom cab and the front half of the roof covered no windows. Resolved, That the Committee cannot reconsider their decision, which has been approved by the Council.

4-Building Plans--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

| No. of Plan. | Name | Description. |
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| 1113 | P. H. Osborne | New w.c. and Lavatory at Karenza |
| 1114 | John How | Two Houses in St. George's Road. |

Resolved, That the same be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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11- New Railway of Great Western Railway Co.—The Borough Surveyor presented a report which he had prepared concisely describing the course of the proposed new railway through the Borough, the manner in which it was to be conveyed across the streets, what streets would be affected by it and in what manner, and making suggestions as to what provisions the Council should stipulate for.

Resolved, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman and Councillors Bence and Margrett be appointed to confer with the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor to consider the suggestions of the Borough Surveyor, and take steps to obtain the insertion of clauses in the Bill to provide for them and any others they may deem necessary or advisable.

12- Locomotives Act, 1898—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to prepare Byelaws under this Act to deal with the matters therein mentioned which can be made the subject of such Bye-laws which includes the power to exclude Locomotives within the meaning of the Act from passing over any particular street or streets within the Borough, and to bring up the draft of the same for approval by the Committee in due course.

13 —William Knapp—A letter from the Mayor was read appealing on behalf of this old workman of the Corporation that some light work might be found for him to justify his being paid by the Council a sufficient wage to enable him to keep out of the Workhouse, and stating that he was 84 years of age and had been in the employ of the Corporation for 44 years. Resolved, To inform the Mayor that the Committee understand the Guardians have recently made sufficient provision for the old man in some such manner as suggested by him.

14-- Corporation Veterinary Surgeon—A letter from Mr. F. W. Taylor was read stating he would be pleased to act as Veterinary Surgeon to the Corporation for the ensuing year. Resolved, That Mr. Taylor be informed that there is no vacancy at present as the Council consider that Mr. Huband should have the opportunity of continuing as Veterinary Surgeon to the Corporation for some time longer.

15—Seat near Railway Bridge. St. George's Road—A Letter was read from Mr. John Goodwin, of Hughenden, asking for the removal of this seat as it was the cause of nuisance to the inmates of the adjacent houses. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to remove the seat to another site.

16—Paving of Path in Leckhampton Road—A letter was read from Messrs. J. D. Bendall, of Brookville, C. Selbey, of Lyncroft, and William Henry Stone, of Dalehurst, requesting the Council to lay down granolithic or other paving from the existing path to the entrance gates of their respective houses. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the work required to be done by Mr. Bendall to put a crossing in the path at the entrance to his yard.

17 - Cleansing of Path and Encroachment of Tree in front of Greville House—A letter from Miss Hamilton was read complaining that this path was not properly cleaned and of the encroachment of a tree in front of her house. Resolved, That as the letter contains an unfounded charge against the Committee it be not considered.

18---Eaton Place, Bath Road—A letter was read from Mr. E. Cooke, of No. 30. Windsor Street, complaining of the bad condition of the road at Eaton Place. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to pave the side path with asphalt.

19— Sydenham Road north—A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Horsley stating that he considered it unjust to call upon the abutting owners to pave the path in this road, which had been asphalted at the request of the Corporation, until it really required repair.

20-Moor's Farm Boundary—A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons stating that the original proposal submitted to them without prejudice by the Town Clerk was that Mr. Smith should give up a small strip of land to the Corporation in consideration of which the Corporation at their expense would erect a fence, and that the present proposal was that Mr. Smith should pay half the cost of the fence and give to the Corporation a much larger piece of land. That they used the word " give " as the Corporation offer only £19 for it, whereas the 47 fruit trees on it are worth say 3s each, i e. £11 15s, and that they were still prepared to accept the first mentioned proposal, but they asked for a galvanised iron or other closed fence 6ft. high and of an unclimbable character instead of an open fence only 5ft. 6in. high as suggested. Resolved, That the terms contained in the Town Clerk's letter quoted in Minute No. 20 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting and approved by the Council be adhered to, and that Mr. Smith be informed that the Corporation do not want the fruit trees which are apparently not too old to move.

21-Ditch at Harp Hill Approach—A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, was read, stating that Mr. Agg Gardner was desirous of meeting the wishes of the Corporation, and although they had no hesitation in saying that the Ditch which the Corporation were filling up belonged to their Client, yet they would be quite satisfied if the Town Clerk would write them a letter saying that the acquiescence by Mr. Agg Gardner in the filling up of the ditch by the Corporation was not to be considered as in any way prejudicing the right which he claims to 3-feet of soil from the centre of the hedge. Resolved, To authorise the Town Clerk to write the letter as suggested.

22-Footpaths West Side of Hewlett Road from Jersey Place to Pittville Circus Road, and from Deanwood Rouse entrance in Pittville Circus Road to entrance to Inholmes Cricket Ground-- Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up specifications of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to pave, edge and channel these paths.

23—Footpaths from entrance to Inholmes Cricket Ground to Borough Boundary in Cemetery Road.—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this path gravelled with Wickwar chippings.

24—Private Improvement Works to King Street, Oriel Road Footpath from New Club to Bath Road, Hewlett Place, Footpath East side of Gloucester Road from High Street to Market Street, and Footpath East side of Selkirk Street.—Specifications from the Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above Street, were read and approved. And it was Resolved, That notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, edged, flagged and

channelled ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

25—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1105 | Mealing and Hopkins | New Street and 64 houses on land South side of Whaddon Lane |
| 1115 | C. Williams | Wood and coal house at rear of No. 8, Sydenham Villas Road |
| 1116 | C. Webb | House and Shop in Hewlett's Road |
| 1117 | H. Workman | Bay Window to Westborough, Western Road |
| 1118 | Dr. Davies | Waiting Room at Pulteney Villa, Winchcomb Street |
| 1119 | F. Haskoll | Cycle Shed at rear of Brandon House, Painswick Road |

Resolved, That Nos. 1115, 1116 & 1119 be disapproved ; that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, builders, of the coal house at rear of No. 8, Sydenham Villas Road, to inform them that the Committee are surprised that the building operations should have been proceeded with after the Borough Surveyor had given notice that they must be discontinued as the building came beyond the line of frontage, and to inform them that if they do not forthwith comply with the notice proceedings will be taken for breach of the provisions of The Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888 ; and that the remainder of the Plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, 1898— Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Hayward, Macdonald, Mills, and Steel (Councillor Dix in the chair) —

1—Chairman—Councillor Dix was appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2-- Electric Trams—Memorials were read from Dep.-Surg.-Genl. Cullen and other residents in Pittville, protesting against the line being carried along the Wellington Road; from Mrs. Tinson and others, and Mrs. Cruddas and others protesting against the innovation of an electric railway in the Borough. The draft of the Provisional Order was partly considered and several of the clauses settled and amended and consideration of the remainder was adjourned till a later date.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th day of December, 1898—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Margrett, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)---

1—Zymotic Disease--The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 25 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Enteric Fever, and 5 of Diphtheria ; that 22 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 48 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 4 of Diphtheria.

2 Insanitary Property at Nos. 1, 2 and 6, York Street and 152, High Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, w.c's, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

3--Overcrowding at No. 22 ½, York Street--The Medical Officer of Health reported that No. 22 ½ York Street was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

4—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—An application to be registered as a purveyor of milk was received from Mr. F. H. Radburn, of Marle Hill Stores. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the sale of milk in general shops, such as that of the applicant, was, in his opinion, undesirable, Resolved, That the applicant be not registered.

5—Destruction of Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 26th ulto. the carcass and offal of a tuberculous sheep were taken from the Abattoir and cremated, and on the 28th ulto. the lungs and liver of a cow lightly affected with tuberculosis were similarly destroyed, in each case with the consent of the owners.

6--Nuisance from Cats—The Medical Officer of Health reported that No. 12, Selkirk Parade was, through the occupier keeping numerous cats, in such a state as to be a nuisance, and that many complaints had been and continued to be received as to the nuisance there. Resolved, That, the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupier requiring abatement of the same.

7--Condensed Separated Milk—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 16 of this Committee of date the 14th ulto., a letter was read from the Clerk to the Camberwell Vestry, acknowledging receipt of this Committee's Resolution, and asking that the Council should make application to the Local Government Board to promote legislation dealing with the sale of condensed separated milk. Resolved, That the Resolution already passed by the Council on the subject be forwarded to the Local Government Board, and that the Town Clerk be requested to bring the matter before the Municipal Corporations' Association.

8—Delancey Hospital Fees' Repayment—The Resolution of the Finance Committee, approved by the Council, asking this Committee to consider the question of the repayment of Delancey Hospital Fees with a view to deciding upon some definite course of action, as that Committee thought the present arrangements as to this were unsatisfactory, was considered. Resolved, That this Committee and the Finance Committee do meet in conference on the subject, at 10.30 a.m., on Monday next.

9—Nuisances from Drains, &c. at Nos. 1 and 2, St. George's Retreat—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

10—W.C's without Flushing Apparatus —The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

11-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, 2, 6 and 21 ½, York Street, 9, Dagmar Terrace, 18 and 21, Worcester Street, 9, Bennington Street, and 16, Dagmar Villas—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

13— Haydon Knoll Sewage Farm—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, forwarding an extract from the report of their Medical Officer of Health that " the objectionable conditions so frequently reported and unfavourably commented on by the Local Government Board Inspector in the recent inquiry at the Urban Council's sewage farm, " at Haydon Knoll, Staverton, still persist," and enquiring what steps the Town Council proposed to take in the

matter ; and a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, that the Town Council intend to give notice to the present tenants of their Sewage Farms, so as to be in a position to undertake the management of the farms themselves, and in the meantime they were advertising for an Overseer whose duty it would be to see that the regulations of the Council and the covenants of the tenants as to the distribution and use of the sewage were properly carried out and observed. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

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14—Flushing Apparatus at Nos. 1 to 7, Bloomsbury Place—A letter was read from Mr. S. G. Adcock, the owner of Nos. 1 to 7, Bloomsbury Place, asking that the work of putting flushing apparatus at these houses should not be pressed, as the G.W.R. Co. had stated that they would require the property for their new line. The Town Clerk read a letter he had written in reply, that it was not at all certain that the G.W.R. would require to purchase the property in question, and in any case it would not be required for some time to come, and that the expense of providing the flushing apparatus could be added to the amount Mr. Adcock would sell the property for. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved, and that Mr. Adcock be informed that the notices given must be complied with.

15—Alleged Pollution of Hatherley Brook-- A letter was read from Mr. Charles Daft, complaining that sewage water was allowed to flow into the Hatherley Brook from the Corporation Sewage Tank, causing a nuisance and damage to property. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do enquire into the matter and report thereon.

16—Sewer at No. 4, Hatherley Villas—A letter was read from Mr. D. Jones, of 4, Hatherley Villas, on the subject of the state of the sewer there, stating that since his and Mr. Bendall's letters in August last no reply had been received from Mr. Winterbotham on the matter, and complaining that since the flooding then complained of there had been a continuous escape of sewer gas into the house, that not only was the trap defective but the brickwork of the sewer was in such a perished state that rats found their way into the kitchen, which was at all times filled with sewer gas. His children were suffering from bad throats, one of his boys being very ill from blood poisoning, and he and his wife were far from well, and he had been recommended by his medical adviser to leave the house immediately, but this for business reasons he could not do. He again appealed to the sanitary authority to take steps to abate the nuisance he complained of; and that, although his neighbours would join him in saying that a new sewer was absolutely needed, the immediate cause of the nuisance could, he thought, be removed without entire re-construction.

A letter was also read from the Rev. E. L. Jennings, Vicar of St. Stephen's, adding his personal testimony as to the nuisance complained of by Mr. D. Jones.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Health Department had obtained evidence from time to time of some of the Tivoli District Sewers being very defective. The sewer in front of Hatherley Villas was, in his opinion, a dangerous sewer both on account of defects in its structure and on account of its position, and urgently required to be removed and replaced with a pipe sewer. Of the sewers of the town none required general attention more than those of this district, which he would strongly recommend to be taken as the next district for the Borough Surveyor to report upon in his systematic overhauling of the sewers of the town. The private ownership of these sewers appeared to constitute a serious difficulty to dealing promptly with the defects found in them, and inasmuch as the Sanitary Authority was responsible for the health of the district which was liable to be seriously affected by defects in sewers, it was his opinion and advice that an under-standing

should be at once come to with the owners of the Tivoli Sewers whereby the sewers should pass into the control of the Corporation. Resolved, That Mr. Winterbotham, the owner of the Tivoli Sewers, be asked to meet this Committee on Wednesday next, the 14th instant, at 50.30 a.m., to discuss the question of the Tivoli Sewers in general, and Mr. Jones' complaint in particular.

17—Hayden Knoll Sewage Farm—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do repair the roofs at this farm in the Spring.

18—Building Plans—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come before the Street and Highway Committee for approval were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That No. 1114 (Mr. John How, two houses in St. George's Road) be approved subject to separate drainage for each house into the sewer being made, and that the other plans be approved so far as the drainage is concerned.

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th day of December, 1898, Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Margrett and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

19—Sewers in Tivoli District—Mr. J. B. Winterbotham attended this Meeting of the Committee, and the subject of the sewer in Hatherley Villas and the complaint of Mr. Jones in reference thereto was discussed. Resolved, That the necessary notices and proceedings under Section 40 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, for the re-construction of the sewer in Tivoli, from Harley Lodge to Hatherley Place, be given and taken, Resolved further, That Mr. Winterbotham be requested to furnish the Town Clerk with a list of the rent charges payable to him in respect of sewers in Tivoli, and to inform the Committee what sum he would be prepared to accept for their redemption and the transfer of the sewers to the Corporation, dividing them if he thinks fit into two classes.

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of December, 1898—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, Moles, and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

20 ---Expenses of Treatment of Corporation Patients in Hospital --Pursuant to the Resolution Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting on the 12th instant, the following members of the Finance Committee (not being members of this Committee) attended this meeting to discuss the question of recovery from the Parents, Guardians, Masters or Mistresses, of Corporation Patients of the expenses of treatment of the latter in Hospital, viz.:—Alderman Drew, Councillors Cooper, Hayward and Steel, who submitted that if the Finance Committee is expected to recover the expenses from the persons referred to, this Committee should take steps to enable them to enforce payment by legal proceedings if necessary. The members referred to having retired, it was Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed not to send into Hospital any person being a servant, or under age, residing in a house rated at more than £20, without a form of application to the Hospital Authorities to receive the patient being first signed by such Parent,

Guardian, Master or Mistress; but no demand for repayment of such expenses shall be made except by instruction from this Committee in each case.

21-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 11 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Enteric Fever; that 9 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 40 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria and 1 of Enteric Fever.

22—Urinals at The Harp Inn, Lower High Street, The Russell Arms, Hale's Road, and Plough Hotel Yard and Tap—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, owing to the want of a proper water supply. Resolved, That Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners of the premises requiring them respectively to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a proper supply of water for flushing the same.

23- Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 42, Upper Norwood Street and No. 12, Lower Park Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

24-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Langley Cottage, Naunton Park—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named house were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

25-Insufficient Closet Accommodation —at No. 12, Portland Street—It appearing to the Committee upon the report of the Inspector of Nuisances that this house was without a sufficient water-closet, earth-closet, or privy. Resolved, That Notice under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owner to provide a sufficient water-closet.

26- Overcrowding at No. 1, Cleveland Passage, Tewkesbury Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

27-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

28 Houses without proper Ash Receptacles ----The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

29-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—An application to be registered as a purveyor of milk was received from John Miller, of No. 1, Hermitage Terrace, Bath Road. Resolved' That the application be acceded to.

30-Old Ambulance --Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the old ambulance broken up and destroyed.

31-Overseer of Sewage Farm—Applications from candidates for this post were considered. Resolved, That the same be further considered at a Special Meeting of the Committee to be held on the 21st instant.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of December, 1898—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Margrett, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair).

32—Overseer of Sewage Farms — The applications received for this post were further considered. Resolved, To request Mr. Ernest Cox, of Jubilee Villa, High Street, Rickmansworth, Herts, and Mr. T. H. Smith, of No. 82, Muntz Street, Small Heath, Birmingham, to attend the next meeting of the Committee, on the 9th proximo, at 12 noon.

33—Closing of Slaughter Houses—A report from Messrs. Adams & Purnell, as to the Slaughter Houses, the owners and occupiers of which had received notice to cease to use as such, containing their recommendations as to the amount of compensation which should be paid in each case, was read. Resolved, That the further consideration thereof be adjourned pending inquiry by the Town Clerk as to the claim made by one of the owners.

34 Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plans which he had received of proposed new buildings which had been or were intended to be laid before the Street and Highway Committee for approval as regards construction. Resolved, That No. 1116, for a house and shop in Hewlett Road for C. Webb. be disapproved, and that the other plans, so far as regards sanitary matters, be approved.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th day of December, 1898—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Bence, Dix, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair.)

1---Cost of Kursaal Inquiry—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, forwarding a copy of an Order which they had issued requiring payment by Authorities therein mentioned of the costs of Inquiries held under the Local Government Act, 1888, including the sum of £31 6s. 10d. by the town of Cheltenham, on the application for a Loan for Kursaal, &c. to which the Town Clerk had replied enquiring out of what fund the payment could be made as they had refused to sanction the loan. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

2--- Football Club Entertainment in Winter Garden—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Football Club stating that as they had not time to make the necessary arrangements the Club would not require the use of the Winter Garden on the 26th instant.

3- Dog Show at Winter Garden—A letter was read from Messrs. C. H. Wood and T. Mc. L. Lochhead, Hon. Sec's. of the Cheltenham Dog Show, applying for the use of the Winter Garden on the 15th and 16th of February next for a Dog Show upon the same terms as before. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4 -- Cheltenham Salts—A letter was read from Messrs. Edwards & Son, 157, Queen Victoria Street, London, enquiring whether the Corporation would supply Cheltenham Salts to the trade and at what price wholesale: A letter was also read from Mr. Wm. Barron advocating the resuscitation of the manufacture of these salts, stating that the demand for them still continues. Resolved, To request the Borough Surveyor to bring up a report dealing generally with the subject matter of the letters referred to.

5-- Advertising in " Holiday Tours"—A letter was read from Messrs. T. Cook & Son, canvassing for an advertisement of the town in their programme, " Holiday Tours," for the Season 1899, the cost of which would be as follows, viz.:

| | 50,000 copies | 100,000 copies |
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| Whole Page | £12 0 0 | £20 0 0 |
| Half " | £ 7 0 0 | £12 0 0 |
| Quarter " | £ 4 0 0 | £ 7 0 0 |
| Eighth " | £ 2 10 0 | £ 4 0 0 |

Resolved, To insert a half-page advertisement in 50,000 copies and to request the Mayor and Town Clerk to obtain a block of some suitable view of the town and settle the form of the letterpress to accompany it.

6—Royal Crescent and Royal Well Lane Improvement—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of a proposed improvement in the Royal Crescent Garden and roadway, and Royal Well Lane. Resolved, That this Committee consider the proposed improvement a very desirable one, and suggest the Street and Highway Committee should favourably consider it.

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7—Entertainments—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to engage Bands and Artistes for the Corporation Entertainments.

8--Hanover Street and Saxham Villa Entrances to Marle Hill Annexe—Resolved, to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the gates at these entrances closed during the winter months, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th of January, 1897, that the Marle Hill portion of Pittville Park be opened free to the public on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons after a p.m. be varied accordingly.

9---- Expenses of Entertainments during past month—The monthly account of these expenses, amounting to £40 18s., was examined and allowed.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

THE BARON de FERRIERES' GIFT.

At a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council to confer with the Baron de Ferrieres, **held on the 28th day of December, 1898**—Present: Alderman Winterbotham (in the chair), Alderman Haddon and Councillor Hayward—

The Committee appointed by the Council at its meeting of date the 9th November last to confer with the Baron de Ferrieres on the subject of his proposed gift to the Corporation of £1,000 for the purpose of constructing an Art Gallery and Museum have further to report:—

That since their report of date the 14th of November last they have been in negotiation with the owners of Nos. 6, 7 and 8, Chester Walk, for the purchase of them, and are of opinion that the whole may be acquired for a sum not exceeding £850 including payment of the Vendors' legal expenses. This amount is perhaps in excess of the intrinsic value of the property, but as the Council possesses no compulsory powers of purchase this sum must either be given or other plans adopted.

Your Committee recommend the purchase of the properties, and should this recommendation be approved, it will be necessary to consider how the purchase money is to be provided.

Under the Public Libraries Act, 1892, a Public Museum and Art Gallery may be established in connexion with a Public Library but the Rate authorised by the Act, viz.: a penny in the £, cannot be exceeded. There is still £650 of the borrowing powers of the Library unexhausted, but the Library can ill afford to increase its annual expenditure by the interest and sinking fund on that amount if borrowed, particularly in view of a possible reduction of income from those portions of the building occupied by the Schools of Art and Science. There is then only the Museums, &c., Act, 1891, to fall back on, but before this Act can be made use of it must be adopted by the Council. A month's notice of the meeting must be given to each member of the Council and must be advertised and affixed to the churches and chapels in the Borough, and the Act may be adopted wholly or so far as it relates to Museums only. The amount to be expended must not exceed 1d. in the £ for Museums. Land may be purchased and buildings erected and lands vested in the Urban Authority may be appropriated with the consent of the Local Government Board.

The Urban Authority may provide and maintain Museums for the reception of local antiquities or other objects of interest, so that there would seem to be no reason why the Museums Act should not be had recourse to, and we accordingly recommend the adoption of that Act so far as relates to Museums, and that the necessary notices be given for such adoption. In any event it will be necessary to borrow a sum not exceeding £1,500, and we recommend that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to such Loan and to the appropriation of the land adjoining the Public Library for the purposes of the Museum as soon as the provisional contracts are executed.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of December, 1898—Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1—Rating of Waterworks in Tewkesbury—A letter was read from Mr. H. A. Badham, Clerk to the Tewkesbury Union, stating that his Assessment Committee agreed to the Assessment of the Waterworks in the Borough at £600.

2—Water Supply to Fern Grove, Tewkesbury—A letter was read from Mr. F. J. Brown, Solicitor for Mr. Healing, the occupier of Fern Grove, Tewkesbury, stating that he had given instructions to make the extra connections to furnish a supply of water for the garden and outbuildings at Fern Grove, and he forwarded a copy of a letter from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, to the effect that as his Corporation were under no liability to supply the water free, the Cheltenham Corporation would have to pay for it as they do for the water supply to the house, and any application for alteration of the existing terms should come from them.

3—Fire hydrants in Tewkesbury—A letter from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, was read, stating that his Council declined to pay the charge of 1s which the Cheltenham Town Council had decided to make for the maintenance of each Hydrant in the Borough of Tewkesbury, to which the Town Clerk had replied requesting to be informed on what ground the Tewkesbury Town Council declined to pay the charge having regard to Section 40 of the Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

4—Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 20th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 102 gallons, the average for the last four years being 177 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 5,104,355 gallons.

On the 19th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 17 feet, and the contents 33,700,605 gallons, making a total of 38,804,960 gallons, or about 45 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was about 1,765,436 gallons.

Two hundred yards of the 6-inch main in Leckhampton Road, for improving the supply and pressure in that district, had been laid, and the remainder would be laid as soon as the pipes came in.

The extension from Ashchurch Road, for Mr. Milne, was then in hand and would be finished next week if the weather remained open.

The Dowdeswell Reservoir had risen to 17-feet 0 ½ inches, and the daily flow from the streams being in excess of the consumption, he had stopped pumping from Tewkesbury.

The Contractors (Messrs. Collins & Godfrey) had made very good progress with the Boiler House at Tewkesbury.

In many of the Hotels, Inns and other licensed premises, it was becoming the practice to fix automatic flushing arrangements. Most of those in ordinary use require a large quantity of water. In his opinion, an average flush of one gallon every 30 minutes for each stall was sufficient, and he suggested that in all such cases the annual charge be 10s per stall, the automatic fitting to be such as will limit the supply to 50 gallons per day, per stall, and that this should be in lieu of the present charge for trade.

Mr. R. Organ had recently fixed a lead pipe, tank, and draw taps at No. 14, Portland Street, connecting the same with the pipe at No. 13, Portland Street, without giving notice of the same, or any person having agreed to pay the rate for the same.

A letter from Mr. Organ was read, expressing regret for having omitted to give the notice, and apologising for the neglect.

Resolved, That the report be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted. That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Organ to show cause why proceedings should not be taken against him. That the Water Engineer be instructed to require him to remove the pipe and fix

a proper service pipe from the main within a week, in default of which proceedings will be taken against him without further notice.

5—Water Rate on No. 7, Hatherley Place—A letter from Mrs. Swiney was read, stating that she was leaving the house on the 25th instant, but she had paid the Water Rate up to the 29th of March next, and applying for a return of the proportion in respect of the period between the dates mentioned. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Swiney that it is not the practice to return proportions of rates paid in the event of occupation ceasing before the expiration of the period covered by the payment, but the Committee suggest the proper course is for her to obtain payment from the incoming tenant.

6—Water Supply to General Hospital—Councillor Dix reported the result of the interview of himself and the Water Engineer with Col. Croker-King and Mr. Carrington to the effect that they had succeeded in satisfying those gentlemen that the excessive amount of water used at the Hospital arose from needless waste, and it was agreed that the following terms should, with the approval of the Council, be offered to the Hospital Authorities for the future supply, viz., 40 gallons per day per inmate, not exceeding 120 in number, to be supplied in exchange for patients' tickets each year representing a subscription of £87 12s. 0d., the equivalent value of such supply, and any water consumed in excess of 4,800 gallons per day to be paid for by the Hospital Authorities at the rate of 1s per 1,000 gallons. Resolved, That the proposed offer be approved and made.

7---Appeals --The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

H. GEO. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of December, 1898—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Dix, Margrett and Steel (The Mayor in the chair).—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz.—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES:

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street. |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Dec. 16th .. | 100 Volts | 106 Volts. |
| “ 19th “ | | <u>104 “</u> |
| | | Average 105 |

2 —Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read:—

| ILLUMINATING POWER. | PURITY—SULPHUR. |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1898 | 1898 |
| Dec. 7th .. 16.94 candles. | Dec. Grains per 100 cubic ft. |
| “16th .. 15.90 | 7th-8th 13.63 |
| “ 17th.. <u>16.67</u> | 16th-17th 20.28 |
| | 17th-18th <u>17.24</u> |
| | Average .. 17.05 |
| Average .. 16.50 | |

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called. to the excessive impurity of the gas, especially on the nights of the 16th and 17th.

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4187 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 5 metered, 29 unmetered.

5----Incandescent Gas Lighting—With reference to the Resolution of the Council to request the Gas Co. to fit all existing Guildhall Lamps with No. 4 Welsbach incandescent burners and maintain and keep same supplied with gas at a cost of £4 5s. per lamp per annum, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Co. was read with which they forwarded a copy of a resolution of the Gas Co. that the Council be informed that the existing Guildhall Lamps, 31 in number, including the 18 in Imperial Square, shall be fitted and maintained in manner indicated, and that the Company will be pleased to receive particulars as to the positions in which the remaining 29 Guildhall Lamps are required to be erected ; that the Company beg to remind the Council that they have at their works 13 additional Guildhall Lamp, which the Sub-Committee of the Lighting Committee at the conference held in March, 1897, intimated should be re-erected upon their being then removed in accordance with the request of the Council. Resolved, To inform the Gas Company that the Council will endeavour to place the remaining Guildhall Lamps as rapidly as possible, and to request the Gas Company, having regard to the inconsiderable increase of the consumption of gas by the incandescent burners compared with the ordinary burners of the ordinary lamps to consider whether they cannot supply the No. 4 incandescent burners and maintain and supply same with gas for less than £4 5s each. Also to request the Company to quote a price for supplying. maintaining and supplying with gas No. 3 incandescent burners for the ordinary lamps.

6—Lighting of Alley from Wellington Street to Bath Road—A letter was read from Mr. J. Tilley, of Wellington Mews, calling attention to the want of a lamp in this passage. Resolved, That an ordinary gas bracket lamp be fixed in the passage in a position to be settled upon by Councillor Baker and the Borough Surveyor.

7--Lighting of Cranley Road—Resolved, At the next View Meeting to inspect this road with reference to its lighting.

8----Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that the work of carrying out extensions had made considerable progress during the past month. The new steam alternator (No. 7) had been run for the first time on the town mains and worked very well at about three-quarter full load.

Messrs. Siemens had delivered the dynamo they were lending in lieu of the exciter, which they had been unable to complete to date promised, and he hoped to have this dynamo available for useful work within three or four days.

The maximum load this winter had been 367 kilowatts as against the maximum load of 267 kilowatts last winter, and the largest week's output from the works this winter had been 16,740 units as against 11,130 units last winter.

He laid before the Committee the following estimates of the costs of extensions required or applied for:-

1. Extension to supply Dunholm in the Park, which would cost £190, of which £45 had been already included in a previous loan and sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

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2. Great Norwood Street (private supply) from Suffolk Road sub-station to Grafton Road sub-station, which would cost £150, or, if only the part required to supply Mr. Millard is done, about £40. He recommended that sanction be obtained for a loan to cover the complete extension whether this private supply cable is to be laid when the arc lighting cables are laid or not. If this cable is laid after the arc lighting cables have been laid the cost would be increased about £15.

3. Fairview—for about 100 yards beyond the end of the present cable, which would cost £45

4. Grosvenor Place South—For about 70 yards which would cost about £30 to £35, and he recommended that if Mr Shenton's application be acceded to, he be informed that the pressure of work is so great that it will probably be three or four months at least before this work can be done.

5. Bath Road—From Montpellier Drive to Oriel Road, which would cost about £100 and, besides supplying Mr. Spreadbury, this extension would enable him to transfer both Messrs. Thomas Bros, and Dr. Boyd Cardew from the high pressure to a low pressure main and would liberate for other use the transformers in their premises.

6. Tivoli Place—From the end of the present cable to Tivoli Street and up that street for about 20 yards, which would cost £75.

He further reported that an additional water service from the three inch main to the storage tanks was necessary, the cost of which would be £20.

Resolved, That the extension in Fairview be carried up to the Hewlett Road, that the other extensions referred to be carried out, and the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer contained in his Report adopted. That an Agreement for Insurance and periodic inspection of the Economiser by the manufacturers be entered into, and the present insurance with the Vulcan Company be allowed to lapse, and that the Electrical Engineer be requested to bring up a schedule at the next meeting for all work sanctioned requiring loans for which application for sanction to borrow the sums required has not as yet been made to the Local Government Board.

9—Charges for Electric Energy supplied to the Training College—Correspondence was read between Major Abbott, Hon. Treasurer of the Training College, and the Electrical Engineer, in which the former alleged that the latter had agreed to supply electric energy to the College, at a charge of 4d. per unit, with rebate, whereas the latter asserted that he had made no such agreement, but had offered the College authorities the choice of taking a supply at 6d. per unit, with the usual rebate, or at 4d. per unit without, and that the latter alternative had been accepted. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to reply to Major Abbott informing him of the Electrical Engineer's statement, and to suggest to him that he must be in error, as a charge of 4d. per unit, with rebate, would be absurd. having regard to the present scale of charges made in ordinary cases.

10—Ash Destructor --A letter was read from Mr. C. C. Keep, of 97, Forrest Road, Nottingham, referring to a recommendation to the Council to expend £350 in experimenting with Mason's furnaces, and stating that the Huddersfield Corporation had not found them a success, but that the furnaces supplied by his Firm at Huddersfield were doing well.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th day of December, 1898—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Gurney, Margrett, Moles and Steel, (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Report of Superintendent of the Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that all extinguishing expenses to date had been paid excepting the £7 8s due from Mr. R. Jones, of 29, Townsend Street, half of which the Council had resolved to remit. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Jones to demand payment of the half due from him and that the other half be paid by the General District Rate.

2---Chemical Fire Engine and Hose Wagon—A letter was read from Messrs. Spagnoletti and Crookes, Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Goldhawk Road, London, W., with which they sent a photograph of a combined Chemical Engine and Hose Wagon which had been in practice at Leeds, and stating that they were open to quote for any size Chemical Engine as well as for the Swinging Harness Engine Alarm Bell, Gamewell Fire system, and other appliances necessary for rapid and effective dealing with fire. Resolved, To refer the same to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

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3—Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Driver's Licenses were received from James Babbage, of No. 18, Northfield Terrace, Lewis Flook, of No. 6, Dagmar Villas, Tivoli, and Henry Morgan, of No. 12, Commercial Street. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

4— Hackney Carriage Licenses —A letter was read from F. G. Baldwin, of Oxford Mews, Corpus Street, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to allow him to transfer his landau license to a pony carriage. Resolved, That he be allowed to transfer the Landau License to an open carriage, subject to the substituted vehicle being approved by the Mayor.

Letters were read from F. Paynter, of No. 9, Swindon Street, and Albert Bullingham, stating that they had respectively purchased from Mr. F. Jeanes, of No. 15, Albert Street, the horses and carriages for which Licenses Nos. 23 and 46 were granted to hint, and requesting that the Licenses might be transferred to them respectively. Resolved, That the requests be granted subject to the Mayor being satisfied as to the Applicants' fitness to hold the Licenses.

5—Hansom Cab Licenses—A letter was read from Mrs. C. Fowles, of the British Mews, Painswick Road, requesting to be allowed to transfer her Hansom Cab License to either a landau or pony carriage as she was doubtful if a hansom cab would pay her. Resolved, That the request cannot be acceded to.

A letter was read from F. Bishop, of No. 24, Dunalley Parade, stating that he had purchased a good hansom cab, horse and harness, which was lying idle in his yard, and applying for a license to ply for hire with the same. Resolved, That as Mrs. Fowles does not appear to want her Hansom Cab License it be granted to Mr. Bishop subject to the latter's cab being approved of by the Mayor.

6—Street Inspector's Duties—The Town Clerk reported that the Chief Constable had no objection to the police seeing the Hackney Carriage Byelaws are observed. Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to see Admiral Christian with a view to arranging with him for the police to carry out the duties of the Street Inspector from the 2nd proximo and to depute a special officer to act as Chief Inspector, and report on applications for Hackney Carriages and for Drivers' Licenses.

A letter was received from F. W. Yeend, of Albion House, applying for the post of Street Inspector. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the same.

7—Market Superintendent and Mace Bearer--Resolved, That provided satisfactory arrangements can be made for carrying out the duties of the Street Inspector by the police Mr. Young be continued for the present as Market and Fairs Superintendent at a salary of £20 per annum, and Mace Bearer at a salary of £5 per annum.

8--Town Clock—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor and the Electrical Engineer be instructed to bring up a Report suggesting in what manner the Town Clock should be rendered more efficient by renewal or renovation.

9—Agendas for Committees—Resolved, That Agendas of Business to be transacted by Committees be sent by post to the members of each Committee respectively on the day previous to the meeting.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, 1898—Present: The Mayor Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Hayward and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

10—Swine Fever (Movement) Order—Resolved, in case of applications being received to hold sales of swine on the 5th and 19th prox. the Town Clerk be authorised to grant licenses for the same on the same terms as those previously granted.

11—Veterinary Inspector at Market—Resolved, That Mr. Huband be requested to perform the duties of the Veterinary Inspector at the Market, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting appointing Mr. Goslin be varied accordingly.

12—Hackney Carriage and other Bye-laws—The Chairman reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee he had had an interview with Admiral Christian, the Chief Constable, with reference to the suggested discharge of the duties of the Street Inspector in relation to the licensing and control of vehicles and drivers by an Officer of the Police, and Admiral Christian concurred with the opinion of the Committee that the arrangement proposed was likely to work more satisfactorily than the present one and had expressed his willingness to depute an Officer to take over the duties referred to. The Chairman stated that he had himself suggested a payment of £20 a year to the selected Officer for the performance of these duties, and Admiral Christian had expressed himself as satisfied with this suggestion and had promised that in the event of the arrangement being approved by the Council, the Inspector's duties should be forthwith taken over by a competent Officer of the Force, to be selected from time to time by the Chief Constable. Resolved, That the arrangement be approved, the same to come into force on the 3rd prox.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of December, 1898—Present: Councillors Baker, Brown, Hayward, Lenthall, and Mills (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Montpellier Baths--The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Local Government Board that H. P. Boulnois, Esq., M. Inst. C.E., would attend at the Municipal Offices on

the 20th inst., at 10.30, to hold an inquiry into the subject matter of the application to borrow k6,600 for the purchase of the Montpellier Baths.

2. -Cleansing Baths Contract—The Borough Surveyor reported that these works should have been completed on the 15th of September last but that work had been done by the Contractors representing over £400, and he laid before the Committee a certificate for £300 on account thereof. Resolved, That the same be passed for payment less the amount of the penalties for delay incurred up to date in accordance with the conditions of the contract.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of December, 1898—Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Davis, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1----Report of Superintendent of the Cemetery—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that Dr. Hoffman, H.M. Inspector of Cemeteries, made an official visit to the Cemetery on the 9th December, and expressed himself as being well satisfied with the arrangements of the burials and the general appearance of the Cemetery. He further reported that some time ago one of the pinnacles of the chapel belfry had been blown down and another was loose. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the necessary repairs to the same carried out.

2—Decoration of Walls of Chapels—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a design for the decoration of the walls of the chapels at the Cemetery. Resolved, That the same be approved and that tenders for the work be advertised for.

3---Inspection Meeting--The following members of the Committee attended the meeting at the Cemetery, on the 30th November last, viz. :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Brown, Cypher, Davis, Macdonald and Moles.

4—Designs—The following designs were laid before the Committee and approved, viz.—Headstones to Eleanor King Kelly, Herbert Thomas, Herbert James, Ellen Scott Hooper, Lizzie Ada Randall ; Tomb to John Young Sandys ; Additions to Tomb to Sydney Charles, Patrick Carroll.

5----Wages—The following Account for wages was allowed:—G. C. Pratley £13 6 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, 1898—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Fairfield Road Private Improvement Works—Mr. Dix attended the meeting and stated that although he was still of opinion that his claim for allowance in respect of the amount of the expenses of the private improvement works in the Fairfield Road apportioned to be paid by him as an abutting

owner was entitled to favourable consideration by the Council, he had decided, to avoid litigation, to pay the amount so apportioned under protest.

2—Bank Overdraft—Resolved, To advertise for loans not exceeding in the aggregate £16,000 at 3 per cent. per annum secured by debentures subject to repayment by the Corporation at any time on their giving or receiving six months' notice.

3—Sinking Fund—Resolved, to lend to the Hastings Corporation £6,000 upon condition of their lending this Corporation a similar amount, at the same rate of interest, secured by debentures to be given by each Corporation repayable at any time on six months' notice.

4—General District Rate on No. 7, Hatherley Place—A letter from Mrs. Swiney was read, stating that she was leaving the house on the 25th inst. but she had paid the General District Rate up to the 29th of March next, and applying for a return of the proportion in respect of the period between the dates mentioned. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Swiney that as the house is not void no return can be made.

5—Tradesmen's Accounts—Resolved, That tradesmen supplying goods to the Council be notified that in future their bills must be sent in monthly.

6—General District Rate Arrears—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a list of arrears of the first instalment of the General District Rate irrecoverable on account of void houses, &c.

7—Parliamentary and Municipal Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an account of the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1898-9, amounting to £98 15s. 4d. Resolved, That the said amount be certified to be due to him and be apportioned between the Parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings as follows, viz. :—Cheltenham £86 3s. 8d., Charlton Kings £12 11s. 8d.

8—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th December, 1898, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £5,104 12s 9d., leaving outstanding £12,145 9s. 4d.

9—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th December, 1898, on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £3,584 13s. 10d., leaving outstanding £6,578 10s. 2d.

10—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £10,038 14s. 10d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement:—

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| Overdrawn on the 29th November last | £11,234 9 11 |
| Paid since that date. | <u>£ 8,695 15 1</u> |
| | £19,930 5 0 |
| Received since that date | <u>£10,293 17 4</u> |
| Overdrawn | £ 9,636 7 8 |

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of December, 1898—Present Councillors Hayward and Preston; Revs. J. Mugliston and J. Evans; Baron de Ferrieres, Dr. Davis, and Mr. Evan Butler (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that there had been received since the last monthly meeting £8 8s. 2d., and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Trinity College, London | 1 volume |
| London University | 1 " |
| W. Hampton | 1 " |
| Roberts & Co. | 20 volumes |
| N. W. Olive | 2 " |

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Annual Reports from the Libraries at Blackpool, Manchester, South Shields, and West Bromwich.

2-Removal of Picture----With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, another letter from Mr. English was read requesting that the picture of George IV. should be returned to him if it was not wanted at the Library. Resolved, That the Committee have no objection to the picture being given to Mr. English, but as Colonel Thoyts presented it to the Library they cannot consent to this being done without his acquiescence.

3-Technical Exhibitions—The Librarian read a report he had prepared of the Technical Exhibitions given at the Library in October, November, and December. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to Mr. Jones and his staff for having inaugurated and carried out these Exhibitions which have been such an unqualified success. .

4 --Schools of Worm and Art—A letter was read from the Department of Science and Art with which they transmitted an extract from a letter addressed by them to the Secretary of the Managers of the Schools of Science and Art relative to the report made by Mr. A. E. Tutton, an Inspector of the Department, from which it appeared that he considered the premises inadequate, that he had reported that a Committee appointed by the County Council to review the administration of Technical Instruction in the County had recommended that the Grammar School should by a grant from the County Council be considerably developed on its own modern side and approved of its amalgamation to the Science and Technical School, and advocated that the School of Art should be affiliated. He expressed his opinion that the most economical and efficient mode of proceeding would be to erect the required Science Buildings on land belonging to the Grammar School going through the existing buildings in High Street to St. Margaret's Road.

5—Death of Councillor Ll. Davies—Resolved, That the Committee of the Cheltenham Public Library at their first meeting after the death of their late colleague, Councillor Llewellyn Davies, desire to express their deep sense of the loss which they have sustained by the removal of him, who, as former Chairman, or as a member of their Committee, ever took the keenest interest in the work and development of the Public Library, in whose manifold operations he exhibited that ripeness of judgment and clearness of discrimination which, united with unfailing tact and good humour, won for him the love and confidence of his friends and co-workers.

They would also respectfully tender their sympathy to Mrs. Davies and family in their heavy bereavement, and trust that the knowledge of the universal esteem in which their Colleague was held, may in some measure alleviate the deep sorrow they nosy feel.

6—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended:—

That a selection from the new books on the list submitted by the Librarian, be purchased for about £8 10s. 0d.

That the list of new Technical Books be purchased for about £10.

That a selection from the list of Worn-out Books be purchased to the amount of £10.

That the posting up of the "Birmingham Daily Post " Advertisement Sheets on the railings be discontinued for the present. That the Library be closed on December 26th and 27th.

That the extra services of the Staff at the Technical Exhibitions be recognised by a small gift of money, Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Chief Assistant (Mr. Balcombe) and the Caretaker receive £1 1s. 0d. each, and the four junior assistants to /6 [?shillings] each, far extra services rendered in connection with the Technical Exhibitions.

7- -Accounts- -The following accounts were examined and passed for payment:—

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| Westley & Co., Books .. | £13 11 1 | |
| " " | £ 2 3 6 | |
| Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding and Lettering | £ 8 14. 8. | |
| " " Printing and Stationery | £6 16. 6 | £15 11 2 |
| B. Norton, Books | £ 1 16 0 | |
| H. M. Gilbert, Books | £ 2 0 6 | |
| W. Norton, Books | £ 0 11 0 | |
| H. Cleaver, Books | £ 0 18 6 | |
| Lowe Bros., Books | £ 0 16 0 | |
| J. W. Pink, Book | £ 0 7 6 | |
| W. J. Smith, Books | £ 0 7 4 | |
| Phillimore & Co., Books | £ 0 10 10 | |
| H. F. Martyn & Co., Stationery .. | £ 0 5 6 | |
| F. W. Mitchell, Cleaning Materials.. | £ 0 6 9 | |
| Gas Company, Coke .. | £ 7 4 0 | |
| W. Jones, Wages Account . | £18 5 0 | |
| "Petty Cash | £ 5 0 0 | |
| S. H. Harris, Coal (Leckhampton 7s-) | £ 1 12 10 | |

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, 1898— Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher, Moles, Preston and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

1---Attendance Officers' Report- -The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from all the schools except one, from which 752 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 87 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 8 meetings. That 23 parents had been prosecuted and that 21 were fined.

2-- Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :—Gertie Baker, 57, Stan-hope Street, Rose Cox, 3, St. Peter's Place, Arthur Averiss, Higgs' Cottages, Bertie Hopkins, 29 ½, Queen Street, Beatrice Cook, 14, Henrietta Street, Elisha Green, Casino Place, Arthur Sims, 28, Hermitage Street, Irvine Gough. 31, St. James' Street, and Walter Pittaway, 45, Sherborne Street.

3—Account—The following Account was examined and passed for payment:—Home for Blind Children (Liverpool) Maintenance, &c., of John Blackball, for quarter ending 30th inst. £4 0 0

JOHN D. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th day of February, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Laker, Bence, Cypher, Dix, M. Davis, Mills, and Margrett, (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Suffolk Road and Parade and Promenade Improvements—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Local Government Board of an Inquiry to be held by one of their Inspectors on the 17th inst. at 10.30 a.m. into the matter of the application of the Council with regard to the Suffolk Parade and Road, and Promenade (No. 2) Improvements which notice he had published as directed by the Board.

2-Oxford Parade Roads—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr. H. S. Whittuck, of No. 10, Oxford Parade, notifying that the writer had on the 3rd instant stopped the " private roads " on either side of Oxford Parade, the road through Oxford Street having that day been made a thoroughfare, to which the Town Clerk had replied asking by what authority the roads had been stepped, and informing Mr. Whittuck that the roads in question were declared highways as long ago as 1856. A further letter was read from Mr. Whittuck stating that he was certainly under the impression with other owners that the roads were private and that he was sorry if he had committed a technical error and expressing the opinion that the opening of Oxford Street was an improvement to the property.

3—Clinker and Ash Destructor—Resolved, That the Board of Guardians be allowed to have such clinker as they may require for forming a foundation for the children's playgrounds at the Workhouse.

4 --Crossing by Messrs. Furber's, Queen's Circus—A letter was read from Mr. A. Rintoul, junr., of No. 6, Royal Parade, calling attention to the crossing alongside Messrs. Furber's shop which it was necessary to cross to get from the Promenade to Bayshill, which was very slippery and from the angle at which it was crossed was very dangerous to ride over. Resolved, That the crossing in question be relaid with McDougall's bricks

5—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

| No. of Plan. | Name | Description. |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1121 | C. Webb | House and Shop in Hewlett Street. |
| 1120 | J. Bradbury | Stable and Trap House at rear of Railway Inn, Tewkesbury Road. |

Resolved, That the same be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of January 1899 --Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Davis, Dix, Margrett, and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

6--View Meeting—The following Members of the Committee attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz.:--Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Cypher and Margrett.

7—Street Projections—A letter was read from Mr. J. F. Slatter, stating he had removed from No. 4 to No. 26, Bennington Street and requesting permission to erect the small sign board that he had had up at his former premises for 27 years. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with usual conditions as to height and projection.

letter was read from Mr. G. Stibbs asking permission to hang up over his premises at No. 3, North Street the swing sign board which had hitherto been hanging over No. 4. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height and projection.

A letter was read from Mr. Sydney Herbert requesting permission for the Cheltenham and County Fine Art Society to put up for about five weeks a Notice Board over the entrance to their Show Room in High Street, projecting about 5ft. and elevated 11ft. from the footpath, and which would be removed at night. Resolved, That the application cannot be acceded to.

8—Private Improvement Works Bath Parade—A letter was read from the Misses Ireland, of No. 3, Bath Parade, stating that they and others considered that as the road had been opened for the public convenience the repair of it should not be charged to the abutting owners, as it had been repaired by the Council at the expense of the owners some years ago, and if it had only been used for the requirements of the private houses would not have been worn out. They also disputed the amount apportioned in respect of No. 3, as the paving stones in front of their premises had been removed although they were good ones and they had applied for them to remain, and they claimed to be credited with the amount of their value. They also enquired what compensation the Council intended to make to the inhabitants of Bath Parade for keeping them without light for six months. Resolved, That the Council see no sufficient reason for relieving the Misses Ireland from payment of any part of the apportioned charges on their property.

9—Private Improvement Works, Bath Terrace —A letter was read from Mr. G. Tillott, of No. 14, Rodney Terrace, stating that the paving and hollow channelling previously in front of his houses Nos. 9, 10 and 11, Bath Terrace, was laid down by the Town Commissioners between 26 and 30 years ago, and had always been kept in repair by the Local Authority, and he submitted that he should not be called on to pay for the new paving and channelling, having regard to the facts referred to by him. He also stated, that when he purchased the property he had an assurance from the former owners that he would be under no liability whatever with regard to the paving. Resolved, To inform Mr. Tillott that he was not charged for the new channelling, and that the Council cannot admit any claim by reduction of the amount apportioned to be paid by him.

10—Borough Surveyor's Report—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 17th of December last, to the 27th instant, both inclusive, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road 960 super yards, Alstone Lane, North Street 592 super yards.

Patching—Leckhampton Road, Suffolk Square, New Street, High Street, Montpellier Parade, back of Montpellier Terrace, Duke Street, Lansdown Road, Tewkesbury Road, Bath Road, Bath Street, Oriel Road, Suffolk Parade, Promenade, Millbrook Street, Sandfield Road, Croft Lane, Sherborne Place, Hatherley Road, Montpellier Terrace and Walk, Queen's Road, Bayshill Road, Hewlett Street, St. Luke's Road, Sandford Road, Gloucester Road, Shurdington Road, Park Place, Charlton Lane, Leckhampton Lane, Suffolk Road, Tivoli Circus, Gloucester Place, Christ Church Road, Imperial Square, Overton Road, Albert Road St. Paul's Street (North), Clarence Square, Fairview Street and Parabola Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Wellington Road.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing and Channelling—Bath Road, St. Philip's Street, Montpellier Terrace, Church Street, Oxford Street, Bennington Street, Grosvenor Terrace, Fauconberg Road, Promenade, Suffolk Parade, Lansdown Terrace, Parabola Road, Wellington Parade, Queen's Street, Hewlett Street, St. Luke's Road, Berkeley Place, Cambray, Winchcomb Street, North Place, Duke Street, North Street.

Wellington Passage was being paved with blue and McDougall's patent bricks.

The footpath on the east side of Leckhampton Road, from the Leckhampton Station to the foot of the hill, was being re-gravelled with local and Wickwar gravel.

The kerb and channel in Albert Place, being part of Sherborne Street Improvement, had been renewed with blue kerb and channel. Knapp Road Improvement was proceeding.

Gullies had been repaired in Church Street, Shurdington Road, Tewkesbury Road, Sandfield Road, and Naunton Park Terrace.

Central Depot—On the 25th instant, the Committee visited the Central Depot and examined the horses. It was decided to sell one horse which was unfit for Corporation work, and to dispose of one horse which was lame and past work; and he submitted a letter from Mr. Huband on the same subject. He desired to call attention to the need for additional shed accommodation for sheltering the carts, vans and other plant which were liable to be injured by exposure to weather. The present shedding was insufficient, especially as the needs of the Electric Light Department had materially reduced the space available for carts, &c.

The additional length for storage required was at least 100-feet by 15-feet wide.

Private Improvement Works—The Contractors for private streets' work had made considerable progress with most of these works.

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The path near Royal Crescent, the lane between North Place and Portland Street, and the path in Paragon Terrace were finished, and he submitted certificates of the amounts due on the various works as follows :—

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| Packer and Griffith, Paragon Buildings | £75 |
| Chas. Young, Hatherley Road | £50 |
| D[itt]o. Promenade to Royal Well Lane | £14 |
| Do. Lane back of North Place | £60 |
| Do. Knapp Lane | £15 |

He desired to remind the Committee that in accordance with the resolution of the 4th July last, no recoating of streets was being undertaken although in many instances the small repairs necessary and which were being done could do no more than defer the time when more extensive repairs must be undertaken at a greater expense than would have been the case had the repairs been carried out at an earlier date.

Trees had been Planted in the following Places—Leckhampton Road, Montpellier Terrace and Parade, Vittoria Walk, Promenade, Oriel Road, Cemetery Road, Hewlett Road.

Ashes Collected—Van loads, 1420; Consumed at Destructor, 1244 tons 16 cwt.

The disposal of Ashes from Leckhampton district involved a very considerable cartage to the Destructor, during the Autumn a portion had been disposed of by filling an old clay pit in a market garden belonging to Mr. William Hall which was at a considerable distance from houses and as they were covered with soil for garden purposes no nuisance was caused. Any further deposit of the same kind would, however, involve spoiling an area of Garden ground and the employment of labour to cover with soil.

Mr. Hall would agree to provide tip and the incidental expenses referred to for a payment of £1 per week which was about equal to 3d. per load. The cost of dealing with the same quantity of refuse at the Destructor would be one extra horse £1 16s. 0d., two extra firemen £2 8s. 0d., and about so loads of clinker to be disposed of.

The letter from Mr. Huband referred to contained a recommendation that the old bay gelding "Duke" and the grey gelding "Jack" should be at once cast as they were quite unfit for work, and that two other horses be purchased forthwith. The number would then be 12 with the two new ones. and as there was room for 14 in the stables he suggested two others should be purchased during this year. He stated that there were several others which probably would become unfit for work before long and which it would be advantageous to cast before they became worthless, and he suggested that two should be cast each year and replaced by six year old sound suitable animals which would materially add to the efficiency of the department. Resolved, That the recommendations and suggestions of Mr. Huband be approved and adopted, and that two new horses be purchased as soon as possible to be selected by Alderman Haddon and Councillor Davis with the assistance of Mr. Huband.

Also Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up plans and estimates of the shedding required at the Central Depot, and that consideration of the offer of Mr. Hall referred to in the report of the Borough Surveyor be adjourned.

11-- Tenders for Private Improvement Works—Tenders for carrying out the Private Improvement Works in Oxford Street, Rodney Road, Royal Well Lane, and Hamilton Place, were received as follows, viz. :

| | Oxford Street. | Rodney Road. | Royal Well Lane. | Hamilton Place. |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Charles Young, King's Arms, Bath Road | £135 0 0 | £69 18 0 | £75 10 0 | £98 0 0 |
| William Cresswell, 27, Selkirk Street, Cheltenham .. | ... | ... | £68 13 9 | ... |
| Packer and Griffin, 23, Townsend Place .. | £149 12 3 | £80 19 3 | £79 12 9 | £81 19 4 |
| E. M. and F. Willett, New Street, Cheltenham. .. | £149 18 6 | £67 0 6 | | £75 10 3 |

Resolved, That the following Tenders be accepted, viz. : —

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| For Oxford Street | Tender of | C. Young. |
| " Rodney Road | " | E. M. and F. Willett. |
| " Royal Well Lane | " | W. Cresswell. |
| " Hamilton Place | " | E. M. and F. Willett. |

12—Highways Expenditure—Resolved, That an accurate account of the receipts and expenditure of the Highways Department be placed before this Committee each quarter.

13--Ewlyn and Langdon Roads—A letter was read from Mr. A. G. Stockwell, of Broadclyst, Leckhampton Road, enquiring on behalf of himself and fellow memorialists when the crossings ordered are likely to be put in opposite Langdon and Ewlyn Roads, and suggesting if, as he had heard, there is a difficulty opposite Ewlyn Road from the condition of that road, that the abutting owners should be called upon to put it in a proper condition without delay, as the present state of it is a disgrace. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the crossings laid as soon as possible.

14-Accident to Mr. J. W. Varnish—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 28th November last, a further letter from Mr. Varnish was read, stating that the accident occurred between 8.30 and 9 p.m. on the 17th of September last, that he could bring evidence to prove that numbers of people had been seen to fall over the obstruction, and that without prejudice he was willing to accept the sum of £48 11s. 0d. in settlement made up as follows:—

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| Loss of wages from September 19th, 1898, to February 13th, 1899- | | |
| 8 weeks at | £2 5s 2d | £18 1 4 |
| 13 " | £1 17s 8d | £24 9 8 |
| Medical Attendance, Train Fares for members of his family to Cheltenham and expenses of removing him from Cheltenham Hospital to Rugby | | £ 6 0 0 £48 11 0 |

The Town Clerk read a report which he had prepared on the subject. Resolved, That the Committee while sympathising with Mr. Varnish are not prepared to recommend the Council to admit any liability to compensate Mr. Varnish for the accident sustained by him.

15 - Telephone Bills—The Town Clerk referred to his memoranda on these Bills a print of which had been sent to each member of the Council early this month, and read the following resolutions which had been unanimously carried at a meeting of the Council of the Association of Municipal Corporations, held on the 12th instant, viz. :—

" That the Municipal Corporations " strongly protest against the powers of the National Telephone Co. being extended and against any Act being passed which " may tend to delay or interfere with the Government undertaking the telephone service of the country." " That the Corporations be recommended to use every endeavour to get the National Telephone Company's Bills thrown out on " the second reading, and to impress upon Her Majesty's Government the great necessity to take immediate steps to " develope and cheapen the Telephone Service and to put an end to the disadvantage which the trade and commerce of the " country is placed under by the present unsatisfactory service." Resolved, That the Committee concur in these Resolutions and that the member for the Borough, Sir John Dorington, and other members of Parliament favourable to the policy enunciated in the Resolutions of the Municipal Corporations Association above stated be requested to oppose the Bills or such of them as may reach the second reading stage.

16 - Sydenham Villas Road —A letter was read from Mr. R. J. Webb, stating that on the lath October last a copy of a Resolution of the Council to proceed with the repairing of this road and footpaths was sent to him but as yet there was no sign of any repairs being done, and he would be glad to know when the work is likely to be commenced. Resolved, To inform Mr. Webb that this work will be done in its turn.

17—Private Improvement Works Liverpool Place—A letter was read from Mr. A. Hill submitting that in settling the apportionment of the expenses to be paid by the respective abutting owners the Council should take into consideration the greater degree of benefit to be derived by the owners of the premises of Messrs. Mills and Co., who have horses and vehicles in constant use and heavily loaded vans delivering and receiving goods and the washing of their carts and swillings from their casks tends to make the road in bad condition. Resolved, To inform Mr. Hill that his contention will be borne in mind when the time comes for settling the apportionment.

18—Tree in Hale's Road near Gilthorne House—A letter was read from Mrs. E. Walker, of Hartville, Hewlett Road, requesting that a tree in Hale's Road doing damage to her property, Gilthorne House, should be cut down. Resolved, That the request be acceded to and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the tree cut down.

19-Tree in Hale's Road near Oram Lodge—A letter was read from Miss E. J. Standish, of Oram Lodge, Hale's Road, again appealing to the Council to have the tree by the side gate of her house cut down as it caused a nuisance. Resolved, That Councillor Bence be requested to see Mr. Whitmore. in part of whose property the tree stands, to ascertain if he has any objection to its being cut down.

20 -- Path in Oakfield Street abutting on Land of Mr. Cormell—A letter was read from Mr. Enoch calling attention to the fact that the piece of land adjoining his property in Oakfield Street, belonging to Mr. Cormell, stands 2ft. above the level of the path causing it to be always wet and dirty, and the land also protrudes beyond the line of frontage. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed

to see Mr. Cornell and ascertain if he will be prepared to set back the frontage of his piece, of land to the general line of frontage of the property on that side of Oakfield Street.

21 -- Footpaths along Montpellier Parade and Vittoria Walk- A letter was read from Mr. H. Vincent, Montpellier Terrace, requesting that these footpaths should be paved. Resolved, That consideration of this suggestion be adjourned until the arrears of similar work on hand have been somewhat reduced.

22-- Moor's Farm Boundary—A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons was read acknowledging receipt of a copy of the last resolution of the Council with reference to this matter, stating that the terms which they discussed with the Town Clerk on the spot were reasonable, but they were unable to advise their client to accept the present proposal and they had no further suggestion to make.

23- Telegraph Poles in Malvern Road—The Town Clerk recommended that the consent asked for by the Postmaster-General to erect two telegraph poles in the Malvern Road be given on the understanding that they shall be removed on or before the expiration of 3 months after a request in writing to do so shall have been given to the Postmaster General by the Council. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted.

24- Millbrook Street Footpath —Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this footpath repaired.

25—Crossing in College Road—Resolved, That a crossing in the footpath in College Road be laid down at the end of Bath Parade.

26—Crossing in Jersey Place—Resolved. That a crossing be laid down in continuation of Jersey Place.

27—Junction of Grosvenor and Albion Streets—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask Mr. Agg-Gardner, the owner of Sion House, to consent to the lowering of the pillar at that corner, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed, if Mr. Agg-Gardner consents, to have the pillar lowered, and also the pillar at the opposite corner of Woburn House lowered at the same time, Mr. Steel, the owner of Woburn House, being willing to have it lowered.

28—Apportionments—Footpath North side of St. Margaret's Road, and Footpath West side of Monson Avenue—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the works ordered to be done to put in order these footpaths amounted respectively to £29 12s. 11d. and, £84 (the latter sum being subject to a reduction of £42 2s. 6d. payable by the Council for value of previously existing work) which sums he had apportioned as regards the first-mentioned amount to the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., according to their frontage, and as regards the other amount between the several abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and that notices thereof and of demand be served upon the owners referred to.

29-Private Improvement Works in Highbury Lane -Resolved, That in settling the apportionment of the expenses of these works to be paid by the abutting owners regard shall be had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by any premises from such works.

30- Footpaths Providence Square, Fairview, Eaton Place, Bath Road, and Roadway and Footpaths of Trinity Church Lane—Specifications and plans from the Surveyor, of the works required to be done to the above streets or parts of streets were read and approved. And it was Resolved, That the

necessary Sections and Estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that if such Notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

31-Footpaths North side of Spa Buildings Road, North side of Montpellier Terrace Road, East side of St. George's Place Road, North-East side of Royal Well Place Road and Crossing in Footpath at Entrance to Brookville, Leckhampton Road—Specifications and plans from the Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above streets or parts of streets were read and approved. And it was Resolved, That Notices be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

32 -Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new building:, viz.:-

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1125 | Museum and Picture Gallery, &c., ... | adjoining the Public Library, Clarence Street. |
| 1126 | J.D. Bendall .. | Bay Window at No. 1, Naunton Park Terrace. |
| 1127 | Governors of the Cheltenham General Hospital | Anaesthetic Room at the Hospital. |

Resolved, That the said plans be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,
Chairman.

SHELburnE ROAD.

At the last Monthly Meeting of the Council the following resolution was passed, viz. :—" That the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor" and Councillor Baker be requested to seek an interview with the authorities of Dean Close School with a view to obtaining "the opening of the Shelburne Road."

In pursuance of this resolution a Conference was held at the Municipal Offices, on Wednesday, the 18th day of January, 1899, when there were present The Mayor (in the chair), the Deputy Mayor, and Mr. Councillor Baker (Chairman of the Street and Highway Committee), and, on behalf of the Committee of the Dean Close Memorial School, the Rev. G. P. Griffiths (Chairman), Messrs. R. Ley Wood, and D. T. Woodward (Treasurer).

The Rev. G. P. Griffiths stated that the School Committee had passed the following resolution, viz. :—" That after long and "anxious consideration of the question as affecting the School, the Parish of St. Mark's and the town generally, in the "matter of the Shelburne Road, this Committee resolves that they will place no barrier in the way of the Corporation "opening the road and dedicating it to the

public if the Corporation is willing to bear the whole of the cost that may thereby "incurred, to pave with wood or asphalt in front of the school buildings, to place a suitable iron railing on both sides of "the school property abutting on the Shelburne Road, and to make some substantial payment to the funds of the school in "return for the benefit the public would derive from the opening of the road. Carried unanimously."

A Sub-Committee was thereupon appointed to confer with the Corporation and with power to negotiate with them as to the terms on which the Shelburne Road should be opened to the public, the Sub-committee to consist of the Rev. G. P. Griffiths, and Messrs. Ley Wood and Woodward.

Mr. Griffiths stated that, subject to their not involving the school in any expenditure whatever, he and his two colleagues had full powers to treat with the Corporation.

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The matter having been tally considered and the school representatives having ultimately agreed that if the Council would relieve the school from all charges for the road and would take it over as a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large, and would erect a light unclimbable iron fence along the boundary of the school land on the opposite side of the road to the schools, they would agree to the road being opened as a thoroughfare, It was agreed that the members of the Council deputed to meet the authorities of the Dean Close School would recommend the Council to agree to this arrangement being carried out,

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 1899 - Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew, Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Dix in the chair) —

1—Electric Tramway—The Committee resumed the consideration of the draft Provisional Order. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do furnish the Committee with copies of the draft Order as now settled by them showing the alterations and additions in red ink.

Also Resolved, That the Committee meet on Friday. the 13th instant, to inspect the proposed route so far as regards the Borough.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of January, 1899---Present Alderman Drew, Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Davis. Dix, Macdonald, Margrett, Mills and Steel (Councillor Dix in the chair)—

2—Electric Tramway—The Committee proceeded to inspect the proposed route of the Light Railway through the Borough from the Lansdown Castle to the Borough Boundary on the Prestbury Road, and instructed the Borough Surveyor to lay down the track of the rails, as indicated by the Committee on large scale plans.

S. B. DIX, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1899—Present The Mayor: Councillors Bence. M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1-Zymotic Disease--The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 23 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 4 of Diphtheria; that 21 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 46 of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

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2—Wells at Nos. 5, 6, and 17, Henrietta Street, Three Shoes Inn, and No. 22, Bennington Street---The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

3-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order –An application to be registered as a Dairyman was received from Adam Brown of Sherborne Coffee Tavern. Resolved That the applicant be registered.

4-Insanitary Property at Nos.. 7 to 12, Providence Place,- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, floors, eaves, spouting, &c., &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

5 Urinals in Insanitary Condition—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the urinals at Three Horse Shoes Inn and the Seven Stars Inn were in such an insanitary state owing to want of proper flushing, &c. as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That Notices be served upon the owners, under Section 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to abate the nuisance.

6-Nuisances from Drains, &c. at Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Lamb Retreat, The Russell Arms, Nos. 8 & 12 Providence Square, and Nos. 1, 2, & 3, Warwick Villas.---The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and if necessary, give notices and act as provided by the said section

7- Overcrowding at 3, The Croft, Alstone- The Medical Officer of Health reported that No 3, -The Croft, Alstone was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

8—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus- The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the

necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

9-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

10—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 22, Upper Norwood Street, No. 9, Pantile Row, Steel's Cottage and Poplar Cottage, Pantile Row, 18, Glenfall Street and No. 14, Selkirk Street- The Medical Officer of health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

11-Defective Sewer -The Medical Officer of Health reported that application having been made for a sanitary certificate in respect of a certain house, on inspection a 2ft. defective brick sewer had been discovered under the house, and that in consequence, the certificate could not be granted until the sewer had been taken up and a new one laid outside the house, which he advised should be promptly done. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do report on the matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

12-Slaughter House Licenses- Letters were read from B. Combe, J. Hastings, and E. C. Davis, applying for the renewal, of their slaughter house licenses in respect of Slaughter Houses in Whaddon Road, Folly Lane and Gloucester Road respectively. Resolved, That the licenses be renewed for one year from the 1st instant.

13- Compensation for Closing of Slaughter Houses-Resolved That further consideration of this matter be adjourned, the Committee in the meantime to make an inspection of the premises for the closing of which as slaughter houses compensation is claimed.

14-Sewage Farms Overseer—A letter was read from Mr. E. Cox, of Jubilee Villa, High Street. Rickmansworth, Herts, stating that he found he would be unable to get to Cheltenham by the time appointed by the Committee for an interview with him ; and a telegram was received from Mr. T. H. Smith of 82, Muntz Street, Small Heath, Birmingham, the other selected candidate, regretting his inability to attend the meeting to-day. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do call a meeting of the Committee after ascertaining from the selected candidates whether the date and time proposed will suit them for an interview.

15- Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Loan-With reference to Minute No. 17 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 10th October last, a letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that the Board were glad to learn that the Town Council had decided to adopt their suggestion with regard to the future management of their sewage farms and that on receiving a copy of the resolution of the Council undertaking to determine the existing tenancies of the farms at the earliest possible date and in the meantime to appoint an officer to supervise the farms and see to the due observance by the tenants of the covenants contained in their lease, the Board would be prepared to consider the question of issuing an Order under Section 34 of the Public Health Act, 1875, with respect to the intended works outside the Borough and of sanctioning a loan for the proposed works of sewerage and sewage disposal. The Board wished also to be informed of the

amount of debt outstanding on the Barn Farm Outfall Sewer. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be directed to forward to the Local Government Board copies of the resolutions passed by this Committee and approved by the Council as to the determination of the existing tenancies of the Sewage Farms and the appointment of an Overseer and the information as to the amount outstanding on the Barn Farm Outfall Server.

16-- Haydon Knoll Sewage Farm—With reference to Minute No. 53 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 12th December last, a letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that he was directed to express the satisfaction of his Council at the steps the Corporation proposed to take with reference to their sewage farms but at the same time they ventured to hope that the advisability of the adoption of some preliminary treatment of the sewage before distribution on the land would receive consideration before the Corporation take the farms into their own occupation.

17-Sewer in Road at back of Houses North side of Pittville Circus Road—With reference to Minute No. 34 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 19th September last, the Borough Surveyor reported that the notices to the owners in respect of the sewer in the road at the back of houses on the North side of Pittville Circus Road had not been complied with. Resolved, That tenders for the execution of the works specified be advertised for.

18 -- Sewerage District No. 3—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine and report on the state of the sewerage in No. 3 District.

19-New Buildings—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come before the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That the same be approved so far as the drainage is concerned.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 18th day of January, 1899, Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Margrett and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

20-Sewage Overseer--The Town Clerk reported that he had ascertained from the two selected candidates for the post of Sewage Overseer that this date and time would suit them for an interview with the Committee, and he had notified them and called the Committee together accordingly. Mr. Ernest Cox, of High Street, Rickmonsworth, Herts, attended and was interviewed by the Committee. Mr. T. H. Smith, of Small Heath, Birmingham, the other selected candidate, did not attend. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to appoint Mr. Ernest Cox as Sewage Overseer on the terms and conditions set out in the advertisement subject to a reply from his present employer satisfactory to the Committee being received.

21 - Alleged Pollution of Hatherley Brook —With reference to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 12th December, 1898, containing a complaint from Mr. Daft as to the condition of Hatherley Brook, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to at once clear away any accumulations at the weir in the Hatherley Brook near Mr. Daft's property.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of January, 1899—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Margrett, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

22 —Zymotic Disease--The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 13 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria; that to cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 36 of Scarlet Fever and of Diphtheria.

23—Wells at Nos. 23, 26, and 27, Henrietta Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

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24—Insanitary Property at No. 2, Hungerford Street, No. 24, Henrietta Street, and Savory Court, Duke Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates. owing to defective roofs, windows, paving, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

25—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 5, Northfield Terrace and No. 27, Henrietta Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

26- -Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 3, Little Bayshill Terrace, No. .5, Northfield Terrace, No. 4, Castle Terrace, and Nos. 1 and 2, Langley Cottages—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

27 W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 188g, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

28—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved. That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

29- Insanitary Urinal—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinal at the Boar's Head Inn was not properly constructed and was in an insanitary condition, owing to want of water supply and

proper flushing arrangements. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance from this Urinal, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Owners, requiring them to abate the same by carrying out such alterations thereto and providing such proper water supply and flushing arrangements as may be necessary for that purpose.

30 - Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served requiring the provision of flushing apparatus, ash receptacles, &c., but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

31-- Bye-Laws for Lodging Houses -Resolved, That the draft of these Bye-Laws with the alterations made by the Local Government Board be reprinted for the use of the Committee, and that consideration thereof be adjourned for this purpose.

32—Sewer under G.W. Ry.--A letter was read from the Secretary of the Great Western Railway Co. complaining that a drain which had originally been laid by the Company along their line was being made use of to take the sewerage from houses in the neighbourhood, and that owing to the growing increase of the number of such houses the drain had become insufficient to accommodate the sewage and surface water which flows into it, and steps must be taken to prevent any further houses draining into it as necessity has now arisen for the Council to provide further accommodation beyond that which the existing drain affords. Resolved, That the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report with reference to the matter, and that consideration thereof be adjourned for this purpose.

33—Overseer of Sewage Farms—A letter was read from Mr. F. Franklin, of Nightingale Road, Rickmonsworth, stating that Mr. E. Cox had been at work for him as a bricklayer for three months and had given him every satisfaction and was steady and straightforward. Resolved, That Mr. Cox be appointed as Overseer of the Sewage Farms as soon as he can leave his present employment. The appointment to be determinable by a month's notice, and that his salary be paid weekly or monthly as he prefers.

34—Building Plans -The plans of such new buildings as had been or were intended to be placed before the Street and Highway Committee for approval as regards construction were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That as regards sanitary matters the same be approved with the exception of No. 1124 for a Bakehouse and Scullery at rear of No. 85, High Street for Mr. C. Barnett, which be disapproved.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 13th day of January, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Lenthall, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair.)

1—Promenade Improvement No. 2—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee copy of a notice issued by the Local Government Board that W. O. E. Meade-King, Esq., M.I.C.E., would attend at the Municipal Offices on the 17th inst., at 10.30 o'clock to hold an Inquiry into the subject matter of the Petition presented to them to issue a Provisional Order to empower the Corporation to acquire compulsorily the property required for this improvement. The Chairman stated that he would not be

able to be present. Resolved, That Councillors Bence and Cooper be requested to attend the Inquiry to represent the Committee and give evidence if necessary.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th day of January, 1899—Present Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Lenthall, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair),—

2-Cost of Kursaal Inquiry—A letter from the Local Government Board was read stating that the costs of Inquiries were not chargeable to the loans, but should be paid out of the fund or rate usually applicable to the purpose.

3—Archery at Montpellier Gardens—A letter was read from Miss Carnegie, on behalf of the Cheltenham Archery Club, applying for the use of the usual ground in the Montpellier Gardens from the 1st April to 31st October next upon the same terms as before, viz., £11. to include services of a man to put up and take down the targets when required, and 2s 6d for the use of the room at the Lodge on the monthly bow meetings. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4 --Fireworks at Montpellier Gardens—A letter was read from Messrs. W. and J. Wilder, Birmingham, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on the Wednesday in Yeomanry Week and two days in the Cricket Week for Illuminations and Fire-work displays upon the same terms per day as last year. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the application until the next meeting.

5 Angling at Pittville—A letter was read from Mr. H. W. Stubbin, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Angling Association, offering, on behalf of the Association, £5 for the free fishing by the Members of the Club at Pittville Park for the ensuing year, the entrance fee of 2d. to be paid as usual by non-subscribers. Resolved, That the proposed terms be agreed to.

6—Entertainments—Councillor Dix presented a balance sheet of the receipts and expenditure of the five concerts held at the Winter Gardens from the 18th of December to the 19th inst., showing a loss of £2 13s. 5d.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of January, 1899—Present Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Dix, Macdonald, and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

7--Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That Messrs. Newton & Co. be allowed the use of the Montpellier Gardens on the 17th, 18th and 19th of August (Cricket Week) for £21, to include electric light, subscribers to be admitted free each night, and Messrs. Newton & Co. undertaking to give a good concert and firework display on each occasion.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

THE BARON de FERRIERES' GIFT.

At a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council to confer with the Baron de Ferrieres, held on Friday the 20th day of January, 1899.—Present: Aldermen Winterbotham and Haddon; and Councillor Hayward. (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

Resolved, That pending the completion of the formalities for the adoption of the Museums and Gymnasiums Act, 1891, so far as it relates to Museums, the appropriation of the land adjoining the Library, and the sanction to the loan for the purchase of the Cottages in Chester Walk, the Baron de Ferrieres be permitted at his own expense (and as part of the gift of £1,000) to commence the erection of the front or smaller Gallery facing Clarence Street on the land adjoining the Library, communicating with the Public Library, in accordance with the plans now laid before and approved by this Committee, this resolution to be first submitted to the Public Library Committee.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th day of January, 1899—Present Councillors Baker, Bence, Lenthall, Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1-Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 25th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 337 gallons, the average for the last four years being 257 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 15,635,533 gallons.

On the 25th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 21 feet and inches, which gave a total of 64,309,425 gallons, or about 71 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 3,225,424 gallons.

On the 13th of January inst. the Tewkesbury Corporation cut through the 7 inch main near the works and inserted a Deacon Meter, and he had written a letter to the Borough Surveyor of Tewkesbury expressing his surprise at what had been done without even consulting him about it, which as the mains are not the property of the Tewkesbury Corporation, was at least a very high-handed proceeding; to which the Borough Surveyor of Tewkesbury had replied that the Tewkesbury Corporation being desirous of checking the waste of water decided on his recommendation to put down a Deacon's water waste detecting meter, and expressed regret that through a misapprehension the Borough Surveyor had not been consulted, but no damage had been done to the mains. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury to request an explanation and to enquire by what right the mains of this Corporation were interfered with by the Tewkesbury Corporation without permission to do so having been even applied for.

The Borough Surveyor further reported that a portion of the pipes for the Gloucester Road had been received and the work would be started next week.

2 -Reconstruction of Wall of No. 3 Reservoir at Hewletts—Tenders for this work were received as follows :—

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| Messrs. C. Malvern and Sons | £1854 |
| Messrs. Collins and Godfrey | £1995 |
| Mr. William L. Meredith, Midland Road, Gloucester | £2495 |
| Messrs. C. H. Channon and Son | £2690 |

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Malvern and Sons be accepted, but that they be informed that the penalties for avoidable delay will be strictly enforced.

3—Water Supply to the Hospital—A letter was read from Mr. Carrington, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the General Hospital, expressing the thanks of the Governors for the supply of water which the Council have resolved to grant to the Hospital, and that they will pay at the rate of 1s per 1,000 gallons for any water consumed in excess of the 4,800 gallons mentioned in the resolution. That 9 In and 6 Out-Patient Tickets will be granted in consideration of the free supply, that being the maximum number of tickets which by the rules can be given for any one subscription.

4—Fire Hydrants at Tewkesbury—A letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read stating that his Council consider an annual payment of 6 per cent. on the cost of erecting the additional hydrants is ample remuneration to cover the cost of repairs, and as regards those hydrants already erected this Council has no right to make any charge whatever for annual repairs ; to

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which the Town Clerk had replied that he would be glad to know on what ground the Tewkesbury Council decline to pay the charge of per hydrant for maintenance having regard to Section 40 of the Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847.

5----Water Supply to Ferne Grove, Tewkesbury—A letter was read from Mr. F. J. Brown, solicitor for the owner of Ferne Grove, stating that the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury still maintains that the landlord has no right to alter the mains on those premises without the consent of his Council, and that the Cheltenham Corporation has no power to give the landlord any consent which would bind his Council, and he requested this Corporation to come to terms with the Tewkesbury Corporation as soon as possible as the tenants are pressing to have the connections made without further delay. The Town Clerk read a letter which he had written to Mr. Badham asking what his Council proposed to charge the occupier of Ferne Grove for the supply of water to his garden and stables, and asking for his authority to print on the back of their demand notes a notice that any occupier of premises fixing any pipe to a pipe belonging to " the Corporation" (i.e. presumably the Tewkesbury Corporation) or to any communication or service pipe or making any alteration therein without the consent of the Corporation is liable to a fine of £5, seeing that the pipe up to and as far as the premises belongs to this Corporation, and the service pipe belongs to the occupier of the premises. Resolved, That the letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

6 --Land at Sandford Pumping Station—A letter was read from W. Mansell, of No. 98, Albion Street, stating that he understood the field at the Sandford Pumping Station belonging to the Corporation was to be broken up for Allotments and he would be glad to take one chain of it. Resolved, That one chain of the land at 16s per annum be let to Mr. Mansell from the 25th of March next.

7--Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

H. GEO. MARGRETT, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of January, 1899 —Present The Mayor : Councillors Baker, Brown, Cooper, Dix, Margrett and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz.—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES :

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street. |
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| 1899 Jan. 21st | 100 Volts | 104 Volts |

4-Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read:—

| ILLUMINATING POWER. | PURITY— | SULPHUR. | Grains per 100 cubic ft. |
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| 1898 | | 1898.—Dec. | |
| Dec. 22nd .. | 17.14 candles | 22nd-23rd .. | 16.16 |
| “ 28th .. | 16.07 " | 28th-29th .. | 15.41 |
| “ 29th .. | 17.04 “ | 29th-30th .. | 13.74 |
| 1899 | | | |
| Jan. 9 .. | 17.41 „ | 1899.—Jan. | |
| “ 14 — | 16.37 „ | 9th-10th .. | 20.16 |
| “ 21 | <u>15.91</u> „ | 14th-15th .. | <u>17.15</u> |
| Average .. | 16.66 | Average .. | 16.52 |

He drew attention to the very high proportion of sulphur on the 9th-10th instant.

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3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.1086 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 14 metered, 55 unmetered; burning dimly, 5 unmetered.

5—Impurity of Gas—With reference to the report of the Gas Examiner at the last monthly meeting of the Committee, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, was read, with which they forwarded a copy of a resolution of the Directors of the Company, that the Council be respectfully assured that the Company will at all times direct their careful attention to maintaining the purity of the gas in accordance with the statutory requirements.

6—View Meeting—The following members of the Committee attended the View Meeting on the 10th instant, viz :—The Chairman; Councillors Brown, Cooper, Margrett and Steel, and recommended that the following additions and alterations to the street gas lamps be made, viz :— Fix one new lamp in Victoria Retreat ; move one incandescent gas lamp in Fairview Road to nearly opposite Denmark Villas ; move one lamp in Victoria Place to opposite side of road ; move one lamp in Sandford Street, near Mr. Hanks' shop, to adjacent pillar ; fix one new lamp in St. Mark's Place, and one new one in Granley Road ; and move one lamp to corner of Devonshire Street and New Street, and fit with incandescent burner. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, but that an incandescent burner be fitted to the lamp at the top of Sandford Street, near Mr. Hanks' shop.

7—Lighting of Alley from Wellington Street to Bath Road—A letter was read from Mr. J. Tilley, of Wellington Mews, submitting that the position fixed upon for a lamp in this passage, near the Bath Road end, would not abate the nuisance arising from the want of light at the side and front of his house. Resolved, That the Committee consider the position fixed upon by them is the best.

8—Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work both of extensions and running continued to progress satisfactorily. There were then about 290 customers,

with about 18,300 8-c.p. lamps connected to the mains. As instructed at the last meeting, he submitted the following Schedules of Extensions to Works and Mains, of which the larger part had been already authorized by the Council, for which application was required to be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the sums specified, viz

£16,600 LOAN.

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| Building Extensions at Works, as per Borough Surveyor's Estimate, Schedule 1 | £2,600 |
| Extensions to Works' Plant, &c., Schedule 2 | £4,075 |
| " Mains and Substations, Schedule 3 | £3,532 |
| " Arc Lighting, Schedule 4 | £4,620 |
| Meters | £ 475 |
| Transformers | <u>£ 500</u> |
| | £15,802 |
| Contingencies | <u>£ 790</u> |
| Say £16,600 | £16,592 |

SCHEDULE 1.

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| Foundations for Babcock and Wilcox Boilers, Nos. 1 to 4 | £500 |
| Accumulator Room, Increase to Double Capacity | £400 |
| Stores, Increased length to end of Accumulator Room | £250 |
| Foundations for Buildings, Extra Cost | £500 |
| Foundations for Stack | £600 |
| Stack | <u>£350</u> |
| | £2,600 |

SCHEDULE 2.

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| Two Babcock and Wilcox Boilers, Nos. 3 and 4, complete with Brickwork, Gangways, Ladders, Valves, Injectors and Pipes .. | £1,700 |
| One Korting's Ejector Condenser complete with Motor-Pumps, Valves, Pipes and Spraying Nozzles .. | £1,000 |
| Cooling Pond and Pipe Track, Extra Cost .. | £ 350 |
| Exciter-48 K.W. instead of 33 K.W., Extra Cost .. | £ 125 |
| Switchboard for Exciters, Accumulators, Motors, and for Exciting, Testing and Lighting Circuits .. | £ 350 |
| Switchboard Extension for Two New Feeders with spare (unfitted) Panels for Three Additional Feeders .. | £ 150 |
| Cable for connecting up Accumulators and Motors .. | £ 165 |
| Ladders, Gangways, &c., for Storage Tanks, Babcock and Wilcox Boilers (Nos. 1 and 2) and Condensing Chamber .. | £ 85 |
| Wiring for Testing Room (Testing and Lighting) Accumulator Room and over Storage Tanks | £ 110 |
| Water Service (additional) to Storage Tanks | £ 20 |
| Boiler Tube Scrapers (Niagara type) | <u>£ 20</u> |
| | £4,075 |

SCHEDULE 3.

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| Hewlett Street, All Saints' Road, and Pittville Circus, from High Street to Leamington Place | £1,165 |
| Fairview Road, from Winchcombe Street to All Saints' Road .. | £ 170 |
| Gloucester Road, from Lansdown Castle for 200 yards (past Lansdown Inn) .. | £ 120 |
| Clarence Road and Portland Street, from Winchcomb Street Sub-station for a total distance of 200 yards | £ 61 |
| Bath Street, from Cambray Place to Wellington Street .. | £ 45 |
| Pittville Pump Room Extension, from Evesham Road to Pittville Drive .. | £ 340 |
| Thirlestaine Road, from College Gates to College Lawn, and from Ravensworth to Old Bath Road | £ 170 |
| Ormond Terrace, from Ormond Place for 80 yards | £ 30 |
| Bennington Street, from High Street for 100 yards | £ 40 |
| Bath Road, from Montpellier Drive to Oriel Road | £ 100 |
| Great Norwood Street, from Suffolk Road to Grafton Road | £ 150 |
| Grafton Road, from Grafton Street to Park Road | |
| The Park, from Grafton Road round the east side of The Park for 200 yards ... | £ 145 |
| Grosvenor Place, South, from High Street for 70 yards .. | £ 35 |
| Tivoli Place, from Hatherley Street to Tivoli Street, and up Tivoli Street for 20 yards | £ 75 |
| Christ Church Road (east side), from Well Place southwards for 200 yards .. | £ 65 |
| London Road (south side), from College Road for 125 yards ... | £ 50 |
| Western Road (west side) for 80 yards | £ 31 |
| New Substations :— | |
| Swindon Road | £ 65 0 0 |
| Western Road | £ 15 0 0 |
| Westal Green | £100 0 0 |
| St. George's Square | <u>£ 90 0 0</u> |
| | £270 |
| Switchboards, &c. for Sub-stations | £150 |
| Recording Ammeter “ “ | £ 20 |
| House Services—Cable, Joint Boxes and Labour | <u>£300</u> |
| | £3,532 |

SCHEDULE 4.

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| College Road, from High Street to Sandford Road ; Sandford Road, from College Road to Bath Road ; St. Luke's Road, from College Road to Bath Road ; and Blenheim Place, from College Road to Bath Parade—14 arcs | £1,335 |
| Suffolk Parade and Great Norwood Street, from Montpellier Terrace to St. Philip's Street ; Suffolk Square (north side) and approach from Gordon Lamp to Suffolk Parade, 13 arcs | £860 |
| Tewkesbury Road, from Gloucester Road to High Street Goods Station approach-12 arcs | £905 |
| Hewlett Street, All Saints' Road and Pittville Circus, from High Street to Leamington Place-17 arcs | £1,035 |
| Priory Lawn-1 arc | £ 55 |
| Bath Street—1 arc | £ 65 |
| Albion Street—1 arc | £ 60 |
| Gloucester Road and Lansdown Road Arc Lighting--extra cost of mains | £ 145 |

Lansdown Road Arches—extra cost of stronger pillars

£ 160
£4,620

Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £16,600 to provide for the fore-going items of expenditure.

9—Tenders for Slack Coal required at the Electric Works —The following Tenders were received, viz:

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| A H. Nott, New Bowson | .. | 9s 3d per ton |
| H. A. Gwinnell, Winberry | .. | 9s 9d " |
| " " Princess Royal | .. | 9s 9d " |
| " " Trafalgar | .. | 8s |
| Webb Bros.,Ltd. Foxe's Bridge | .. | 8s |
| " " Lydney and Crump Meadow | | 8s |
| " " New Bowson | .. | 9s 6d |
| " " Parkend, Deep Navigation | | 8s |
| " " Trafalgar | .. | 8s |

Resolved, That a quantity of Trafalgar Coal, not exceeding 50 tons, be ordered from each of the two Contractors, Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd. and Mr. H. A. Gwinnell, to enable the Electrical Engineer to test the same, and that acceptance of a tender be adjourned pending a report by the Electrical Engineer as to the result of his tests.

10---Electric Lighting Order—The Town Clerk read objections which had been lodged by the Gas Co. to the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Provisional Order Extension Order to the effect that their railway leading from the Midland Railway to their works should not be included amongst the list of railways mentioned in the 2nd Schedule to the Extension Order which the Promoters seek power to break up if necessary for the purpose of laying mains, on the ground that their railway is constructed

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entirely over private land, there being no level crossing of any public road and no bridge carrying any road over the railway, to which the Town Clerk stated that he had lodged a reply to the following effect, viz., the objection appeared to be based upon the fact that it is a railway upon private land, but so are all railways, and there appeared to be no distinction as regards the powers under the Electric Lighting Act and the Order between this railway and any other railway. Moreover the statement was incorrect that the railway is constructed entirely over private land as it crosses a public road on a bridge carrying the railway over it, and the Company are fully protected in respect of any interference by the statutory provisions and the provisions contained in the Order which it is proposed to extend. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

11—Electric Supply to Training College—Resolved, That the College Authorities be given the option of taking a supply of electric energy at 6d. per unit with rebate subject to 5 per cent. discount for cash, or as at present at 4d. per unit without rebate but with the same cash discount, the option to be exercised forthwith.

12-Carrying of Electric Light Cables over Railway Bridge—The Town Clerk reported that he had had correspondence with the G.W. Railway Co. with respect to a demand made by them that the Corporation should comply with a set of conditions formulated by the Company and pay £1 per annum as compensation for carrying Electric Cables along the Bridge in the Lansdown Road over their railway, but to which he had objected, as he contended the Company had no power to prevent

the cable being carried over the Bridge by the Corporation, to impose any such conditions as referred to, or to require such payment for compensation as demanded, and that the Company had finally given way and would allow the Cables to remain subject to the provisions of the Electric Lighting Order.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th day of January, 1899--Present: The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Margrett, Moles and Steel, (The Mayor in the chair)

1.—Diseases of Animals Act—Superintendent Hopkins reported that an outbreak of Swine Fever had occurred on premises at Oakleigh Brickyards, Hales Road. where there were 29 pigs. One being attacked by the disease died and the other 28 were killed and disposed of under directions of the Board of Agriculture. He had served the necessary forms and notified the Board of Agriculture and the premises were being thoroughly cleansed and disinfected.

2-Stray Dogs—A letter from the Board of Agriculture was read calling attention to the danger arising from allowing the number of dogs in centres of population to become excessive and expressing a hope that the Council will consider the matter with a view to the issue of such further instructions to the police as may be necessary to secure full efficiency in regard to the seizure of stray dogs and the collection of the dog licence duty, to which the Town Clerk had replied that the attention of the Superintendent of the Police shall be called to the matter. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

3—Anthrax—A letter was read from the Board of Agriculture with which they forwarded a copy of an Order which they had issued revising the Anthrax Order of 1895, prescribing the measures which they considered should be taken when an outbreak of anthrax is suspected or detected.

4-- Cleansing of Horse Boxes—A letter from the Board of Agriculture was read calling attention to the requirements of Art. 15 of the Animals (Transit and General) Order of 1895 with regard to the cleansing of railway horse boxes. Resolved, To request Superintendent Hopkins to instruct the constables on beats in the vicinity of the railway stations to make inspections from time to time in order as far as possible to ascertain that the requirements of the Order are being properly complied with.

5—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 4th inst. the Brigade was called to a supposed fire at Roseleigh East, Thirlestaine Road, occupied by Mrs. Clibborne, but on arrival they found no indication of a fire and no damage. The expenses incurred amounted to, £3 4s. 6d.

On the 13th inst. part of the Brigade was called to 86, Winchcomb Street, occupied by Mr. G. H. Cane, where damage was done by fire amounting to £10 caused by a defective flue. The property was insured in the Sun and County Fire Offices, and the expenses amounted to 10s In both instances he had given accounts and particulars to the Borough Accountant.

He also reported that the roof of the Fire Station leaked owing to continuous walking over it by the Firemen.

He asked that one-half of the Brigade be allowed to attend a meeting of the National Fire Brigade Union at Malvern on the 3rd April next, and also to go to Perry Bar a few weeks later for the same purpose.

Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the roof repaired; and that half the Brigade be allowed to go to the meetings at Malvern and Perry Bar as requested, the Superintendent to report to the Sub-Committee the arrangements made for performance of their work in their absence in case of fire.

6—Drivers' Licenses—Inspector Lane reported that Frank Gregory, William Smith and George Page had been twice and more convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Byelaws within 12 months. Resolved, That the report be brought to the notice of the Council at the Licensing Meeting in June next.

Applications for Drivers' Licenses were received from John Cook, 97, Naunton Crescent, J. Sallis, 10, Hewletts Place, William Winters, 11, Greville Terrace, E. W. Bishop, Portland Mews, Geo. Cooke, 6, Sherborne Street, F. Paynter, 9, Swindon Street, and Geo. Betteridge, 3, Oxford Parade. Geo. Betteridge did not appear. Resolved, That the other applications be acceded to.

7—Hansom Cab licenses—A letter from Mr. R. Fowles, of 2, Great Norwood Street, was read, stating that he was unable to work his hansom cab through ill health, and had parted with it to Mr. Geo. Bunday, residing in Roman Road, St. Mark's, to whom he asked that the license might be transferred. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to enquiry by the Mayor.

Applications for Hansom Cab Licenses were received from W. T. Smith, of Montpellier Mews, and W. P. Jones of Clarence Mews Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to approval of the cabs by the Mayor.

A letter from J. Jones, of 2, Portland Place, was read, asking for a month's extension of time in which to have his hansom at work as it had not been finished. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

8—Hackney Carriage Licenses —A Letter was read from C. Huphnill, stating that his pony carriage was undergoing repair and applying for permission to work another for a week. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

Applications were received from Thomas John Roebuck, of the Lansdown Hotel Livery Stables, for a full licensed open carriage, and from Geo. Clifford, of 2, Hopewell Cottages, Waterloo Street, for a pony carriage license. Resolved, To inform the applicants that as there are no vacancies their applications cannot be acceded to, but that they have been placed on the list of applicants.

A letter was read from C. T. Arundell, of Leckhampton Mews, applying for a transfer of his landau license No. 65 to a pony carriage. Resolved. That subject to approval of the substituted carriage by the Mayor the license be transferred to an open carriage.

9—Salary of Chief Assistant in Town Clerk's Office—A letter from Mr. Jenkins was read, applying for an increase of salary it being now only the same amount as his predecessor commenced with, viz,, £100 per annum, and when he left he was receiving £135 per annum, and he (Mr. Jenkins) had been 7 years in the office. Resolved, That Mr. Jenkins' salary be increased to £120 per annum from the 1st

January, 1899, with a rise from the 1st of January in each subsequent year of £10 per annum up to £150 per annum.

10—Petroleum License—An application was received from G. Tillott for a license to keep 40 gallons of petroleum in and upon No. 1, Queen Street. Resolved, That subject to approval of the storage building by the Borough Surveyor the application be acceded to.

11.—Carbide of Calcium Storage—Resolved, That the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to frame Regulations for storage of carbide of calcium and manufacture of acetylene gas, and a form of license for approval by the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of January, 1899—Present: Alderman Drew; Councillors Baker, Brown, Hayward, Lenthall, and Mills (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1--Alstone Bath—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 18th inst., the Alstone Swimming Bath was re-opened and the new Cleansing Baths were put into use.

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In accordance with the usual practice on the opening evening aquatic sports were held with a free admission. A limited number of seats were reserved at a small charge which, together with the sale of programmes, brought £1 19s. 8d. The gallery had been left without alteration and he recommended that it should be allowed to remain as it would be available for any future occasion of the same kind.

The washing baths were used on the previous Thursday by 30 persons, Friday by 30, and on Saturday by 40, and the total receipts up to the 21st inst. had been £3 17s. 9d. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

With regard to the entertainment referred to the Chairman reported that he had received the following pecuniary donations to cover the expenses, viz. :—

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| The Baron de Ferrieres | £1 0 0 |
| Messrs. Dobell & Co | 10s 0 |
| Councillor Macdonald | 10s 0 |
| Taunton Club | 10s 0 |
| Councillor Baker | 10s 0 |
| Mr. Nicholson | 5s 0 |
| Councillor Steel | 5s 0 |
| Councillor Hayward | 5s 0 |
| Alderman Drew | 5s 0 |
| Councillor Mills | 3s 0 |
| Mr. P. Loveridge | <u>2s 6d</u> |
| | £4 5 6 |

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| And the following gifts for prizes, viz. :— | value |
| Messrs. Furber & Son, two silver chains | £1 8 6 |
| Alderman Haddon. chair | 15s 0 |
| Mr. Tuson, silver watch | 15s 0 |
| Messrs. Lance & Co.. leather bag | 10s 6d |
| Mr. Dimmer, two pencil cases | 5s 0 |
| Mr. Cheshire. gold links | 10s 0 |
| Mr. Waite, honey dish and stand | 4s 6d |
| Councillor Cooper, brush and case | 5s 0 |
| The Mayor, knife | 5s 0 |
| Councillors Waghorne and Lenthall, leg of mutton | 6s 0 |
| Councillor Dix, lamp | 3s 6d |

EXPENDITURE.

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| Band | £1 10 0 |
| Mr. Higgins, 14 clocks | £1 15 0 |
| Police | 8s 0 |
| Circulars | 2s 3d |
| Postage | 2s 6d |
| Mr. Cheshire, pencil case | 2s 6d |
| Mr. Jackson and Wife | 5s 0d |
| Balance | <u>3</u> [?] |
| | £4 5 3 |

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to the Subscribers and Donors of Prizes.

A letter from W. Jackson, the Custodian, was read, stating that the Cheltenham Swimming Club would be glad to have the use of the swimming bath at 5s- per head per season ticket for two nights a week from 9 till 10 p.m., that he would not mind the extra hours, and that if the Committee granted this concession he could guarantee two more Clubs on the same terms. He suggested that the baths should be opened on Sundays from 7 till 10 a.m. Resolved, That the terms proposed by the Cheltenham Swimming Club and other Clubs referred to be acceded to and that the baths be opened on Sundays from 7 to 9 a.m.

Also Resolved, That the baths be reserved for the use of females on Mondays from the time of opening until 9 p.m. That the baths be opened from the beginning of October until the end of March from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and from the beginning of April until the end of September from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., with the two hours interval from 1.30 to 3 30 each afternoon from Tuesdays to Fridays as hitherto, and that a charge of rd. be made for use of the swimming bath immediately after a cleansing bath.

Resolved, To pay a visit of inspection to the baths as soon as convenient to the Borough Surveyor.

2-Railing at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Tenders for the making and erection of open unclimbable fencing along the North boundary of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for a distance of 969 feet 9 inches were received as follows, viz. :—

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| Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall | £136 15 0 |
| Messrs. Hill and Smith, Brierly Hill Iron Works, Staffordshire | £161 0 0 |

Messrs. W. Letheren & Sons

£165 10 0

Resolved, That if Messrs. Marshall will send in the same tender upon the proper form issued by the Borough Surveyor it be accepted, and that in default of their doing so the tender of Messrs. Hill and Smith be accepted.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of January, 1899—Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Davis, Macdonald and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Report of Superintendent of the Cemetery—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that the rain came through the roof of the Vestry at the Chapel and of the Lodge, and the chimney pot at the Lodge was loose. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the necessary repairs carried out.

He also reported that there were 703 interments during the year 1898 compared with 671 the previous year.

2-Decorations at the Chapel —Tenders for the decorations at the chapel were received as follows, viz.:—

D. W. Channon £28 10 0

W. MacVitie £50 0 0

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Channon be accepted.

3-- Burial Fees on Interment of Miss I. Ward—A letter was read from Mr. F. E. Ward, of No. to, Royal Crescent. asking that the charge of £5 17s. made to him for the interment of his aunt, Miss I. Ward, at the Cemetery might be reduced as the deceased was without means, had been supported by him during the last 12 months and had lived with him for nine months previous to her death. Resolved, That the fees be reduced to the same amount as would be charged if Miss Ward had been a parishioner.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.—Headstones to Joseph Henry Drinkwater, Georgiana G. Brabazon, Jonathan and Bartholomew Powell, and John Powell Harris ; Headstone and Kerbing to Matilda Sims.

5-Wages The following Account for wages was allowed:— £ s. d.

G. C. Pratley

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J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of January, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1-Lloyds Bank Debt—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the following offers were received to lend money to the Corporation upon the terms mentioned in the Resolution; viz.:—

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| Gloucestershire County Council | £4,000 |
| Sir John Dorington, Bart., M.P | £2,000 |
| Mr. James Page | £3,000 |
| Mr. U. Holborow (Stroud) | £3,000 |
| Mr. C. H. Whitmore | £ 600 |
| Miss H. E. Whitmore | £ 400 |
| Miss A. E. Whitmore | £ 400 |
| Mr. A. R. Birt | <u>£ 500</u> |
| | £13,900 |

Resolved, That the above offers be accepted, and that £12,900 be allocated to the amount due on the Electric Lighting Capital Account, and £1,000 to replace the Waterworks Debenture recently paid off to Mrs. Annie Hall, and that Debentures be sealed and issued for the foregoing amounts.

2-Sinking Fund- A letter was read from the Borough Accountant of the Hastings Corporation on behalf of his Corporation to borrow £6,000 at 3 per cent. Interest for a term of two years certain and then at six months notice free of expense to his Corporation beyond the usual Stamp Duty. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

3-Judgment Debt against Mr. C. F. Willis—A letter was read from Mr. G. F. Willis, asking the Council to accept payment of the Judgment Debt of £5 16s. Od., for rent of grazing and costs, by monthly instalments of 10s, one sum of [? 10s] having been already paid into Court by him. Resolved, To accede to the request.

4 - Consolidation of Rates—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Hornsey Urban District Council, stating that his Council had passed a Resolution in favour of consolidation of all local rates for the purposes of assessment and collection, and the transfer to Urban District Councils of the business of the Guardians as regards making, levying, collecting, and recovering the Poor Rate, and that the attention of all Urban District Councils in England and Wales be called to the matter, and that they be requested to support that Council in their action in having addressed a communication to the Local Government Board urging that a Bill should be introduced into Parliament to effect this object.

5-- Reduction of Rates—A letter was read from Mr. C. F. Brierly, Secretary of the Manchester, Salford and District Property Owners Association, calling attention to an extract from an address of the President of the Society suggesting that a Petition should be presented to the Government in favour of allowing much longer periods within which to pay off all liabilities for Public Works of which the next generation will have full enjoyment, and enquiring whether the Council will support the proposal and authorize him to engross the name of the Corporation to the Petition. Resolved, That the Council are very much in sympathy with the proposal but have no expectation that it will meet with any measure of success.

6-Rating of No. 28, Park Place—A letter was read from Mrs. G. Budgen, stating she had paid on the 9th of June last the District and Water Rates on No. 28, Park Place for the half year ending 29th September last and just afterwards let the house to Mrs. Gardner who paid the same rates again for the proportion of the half year she occupied the house, and requesting that the amount so paid by Mrs. Gardner should be returned to her. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Collector to enquire into the matter and report at the next meeting of the Committee.

7-- Borough Rate—A letter was read from Mr. M. B. Ricketts, the Assistant Overseer, stating that he was anxious to get his next rate made the tot week in April and he would be glad to have an approximate estimate of the Borough Rate for next year in time for the next meeting of the Overseers on the 1st of March. Resolved, To postpone consideration of this matter until the next Monthly Meeting of the Committee, and that the Borough Accountant be instructed in the meantime to furnish the Chairman of each Committee with a statement as to the financial condition of the Committee with regard to its receipts and expenditure, and that each Committee be requested before the next meeting of this Committee to inform the Chairman of this Committee whether there is likely to be any, and if so, what increase or decrease in its receipts and expenditure for next year.

8--General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st January, 1899, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £10,598 12s. 9d., leaving outstanding £6,647 9s. 4d.

9-- Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st January, 1899, on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £6,387 0s. 4d., leaving outstanding £4,324 15s. 11d.

10—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £9,550 7s. 6d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| Overdrawn on the 28th December last | 9,636 | 7 | 8 |
| Paid since that date | <u>10,810</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>6</u> |
| | 20,446 | 16 | 2 |
| Received since that date | <u>15,052</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>8</u> |
| Overdrawn | £5,394 | 6 | 6 |

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of January, 1899—Present ; The Mayor ; Councillors Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Mills, Preston, and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair)—

1—Technical Education Grant—Letters were read from the Rev. J. Mugliston and Miss L. Grigg, respectively appealing for assistance out of this grant on behalf of the Cheltenham Branch of the Home Arts and Industries Association and the

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Christ Church Wood Carving Class. Resolved, That as there seems every probability of a Technical School being formed in Cheltenham this year under the auspices of the County Council and the Town Council to which School all the grant allocated to Cheltenham will be devoted, this Committee considers it undesirable to make any fresh grant to an Institution and thereby hold out hopes that cannot be fulfilled.

2—Apportionment of Balance of Grant—The Chairman reported that there was a balance of £485 received from the County Council for apportionment. Resolved, That the same be apportioned as follows, viz.:—

| | Amount previously apportioned. | Apportionment of balance. |
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| Grammar School and School of Science | £200 | £230 |
| School of Art | £100 | £130 |
| School of Cookery | £ 45 | £ 45 |
| Public Library | £ 55 | £ 55 |
| Charlton Kings School of Art | £ <u>15</u> | £ <u>15</u> |
| Retained | £415 | £485 |
| | | <u>£415</u> |
| | | £900 |

3- Schools of Science and Art—A letter was read from the Department of Science and Art with which they transmitted an extract from a letter addressed by them to the Secretary of the Managers of the Schools of Science and Art relative to the report made by Mr. A. E. Tutton, an Inspector of the Department, from which it appeared that he considered the premises inadequate, that he had reported that a Committee appointed by the County Council to review the administration of Technical Instruction in the County had recommended that the Grammar School should by a grant from the County Council be considerably developed on its own modern side and approved of its amalgamation to the Science and Technical School, and advocated that the School of Art should be affiliated. He expressed his opinion that the most economical and efficient mode of proceeding would be to erect the required Science Buildings on land belonging to the Grammar School going through the existing buildings in High Street to St. Margaret's Road. Resolved, That consideration of the subject matter of this letter be adjourned pending the conference which will probably take place shortly between the County Council and the Grammar School Authorities.

4--Representation of the Council on Governing Body of the Grammar School —Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to postpone for the present the moving by him of the resolution of which he gave notice at the last Council meeting that three additional Governors be appointed by the Council under the scheme as amended for the administration of Pate's Grammar School and Hospital Charity having regard to the probable development of the facilities for Technical Education at the Grammar School and consequent further alteration of the existing scheme.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of January, 1899—Present ;
Councillors Hayward, Macdonald, Moles, Preston & Steel ; Revs. J. Mugliston and R. G. Fairbairn;
Baron de Ferrieres ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. G. Carr, Evan Butler, W. Cresswell, and T. Whittard
(Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1.—Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that there had been received since the last monthly meeting £10 13s. 8d., and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. : one volume from the Department of Agriculture, Canada, one from the Board of Trade, from Mr. W. G. S. Overett, 3 reproductions of old Charters for the Museum, and Annual Reports from the Libraries at Salford and Belfast.

2-Report of the Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee recommended that a new uniform be obtained for the caretaker and that the wages of S. Poulston be advanced from 7s to 10s per week. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3- Art Gallery—Councillor Hayward reported that a meeting of the Committee appointed to confer with the Baron de Ferrieres was held on the 20th inst. when there were present Alderman Winterbotham (in the chair), Alderman Haddon and him-self, and the following resolution was adopted, viz., That pending the completion of the formalities for the adoption of

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the Museums and Gymnasiums Act, 1891, so far as it relates to Museums, the appropriation of the land adjoining the Library and the sanction to the loan for the purchase of the cottages in Chester Walk, the Baron de Ferrieres be per-mitted at his own expense (and as part of the gift of £1000) to commence the erection of the front or smaller gallery facing Clarence Street on the land adjoining the Library communicating with the Public Library, in accordance with the plans now laid before and approved by this Committee, this resolution to be first submitted to the Public Library Committee." Resolved, That the resolution as above stated be approved and adopted.

4--Gloucestershire Members—The Baron de Ferrieres offered to present this book to the Library if it could be obtained for 10s Resolved, That the Baron de Ferrieres be thanked for his kind offer.

5—Accounts- The following accounts were examined and passed for payment:—

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| C. Westley, Books (New £11 1s 5d, Rep[aired] £9 5s 6d) | £20 6 11 |
| " Newspapers and Periodicals | £13 8 0 |
| Ditto ditto | 3s 0 |
| " Newspapers (Leckhampton) | £ 1 12 7 |
| B T. Batsford, Books (new) | £ 9 0 0 |
| B. Norton, Books (New) | £ 1 12 6 |
| Norman, Sawyer & Co., Printing and Stationery | £ 2 3 9 |
| S. Drayton, Books (New) | £ 2 5 0 |
| J. J. Banks, Books (New) | 10s 6 |
| Electric Light Committee, Electric Energy | £12 0 0 |
| Gas Co., Coke | £ 2 8 0 |
| R E.& C. Marshall, Electric Lamps 10s; Cleaning Materials 2s | 12s 0 |
| W. Jones, Wages Account | £15 4 0 |

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of February, 1899—Present: Councillors Cypher, Mills, Moles, Preston and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

1— Attendance Officers' Report--The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 38 schools. They reported that the parents of 33 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 4 meetings, and that 8 parents had been prosecuted and 6 fined.

2-Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were perused and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :—Lillie and Ivy Johnson (in each case), and Kate Lynch ; and That proceedings for breach of Attendance Order be taken against the parent of Eugene Nicholls.

3—Central Ward Local Committee—Resolved, To appoint Alderman Haddon as a member of this Committee.

4—South and Middle Wards Local Committee—Resolved, To appoint Mr. W. Smith, of No. 12, Norwood Parade, and Mr. Palmer, Leckhampton Road, as members of this Committee. 5-Attendance of Beatrice Cook—A letter was read from Mr. Geo. Bradfield, of No. 14, Henrietta Street, complaining of the way he had been treated by being summoned before the Magistrates in respect of the irregular attendance at school of this child, that she would continue to remain away from school for one day a week for a considerable time to come, and that it was his intention in future to ignore the Attendance Officer and all his Notices.

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JOHN D. STEEL, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th day of March, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of February, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Davis, and Margrett, (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Roads requiring Re-coating —The Borough Surveyor submitted a list of the streets the roads in which required re-coating. Resolved, That the Committee do view the roads in question this afternoon.

2—Main and Contribution Roads—A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that the Highway Committee of the County would recommend the County Council to main the road called Tivoli Place and to increase the sum annually contributed towards the maintenance of certain roads in the Borough by the sum of £326, making a total annual contribution of £1,200. The Town Clerk read a letter he had written in reply calling attention to the fact that what the Highways Committee had agreed to main was only 3 furlongs 100 yards out of the 8 miles 1 furlong 160 yards asked for, and that the additional amount to be contributed represented only about 1 mile of the application made with regard to maining.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Clerk to the County Council expressing this Committee's great disappointment at the result of its application to the County Council, and hoping that the Highway Committee would see its way to comply with the application made further than the County Surveyor's letter indicated.

Also further Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to each of the Cheltenham Representatives on the County Council with a copy of his letter to Mr. Gardom, and stating the willingness of this Committee to meet them or any of them in conference on the matter on Friday next at 2.30 p.m. before the view.

3—Oxford Passage--Letters were read from Mr. J. D. Taylor and Mr. Mitchell of Osborne House, High Street, complaining of the condition of Oxford Passage both as to lighting and repairs. Resolved, That the attention of the Lighting Committee be called to the lighting of Oxford Passage, and this Committee do view the same as to its state of repair.

4 --Proposed Temporary Building, Naunton Lane—A letter was read from Mr. H. Richmond of the Salvation Army asking permission to erect a temporary building for religious meetings on land of Mr. Smith, wood merchant, Naunton Lane, until they could erect or secure a permanent meeting place. Resolved, That Mr. Richmond be asked to submit plans of the proposed building.

5—Opening Ground without proper Notice—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Eggleton & Co., Plumbers, of 46, Tewkesbury Road, had opened the road in Arle Road without having given any notice whatever, the opening made being in close proximity to a number of electric light cables. A letter was read from Messrs. Eggleton & Co. stating that the ground had to be opened in a hurry to repair a water leakage, and as it was only opened about 18 inches square and was clear of the electric cables they had thought it was not worthwhile that the Borough Surveyor should send a man down to see to the cables, trusting that their explanation would be accepted, and apologising for having given trouble. Resolved, That

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the Town Clerk do write to Messrs. Eggleton pointing out the serious nature of the offence committed by them having regard to the danger to the workmen employed from the electric cables when the work of opening the road does not have proper supervision, and that if they are reported again for a similar default proceedings will be taken for the penalties incurred.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of February, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dix, and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

6 --Main and Contribution Roads—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 17th instant, the following members of the County Council attended this meeting of the Committee, viz. :—Mr. Agg-Gardner, Major Griffith, and Mr. John Sawyer, and the matter of the amount received by the Borough from the County for highway purposes was fully discussed.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of February 1899—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dix, Margrett, and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

7—The View—The following Members of the Committee attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz. :— Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dix, and Margrett. The following Members attended a View Meeting on the 17th instant, viz :— Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Davis and Margrett.

8— Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the outside advertising lamp at the premises of Mr. E. A. Jennings, 120, High Street, had not been kept alight until 10 o'clock at night, and had not been lighted at all during the fortnight then past. He also reported that a swing sign, projecting 18 inches, had been put up at the premises of Mr. Geo. Oliver, 345, High Street, without permission. Resolved, That Mr. Jennings be required to remove his lamp; and that Mr. Oliver be informed that he should have applied for permission to fix up his sign, but as it projects so very slightly beyond the cornice of his shop the Council will not insist upon its removal.

Further Resolved, That in future the Street Inspector be instructed to take proceedings for breach of the Bye-laws against street projections, without reference to the Committee.

9 - Shedding at the Central Depot—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of the additional Shedding urgently required at the Central Depot, and an estimate of the cost. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a Specification, and that Tenders for carrying out the work be advertised for.

10 - Re-Metalling Roads—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the following roads re-metalled, viz :—Evesham Road from Pittville Parade to the Borough Boundary ; Carlton Street, St. Anne's Terrace, Fairview Road, Mountpleasant, Warwick Place from Portland Street to Winchcomb Street, St. Paul's Street (South), parts of Swindon Roads, Gloucester Road from St. George's Road to Millbrook Street, Roman Road, Hatherley Road from Shelburne Road to the Laundry, back Roads between Lansdown Road and Terrace and Lansdown Road and Lansdown Crescent, St. George's Road from Messrs. Pates & Sharpe's to York Terrace, Burton Street, Ashford Road—with thin coat of blue stone, Bath Road from the College to Leckhampton Road, and Sun Street.

11— Crossings in Albion Street—Resolved, That two Crossings be laid in Albion Street where indicated to the Borough Surveyor.

12—Oxford Passage—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in Oxford Passage, to pave and channel, and that the following work be carried out by the Borough Surveyor at the expense of the Council, viz., to pitch the space opposite the Duke of York Inn with McDougall's bricks, and macadamize the road.

13—Claim by Mr. J. W. Varnish—A lengthy letter was read from Messrs. Fuller & Son, Solicitors, Rugby, on behalf of Mr. J. W. Varnish, who had consulted them, to the effect that they had received instructions to take proceedings on behalf of Mr. Varnish to enforce his claim, but before doing so they desired to give the Council another opportunity to make a fair offer of compensation to their client in order to avoid litigation. Resolved, That the Council see no sufficient reason to vary their previous resolution.

14-- Accident to Horse of Mr. B. Combe—Letters were read from Mr. B. Combe, of Grafton Brewery, the Park, stating that a portion of the crown of the road in Winchcomb Street fell in on the 30th ult. when his horse and trap were passing over it with the result that the horse fell and broke his knees and threw the man out, and that as soon as he knew the extent of the injury he would send in a claim. Resolved, That Mr. Huband be instructed to go and see the horse.

15—Accident to Miss Lane—A letter was read from Miss H. J. Lane, of No. 4, York Terrace, stating that on Sunday evening, the 8th ult., her sister caught her foot in a hole in the tariff path opposite Mr. Bryer's forge causing her to fall and sustain serious injury, necessitating medical attention; that she could not say then to what extent her sister might suffer or to what expense she might be put, but that the Council would probably hear further of the matter.

16—Road from All Saints' Road to Victoria Place—A letter from Col. Thoys was read calling attention to the bad state of this road and the necessity of its being put in order. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners. Further Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a crossing laid in continuation of the pathway in All Saints' Road from Dromore to Heathfield.

17 —Telephone Poles—A letter was read from the Provincial Superintendent of the National Telephone Co., Bristol, applying to the Council for permission to place one painted larch pole and two stays in the Montpellier Gardens and one pole and two stays in the laneway off St. Luke's Church as shown in the tracings attached. Resolved, To give the Company notice to remove the pole in rear of Queen's Parade which had been put up without any agreement having been entered into between the Company and the Council with reference thereto, and that pending this being done consideration of the application now before the Committee be postponed.

18-Footpath West side of Gloucester Road—A letter was read from Mr. D. Thompson, of Horton House, Gloucester Road, and Mr. Edwin Attfield, of Temedale House, Gloucester Road, requesting the Council to have the pavement laid down on the Gloucester Road as the pavement on that side was a disgrace to the town. Resolved, That pending settlement of the question of the liability of the County Council to pay for the cost of this work consideration of this letter be postponed.

19—Rating of Property acquired under Parliamentary Powers until same comes into rating - A letter from the Clerk to the Vestry of the Parish of St. Mary, Battersea, was read, calling attention to the loss to the District Rate caused by the taking of property under Parliamentary powers by Railway, &c., Companies until their new works come into rating, and requesting the Council to adopt a resolution that the Member of Parliament for Cheltenham be requested to direct the attention of the Government to the necessity of passing a measure amending Sec. 133 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, whereby Local Authorities shall in future be entitled to be recouped the whole of the local rates instead of only the Poor Rate in respect of any property acquired by railway or other companies until the new works come into rating. Resolved, That the proposed resolution be approved and adopted.

20—Manure—Resolved, That Tenders be advertised for the purchase of the manure from the Central Depot for 12 months from the 31st of March.

21—Disposal of Ashes from Leckhampton District—Councillor Bence reported that Mr. Smith, the owner of a field in the vicinity of the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, well isolated from a dwelling house, would permit the Council to deposit ashes and house refuse upon it collected from the Leckhampton district without charge. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

22— Pillar and Wall at Sion House—Councillor Bence reported that Mr. Agg-Gardner had consented to this wall and pillar at the top of Grosvenor Street being lowered by the Council subject to the consent of the tenant being obtained. Resolved, That Mr. Agg-Gardner be thanked for his courtesy, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see Mr. Villar with a view to obtaining the consent of the tenant and proceeding with the improvement as soon as possible.

23 — Footpath West Side of Hewlett Road—A Specification from the Surveyor, with a plan of the Works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. And it was Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said footpath, requiring to be edged, paved, flagged, and channelled, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the said Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

24-- Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 28th January to the 24th February, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Bayshill Road, Royal Well Place, Sherborne Place, Fairview Road, St. George's Place, Clarence Street, Albert Place, Pilley, St. James' Square, Swindon Road, Leighton Road, Ormond Place, Grosvenor Street, Carlton Street, Malvern Road, Duke Street, Lansdown Road, Cemetery Road, High Street, Hale's Road, Grosvenor Terrace, Royal Parade, Dunalley Street, New Street, Albion Street, Priory Street, Old Bath Road, Ambrose Street.

Patched with Wickwar—Imperial Square, Victoria Place, Malt House Lane, Carlton Street, College Road, St. James' Square.

Patched with Gore—St. James' Square.

Private Improvements—Paragon Parade (finished). Royal Well Lane, Rodney Road, Hatherley Road (proceeding).

Paving, Kerb, Crossing, and Channelling—Clarence Street, Church Street, Lansdown Crescent, Oxford Passage, High Street, The Park, Duke Street, Montpellier Street, Albert Place, North Place, Victoria Place.

Grosvenor Terrace was being re-laid with new blue kerbs and channelling. New kerb and channel had been put in Ormond Place, and the path re-laid.

Wellington Passage had been re-laid with blue and McDougall's bricks.

The Carriage Entrance to Mr. Strang's premises in Spa Road had been re-laid with McDougall bricks. The footpath on the east side of Leckhampton Road was being gravelled.

The following Gullies had been repaired:—Swindon Road 1, Rowanfield Road 1, Tewkesbury Road 1, Wellington Street 1, Oxford Parade 1.

A new gulley had been put in Pittville Crescent Road.

Trees had been pruned in the following roads :—College Road, King's Road, Hewlett Road, Promenade, Queen's Road, Tewkesbury Road.

A horse in the stables died of inflammation of the lungs on Monday, February 10th.

Ashes Collected—Van loads 964, Consumed at Destructor 1,053 tons, 4 cwt., 2 qrs.

25--Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, as follows, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1137 | Godsell & Sons | New Stabling at Burton Brewery. |
| 1138 | G. W. Powell | Four Houses in Brighton Road. |

Resolved, That the same be approved, and that in future no plans be considered that have not been received by the Borough Surveyor at least two days before the meeting of the Committee before which they have first to be laid.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 15th day of February 1899 Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Margrett, Macdonald, and Steel (Councillor Dix in the chair) —

1- Cheltenham and District Light Railway—The Draft of the Provisional Order was again perused and further amended. Resolved, That as now settled 50 copies with the alterations and amendments of the Committee shown in distinctive type be printed for the use of the Council, and that the same be finally settled at an adjourned meeting of the Committee, to be held on Monday morning next at 9.30.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of February, 1899—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Macdonald, Margrett, Mills and Steel (Councillor Dix in the chair)—

2--Cheltenham and District Light Railway—The Committee considered and further amended the Draft Provisional Order.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of February, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Macdonald, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Dix in the chair)

3—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—The Draft of the Provisional Order was again perused and further amended. Resolved,

That as now finally settled the Draft be approved and that a copy thereof with the additions and alterations made by the Committee shown in distinctive type and red ink be sent to each member of

the Council who has not already received one, and that a similar copy be sent to the Secretary to the Light Railway Commission and a copy to the Solicitors to the Promoters with an intimation to the latter that if they will give an undertaking to insert the amendments in the Order to be promoted the Council will support the application to the Light Railway Commissioners.

Further Resolved, That if necessary the Mayor be requested to convene a Special Meeting of the Council to approve or otherwise of the Minutes of this meeting.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th day of February, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Margrett, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1 --Zymotic Disease--The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting of the Committee 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 Of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever had been notified; that 8 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in that Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 23 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

2 - - Insanitary Property at No 44, Stanhope Street, Nos. 1, 2, and 16, St. Paul's Street, South, Nos. 17 and 18, Malvern Street, and No. 264, High Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, yard pitching, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

3- Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Applications were received from William Fletcher, of No. 88, Albion Street, and Elizabeth Hansen, of No. 25, Sherborne Street, to be registered as purveyors of milk. Resolved, That the applications be not acceded to, the premises being unsuitable.

4--Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, 2, and 16, St. Paul's Street, South, Vine Cottage, No. 30, Albion Street, Nos. 17, 38, and 40, Malvern Street, and Alpha Villa—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

5 - -Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 19, Upper Park Street, No. 31, Russell Street, No. 6, St. Paul's Street, South, No. 4, Promenade, Vine Cottage, St. Paul's Street, South, and Nos. 12, 13, 23, and 24, Gloucester Place—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

6-- Overcrowding at 7, Pantile Row—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under

Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

7- -W.C's without Flushing Apparatus —The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 5889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

8---Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 5889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

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9—Polluted Wells—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water contained in wells at Nos. 1, 2, 5, and 7, St. Paul's Street, South, Brecon House, Gloucester Place, Nos. 6, 23, and 26, Gloucester Place, and No. 19, Albion Street, was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

10-Bakehouses—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Bakehouses which had been recently inspected by him, and which required limewashing and renovating. Resolved, that Notices be served upon the occupiers to cleanse and lime-wash the interior of the premises or otherwise comply forthwith with the provisions of Sections 33 and 34 of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1878, as amended by the Factory and Workshops Acts of 1883 and 1891.

11—Annual Report of the Medical Officer of health—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had obtained the following tenders for the printing of his Annual Report, viz., from—

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| Mr. Poole | 3s 6d per page |
| " Harvey | 3s 9d " |
| " Barry | 3s 9d " |
| " H. G. Norman | 4s " |

He had invited Mr. H. Edwards to tender, but had not received one from him. Resolved, That Mr. Poole's tender be accepted, and that 250 copies of the Report be printed for distribution.

12—Abattoir—Resolved, That invitations be sent to all the butchers in the town to meet the Committee at the Abattoir at an early date to consult as to the best method of amplifying the Abattoir to meet their requirements.

13-Sewerage of Nos. 1 and 2 Districts—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, with which they forwarded formal sanction to the borrowing by the Council of £8,310 for works of sewerage within the Borough, stating that the Board had not been informed of the amount of the outstanding debt upon the outfall sewer to the Barn Farm. That the Board would proceed to issue an order under Sec. 34 of the Public Health Act, 1875, allowing certain of the works which it was proposed to construct outside the Borough, and disallowing the remainder of such works, to which the Town Clerk had replied that he had previously explained to the Board that the cost of the outfall

sewer, amounting to about £900, was raised by mortgage, which was still due. and that he would be glad to be informed as to what works outside the Borough were proposed to be disallowed, so that the Council could, if necessary, make any observations thereon before the Order is issued. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved. Further Resolved, that the Town Clerk be instructed to report as to the liability of the Council to Messrs. Thomas and Webb with reference to their tender accepted in June, 1896 to carry out the sewerage works specified for No. 1 District for the sum of £4,448.

14 —Congress of Sanitary Institute—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Sanitary Institute stating that the Autumn Congress and Exhibition would be held at Southampton, commencing on the 29th of August next, and inviting the Council to appoint two Delegates to attend the Congress, for whom tickets would be sent, and stating that tickets for other members of the Council who wish to attend or should be appointed additional delegates would be supplied at 10s 6d each. Resolved, That the Chairman, the Mayor. the Medical Officer of Health, and the Inspector of Nuisances be appointed Delegates to attend the Congress.

15—Tivoli Sewers—Claim of D. Jones—A letter was read from Messrs. Hannam-Clarke & Co., of Gloucester, Solicitors for Mr. D. Jones, of No. 4, Hatherley Villas, claiming £50 from the Council, as the Urban Sanitary Authority, for injury to the health of their client, his wife, and children, alleged to have been caused by the defective nature of the sewer running through Tivoli Place, and particularly the portion thereof which drains the house in which he lives, owing to the escape of sewer gas into his house. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Town Clerk to consider the claim and report with reference thereto.

16-- Lodging house Bye-Laws—The draft of these Bye-Laws, as altered by the Local Government Board, was considered. Resolved, That subject to some slight alterations now made by the Committee, the same be approved and adopted, and be re-submitted to the Local Government Board for final approval.

17—Sewer at back of Oriel Terrace—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Plan and Specification for the laying of this sewer. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that tenders be advertised for carrying out the work.

18—Building Plans- Plans of intended new buildings necessitating drainage which had been or were intended to be laid before the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That as regards sanitary matters the same be approved.

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th day of February, 1899, Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

19 —Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 4 cases of Scarlet Fever ; that the 4 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 23 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

20--Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the

Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

21-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

22-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 3, Albion Parade, Cottage at entrance to Albion Gardens, No. 15, Gloucester Place, and No. 8, Hanover Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

23 -Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops' Order-Applications to be registered as purveyors of milk were received from Thomas Newland, of No. 1, Lypiatt Street, and William Fruin, of Devonshire House, Devonshire Street. Resolved, That the application of T. Newland be acceded to, but that the application of W. Fruin be refused, his premises being unsuitable.

24-Insanitary Property at Nos. 4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 53, and 56, Worcester Street, Nos. 17 and 20, Malvern Street, and No. 4, Crowther's Court, Malvern Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, ceilings, walls, floors, eaves, spouting, yard pitching &c., &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

25 -Nuisances from Drains, &c. at Elm Cottage, Pilley, York Cottage, Hewlett Road, Nos. 1 and 2, Alma Cottages, Hatherley Road, and No. 2, Rodney Place-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, Re., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

26-Insufficient W.C. Accommodation-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the houses numbered 1 to 5, Crowther's Court and 17 and 18, Malvern Street had together only two w.c's for the seven houses. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the respective owners of Nos. 1 to 5, Crowther's Court and Nos. 17 and 18, Malvern Street to provide for each of the said blocks of buildings an additional water closet for the use of the inmates thereof.

27 -Workshops requiring Cleansing and Limewashing-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the workshops at No. 40, Keynsham Street, No. 20, Promenade Villas, No. 80, Winchcombe Street, No. 320, High Street, No. 3, Bath Street, No. 21, Montpellier Walk, No. 29, Suffolk Parade, Regent House, Montpellier Street, No. 36, Winchcomb Street, Swiss Cottage, Portland Street, No. 362, High Street, No. 16, Gratton Street, No. 8, Wellington Passage, Hawkesbury House St. George's Square, adjoining No. 19, Bennington Street, No. 9, Henrietta Street, No. 1, Francis Place, No. 1, Oriel Road, and No.

15, Clarence Street were in such a condition as to require cleansing and Limewashing. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 4 of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1891, be served on the occupiers of the respective premises requiring them to cleanse and limewash the same forthwith.

28-Drainage of Alma Cottages, Hatherley-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these cottages, situated adjacent to the Hatherley Laundry, drained into a cess pit, which had been causing a nuisance by overflowing. The drain was also defective and the closets to the houses in bad condition. Resolved, That Notice be served on the owner of the cottages requiring him to connect the drainage of the closets with the sewer in the road in front, provide a sufficient water supply so as to flush the closets, amend the condition of the closet pans, and empty and fill up the existing cess pit.

29-Amendment of the Public Health Act, 1875-The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft of a proposed Bill for the Amendment of the Public Health Act, 1875. Resolved, To seal a Petition in favour of the Bill.

30-Sewerage Loan-A letter from the Local Government Board was read stating that the Board had decided to disallow the extension of the Hayden Farm effluent drain and the construction of the filter bed in the parish of Boddington, and to allow the remainder of the works outside the Borough. Resolved, That the Local Government Board be requested to furnish details of the works outside the Borough, and the amounts specified for each which had been sanctioned and disallowed.

31 -Private Sewers-Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 1st of March, at 2 30 p.m., to consider matter of the motion of Councillor Bennett, made at the last Council meeting, and Mr. Winterbotham's letter referred to this Committee, and that Councillor Bennett be invited to attend the meeting.

32-Overseer at Sewage Faro1s-A letter was read from Mr. Cox applying for extension of leave for a week. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, Mr. Cox to commence his duties on the 27th inst.

33-- Flushing Apparatus at No. 17 ½, Burton Street-A letter was read from Mr. J. W. Gunning, of Somerton Villa, Great Western Road, the owner of this house, asking to be relieved for an indefinite time from having to comply with a Notice which had been served upon him to put in flushing apparatus, on the ground of pecuniary misfortune. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gunning that the Council cannot make an exception in his case, and he must comply with the Notice forthwith.

34--- Building Plans-The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as had been or were intended to be laid before the Street and Highway Committee for approval or otherwise as regards construction were laid before this Committee

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for approval or otherwise as regards sanitary matters. Resolved, That No. 1132, for two villas, for Mr. T. Wilkins, in Moorend Park Road, be disapproved, and the remainder of the said plans be approved as regards sanitary matters.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of March, 1899—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bence. Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

35—Barn Farm—The Chairman reported that the following members raid a visit to the Barn Farm on the 27th ult., viz., The Chairman, Councillors Lenthall, Margrett and Moles ; also Councillor Baker and

the Borough Surveyor, and they recommended that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the spouts and gutters of the farm buildings and certain broken fences to which the attention of the Committee was called. They reported that the tenant (Mr. Corbett) had offered to pay an additional yearly rent of £25 and to continue to do all the required horse work if the Corporation would undertake the distribution of the sewage fluid over the farm, and they recommended that this be agreed to. Resolved, That the recommendations in question be adopted and Mr. Corbett's offer accepted accordingly.

36—Private Sewers--Councillor Bennett attended this meeting by invitation of the Committee. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do examine and report on the state and condition of the Tivoli Sewers and the probable cost of renewing or putting them into proper repair and condition, and that the Town Clerk do make a further report in addition to his report of date April last on all the private sewers of the town.

37—Tivoli Sewers—Claim of D. Jones—With reference to the letter on this subject from Messrs. Hannam Clark & Co., Solicitors, Gloucester, the Town Clerk having reported to the Committee on the subject of the claim made. Resolved, That Messrs. Hannam, Clark & Co. be informed that as the alleged nuisance proceeded from a sewer or drain not belonging to the Corporation the Council cannot admit any liability in the matter.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th day of February, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair.)

1--Corporation Entertainments—A letter was read from Councillor Bence stating that the Band of the 1st Life Guards could come to Cheltenham either on the 14th or 15th of August to give afternoon and evening concerts, and the Band of the Royal Horse Guards could come on either the 28th or 30th of the same month The terms upon which the Bands would come would be the same as before, viz., 70 per cent. of the whole takings. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

2—Promenade Improvement No. 2—A letter from the Local Government Board was read stating that before the Board arrive at any decision with reference to the application of the Council for the issue of a Provisional Order enabling them to acquire by compulsory purchase the property required for this Improvement it was necessary that the Council should have come to a definite decision as to what precisely they propose to do. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to send to the Local Government Board the plan now laid before the Committee showing the property proposed to be acquired reserving thereout projecting portions of the premises at each end belonging to Messrs. Engall & Co., and Messrs. Prothero and Phillott, and to inform them that the Council propose to carry out the scheme as shown by the plan and to allow the abutting owners if they wish to bring out their frontages 8ft. and no more, as originally agreed with them.

3—Athletic Association—A letter from Mr. F. Wilks, Hon. Sec. of this Association, was read applying for the use of Montpellier Gardens for Easter Monday for the purpose of holding the annual Athletic Sports. Resolved, That the application be acceded to upon the same terms as last year.

4-Poultry Show at Winter Garden—A letter was read from Messrs. Lloyd and Evans, Hon. Secs. of the Cheltenham Poultry, &c., Association, enquiring if the Winter Garden could be secured for their annual show on Nov. 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th next. Resolved, To grant the use of the Winter Garden for the purpose referred to on the days mentioned upon the same terms as the Committee of the Dog Show had it.

5-- Armoury for Volunteers at the Winter Garden—A letter from Capt. Mouatt Biggs was read stating that his company had to give up the use of the armoury which they had hitherto had at the Police Station free of charge and asking if the Council would grant them the use of one of the rooms at the Winter Garden for them to fit up as an armoury. Resolved, That it be left to the Chairman, Councillors Bence, Cooper, and Macdonald to meet Capt. Mouatt Biggs and arrange if possible to give him the accommodation he requires, subject to what the Council may determine to do with the Winter Garden.

6—Missionary Exhibition at Winter Garden—A letter was read from Mr. Ley Wood, Hon. Sec. of the Local Committee of the Church Missionary Society, enquiring whether the Winter Garden could be engaged by the Society for the first 13 days in March, 1900, Sundays included, for a great Missionary Exhibition, and he would be glad to know what the Committee's ideas were of what a fair rent would be. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to ascertain from Mr. Ley Wood whether anything special would be required in the way of fittings, and to inform him that if not the Committee contemplate making a charge of 3 guineas a day to include light and heating.

7- Croquet Tournament--An application was received from Capt. Golightly, of Frampton-on-Severn, Stonehouse, for the use of the Montpellier and Winter Gardens from the 6th to the 11th of June for a Croquet Tournament upon the terms of the Council receiving half the gross takings. Resolved, That subject to the Subscribers to the Montpellier Gardens being admitted free thereto on presentation of Special Subscribers' Tickets to be obtainable on application to the Borough Surveyor, the use of the gardens (except the Bowling Lawn at the Winter Garden) be granted as requested upon the terms of the Council receiving 25 per cent. of the gross receipts.

8—Advertising—A letter was read from Mr. G. W. May, of No. 21, St. Bride Street, London, offering to submit a scheme for advertising the town for the approval of the Committee.

9—Fireworks at Montpellier Gardens—With reference to the application received from Messrs. W. & J. Wilder for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on Wednesday in Yeomanry Week and 2 days in Cricket Week for illuminations and firework displays, Resolved, To inform Messrs. Wilder that the use of the gardens-for the purpose referred to has been given to a local firm and consequently their application cannot be acceded to.

10—Gift of Peahens---The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a gift of 2 Pea Hens from Mr. F. R. Malleon, of Dixton Manor House, for Pittville. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. Malleon for his gift.

11 —Screening of North Aspect of Wall of Queen's Hotel Stables - Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of erecting the rockery and fernery referred to in Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th of January, 1898.

12---Subscribers to Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That non-transferable tickets be issued to Subscribers for each member of his or her family in lieu of the present single transferable tickets.

13—Paths at Montpellier Gardens— Resolved, That these paths be re-gravelled.

14—Asphalte South end of Winter Garden—Resolved, That this asphalte which is perished be broken up and the space gravelled.

15—Estimate of Expenditure for the ensuing year—Resolved, To estimate the net expenditure of this Committee for the ensuing year at £1850 exclusive of interest and sinking fund on loans.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

THE BARON de FERRIERES' GIFT.

At a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council to confer with the Baron de Ferrieres, held on **Wednesday, the 8th day of February, 1899**.—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillor Hayward; and the Baron de Ferrieres (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Art Gallery—The Baron de Ferrieres submitted for approval a copy of a letter which he proposed to write to Messrs. A. C. and S. Billings, authorising them to commence the work of erecting the smaller Art Gallery at his risk and expense until the Council are in a position to relieve him from any further responsibility, and containing some brief conditions relative thereto. Resolved, That the same be approved,

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council to confer with the Baron de Ferrieres, held on **Tuesday, the 28th day of February, 1899**—Present: Aldermen Winterbotham and Haddon and Councillor Hayward (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

2—Art Gallery—The Town Clerk read a letter he had received from the Local Government Board, acknowledging receipt of the application of the Town Council for sanction to a Loan of £1,500 for the provision of an Art Gallery and Museum, and asking that the Board should be furnished with plans, sections and elevations of the proposed buildings and also estimates of the cost, and a statement in the form of a balance sheet on both the Public Libraries and the Museums and Gymnasiums Accounts. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do send to the Local Government Board the information, &c., required by them, the approximate annual expenditure under the Museums and Gymnasiums Act to be as now settled by the Committee.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of February, 1899—Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Lenthall, and Margrett, (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 335 gallons, the average for the last four years being 239 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 19,031,168 gallons.

On the 20th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet and the contents 100,023,701 gallons which gave a total of 119,051,869 gallons, or about 134 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which seas then about 3,317,320 gallons.

The 6-inch main had been laid from the Norwood Arms to Hall Road and all the side streets and fire hydrants had been connected with it. The remaining portion would be laid as soon as the pipes were delivered.

That in the Gloucester Road Extension the pipes had been laid and charged as far as Arle Court, about 1,130 yards. The remaining portion was being proceeded with.

He recommended that an application which had been received to lay an extension of the water main along the Hayward's Lane boundary between Cheltenham and Charlton Kings for about 150 yards at a cost of about £20 be acceded to.

He stated he would be glad to learn the wishes of the Committee as regards re-stocking the Dowdeswell Reservoir with trout.

He reported that the quarterly readings of the water meter at the Hatherley Laundry had varied from 296,000 gallons for the June quarter in 1896 to 488,000 gallons for the March quarter, 1898. That in consequence of the large amount registered for the last-mentioned quarter the Company had questioned the accuracy of the meter but which on being tested proved to be 3 per cent. in favour of the consumer, and the Company on being informed of the result, paid the account without further demur.

He recommended that with a view of ascertaining the pressures in various parts of the town two recording pressure gauges should be purchased at a cost of £7 10s each.

Resolved, That the report be approved and confirmed and the recommendations therein contained adopted, and that the question of re-stocking Dowdeswell Reservoir with trout be left to the Chairman, Councillor Lenthall and the Borough Surveyor to deal with and enter into such agreement with Mr. Unwin as to the proportion of the cost to be paid by him as they may deem to be expedient.

2-Water Supply to Fern Grove—Correspondence was read between the Town Clerk and the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury from which it appeared that the Tewkesbury Corporation proposed to make the following charges against this Corporation for the water supply to Fern Grove, viz.

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|--------------|---------------|
| On rental | £4 0 0 |
| Bath | £0 10 0 |
| Two Horses | £0 10 0 |
| One Carriage | £0 5 0 |
| Greenhouses | £1 7 0 |
| Garden | <u>£5 5 8</u> |
| | £11 17 8 |

But to which the Town Clerk had taken exception as he had not been furnished with the information he had asked for as to the gross estimated rental on the Valuation List, the rateable value, and by what authority the Tewkesbury Corporation charged the same as the Cheltenham Town Council charge under their special Acts, the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury alleging that the several Acts of

Parliament give his Council absolute power to enter into an arrangement for the supply of water to Fern Grove. Resolved, That the matter be left in the Town Clerk's hands to settle.

3--Cutting of Water Main at Tewkesbury—A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury explaining that the main had been cut through to insert the Deacon's meter as reported by the Water Engineer at the last meeting of the Committee owing to a misapprehension.

4—Work at Hewletts Reservoir--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for a Clerk of the Works to supervise the work of reconstructing the wall of No. 3 Reservoir at Hewletts at a salary not exceeding £3 per week, and that the Committee be authorised to make the appointment.

5--Appeals--The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of February, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Dix, Margrett and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz.—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES :

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street. |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1899 | | |
| Feb. 9th | 100 Volts | 103.6 Volts. |
| " 16th .. | " | <u>103.6</u> " |
| | | Average 103.6 |

2 —Gasd Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read:—

| ILLUMINATING POWER | | PURITY—SULPHUR. | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1899 | | 1899 | |
| Feb. 9th .. | 15.81 candles | | |
| " 16th .. | 16.37 " | February | Grains per 100 cubic ft. |
| " 21st .. | <u>16.64</u> " | 16th-17th .. | 11.00 |
| | Average ..15.94 | | |

3--- Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.1913 cubic feet. Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the insufficient pressure.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 9 metered, 24 unmetered and 5 burning dimly,

5—Lighting of Naunton Lane—A letter was read from Mr. F. G. Dallimore calling attention to the inadequate lighting of Naunton Lane, and suggesting a lamp should be placed midway between the one near Naunton Cottages and the other near the back entrance to Fairfield House. Resolved, To authorise the Mayor with Councillors Dix and Margrett to deal with the matter.

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6-Lighting of Oxford Passage —Resolved, That an additional lamp be fixed in this passage, the position to be chosen by the Mayor and Councillor Baker with the assistance of the Borough Surveyor,

7--Staff in the Electric Light Department—Resolved, That after the expiration of the current financial year, and subject to arrangement with the Borough Accountant, Mr. Bastin be transferred from his department to the Electric Light Department.

8—Deport of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer advised that a short feeder should be laid from Evesham Road along Clarence Road to the Pittville Sub-station at a cost of about £40. He reported that 13 arcs were added to the lower High Street circuit on the 15th inst., extending the lighting of High Street to the Tewkesbury Road Bridge, and that the experimental incandescent lamps in Overton Park would be in use before the next Sunday. He recommended that the two Babcock boilers included in the £16,600 Loan, sanctioned by the Council at their last meeting, should be ordered at once as delivery would be necessary about the end of September. Resolved, That the report be approved and the recommendations therein contained confirmed and adopted.

9- Insurance of Electric Station—A letter was read from the Fine Art and General Insurance Co., Limited, requesting information as to whether there was any possibility of the Council insuring the Electric Station against fire in that office. Resolved, That the Committee do not see any reason to depart from their previous decision and do not contemplate entering into any insurance at present.

10—Estimate of Expenditure—Resolved, To estimate the expenditure for the ensuing year as follows, viz. :—Street Lighting by Gas £3,000 ; by Electricity £4,000.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th of February, 1899. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cooper, Dix. Margrett, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair).

11—Tenders for Supply of Slack Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the results of his tests of the Trafalgar coal as compared with New Bowson. Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. A. H. Nott for the supply of New Bowson coal, at 9s 3d per ton, be accepted.

12—Electric Lighting Order—A letter was read from the Board of Trade, with a print of the draft Order for extending the Order of 1890 to the whole of the Borough, with the Board's alterations and observations on the same. Resolved, That the alterations made by the Board of Trade be acquiesced in, and that the Town Clerk do furnish the information as to some of the private streets to be scheduled required by them.

13— Incandescent Can Lighting—With reference to the resolution to Minute No 5 of this Committee's proceedings, of date the 22nd December last, a letter was read from the Clerks to the Gas Company, with a resolution of their Directors, respectfully informing the Council that the

Company regret they are unable to quote lower terms for the maintenance and supply of the Welsbach No. 4 Incandescent burners, and that with regard to the No. 3 Incandescent burners for the ordinary lamps, the Company will supply the same at the cost including maintenance, lighting and extinguishing of £3 10s. per lamp, per annum. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

14—Lighting at Ash Destructor—A resolution of the Street and Highway Committee asking that additional lighting should be given by the firing places at the Ash Destructor, was read. Resolved, That it be referred to the Chairman and Councillor Baker to view and fix the positions of the new lamp or lamps required.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st day of February, 1899--Present: The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward, Lenthall, Margrett, Moles and Steel, (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 29th ult. the Brigade was called to a fire at Mr. A. Beckingsale's shirt manufactory, Trinity Lane, which caused damage estimated at £60. Both buildings and contents

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were insured and he had handed to the Borough Accountant the account of the extinction expenses amounting to £2 6s. 7d. On the 11th inst. they were called to a fire at Cotswold View Farm, Gloucester Road, where several ricks and some farm buildings were destroyed and damage done estimated at £130. The buildings and produce were uninsured and he had not up till then been able to ascertain whether or not the dwelling house was insured. The extinction expenses amounted to £5 6s. 6d., the account of which would in due course be forwarded to the Borough Accountant.

Resolved, That a book be kept at the station in which shall be entered the time of receipt of information of a fire and such other particulars as the Sub-Committee shall require.

2—Firemen's Tunics—Tenders with samples which had been sent in for providing Firemen's Tunics were opened and considered. Resolved, That the following tender from Messrs. Salisbury and Son, Birdlip Place, Bath Road, Cheltenham, be accepted for Tunics according to pattern and sample of cloth, viz.:—

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| Tunic with breast badge and numbers complete | £1 15 0 |
| Electro-plated Scales for Lieutenants, per pair | 5s 0 |
| Chief Officer's Tunic of finer quality cloth and German silver electro-plated epaulettes (extra) | 15s 0 |

3—Staff in Town Clerk's Office—Resolved, To authorise the Town Clerk to engage an additional clerk at a salary commencing at 15s. per week.

4—Driver's Licenses—Applications for Driver's Licenses were received from Geo. Hollyfield, Harry Welch, Joseph Bent, G.W. Wasley, H. G. Brazener, H. Fisher, C. E. Berry and Geo. Sully. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

5—Hackney Carriage Licenses—A letter from the Rev. J. Lochhead was read on behalf of Joseph Williams, of No. 10, New Street, recommending him for a Hackney Carriage License. Resolved, To inform Mr. Lochhead that there is no vacancy, but that Williams will be placed on the list of applicants.

Letters were read from Mrs. C. Fowles of the British Mews, applying for permission to transfer her landau license No. 32 to an open carriage with modern improvements and rubber tyres. From A. Fryer, Park Mews, asking permission to change No. 84 from his present carriage to an entirely new one with all the latest improvements, rubber tyres, &c. From W. Smith, St. Philip's Mews, applying for leave to use another carriage for one month while his licensed carriage No. 69 was under repair, and from T. Taylor, of College Mews, applying for leave to use another carriage for six weeks while his licensed carriage No. so was under repair. Resolved, That subject to approval by the Mayor of the substituted vehicles the applications be granted.

The Inspector reported that John Jones had been twice convicted of offences against the Byelaws within twelve months on both occasions by leaving his horse and carriage unattended. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to John Jones to inform him that if he is reported again the Council will seriously consider the propriety of withdrawing his license.

The Inspector also reported that Charles Cooke had failed to notify to the Council the change of his abode from No. 24, Lansdown Place Stables to the King's Head Inn Yard, Lower High Street, in contravention of the Byelaws. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Charles Cooke to call upon him to show cause why proceedings should not be taken against him for breach of the Byelaws. Further Resolved, That in future in cases of breach of the Hackney Carriage Byelaws the Inspector be instructed to take proceedings without reference to the Committee.

The Inspector reported that four Hackney Carriages had been placed under repair during the month and Landaus Nod. 38 and 65 had been replaced by two nearly new open carriages.

6—Legacy to the Town Council—A letter was read from Messrs. Heath and Eckersall, Solicitors, stating that under the will of the late Mr. Isaac Solomon the Council have become entitled to a legacy of £400, but the will was being contested by the deceased's brother and sister, and requesting to be informed whether or not the Council desire to be separately represented at the trial. Resolved, That the Town Clerk make enquiry into the matter and report further to the Committee thereon.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1899—Present: Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Lenthall, and Mills (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of bathers since the reopening of the Baths up to and including the 19th inst. were 1,496, and the receipts amounted to £14 9s. 8d. Resolved, That the hours the Baths are open and the list of charges be advertised in the "Echo" and "Citizen."

2- --Inspection of Gardens and Baths -- Resolved, To convene a meeting of this Committee for inspection of the Recreation Grounds, Gardens and Baths on the 3rd inst., at 2.30 p.m.

3-Plans of Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor having referred to the matter of the employment by him of an additional assistant for the preparation of plans and to assist him in other necessary work of a similar character, and having stated that he had been paid his weekly remuneration as he was not a member of the permanent staff, Resolved, That the Committee consider that the Borough Surveyor has only carried out the instructions of this Committee which were given to him at their meetings of date the 11th of February, 1898 and 23rd May, 1898, and that he be requested to continue the arrangement until completion of the work.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of February, 1899—Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Macdonald and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1 -Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the decoration of the Chapels was commenced by the Contractor on the 22nd instant ; that the rail fence round the Cemetery in some places required repair ; and that the New Shelter required asphaltting or gravelling round, and a square of glass was broken in it. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do have the fence repaired, and the floor of and path round the Shelter asphalted as soon as the weather permits.

2- --Designs—The following designs were examined and approved, viz.—Headstones to Stephen Holloway and Albert J. Skinner.

3-Estimate for 1899-1900—Resolved, That this Committee estimates that its expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1900, will be about £800.

4-Wages—The following Account for wages was allowed:—

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| G. C. Pratley | £12 11 0 |
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J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of February, 1899—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1---Assessing and Rating Authorities—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Hornsey Urban District Council, calling attention to the first report, just issued, of the Royal Commission on Local Taxation, in which the Commissioners recommended the constitution of one Valuation Authority for each county, and that the collection of all rates in Boroughs should be made by Borough Councils, and in Urban Districts by the Guardians, all rates to be, as far as practicable, levied on one demand note. The letter suggested that the Local Government Board and local Members of Parliament should be communicated with reference to these proposals, and particularly as to the collection of rates in

Urban Districts (not being Boroughs) by the Guardians, to which the Hornsey Council were strongly averse. Resolved, That the writer of the letter be informed that the proposal to which exception is taken does not concern this Borough, and that the Council are in favour of the collection of all rates by one authority.

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2 --Delancey Fees Repayment—A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Perrin, of Great Norwood Street, asking to be allowed to repay the amount asked of him in respect of the treatment of a patient in the Delancey Hospital by two instalments. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, the first instalment (one half) to be paid forthwith.

A letter from Mr. R. E. Steel, on behalf of Mr. Kirkham, Lower High Street, objecting to repay anything to the Corporation in respect of Delancey Hospital fees, on the ground that he already contributes through the rates for such expenses was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Steel informing him that the contribution through the rates is made by all, and the law contemplates that all persons who can afford to pay the expenses incurred on their individual behalf should do so.

3-Salary of Chief Clerk, Borough Accountant's Department—A letter was read from Mr. C. T. Bastin, chief clerk in the Borough Accountant's Department, applying for an increase in his salary, at present £100 per annum, and hoping that the Committee would fix a maximum to be reached by annual increments, as had been done in other cases recently. Resolved, That Mr. Bastin's salary be increased to £120 per annum.

4 —Borough Rate—With reference to the letter from the Assistant Overseer read at the last meeting of the Committee, Resolved, That Mr. Ricketts be informed that the Corporation will probably require for the next financial year from the Overseers about £1,000 more than the amount of the call made for the present year.

5—Loans—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting as amended by the Council, Resolved, That the Electric Light Loan of £10,667 be dated the 6th February, 1899, and that the Street Improvements' Loan of £1,265, the Alstone Baths' Loan of £550, the Recreation Grounds' Loan of £550 and the Underground Conveniences' Loan of £450 be dated the 1st day of March, 1899.

Also Resolved, That the balance of the (£1,265) Street Improvements Loan, amounting to £715 be raised, and also the balance of the Electric Lighting (£10,667) Loan, amounting to £467, and that debentures for the same be sealed and issued according to the applications for the same.

6—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th instant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £15,713 12s 9d., leaving outstanding £1,532 9s. 4d.

7—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th instant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £8,988 2s. 0d., leaving outstanding £1,806 15s. 9d.

8—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £13,939 12s. 11d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

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| The following was the General Statement:- | £ | s. | d. |
| Overdrawn on the 31st January last | 5,394 | 6 | 6 |
| Paid since that date | <u>8,919</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>11</u> |
| | 14,313 | 19 | 5 |
| Received since that date | <u>21,774</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>3</u> |
| In hand | £7,460 | 0 | 10 |

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of February, 1899—Present: Councillors Hayward, Macdonald, Moles, Preston and Steel ; the Revs. J. Mugliston and J. Evans ; the Baron de Ferrieres, Capt. Welch, Dr. Davis, and Mr. W. Cresswell (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that there had been received since the last monthly meeting £7 2s. 1d., and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.:

| | Vols. Pamphlets. | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Baron de Ferrieres | 6 | 1 |
| T. Whittard | 1 | |
| T. B. Browne | 1 | |
| A. C. Fryer | 1 | |
| J. A. Dunbar | 1 | |
| University Correspondence College | 1 | |

and Annual Reports from the Libraries at Aberdeen, Brighton, Bristol, and Watford.

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2--Report of the Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended that offers to present to the Library the News, English Churchman, and New Century to be placed in the reading rooms be not accepted, and that an offer received from Messrs. Moulding & Co. to supply 30 volumes of music, subject to the advertisements being first submitted to the Committee, be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

Resolved, That Councillor Bennett be added to the Sub-Committee. Resolved, That the best thanks of the Committee be tendered, through the Librarian, to the gentleman who so kindly, at his own expense, lent for exhibition on the 10th inst. his set of the Kelmscott Press publications.

3- Accounts—The following accounts were examined and passed for payment, viz. :

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| W. Jones, Wages | 15 | 4 | 0 |
| " Petty Cash | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Westley & Co., Books (new, £5 4s.11d., rep[air]., 18s 6) | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| A. C. & S. Billings, repairs | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Gas Company, Coke | 4 | 16 | 0 |
| F. Haslam, Furniture and Fittings, 6s, Repairs, 1s 6d | 0 | 7 | 6 |

C HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of March, 1899— Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Bennett, Preston and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

1—Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 37 schools, from which 730 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 69 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 8 meetings, and that 3 parents had been prosecuted and fined.

2- Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :- Florence Watts, 4, Moored Parade ; Charles Dix, 48, Rutland Street ; May Excell, 25, Henrietta Street ; Elsie Eden, Mountpleasant ; Charles Hawker, 13 ½, Russell Place ; Annie Higgs, Higgs' Cottages, Alstone ; Julia Flynn, 3, Meek's Cottages, Carlton Place ; Charles Major, 1, St. Paul's Lane ; and Emily Pratley, 34, Burton Street.

3-Proposed Conference on the Subject of School Attendance —A letter was read from Mr. C. E. F. Nash, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Pupil Teachers' Centre, to the Mayor, sending a resolution of the governing body of the Cheltenham Pupil Teachers' Centre, requesting this Committee to arrange a conference of the Ward Committees and the Executive Committee of their Centre, with an equal number of the Head Teachers of Elementary Schools, and stating that this resolution was the result of a discussion on the unsatisfactory state of school attendance in Cheltenham. The Mayor, in acknowledging receipt of the letter, and stating that it should be laid before this Committee, had suggested that this Committee should be furnished with the data upon which the opinion as to the unsatisfactory state of school attendance was based. Resolved, That this Committee see no objection to the proposed conference, but while always willing to do what they can to improve the attendance in Cheltenham, they are of opinion that the information suggested by the Mayor should be furnished to this Committee.

4-- Chief Attendance Officer —A letter was read from Dr. A. C. King Turner, intimating that his father, Mr. R. K. Turner, will be unable to resume his duties as Chief School Attendance Officer, and that his father wishes to acknowledge the consideration shown him by the Committee during his 12 years' of service, and especially during the months he has been incapacitated. Resolved, That Mr. Turner's resignation be accepted as from the 1st April next, with regret for the cause necessitating the resignation, and that the question of his successor be placed upon the agenda for the next monthly meeting of this Committee.

JOHN D. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Margrett and Mills, (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1---Telegraph Poles in Malvern Road—With reference to Minute No. 23 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 30th day of January last, a letter was read from the Secretary of the General Post Office with regard to the Council's that the poles are to be removed explaining that the Postmaster-General had a difficulty having regard to his statutory position, in getting an unqualified undertaking to entirely remove his telegraphs erected on public roads and streets, but that he was willing that the Council should reserve the right to withdraw the consent at any time on giving 3 months' notice, leaving the General Post Office the remedy of appeal under the Telegraph Acts, and asking whether this would be satisfactory to the Council. Resolved, That the terms of the letter be acquiesced in by the Council.

2—Hester's Way—A Letter was read from Mr. S. Booth and others calling attention to the disgraceful condition of the Hester's Way Road. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned for the Committee to view.

3--Hatherley Road Private Improvement Works—A Letter was read from General Murray Miller, of Glentworth, Hatherley Road, stating that he had had works of private improvement to the footpath in Hatherley Road in respect of which he had received notice, executed according to the specification received with such notice, but complaining that the Corporation were not carrying out this specification in the other parts of the road ; that if he had had his work done in the same way that the Corporation were doing it would not have cost so much by £10, and expressing the opinion that some compensation should be made to him for this unnecessary expense as the repairs were not desired by him, and other parts of the Hatherley Road Footpath required more attention than theirs. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable the Committee to view.

4 - Paving in Pittville Street —A Letter was read from Mr. W. J. Pink, of No. 20, Pittville Street, asking that the paving in front of his premises should be repaired as it greatly needed it. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do what is necessary.

5—Liverpool Place Private Improvement Works--The Tenders received in response to the advertisement for execution of certain works in private improvement in Liverpool Place were opened and found to be as follows :—

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| W. Cresswell, 27, Selkirk Street | £12 5 0 |
| Packer and Griffin, Townsend Place .. | £16 15 9 |
| E. M. and F. Willett, Knapp House .. | £19 2 8 |

Resolved, That Mr. Cresswell's Tender be accepted provided the same is made out on a proper form.

6-New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the notices and plans received by him from persons intending to erect new buildings, as set out in Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of date the 13th inst. Resolved, That No. 1141 (Mr. S. Adams, additions to Travena, Christ Church Road) be adjourned for the Committee to view ; that No. 1133 (Rev. A. Armitage, Two Houses in Rosehill Street) be approved subject to the wall at the back of the fireplaces being 9 inches in thickness, and that the other plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

7—The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz. :—
Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, and Margrett.

8—Street Projections —With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 8 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 27th ult., directing the removal of an outside advertising lamp at No. 120, High Street, the Inspector reported that the lamp has not been removed. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take proceedings for the penalties incurred under the Byelaws.

A Letter was read from Mr. A. H. Davis, of the Western Hotel, Cheltenham, stating that he had removed a lamp from Cloughton House to the one adjoining in Manchester Street, without first obtaining the consent of the Council, as he understood that the byelaws only applied to new sign boards and lamps, not to cases where lamps had been previously erected, and asking that the lamp should be allowed to remain. Resolved, That the lamp be allowed to remain subject to the usual conditions.

9-Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th February to the 24th March both inclusive had been as follows :—

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Swindon Road, London Road, Hewlett Road, Winchcomb Street, Regent Street, Oriel Road, St. Stephen's Road, Leckhampton Road, Tivoli Road, Hall Road, Old Bath Road, The Park, Park Place, Moorend Park Road.

Repaired with Wickwar--Victoria Place 907 super yards.

Repaired with Millgrit—Sun Street 1653 super yards.

Patched with Wickwar—Queen Street, St. Paul's Street South, Douro Road, back of Lansdown Terrace.

Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channelling—Promenade, Ormond Place, Victoria Place, Fairview Street. back of Lansdown Terrace, Gloucester Road, Fairview Road, Grosvenor Terrace, Portland Street, Vittoria Walk. Hewlett Road, Pittville Circus, St. George's Road, Suffolk Road, Crescent Terrace, All Saints' Road, Clarence Parade, Bath Road, Oriel Road, Lansdown Place, High Street, Townsend Street.

The crossing in Regent Street by Smith's Livery Stables had been relaid with McDougall's patent bricks.

Three new crossings had been put in, one in Leckhampton Road, one at the end of Evelyn Road and the other at the end of Langdon Road, with plugged bricks, and one in College Road at the end of Bath Parade with McDougall's patent bricks.

New Blue Kerb and Channelling was being fixed in Imperial Square, in completion of the improvement.

Gullies had been repaired in Grosvenor Terrace, All Saints' Road, Pittville Circus. The footpath on the West side of Leckhampton Road had been regravelled with local and Wickwar Stone from the Norwood Arms to Hall Road, 2,532 super yards.

The footpath opposite new houses between Hall Road and Leckhampton Lane had been regravelled, 448 super yards.

The footpath on the East side of Leckhampton Road from the Station to the Borough Boundary had been regravelled with local and Wickwar gravel, 4,235 super yards.

Private improvements--Hatherley Road (finished), Upper Baths Street, Royal Well Lane, Rodney Road (all proceeding).

Trees have been pruned in the Promenade.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 958. Consumed at Destructor 1,017 tons 18 cwts. 2 qrs.

He also reported that the suggested tip at Mr. Smith's timber yard proved on examination to be simply a field without any depression or hollow to be filled and from which paper would be blown over the recreation ground and district.

10--Great Western Railway Bill—The Sub-Committee reported that as instructed by the Committee at their meeting of date the 23rd Dec. last, they had considered the Borough Surveyor's Report on the Great Western Railway Bill so far as it affected and Borough, and had had a Conference with the Solicitor and Engineer of the Company at Paddington on the 7th ult., and they had agreed to the insertion in the Bill of a clause the terms of which had since been settled by the Town Clerk and the Solicitor to the Company for the protection of the Corporation, and to an agreement providing for the formation by the Company of chambers in the abutments of the bridges over High Street and Market Street for urinals, and in consideration

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of the acceptance of these terms the Company asked the Corporation for an undertaking not to oppose the Bill, and if required by the Solicitor to the Company to give evidence in support of it. The Sub-Committee recommended that the Council accept the terms agreed upon and arrangements made by them with the Company. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed and the seal of the Corporation be affixed to the Agreement.

11--Hatherley Road Private Improvement Works—With reference to the letter read at the last meeting of this Committee from Maj.-Gen. Murray Miller, of Glentworth, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification for the repair of the footway from Lansdown Road to and including Westall Court Farmhouse and Buildings.

12—Hedge at Tivy House, Ward's Road—A Letter was read from Messrs. F. E. Townshend and others asking the Committee to have the hedge at Tivy House, Ward's Road, Hatherley, cut back so that the public may use the public footpath. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do give notice to the owner or occupier to cut back the hedge complained of.

13—Private Improvement Works-No. 1, Wolseley Terrace—A Letter was read from Mrs. Stevens of No. 1, Wolseley Terrace, stating that as the Corporation had removed the gutter she hoped the Council would reconsider the notice she had received with regard to the path. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the facts.

14—Hester's Way—With reference to the letter from Mr. S. Booth and others as to the condition of a road on the Hester's Way Estate, read at the last meeting of the Committee, the Committee having viewed the locus in quo, Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Town Clerk to inspect and report as to the liability of the abutting owners. Also Resolved, That Mr. T. P. W. Butt be requested to have the ditch next to his land cleared out and freed from obstruction.

15—Accident to Horse of Mr. B. Combe—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 14 of this Committee's proceedings at their meeting on the 27th ulto., Mr. Huband's report on his inspection of the horse in question was read, together with a further letter from Mr. Combe making a claim for damages amounting to £16 10s in respect of the damage to his horse and trap. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

16--Additional Shedding at Central Depot—No tenders for the provision of additional shedding required at the Central Depot having been received in response to the advertisement, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do have the work done.

17--Tenders for Horse Manure—The Town Clerk reported that no tenders had been received in response to the advertisement as to the purchase of the horse manure made at the Central Depot. Resolved, That the manure be offered to Mr. Sindrey, of Brooklyn Gardens, Arle, on the same terms as he took the same last year.

18—Folly Lane Private Improvement Expenses—Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to recover the amounts due from Mr. E. L. Baylis and Mr. Thomas Smith in respect of the private improvement works in Folly Lane.

19—Locomotives Act, 1898 —In pursuance of the Resolution to Minute No. 12 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 23rd December last, the Town Clerk submitted draft of Byelaws under the Locomotives Act, 1898, but reported that the Local Government Board would be shortly issuing some model Byelaws. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the issue of the model Byelaws.

20-Christ Church School Lane—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do report as to what is necessary to be done to improve the condition of this lane in wet weather. - Crossing over Footpath in London Road—Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Palmer under Section 41 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1899, to provide a sufficient crossing for horses and vehicles over the footway opposite his premises in the London Road with McDougall's bricks.

22—Building Plans--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1144 | Mrs. H. Humphreys | Additions to No. 2, Columbia Place, Winchcomb Street |
| 1145 | E. Moore | Two Houses in Charlton Lane |
| 1146 | Cheltenham Building Society | Additions to premises in Clarence Street |
| 1147 | R. Birt | Bath Room, Lansdown Villa, Gloucester Road |

Resolved, That Nos. 1144 and 1145 be approved, and that 1146 and 1147 be disapproved.

23---Private Improvement Works--Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Bence and Margrett be appointed a Sub-Committee to supervise the Private Improvement Works and to assist the Boroughs Surveyor in settling any questions that may arise during the progress of them.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1899—Present: Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 17 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever and 4 of Diphtheria ; that 11 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in that Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 21 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

2—Wells at Nos. 1 to 8, Selby Cottages, The Railway Inn, Tewkesbury Road, No. 17, Albion Street, and No. 38, Waterloo Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Prospect Cottage, Moorend Park Road, No. 3, Prospect View, Brown Jug Inn, No. 23. Burton Street and Nos. 1 and 2, Moorend Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4---Nuisance from Drains, &c., at St. James's Villa, Nos. 136, 137, and 138, Tewkesbury Road, No. 2, St. Luke's Road, St. Paul's Mews, and Woburn House—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 45 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

5—Overcrowding of Workshop at No. 4, Hatherley Villas—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Workshop was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6—W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

7-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 24th and 25th of February at the Bell Inn Stables the four quarters of the carcass of a cow, parts of the liver and lungs, the greater part of the head and the tripe were seized as being diseased, unwholesome and unsound. That he had evidence that the cow was diseased and in a very wasted condition when purchased alive by a Mr. Newman, from a farmer outside the Borough for 17s 6d, and that the head, tripe, liver and lungs had been sold by Mr. Newman to different people for human food and some parts of those organs had already been eaten. That the remainder which was seized had been destroyed by order of a magistrate. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute the vendor of the diseased meat.

9 -Bethesda Wesleyan School—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the sanitary conveniences at this school were insufficient and defective, that new pans were required and an additional w.c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the sanitary conveniences are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the School Managers requiring them to cause the same to be put into a proper condition and for that purpose to execute the necessary works and provide an additional w.c.

10—Insanitary Urinals at Public Houses, viz., The Brave Old Oak, Tewkesbury Road, The Duke of York, Oxford Passage—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the urinals at these premises were so foul as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Owners requiring them to abate the nuisances and for that purpose to provide proper water supply for flushing and to execute such other works as may be necessary.

11-Sewerage Works outside the Borough—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an Order which had been issued by the Local Government Board allowing the construction of the works of sewerage without the Borough, notice of which was published on the 2nd of March, 1898, with the exception of the laying out of and dealing with the lands proposed to be acquired from Messrs. J. and H. Arkell and Mr. J. S. Gibbons and the making of the sewer lastly described in the said notice under land of the said J. and H. Arkell and J. S. Gibbons terminating in the Click. He also read a letter he had written to the Board asking for their sanction to borrow £3,987 13s. 6d. for the works outside the Borough which had been allowed, being £5,500 the amount applied for the whole of the proposed works outside the Borough, less £1,112 6s. 6d., the estimated cost of the part of those works disallowed. Resolved, That the letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

12 -Vaccination Act, 1898—A Letter from the Town Clerk of Blackpool was read stating that the Council of that Borough had passed a resolution in favour of the repeal of this Act. That pursuant to their directions he had given notice that at the next meeting of the Council of the Association of Municipal Corporations a representative of Blackpool would move "That

"in the opinion of the Council of the Association of Municipal Corporations it is expedient that Section 2 (exemption from "penalties) and Section 3 (provision against repeated penalties) of the

Vaccination Act, 1898, should be repealed and that "any required amendment consequential on such repeal should be made in Sec. 9 (repeal) of the same Act, and further that "a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Local Government Board," and he requested that this communication should be submitted to this Council.

13—Sewer in Road back of Houses North side of Pittville Circus Road—Tenders for constructing and laying this sewer were received as follows :—

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| William Cresswell.. | £65 7 6 |
| Packer and Griffin* | £78 11 6 |
| Mark Williams | £90 8 0 |

* Including repair of asphalt footpath. Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. Cresswell be accepted subject to his providing two sufficient sureties to be approved by the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor.

14-Barn Farm—The Chairman reported that Mr. Corbett was willing to pay an additional rent of £15 on condition that another shed he required should be provided, the yard fenced round and the sewage water distributed over the whole of the Sandfield. Mr. Corbett attended, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report as to the cost of carrying out these requirements, and that the question of making an allowance to Mr. Corbett from the rent due from hint under the Agreement of the 14th of March, 1895, be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

15—Building Plans—The following plans of intended new buildings were laid before this Committee for approval or otherwise as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, viz, :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1128 | T. N. Schnurmann | Additions to Corinth House |
| 1129 | J. D. Bendall | Two Villas, Leckhampton Road |
| 1131 | A. Bridges | Shed at rear of Lawson Villa, Charlton Lane |
| 1133 | Rev. A. Armitage | Two Houses in Rosehill Street |
| 1134 | Flower and Sons | Additions to Albert Villa, Selkirk Street |
| 1135 | C. H. James | Two Houses in Rosehill Street |
| 1136 | Hy . Enoch | Villa West side of Leckhampton Road |
| 1139 | Harvey Bros. | Additions to 6, St. George's Place |
| 1140 | E. W. Moore | Two Villas in Bath Parade |
| 1141 | Samuel Adams | Additions to Travena, Christ Church Road. |
| 1142 | C. Clarke | Two Villas, Naunton Park Road |
| 1143 | Thos. Wilkins | Two Villas in Moorend Park Road |

Resolved, That the same be all approved as shewn.

GEORGE BENICE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th day of March, 1899, Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Lenthall, Margrett and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

16 --Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 16 cases of Scarlet Fever and 4 of Diphtheria ; that is cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases

then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 22 of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Diphtheria and 1 of Enteric Fever.

17—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 25 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

18 - Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

19—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 4, Victoria Cottages, No. 135, Tewkesbury Road, Nos. 9, 10 and 11, Elm Street, The Farmer's Arms, Nos. 17, 38, 20, 32, 38, 43, 46, 47, and 54, Worcester Street, Raymond Cottage, Worcester Street, No. 1, Brighton Cottages, Naunton Crescent, No. 6, Exmouth Court, No. 4, Selby Cottages, Selby Cottage, Swindon Road, No. 13, Commercial Street, and No. 31, Russell Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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20 --Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—An application was received from Mrs. Harriet Fletcher, of No. 45, Jersey Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the same be not granted the premises, &c., not being suitable.

21—Overcrowding at No. 9, Elm Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

22- Dwelling house Unfit for Human Habitation—No. 9, Elm Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that this house was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That proceedings be taken under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, to obtain an Order that it be closed.

23- Nuisances from Drains, &c. at Melville, Swindon Road, and No. 2, Wellington Place—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

24—Insanitary Property at No. 11, Elm Street, Nos. 43, 46 and 47, Worcester Street, and Raymond Cottage, Worcester Street - The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to the walls,

ceilings, floors, &c., being out of repair. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

25-Urinal at the Railway Inn, Tewkesbury Road- The Medical Officer of Health reported that this urinal was so foul for want of flushing as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notice be served upon the owner of the premises to abate the nuisance and for that purpose to provide a sufficient water supply and flushing apparatus, and do such other things as may be necessary.

26- Barn Farm-Mr. Corbett's application for an allowance to be made to him for the failure to supply the Dilling Furlong Patch at the Barn Farm with the full amount of sewage which under his lease he was entitled to have supplied to it, was further considered and Mr. Corbett was heard with reference thereto. Resolved, To accept £20 in lieu of the £34 4s. 10d. due from Mr. Corbett in settlement of his claim.

This offer Mr. Corbett thereupon accepted.

27-Repair of Road at Delancey Hospital-A Letter was read from Dr. E. T. Wilson, on behalf of the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital, enquiring on what terms the Council would repair the road at the Delancey Hospital leading to the Ambulance Sheds. Resolved, To ask the Street and Highway Committee to agree to repair this road for the Trustees at cost price.

28 -Sewer along the Line of the Great Western Railway Co. -With reference to Minute No. 32 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd of January last the Town Clerk reported that on the 27th of July, 1870, a letter was read from Mr. W. G. Owen, the Company's Engineer, that the Company did not claim this sewer but considered it to be in the hands of the Commissioners. That the Surveyor then recommended the formation of a pinch pipe sewer "extending from the present termination of the sewer to a point in the Hatherley Brook Sewer just above the tank at a cost of £12 to £14," and that the Surveyor was instructed to make the necessary extension. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending the completion by the Borough Surveyor of his Report with reference to the matter.

29 -Dairies, cowsheds, and Milkshops' Order-A Letter from the Local Government Board was read with which was enclosed a copy of some model regulations which had been prepared for the guidance of Councils in making regulations under Art. 13 of the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order of 1885, and suggesting that if the Council have not already made regulations under the Order they should do so and the model clauses might usefully be considered in connection with any fresh regulations or amendment of the existing code which the Council might propose to make. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Medical Officer of Health to report

30-Sewer at Rear of Oriel Terrace-The only Tender received for laying this sewer was from Messrs. Packer and Griffin at £137 17s. 6d. Resolved, That subject to the Tender being made on the Official Form the same be accepted and that the cost be charged on the loan intended to be raised for the sewerage of No. 3 District.

31 - Forms of Tender-Resolved, That in future advertisements for Tenders shall contain a notice that Tenders not made on the Official Form, to be obtained in the Borough Surveyor's Department, will not be considered.

32-Building Plans-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans of intended new buildings, viz :-Description. Two semi-detached houses in Charlton Lane. Additions to No. 2, Columbia Place, Winchcomb Street.

| No. of Plan. | Name | Description |
|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1145 | E. Moore | Two semi-detached houses in Charlton Kings |
| 1144 | H. Humphreys | Additions to No. 2, Columbia place, Winchcombe Street |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the same be approved.

GEORGE BENICE, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th day of March, 1899—Present: Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham; Councillors Bence, Dix, Cooper, Lenthall, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair.)

1-Winter Garden—With reference to the Resolution of the Council that this Committee be requested to bring up a Scheme and Plans for altering and adapting the existing building, the Committee discussed the lines upon which they should proceed to comply with this request. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to pay a visit of inspection.

2-Military Tournament at Montpellier Gardens—A Letter was read from Quarter-Master R. C. Bastin of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on May 10th for holding therein the Annual Military Tournament of the Hussars on the same terms as last year. Resolved, That the application be granted upon the same terms and conditions as last year.

3-Foresters' Fete -A Letter was read from Mr. J. D. Bendall applying for the use of the Montpellier or Pittville Gardens on Whit-M (nutty to hold a Fete for the purpose of raising funds to bring to Cheltenham the High Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and asking upon what terms the request would be granted. Resolved, That the application be acceded to upon the Cheltenham Branch of the Order undertaking to pay a nominal charge of £5 and admit the Subscribers to the gardens free of charge.

A Letter from Messrs. W. & J. Wilder, of Birmingham, was read applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on Whit-Monday for a Fete. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Wilder that the gardens on that day are already let.

4-Advertising Letters were read from the Manager of the Plough Hotel asking to be allowed to place an advertisement of the town on his Menu and Wine List at a charge of one guinea per annum, and from Mr. E. J. Woodward canvassing for an advertisement of the town in "Golf Greens of England, Ireland and Wales" at a cost of £4 per annum for a full page or £2 for one-third of a page. Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to give the orders suggested.

5- Fox Terrier Show in Winter Garden—A letter was read from Mr. J. C. Tinne, of Lymington, applying for the use of the Winter Garden for a Fox Terrier Show on Wednesday and Thursday, the 15th and 16th November, 1899, with day before and day after for entering and removing. A Letter from Messrs. Wood and Lochhead, Hon. Sec's. of the Cheltenham Dog Show Committee, was read opposing the application as they considered the Fox Terrier Show last year had interfered with the

anticipated amount of success of the Dog Show this year. Resolved, That having regard to this intimation the application be not acceded to.

6-Telephone Pole in Montpellier Gardens—A Letter was read from the Provincial Superintendent of the Telephone Co. applying for permission to place one painted larch pole and 2 stays in the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That pending agreement between the Street and Highway Committee and the Company with reference to an application for permission to fix a pole and 2 stays in laneway off St. Luke's Church, considered by that Committee at their last meeting, consideration of this application be adjourned.

7-Crass Edging South side of Clarence Square—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to try the effect of protecting this edging with iron hoops.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1899 — Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cooper, Dix, Margrett and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his test of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz.—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street. |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1899 Mar. 21st .. | 100 Volts | 106 Volts. |

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1-Gas Examiner's Report The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read:—

| ILLUMINATING POWER. | PURITY—SULPHUR. |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1899 Mar. 21st.. 14.83 candles | 1899 March 21st-22nd Grains per 100 cubic ft. 10.99 |

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the low illuminating power reported, which is below the legal standard.

3- Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.172 cubic feet.

4--Lamp Book —This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 5 metered, 16 un-metered ; 6 burning dimly.

5---County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Co's. Bill —A letter was read from the Clerk to the Vestry of St. Mary's, Battersea, calling attention to the provisions of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Co's. Bill, asking for the co-operation of the Council of this Borough in opposition to this Bill, which was similar in its objects to that of the General Power Distributing Bill which was recently defeated at the second reading stage in the House of Commons, and by which it was proposed to give power to the Company to break up streets in a district without the consent of the Local Authorities although the Company may have no power to supply in the

district and other powers which would make it practically impossible for Local Authorities affected to exercise the powers of purchase under the Electric Lighting Acts, that although the Bill only directly affected London if the principle contained therein was once sanctioned by Parliament similar proposals affecting the country generally would be made. Resolved, That the letter in question be forwarded to the Member for the Borough, with a request that he will oppose the Bill.

6—Lighting of Clock at Montpellier —A letter was read from Mr. R. F. Beard, stating that on removing to other premises he had decided to have his clock and barometer fixed at the Tower Coal Office, Montpellier, for the convenience of the public, and suggesting that it would be a great public boon if the Council would supply an incandescent electric light to illuminate the dial at night. Resolved, That Mr. Beard be thanked for having made arrangements for the fixing of his clock and barometer as mentioned, and that he be informed that if after the electric street lighting has been completed in the vicinity it is found that the clock is not sufficiently lighted, the Council will arrange for the illumination of the clock face.

7-Report of Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that since the last meeting applications had been received from various intending customers, which would necessitate extensions—for the most part small—to the mains.

The most important in point of magnitude of these extensions was that required to supply the Baron de Ferrieres, to whom electric supply would best be given by a low pressure main round Overton Park and fed by a sub-station at the junction of Overton Park with St. George's Road. The cost of laying a low pressure main round Overton Park and along Overton Road as far as Parabola Road would be £270, and the extra cost of a short main down Parabola Road to join on to the Bayshill main was £50. The cost of the sub-station, including one transformer for same, would be £200. He recommended that sanction to a loan for the £520 required for the complete extension be applied for, and that the Parabola Road main, of which the cost is £50, be laid only when actually required.

The next extension required for supplying the new Cambray Chapel Schools necessitated laying a length of about 130 yards of low pressure main along Rodney Terrace at a cost of £50.

The third extension was to supply Hill Court, and the cost would be £60.

Small extensions were required to supply one house in Berkeley Place and two houses in Priory Parade, the cost of which would be £40 and £30 respectively.

Probably it would be preferable not to apply now for a loan on account of the Hill Court extension, but to include it with those dealt with in your application for an extension of the area of supply beyond the Borough. In that case the total value of the extensions mentioned would be, including 5 per cent. for contingencies, £672, or say £670.

Experience had shown that with the 200 volt lamps usually used here the bills of the 200 volt customers were about 20 per cent more than those of corresponding 100 volt customers, and he thought it would facilitate changing over to 200 volts by degrees throughout our system of mains if the Committee decide to reduce the nominal price to 5 ½ d. per unit in the case of 200 volt customers from the end of the present financial year. He understood from the Borough Accountant that Mr. Bastin could commence his new duties on May 1st next. Mr. Bastin's present salary is £120, and he applied for £120 for the first year and an annual increment of £10 per annum till his salary becomes £150. He recommended that this be agreed to. Resolved, That the report be approved, and the recommendations therein contained adopted.

8- Electric Lighting Loan of £17,200.—A letter was read from the Local Government Board forwarding their sanction to a loan of £17,200 for electric lighting purposes.

9-Rucker's Patent—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 25th August last, a letter was read from Messrs. Deacon, Gibson & Medcalf, Solicitors, stating that the opinion of Council had been

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taken, and they advised that there was a good defence to the action and that the same was now ready for trial, and also stating that the Committee appointed by the Corporation and Companies concerned had decided to make a first call upon those joining in the defence at the rate of £1 10s. 0d. per £1,000 of gross receipts, and that the amount to be paid by the Corporation was £2 15s. 9d. Resolved, That the amount in question be paid.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 1899-Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Lenthall, and Margrett, (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1-Report of Water Engineer—The 'Water Engineer reported that on the 22nd inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 216 gallons, the average for the last four years being gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 18,448,763 gallons.

On the 22nd inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31 feet 11 inches, and the contents 99,581,442 gallons which gave a total of 118,033,203 gallons, or about 119 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 1,267,488 gallons.

He reported that he had received an application from Messrs. Moore and Sons, of Tewkesbury, on behalf of Capt. A. B. Mansell, R.N., to know if the Council would extend the main to supply Cowpen Farm, a short distance from Tredington Hospital. This would necessitate an extension of the main for a distance of 200 yards and he recommended that the extension be agreed to upon the following terms, viz., a meter supply dead rent of 30s per quarter with an allowance of 24,000 gallons, the amount used in excess to be paid for at the same rate with meter rent per quarter.

That the main in Hayward's Road had been extended, and that on the Gloucester Road was complete to the Borough boundary.

That he had received an application from Mr. E. W. Moore for extension of the main in Charlton Lane to supply certain new cottages he had built. The length from end of main in Charlton Lane to the end of the Piney main near the railway bridge was 260 yards, and he recommended that the main be extended the whole length.

That the Contractor had finished the building of the Boiler House at Tewkesbury as far as possible before the boilers are set, and one boiler had arrived and had been set, the other was ready and would be sent when the Contractors were prepared to fix it.

That he understood a Mr. William Townsend, of Priory Lodge Stables, was willing to become tenant of a chain of garden ground at Sandford Mead.

Resolved, That the Report be approved and the recommendations therein contained adopted and carried out, and that a chain of the garden ground at Sandford Mead be let to Mr. Townsend at 16s

2 Clerk of Works at Hewlett's Reservoir--43 applications which had been received in response to the advertisement for a Clerk of the Works to supervise the re-building of the wall of No. 3 Reservoir at Hewletts were considered. Resolved, To appoint Mr. Charles Caines, of No. 27, Moorend Street, Cheltenham, upon the terms contained in his application, viz., a salary of £2 15s per week to be paid on completion of the work, subject to forfeiture should he fail in the execution of his duties, Mr. Caines to commence his duties on Monday, the 27th inst.

3-Damage to Hydrant at Tewkesbury - With reference to a claim made against the Tewkesbury Town Council for damage done to a hydrant at Tewkesbury on the occasion of a fire a letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read stating that as the damage was not occasioned by any carelessness on the part of any person in the employ of his Council they were not liable for the amount claimed. The Town Clerk reported that he had been informed the hydrant was on private property, Resolved, in the absence of the Water Engineer to adjourn further consideration of the matter.

4- Horse Show--A letter was read from Mr. J. G. Villar, Hon. Sec. of. the Cheltenham Horse Show Committee, stating that it was proposed to hold a Horse show this summer and asking the Council to supply the show yard with water from the town main all expense of laying the extension to the show yard to be borne by the Show Committee. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

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5-Charge for Water Supply to Lift at Queen's Hotel—A Letter was read from the Secretary of the Queen's Hotel Company drawing attention to the very heavy charge made for the water used for the lift at the hotel and to say that if it cannot be greatly reduced they would be compelled to adopt some other method of working the lift. Resolved, That the charge be reduced to 1s per 1,000 gallons, the dead rent to remain the same.

6-Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

H. GEO. MARGRETT,
Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st day of March, 1899--Present Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Hayward, Margrett, Moles and Steel, (Councillor Bence in the chair)--

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Access of Hackney Carriages to Great Western Railway Station—A Memorial from holders of Hackney Carriage Licenses was read appealing to the Council to assist them to obtain the privilege of entry into the premises of the Great Western Railway Co. to take up passengers in common with the vehicles belonging to the Queen's and Plough Hotel Companies and making suggestions as to the terms upon which the same might be arranged for. Resolved, That pending the result of negotiations now being carried on by the Mayor with the Great Western Railway Co. consideration of the same be adjourned.

3-Legacy for Library from Mr. Solomon—The Town Clerk reported that the opinion of Counsel had been taken on behalf of several charitable institutions interested under the will of Mr. I. Solomon to the extent of £11,000, and that Counsel had advised that the charities should all intervene and be

represented at the trial if there should be any chance of compromise but should only plead if there is any chance of the Executors not fighting the issue in favour of the will. That the charities interested to the extent of £10,000 had agreed that they would apply for leave to intervene but not plead, the costs of intervening to be borne in proportion to the amounts of the several legacies, and had instructed the firm of Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh and Brydges to represent them. Resolved, That the Corporation do join with the Charities referred to in intervening and be parties to the arrangement mentioned as to costs.

4-- Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 19th inst. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire in the roof of a dwelling house at No. 12, Hartley Place, Witcombe Place, the damage done not being covered by insurance. The expenses of extinction amounted to £2 10s. 6d. Also on the 20th inst. to Marlborough House, Winch-combe Street, the damage done being covered by insurance. The extinction expenses amounted to £2 7s. Resolved, That the man in charge at the Brigade Station be instructed in future to immediately warn, by means of the telephone, the man in charge at Sandford Mead Pumping Station in case of an alarm of fire so that the latter may at once turn on the supply from the Hewlett's Reservoir to increase the pressure.

The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 27th of January when there were present Councillors Baker, Lenthall and Margrett, with Councillor Baker in the chair, and they recommended that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have an extension bell to the telephone communicating with the Brigade Station put up at the Sandford Pumping Station at a cost of 25s per annum. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5--Hackney Carriage Drivers—Convictions—The Inspector reported that William Smith had four times and Henry John Tilley twice been convicted within 12 months of loitering and fined each time.

6-Driver's Licenses—Applications for Driver's Licenses were received from Edward Pearson, of No. 4, Victoria Place, Bath Road, and Harry Cook, of Dunalley Cottage. Resolved, That the same be granted.

7-Transfers of hackney Carriage Licenses—Applications were received from N. Gibbard and Henry Warner for permission to transfer their Cab and Landau Licenses respectively to open carriages. Resolved, That subject to approval License of the carriages by Councillor Bence the applications be acceded to.

8-Transfer of Bath chair License— An application was received from John Luckett for permission to transfer his Chair License to a new chair. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

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9—Late Leckhampton Board Room--A letter was read from the Clerk to the Guardians asking the Council to accept £6 per annum instead of £8 per annum, for the use of this room as a Relief Pay Station, in consequence of its not now being required as a Vaccination Station as the Local Government Board had only sanctioned the allowance of £6 for Relief purposes. Resolved, To accede to the request.

10—Road at back of Houses North side of Imperial square—A Letter from Messrs. Beetham and Son was read suggesting that this road should be named and called Rodney Street. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Beetham and Son that their suggestion shall receive attention.

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of March, 1899—Present The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Lenthall, Margrett, Moles and Steel. (The Mayor in the chair).

11—Royal Gloucestershire Hussars—The Mayor read a letter he had received from Major and Adjutant Bishop, informing him that the Hussars would assemble for the annual training at Cheltenham, from the 4th to the 13th of May, asking if the drill ground would be at their service as usual, and requesting that the necessary arrangements for provision of refreshments should be made. Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Burroughs that the 55-acre field at Prestbury Park will be required for the training. That tenders for the right of supplying Refreshments on the Drill Ground during the training of the Yeomanry, be advertised for, and that the Committee be authorised to deal with and accept the tenders, and make all other necessary arrangements.

That the tariff for admission of carriages be as follows

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| One Horse Carriages | 2s 6d |
| Two “ “ | 5s |
| Three “ “ | 7s 6d |
| Four “ “ | 10s |

No Vehicle without springs to be admitted. That Mr. Gilding be employed to collect subscriptions towards the rental and other expenses of providing the ground. That Councillors Bence, Davis, and Margrett be a Sub-Committee for making any arrangements that may be necessary to be made during the training that the Committee do not deal with ; and that Mr. F. Wright be permitted to send his Cigar Box on the ground on payment of £1 1s.

12 —Council Chamber and Offices—Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Bence and Margrett, with the Chairman, be constituted a Sub-Committee to confer with the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor as to re-arranging the Council Chamber and Offices, with a view to providing additional accommodation, and be empowered to order the necessary cleaning and renovation of the existing offices.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 3rd day of March, 1899—Present: Councillors Baker, Brows, Hayward, Lenthall, and Mills (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1- Alstone Bath—A Letter was read from Mr. S. Houlton, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, stating that their Swimming Club were desirous of obtaining special terms for its members for the use of the Alstone Bath and that they would pay 5s for season tickets to admit to the Baths at any time and to include the sole use of the Bath from 9 to 10 p.m. once a week. Ordinary Tickets to be sold to them in quantities of 50 or 100, to include the same privileges as season tickets, at 2d. each, members providing their own towels in either case, and that they could guarantee to purchase at least 500 ordinary tickets during the year.

Resolved, That Mr. Houlton be informed that his Club can have the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath on Wednesday evenings from 9 to 10 p.m., and that the members can use the Bath one

morning each week from 6 to 9 a.m., the day to be arranged with the Bath Caretaker, and the bathers to bring their own towels, provided that not less than 50 season tickets at 5s each are taken, but that exclusive use of the Bath cannot be granted in the morning.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of March, 1899—Present: Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Hayward, Lenthall, Mills and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

2—Alstone Baths —The Borough Engineer reported that the number of bathers and the receipts up to and including the 19th inst. had been as follows, viz., ordinary charges £24 0s. 7d. and charges for season tickets £17 15s. 6d., making a total of £41 16s. 1d. With reference to the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a further letter from the General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association was read stating that he was unable to guarantee that his Association would purchase 50 season tickets but would guarantee to take 40. Resolved, That the arrangement proposed be agreed to and the previous resolution of this Committee modified accordingly.

3—Horse Show—A Letter was read from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Horse Show Committee applying for the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for the purpose of holding a Horse Show this year as on a former occasion, the Committee undertaking to make good any injury done. Resolved, That as the Council consider the nature of the soil of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground is unsuitable for the purposes of a Horse Show, and as they desire to continue the improvement of the ground already in hand for recreation purposes, and having regard to the length of time it would take to repair the injury which must be done to the turf, they regret they are unable to accede to the application.

4--Alstone Baths--Living Accommodation for Caretaker--A Letter was read from W. Jackson, the Caretaker at the Alstone Baths, suggesting that as he was so many hours on duty he should be provided with living accommodation on the premises. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Plan of a scheme and estimate for complying with this suggestion.

5--Quoit Ground at Barrett's Mill—A Letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Quoit Club applying for an extension of the ground at Barrett's Mill about 24ft. as shown on the plan which he enclosed which would enable them to place their beds some distance from the outer fence and by so doing reduce the chance of an accident which, owing to the circumscribed space of the present ground was not remote. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

6-Cleansing Bath Contract—A Letter was read from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey expressing regret that they had exceeded the time for completing their contract which was caused by circumstances beyond their control, and their gratitude for the many kindnesses and urbanity which they had always received from the Council, and asking that the Committee would grant the favour of allowing their Mr. Williams to attend one of their meetings and give explanations. Resolved, That as Messrs. Collins and Godfrey desire it the Committee will receive their representative at their next meeting.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of March, 1899--Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Davis, Macdonald and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1- Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that it would be necessary to take in a portion of the piece of land adjoining the Cemetery in the occupation of Mr. Edward Minett, to be made part of the Cemetery and mapped out ready for use next winter. Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Minett to determine his tenancy at the expiration of 6 months from the 25th inst.

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2-Repairs to Cemetery Chapels—The following tenders were received for repairing the pinnacles of the Chapel Belfry, viz. :—

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| Messrs. Boulton and Sons | £19 15 6 |
| Messrs. H. H. Martyn and Co. | £20 0 0 |

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Boulton and Sons be accepted.

3—Colouring, &c., at Chapels—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tender he had received for colouring the ceilings, &c., at the Chapels:—

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| D. W. Channon—Colouring Ceilings with Duresco | £13 10 0 |
| " " " Corridors " | £ 5 5 0 |
| " " " Porches " | £ 1 5 0 |

Resolved, That the tenders be accepted.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.—Headstones to Daniel Cook, Charles Skinner, Mary Ann Harding, Thomas Chevalier, James Henry Bateman, Amelia Bulley, Catherine Esther Ayris, and Antoinette Townshend. Headstone and Kerbing to John Sutherland Philipps. Memorials to Henry Montgomery, Mary Caroline and Arabella Finlay, Henry Wheeler, Stephen Thomas Clissold. Tomb to William Cox.

4—Wages—The following Account for wages was allowed:— G. C. Pratley .. £12 15 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of March, 1899--Present: Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1---Loan of £6,000 to Hastings Corporation—A letter from the Town Clerk of Hastings was read, in reply to a letter from the Town Clerk enquiring as to whether the sanction of the Local Government Board had been obtained to raise the loan on account of which the £6,000 was to be lent, in which he stated that his Corporation did not borrow under the authority of any specific sanction of the Local Government Board, but as a matter of fact the loan was to be allocated to a sanction of the Local Government Board to the borrowing for 5 years of £6,500 for works of water supply under the Public Health Act, 1875, but if not repaid at the end of the period sanctioned it would be allocated to another sanction or sanctions. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Local

Government Board enquiring as to the legality of this method of borrowing, but as yet had received no reply.

2- Expenses of Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. J. Dale, of No. 46, Bow Lane, London, asking for time to pay the two sums of £63 2s. 0d. and £38 14s. 8d. due from him in respect of the cost of executing the Private Improvement Works in Bath Parade. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Dale asked to be allowed to pay one half the total in three months and the remainder in six months. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to Mr. Dale agreeing to pay 5 per cent. interest on the amount from time to time owing.

A letter was read from Mr. A. A. C. Martin, the owner of No. 5, Bath Terrace, asking to be allowed to pay the £3 3s. 6d. remaining due from him in respect of the cost of executing the Private Improvement Works in Bath Terrace by instalments of £1 down and the remainder by payments of 8s per month. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to Mr. Martin agreeing to pay 5 per cent. interest on the amount from time to time owing.

3 ---Salary of Assistant in Accountant's Office—A letter was read from Mr. H. J. Gummer, who was to occupy the post of out Assistant in the Borough Accountant's Office on the transfer of Mr. Bastin to the Electric Light Department, asking for an increase of his salary from £39 per annum to £60 per annum from the 1st proximo, with a rise from that date in each subsequent year of £10 per annum up to £100 per annum. Resolved, That Mr. Gummer's salary be increased to £60 from the 1st proximo, but any further rise to be dependent upon the amount of satisfaction he gives as 1st Assistant and to be decided upon at a later date.

4-- Staff in Accountant's Office—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Accountant to employ such temporary assistance as he may require in his Department pending completion of his staff, and during such time as any of his assistants may be incapacitated by illness or otherwise.

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5- Corpus Street Sewer—Resolved, That the cost of laying this sewer be charged on the Loan intended to be raised for the sewerage of No 4 District.

6-Re-appointment of the Medical Officer of Health—With reference to the Resolution of the Council passed at their Meeting, held on the 5th of December last, permanently re-appointing Dr. Garrett as Medical Officer of Health, the date from which such re-appointment was to take effect having been omitted, Resolved, That the Council do affirm that such re-appointment was intended to date from the 1st of September, 1898.

7--General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th March, 1899, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £16,214 12s. 9d., leaving outstanding £1,031 9s. 4d.

8-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th March, 1899, on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £9,944 7s. 10d., leaving outstanding £884 9s. 6d.

9—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined and the latter, amounting to £8,851 10s. 7d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement:—

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| In hand on the 28th February last .. | £ 7,460 0 10 |
| Received since that date | £ 8,193 14 10 |
| | £15,653 15 8 |
| Paid since that date | £ <u>8,596 9 5</u> |
| In hand | £ 7,057 6 3 |

W. GERALD GURNEY,
Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 1899—Present ;
Councillors Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Mills, Preston, and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair)—

1—Technical Education and the Grammar School—The Resolution of the Council passed at its last meeting requesting this Committee to consider forthwith the County Council Scheme now before the town, to confer with the authorities concerned and report to the Council as soon as possible, was considered. Resolved, That this Committee, understanding that at a meeting of the Governors of the Grammar School held yesterday they resolved that before binding themselves to the proposals of the County Council they would require amongst other things to be assured that the Town Council is prepared to give a hearty support to the Scheme and has no intention of establishing a separate rate-supported school, request the County Council and the Hon. Sec. of the Governors of the Grammar School to fully inform this Committee what the proposals of the County Council are and to what extent they are approved by the Governors of the Grammar School, and would be glad to have a conference arranged for at an early date.

2—Home Arts and Industries—A Letter from the Rev. J. Mugliston renewing his application for a grant on behalf of this Association on the understanding that it was not expected to be continued was read. Resolved, That the further consideration of the letter be adjourned.

M. DAVIS,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this committee held on Tuesday, the 28th day of March, 1899. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bennett, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Mills, Preston and Steel. (Councillor Davis in the chair).

3—Technical Education and Grammar School—With reference to the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. J. B. Winterbotham, Chairman of the Grammar School Governors, forwarding copy of the Resolutions passed by the Governors recently.

A letter was also read from the Clerk to the County Council, acknowledging receipt of a copy of this Committee's resolution passed at the last meeting, and enclosing copies of the Report of the Special Committee of the County Council on Technical Education, and stating that if it was possible to arrange it his Committee would meet five members of this Committee, on Thursday next at 11.30 a.m., at the Shire Hall, to confer on the subject, the Grammar School Governors having appointed five members for this Conference. Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Hayward, Gurney, Preston and Steel be appointed to attend such Conference on behalf of this Committee.

4-School of Cookery—An application having been received from the Cheltenham School of Cookery for an additional grant to-wards some extra expense their Committee had been put to in fitting up their new premises. Resolved, That the balance (£10) now in hand on the Technical Education Account be granted to the School of Cookery.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of March, 1899—Present Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Hayward, Moles, Preston and Steel ; the Baron de Ferrieres ; the Revs. J. Evans and J. Mugliston; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, Evan Butler, and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1- Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that there had been received since the last monthly meeting £6 9s. 7d. and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.

| | Vols, Pamphlets, |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| T. Compton | 5 |
| Cobden Club . | 3 |
| Board of Trade . | 1 |
| Agent-General for Victoria | 1 |

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Dundee and Fulham.

The last of the Public Exhibitions of Books would be held on Friday next, the subject being "Gloucestershire Archaeology and History," with Lectures by Mr. S. S. Buckman and Mr. John Sawyer.

2—Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee recommended as follows

That Samuel Ball be appointed Junior Assistant at the wages of 6s per week in the place of S. Poulston resigned.

That the privilege of borrowing books from the Library be extended to the subscriber of 5s per annum so as to include the members of his family and not one person only as heretofore.

That the walls of the vestibule be rubbed down and re-varnished at a cost not exceeding £5.

That the salary of Mr. C. O. Balcombe, the Chief Assistant, be advanced from £1 to £1 2s. 6d. per week with an annual increase of 2s 6d up to 30s per week.

That the Librarian do write to the Member for the Borough asking him to present his spare copies of Parliamentary papers for use in the Library.

That the attention of the General Purposes and Watch Committee be called to the damp state of the walls of the late Leckhampton Board Room.

That the Librarian be requested to write to the Government Emigration Office that the Committee agree to the opening of a sub-office for the distribution of Emigration literature.

That recent maps of Africa and China be obtained and placed in the News Room.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3- Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed

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| W. Jones, Wages' Account | £15 4 0 |
| Westley & Co., Newspapers, Periodicals and Magazines | £16 5 8 |
| Books (new) | £ 0 5 6 |
| Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding, Lettering, Printing and Stationery | £ 9 0 6 |
| S. H. Harris & Co., Coal (Leckhampton 7s 8d) | £ 1 16 2 |
| London Supply Co., Cleaning Materials | £ 0 12 3 |
| Westley & Co., Newspapers (Leckhampton) | £ 1 11 11 |
| Gas Co., Coke | £ 6 12 0 |

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of March, 1899—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Macdonald, Mills, Moles, Preston and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

1-Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 42 schools. They also reported that the parents of 82 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 8 meetings. That 9 parents had been prosecuted, and 9 were fined.

2- Local Committees —The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :—Ernest Tombs, Dorothy Chambers, Thomas Hawker, Lottie Collins, Charles Watts, Millie Bayley, Maggie Murphy, Edward Lawrence and Rose Stevens; and That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of Samuel White, Hetty Mills, Rose Scarrott, Ada Pearce, James Sullivan, and Rose Williams.

3-Deaf and Dumb Child—A letter was read from Miss B. Roberts, Hon. Sec. of the Charity Organisation Society, on behalf of Mrs. Barrett, of No. 2, Gothic Cottages, Francis Street, the mother of a deaf and dumb child aged 6 years, named Harold, and a widow with five children to support, applying to the Committee to relieve her of the child with a view to having it trained at an Institution for the deaf and dumb. Resolved, That when the child is about to obtain 7 years of age, the Committee will be prepared to consider the application.

4-Attendance Officers—Resolved, That Mr. Robert Irving be appointed Senior Attendance Officer in place of Mr. Turner at the same salary as paid to the latter dating from the time at which Mr. Turner's resignation took effect, and that Mr. Carroll be appointed second to Mr. Irving at the salary hitherto paid to the latter dating from the same time.

5-- Junior Attendance Officer —Applications were received from Sidney H. Harris, George Cloves Irving, Charles W. Lodge, William Henry Slade, and Charles Willis for the vacant post of School Attendance Officer. Resolved, That Mr. George Cloves Irving be appointed at the same salary as

hitherto paid to Mr. Carroll, commencing from the time at which Mr. Turner's resignation took effect.

JOHN D. STEEL, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held Monday, the 1st day of May, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 6th day of April, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)—There were also present, by invitation, Major Griffith, Mr. E. H. Parsonage, and Mr. John Sawyer, Members of the County Highways Committee.

1-Contribution Roads—A letter was read from the County Surveyor that the Highways Committee of the County Council were willing to accept the principle of paying on the actual cost of the contribution roads in a similar manner to the main roads and to agree for an annual payment for three years based on the last three years' cost. Resolved, To agree to the suggestions for the maintenance of the main roads and contribution roads which are such at this date.

2-Main and Contribution Roads —A letter was read from the County Surveyor, with which he enclosed copies of his certificates that the sums of £250 and £874 were due to the Town Council in respect of main and contributions roads respectively.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monthly, the 10th day of April, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

3-Repair of Road at Delancey hospital—With reference to the Resolution of the Public Health Committee asking this Committee is repair a road at the Delancey Hospital for the Trustees, at cost price. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, and that the Trustees be so informed.

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4-Street Watering in Western Road—A letter was read from Mrs. Hennah, of Fernleigh, Western Road, asking that the Western Road shall be properly watered, as the dust was unbearable. Resolved, That Mrs. Hannah be informed that her complaint will be attended to.

5-Street Watering, &c., in The Park—A letter was read from Mite Taylor, of Gonia, The Park, complaining of the non-watering of the roads in The Park and Park Place and of the pavements not being properly swept. Resolved, That the writer to informed that the matter shall receive attention.

6—Advertisement Hoarding in Front of Beaufort Place, London Road —A letter was read from Mr. J. W. Privett, of 2, Beaufort Place, London Road, again calling attention to the intolerable nuisance caused by the advertisement hoarding in front of his house. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Shenton, the owner of the hoarding, on the subject, and to Mr. Privett.

7---New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name | Description. |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1148 | C. Daft | Two cottages in Granley Road. |
| 1149 | Allen Wilson | Additions to 14, Promenade Villas. |
| 1150 | Mrs. Fisher | Additions to 29, Lansdown Crescent. |

Resolved, That the same be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1899 Present Alderman Haddon Councillor: Bence, Cypher, Davis, Dix, and Margrett, (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

8-Chairman ---In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

9- Roof at Portland Mews--In response to a notice served upon him Mr. Jones appeared to show cause why he should not be required to remove the roof which he had erected over the yard at the Portland Mews without having first submitted a Plan for approval, and having expressed his regret for having failed to comply with the requirements of the Bye-Laws in this respect, and offered to make such alterations as the Committee might suggest to make the roof more sightly, Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable Mr. Jones to execute such alterations as the Borough Surveyor shall suggest.

10—Folly Lane—A letter was read from Mr. E. L. Baylis with which he enclosed cheques for £93 12s. 0d., being the proportion that he considered the Corporation were, as owners of the Allotments, entitled to from him for the repairs of the part of the Lane between Swindon Road and Craven Cottage under the contract contained in the Award made in pursuance of the Cheltenham Inclosure Act, 1801, for £6 4s. 10d. being the difference between the sum of £93 12s. 0d. and the sum claimed by the Corporation under their powers which he claimed back from the Corporation as owners of the Allotment land on an adjustment between the several contributors under the Award and £6 19s. 0d. for interest. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to forward to Mr. Baylis a receipt for £99 16s. 10d. and £6 10s. 0d. for interest.

11—Manure from Depot —A letter was read from Mr. A. H. Sindrey, stating he could not give the same price as before for the manure from the Depot, but would give 3s 6d a ton for the next 12 months. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

12- Shelburne Road --A letter was read from Mr. R. Ley Wood, with which he forwarded a copy of a resolution of the Committee of the Dean Close School approving and adopting the arrangement made by their Sub-Committee with the Committee appointed by the Council whereby the School Committee were to consent to the opening of the road provided the Corporation were willing to bear the whole expense incurred thereby, and to place a suitable iron railing on one side of the road for the full length of the school property, the side selected being that on which the school stands.

13-Main and Contribution Roads—A letter from the County Surveyor was read, stating that the average for the last six years of the cost of maintenance of the Main Roads had been £1,540 per annum. The cost of the roads it was proposed to contribute towards in the future, with 5 per cent.

for establishment charges, had been about £1,300 per annum, and he suggested that the amounts to be inserted in the Contract should be—

The Main Roads, as Scheduled £1,700 per annum

The Contribution Roads “ £1,325 “

and that payment would be made in four instalments, and the Contract be for three years. Resolved, That these terms be accepted and the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the Contract embodying them.

14- Accident to Horse of Mr. B. Combs —With reference to the letter from Mr. B. Combe, claiming £7 10s. 0d for keep and attention and loss of work of horse from January 30th to March 13th, 1899, and £9 for depreciation in value of the horse owing to the accident, making together a total sum of £16 10s. 0d. Resolved, That without prejudice Mr. Combe be offered £7 10s. 0d. in satisfaction of his claim.

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15-Report of the Borough Surveyor cc Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department Report the 25th of March to the 21st of April, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Glee Hill Stone—Hatherley Road 700 super yards, Bath Road (proceeding).

Patching—Gloucester Road, Malvern Road, Well Place, High Street, North Street, Hale's Road, Spa Road, All Saints' Road, back of Lansdown Crescent, Leamington Place, Dunalley Street, St. Paul's Road, Evesham Road, New Street.

Repaired with Millgrit and Stone—Grosvenor Terrace, Upper Bath Street, 1217 super yards. Patched with Wickwar Stone—Back of Lansdown Terrace, Sydenham Road, Well Place, Overton Park, Lansdown Crescent, Waterloo Street.

Paving, Crossing, Kerb, and Channelling—Sun Street. Mountpleasant, St. George's Place, Royal Well Lane, Montpellier Street, Imperial Square, Exmouth Street, High Street, Tewkesbury Road, Albion Street, Park Street, Rodney Road, Malvern Road, Ormond Place, Spa Road, St. Luke's Road, King's Road, Dunalley Street, Hewlett Street and Road, St. Paul's Street North, All Saints' Road, Albert Street, Hewlett Place, Winchcomb Street, Bayshill Road, St. Paul's Road, Great Norwood Street.

Oxford Passage was being relaid with blue bricks.

A new Gully had been put in Imperial Square.

The Bridge at Hester's Way had been repaired.

New Kerb and Channelling in Imperial Square had been fixed and the verge relaid with turf.

A Sycamore Tree had been felled in Spa Road, also a plane tree in Imperial Square.

Private Improvement Works--The Contractor for Swindon Road had laid feet of pavement, and was proceeding rapidly with the work.

Ashes Collected—925 loads. Consumed at Destructor 704 loads, equal to 828 tons 18 cwt. In addition, 23 pigs and 7 cwt. 2 qrs. of condemned meat had been destroyed.

16—Tenders for Private Improvement Works —The following tenders for Private Improvement Works were received, viz.:—

| | King Street. | Selkirk Street. | Oriel Road. | Gloucester Road. |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Messrs. E. M. & F. Willett | £110 6 6 | £32 11 0 | — .. | £101 9 2 |
| Messrs. Packer & Griffin | £131 12 3 | £34 6 9 | £94 5 9 | £98 12 3 |
| Mr. William Cresswell | — .. | £47 8 11 | £135 11 11 | £152 11 11 |

Resolved, That the tenders of Messrs. E. M. & F. Willett be accepted for the Private Improvement Works in King and Selkirk Streets, and of Messrs. Packer & Griffin for the Private Improvement Works in Oriel and Gloucester Roads.

17-Highbury Lane Private Improvement Works (Apportionment)—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of executing these works had amounted to the sum of £36 17s. 4d. Resolved, That in settling the apportionment regard be had to the degree of benefit to be derived by Nos. 76, 77, 77a, 78, 79, and 80, High Street, the builders' yards and premises of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey and Mr. Cornelius Smith, which, in the opinion of the Council, are benefited to a greater degree by the works than the other abutting premises ; and That the sums to be charged in respect of such premises be as fixed by the Committee in the apportionment.

18—Building Plans The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1151 | Trustees of Holy Trinity Mission Room | Gymnasium in Berkeley Avenue, Winchcomb Street. |
| 1152 | Council of the Ladies' College | Boarding-house in Malvern Road. |
| 1153 | Richard Birt | Bath-room at Lansdown Villa. |
| 1154 | Mr. Schwamenkruge | Villa at Pilley, Old Bath Road. |
| 1155 | T. D. Boulton | Two villas in Montpellier Drive ; and |
| 1156 | Mr. Gamble | Bay windows, Clovelly House, Hewlett Street. |

Resolved, That the same be all approved.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th day of April, 1899—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors, Bence, Davis and Margrett (Councillor Bence in the chair)-

1-Zymotic Disease—The Deputy Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 27 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Enteric Fever and 3 of Diphtheria; that 25 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in that Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 38

2-Houses without a Proper Water Supply—Nos. 1 & 2, Major Cottages, Millbrook Street--It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 10th instant, that the above premises were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

3- Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Applications to be registered as purveyors of milk were received from Mrs. Hester Whitmore, of 21, Francis Street, and Mr. Walter Buckle, of No. 2, Brunswick Place, St. Paul's Road. Resolved, That the applicants be registered.

4-W.C's without Flushing Apparatus --The Inspector of Nuisances handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 4, Victoria Cottages, Tewkesbury Road, Nos. 134 and 135, Tewkesbury Road, No. 3, Granley Cottages, and Nos. 1, 10, 13 & 16, Grosvenor Terrace—The Deputy Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

7-Notices not Complied with—The Inspector of Nuisances submitted a list of Notices which had been served but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

8-Overcrowding at No. 14, Worcester Street — The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner or occupier thereof requiring abatement of the same.

9-Insanitary Property at Nos. 1, 2, 4 & 3, Major Cottages, Millbrook Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective ceilings, walls, floors, roofs, &c, Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act. 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

10-Congress of Sanitary Institute at Southampton—Resolved, That the four delegates appointed by the Council to attend this Congress in September next, be asked not to exceed £5 each in respect of railway and all other expenses. Nuisances from Drains, &c. at No. 2, Wellington Place, No. 38,

Keynsham Street, No. 7, Jersey Place, Nos. 1 & 2, Hartley Place, Nos. 27 & 28, Great Norwood Street, and St. Paul's Mews—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

12-Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Loan—A letter was read from the Local Government Board forwarding sanction to a loan of £3,020 for works of sewerage and sewage disposal outside the Borough.

A letter was also read from Messrs. Lawrence & Co., Solicitors for Messrs. Thomas & Webb, of Bristol, asking what the Committee proposed to do with regard to their clients now that the Local Government Board had sanctioned the loan for sewerage purposes, and mentioning that since they tendered for No. 1 Sewerage District the prices of cement, &c. had considerably advanced. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the Town Clerk's report as to the position of matters with Messrs. Thomas & Webb as regards their tender.

13-Slaughter House at hack of No 277, High Street—A letter was read from Messrs. Ley Wood & Rickerby, Solicitors, stating that as it was now nearly a year since the slaughter house at the back of No. 277, High Street, owned by their client, Mr. N. W. Olive, was compulsorily closed, they thought it time that the Corporation should state whether or not they are willing to make the compensation asked for, viz., £650, that they would wait a few days longer and then their client would appoint his arbitrator and give notice thereof to the Corporation as provided by the Act. Resolved, That the writers be informed that an answer will be given to them after the next meeting of the Council.

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14 —Sewer in Road back of Houses North Side of Pittville Circus Road—With reference to Minute No. 13 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 13th ultimo, a letter was read from Mr. W. Cresswell, stating that he could not see his way to put himself under an obligation to anyone by becoming surety for him, and that therefore he should be obliged to give up the work of constructing the sewer in the road at the back of houses on the North side of Pittville Circus Road. Resolved, That under the circumstances the tender of Messrs. Packer & Griffin for the carrying out of the work at the sum of £78 11s. 6d. (being the next lowest tender) be accepted, subject, as in Mr. Cresswell's case, to the provision of two sufficient sureties to be approved by the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor.

15-Receipts and Expenditure—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant do furnish this Committee each month with a detailed account of its Receipts and Expenditure, for comparison with the amounts estimated to be received and expended.

16--Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans of intended new buildings :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1148 | C. Daft | Two cottages in Granley Road. |
| 1149 | Allen Wilson | Additions to 14, Promenade Villas. |
| 1150 | Mrs. Fisher | Additions to 29, Lansdown Crescent. |

Resolved, That the same be approved so far as the drainage is concerned, with the exception of No. 1148, which be not approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 17th day of April, 1899—Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Margrett, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

17 -Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 3 cases of Scarlet Fever ; that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 29 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Enteric Fever.

18—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 13, Grosvenor Terrace, No. 4, St. Mark's Emporium, and No. 9, New Street--The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

19-- Overcrowding at No. 15, Stanhope Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

20-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

21-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

22—Cleaving and Limewashing at No 21, Marsh Lane, and Nos. 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, and 11, Stanhope Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

23—Insanitary Urinals- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the urinals at The Knapp Inn, New Street, and Barley Mow Inn, Tewkesbury Road, were in an insanitary condition owing to faulty construction and want of proper water supply. Resolved, That the Committee are satisfied of the existence of nuisances caused by the condition of the urinals referred to, and That Notices be served on the owners of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to

reconstruct the urinals and lay on a proper supply of water thereto in such manner as shall be specified in the Notices.

24--Insanitary Property at Nos. 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Stanhope Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, ceilings, walls, floors, paving, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

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25--Wells at The Barley Mow Inn, Nos. 9 and 10, New Street, The Knapp Inn, and Nos. 3, 7, 9, and 18, Grosvenor Terrace.--The 25 Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

26-Barn Farm--The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Stuckey had placed a dam across the brook below the Barn Farm which prevented the flow of water and effectual drainage of the land at the Barn Farm. Resolved, That Notice be served on Mr. Stuckey requiring him to remove the dam or so modify it as to abate the injury caused at the Barn Farm.

27-Sewerage Contract-With reference to Minute No. 12 of this Committee's proceedings at their last Meeting, the Borough Surveyor having reported that there had been no alteration in the specification and plans since Messrs. Thomas & Webb tendered, the Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft of a letter he proposed to write in reply to Messrs. Lawrence & Co., Solicitors. Bristol, that if their clients were prepared to execute the Contract in the form as settled the Corporation would do the same, and he called attention to the fact that by Clause 5 of the proposed Contract it was made conditional upon the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained, and the Corporation could not be held responsible for any delay in the action of the Board. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

28-Salary of 1st Assistant-Inspector of Nuisances--Resolved, That, having regard to the diminished amount of service Mr. Long is now able to render, the Council regret they are unable to continue his salary at its present rate, and that, in preference to engaging a younger man to carry out his duties, the services of Mr. Long be retained for the present at a reduced salary, from the rot of June next, at the rate of £52 per annum, and that Minute No. 12 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 22nd day of July, 1892, and the Resolution of the Council approving the same be altered accordingly.

29-Salary of Inspector of Nuisances-A letter from Mr. Hudson was read, applying for an increase of his salary. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned until the next Ordinary Meeting of the Committee.

30-Building Plans---The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz :-

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1151 | Trustees of Holy Trinity Mission Room | Gymnasium in Berkeley Avenue, Winchcomb Street. |
| 1152 | The Council of the Ladies' College | Boarding-house in Malvern Road. |
| 1153 | Richard Birt | Bath-room at Lansdown Villa, St. Mark's. |
| 1154 | Mr. Schwamenkruge | Villa at Pilley, Old Bath Road. |
| 1155 | T. D. Boulton | Two villas in Montpellier Drive |

Resolved, That the Plans be approved so far as the drainage is concerned.

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of April, 1899-Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne. ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Margrett, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair) -Councillor Bennett was present by invitation.

31-Abattoir-The Chairman reported that he and Councillors Davis and Margrett and the Boroughs Surveyor had met a deputation from the Butchers' Association, at the Abattoir, on the 18th instant, on the subject of the increase of accommodation at the Abattoir, at which interview it was represented that in the opinion of the Association all that was wanted at present would be two large chambers-one for hanging up the carcasses of the cattle slaughtered, and the other for hanging up the carcasses of pigs, until required for removal to the butcher's shop. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans of such chambers for approval by the Committee, with an approximate estimate of erecting them.

32-Control of Market and Collection of Tolls -With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their last Meeting, suggesting that the supervision of the Market and Fairs and Collection of the Tolls should be placed under the control of the Superintendent of the Abattoir, Resolved, That the Committee concur in the suggestion, and that Mr. Marshall be paid as an addition to his salary for this work £5 per cent. on the amounts collected.

33-Tivoli Sewerage-The Town Clerk laid before this Committee the following Report:-

TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN, You requested me to make a further Report to you on the subject of the Private Sewers in the Town in continuation of my previous report to you on the Private Sewers at Tivoli and Lansdown presented to you at your Meeting on the 12th of April 1898, and to assist me in doing so I inserted an advertisement in the Local papers requesting persons who pay any rent charge or other annual payments for the use and repair of Private Sewers other than those at Tivoli and Pittville to send their last receipts to me. In response to this advertisement I have received several receipts for rent charges from which and from enquiries I have made I gather that there are rent charges paid for the use and repair of Sewers by the

owners of houses in Lansdown Parade, Lansdown Place, Lansdown Terrace, Lansdown Crescent and other parts of Lansdown payable to Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, Messrs. Bubb and Co., Messrs. Bailey and Adams, and Messrs. Engall and Co., as agents for the owners, varying in amount from £1 1s. to £4 4s. I have applied to Messrs. Bayley and Adams, who collect the rent charges for

Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, and to Messrs. Bubb and Co. who collect the rent charges on some houses on the Lansdown Estate for a list of the rent charges they collect and of the Servers in respect of which they are payable. This information I have not yet received, but Messrs. Bubb and Co. inform me that they are prepared to furnish me with such information as is in their power, but that it will be necessary to investigate the deeds, and that all costs incurred must be paid by the Corporation. The latter also act for Mr. W. N. Skillicorne, who owns some rent charges payable in respect of certain of the Sewers on the Bays Hill Estate, and they inform me that if I want any information about them, they can no doubt obtain it, presumably on the same terms. I find there are rent charges of £1 1s. each payable to Mr. John Howe, in respect of houses in St. Phillip's Street, but I cannot say whether these are for the use and repair of the Sewers. Mr. E. L. Baylis has a rent charge of 2s 6d for the houses in Leighton Road in respect of the Server there. More time is necessary to enable me to make an exhaustive report on the Private Sewers, and I must ask you for instructions as to payment of any necessary expenses to be incurred, but I doubt if it is possible to identify the sewers in respect of which the rent charges are payable. Having had to go through the Minute Books of the Sewage and Drainage Committee since the date of the Improvement Act of 1852 to the present time to see what references there were, if any, to Private Sewers, I took the opportunity of noting the Minutes of all extensions of Sewers, and construction of new Servers which have been paid for out of the rates and not out of loans, and I find upwards of 11,000 yards of Servers and extensions of Servers have been made at a cost of upwards £7,000 The notes may be of use to the Borough Surveyor in planning his reconstruction of the Servers in various parts of the Borough.

Yours Faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk. April 1899.

Resolved, That consideration of the question of the Tivoli Sewerage be adjourned with the view to the Town Clerk considering the advisability of applying to the Local Government Board for a Provisional Order to amend the Local Acts, so as to empower the Corporation to purchase the whole of the private server rights in the Borough and to prevent the creation of any fresh private sewer rights.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 1899—Present: Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Dix, Cooper, Mills, and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1-Entertainment Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Entertainment Sub-Committee be authorised to spend £10 on decorating the Winter Garden for the Marine Band Concert on the 12th proximo.

2- Winter Garden—The Committee proceeded to inspect the Winter Garden building. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do, in view of conversation at this Meeting, prepare an approximate specification and estimate for strengthening the principals and covering the whole of the glass roof of the Concert Room wing with felt and zinc, making good all exterior cornices round the same, pointing brickwork and painting all exterior cement, wood and iron work, and for painting and decorating the whole of the interior cement, wood, and iron work, and underside of glass roof, and also for inserting two sets of windows in panels facing Imperial Square ; and an alternative estimate for taking out the glass and substituting 1-inch matched hoarding and covering with felt and zinc.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th day of April, 1899-Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham; Councillors Bence and Cooper (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)- -

3-Entertainments at Montpellier Gardens-A letter was read from Mr. C. Burton, of Vittoria Lawn, complaining of nuisances caused at the back of the wall dividing his garden from the Montpellier Gardens on the occasions of entertainments in the Gardens and of the obstruction on the same occasions of his right of access from his garden entrance to the East roadway in the Gardens. Resolved, That the Committee will endeavour to prevent a recurrence of the causes of complaint.

4-Damage at Winter Garden-A letter was read from Mr. C. H. Wild, of Tate's Hotel, stating that the Caretaker at the Winter Garden had requested him to pay 3s. for the repair of a pane of glass which he had broken by serving a tennis-ball against it whilst playing, and that he declined to pay, as he considered the Council should have had it protected with a wire guard. Resolved, That so long as the amount is not paid the Caretaker be instructed to refuse Mr. Wild admittance to the Winter Garden.

5-Photos in Railway Carriages -A letter was read from the Assistant General Manager of the Midland Railway Company, suggesting that 50 more copies of each of the photocrom views of the Pittville Gardens, No. 10,728, and the Promenade, No. 10,726, should be sent to him to place in the Company's new rolling stock. Resolved, That an order be given to the Photocrom Company to supply 50 more copies of each of the views referred to, and that the same be forwarded to the Railway Company, to be used in the manner suggested.

6 - Advertising-Letters were read from H. G. Somerville, and T. G. Johnson, London agent for the Times of India newspaper, offering terms for advertising the attractions of the town.

7-Missionary Exhibition at Winter Garden -A letter was read from Mr. Ley Wood, formally accepting the offer of the Council for the hire of the Winter Garden for the first 13 days of March, 1900, it being understood that the offer includes the exclusive use of the grounds and that no objection would be raised to a temporary annexe being erected at the South end, as well as tents on the lawns if found necessary, the floors of such tents being boarded to preserve the grass, and that his Committee would be glad to have a tracing with admeasurements of the ground plan of the building. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to furnish the tracing asked for.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of April, 1899-Present The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Cooper, and Dix (The Mayor in the chair)-

8-Chairman-In the absence of the Chairman, the Mayor was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

9--Fete at Pittville Gardens on Whit-Monday-A letter was read from Mr. J. D. Bendall, Secretary of the Ancient Order of Foresters, enquiring whether or not there is any objection to their including in their programme (1) Aquatic Sports, (2) The use of Roundabouts, and (3) The use of Boats on the Lake. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on condition that all damage done is made good, the position of the Roundabouts, the use of the Boats, and other arrangements to be subject to the supervision and control of the Borough Surveyor, and half the receipts from the use of the Boats to be paid over to the Corporation.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

THE BARON DE FERRIERES' GIFT.

At a Meeting. of the Committee appointed to confer with the Baron de Ferrieres, held on **Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1899** : Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham ; and Councillor Hayward (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1- Gallery and Museum—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had appointed Wednesday, the 12th instant, at 10.30 a.m., for the enquiry, by their Inspector, Colonel A. J. Hepper, D.S.O., R.E., on the application tit the Council to borrow £1,500.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of April, 1899 -- Present The Mayor ; Councillors Brown, Cooper, Margrett, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz.—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES

| Date. | Legal Standard | Test at Manchester Street. |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1899 April 15th | 100 Volts | 106 Volts. |
| April 18th | " | <u>105 Volts.</u> |
| | | Average..105.5 Volts. |

2--Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read:—

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY---SULPHUR.

| 1899 | | 1899 | Grains per 100 cubic ft. |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| April 15th.. | 16.10 candles | April 15 th & | 10.89 |
| April 18th.. | <u>15.70 candles</u> | April 16th | |
| Average . | 15.90 candles | | |

3--Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.2373 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, a metered, 19 unmetered, and 5 burning dimly. -Extension of Electric Lighting Area beyond the Borough Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the preliminary notices, with a view of making application to the Board of Trade for an amendment of the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Order, 1890, by extending the area of supply described in the 1st Schedule to comprise the parishes of Charlton Kings, Leckhampton, Prestbury, Swindon, and Bishop's Cleeve, or such part or parts thereof as may be determined upon.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th day of April, 1899-Present: Councillors Bence, Davis, Dix, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)

1-Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 19th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 139 gallons, the average for the last four years being 148 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 17,196,705 gallons.

On the 19th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31 feet 4 inches, and the contents 96,512,001 gallons which gave a total of 113,708,706 gallons, or about 11 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 661,128 gallons,

He reminded the Committee that the time had arrived for renewal of the Inspectors' uniforms, Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to obtain the necessary uniforms at the same price as before.

2--Water Supply to Fern Grove, Tewkesbury Correspondence was read between the Town Clerk and the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, from which it appeared that the latter claimed on behalf of his Corporation the sum of £11 17s, 8d. in respect of the free supply of water to Fern Grove, but afterwards, in reply to a subsequent letter from the Town Clerk offering to pay £9 1s., reduced his claim for the present half-year to £9 16s. 8d. Resolved, To agree to pay this amount.

3 --Tewkesbury Water Supply - A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, stating that there were several sets of premises within that borough at a considerable distance from their mains, but within a short distance of the Cheltenham main, and enquiring whether this Council could arrange for the premises in question to be supplied by meter from that main on payment, by the Tewkesbury Corporation, of 7 ¾ d. per 1,000 gallons. Resolved, That the Council are unable to accede to the suggestion.

4—Water-power for Organ at Christ Church—A letter was read from Mr. E. H. Parsonage, asking for information as to what would be charged for rent of a meter of sufficient size to ensure ample pressure for the Organ and what pressure would be guaranteed. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer he requested to confer with Mr. Parsonage on the matter.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 18th day of April, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Margrett, Mules, mid Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1- Swine Fever Superintendent Hopkins reported that an outbreak of Swine Fever had occurred in pig-styes at Rowanfield Gardens, in the occupation of Mr. James Cook ; that four pigs had died, and the remainder, 19 in number, had been slaughtered, and the carcasses destroyed.

2-Hackney Carriage Licenses—Resolved, That the 17th of May be the last day for receiving requisitions for Renewals of Licences; that the Inspection of Licensed Carriages be held at the Central Depot on the 2nd of June, at 9.30 in the morning ; and that the Annual Licensing Meeting be held at the Municipal Offices on the 9th of June, at 11 o'clock.

The Inspector reported that Charles Mansell and George Page had been twice convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within twelve months.

A letter was read from C. Cooke, of the King's Head Yard, asking permission to use another carriage until the day of Inspection, while his licensed carriages were being done up. Resolved, That, subject to approval of the carriage by the Chairman, the application be acceded to.

3--Yeomanry Drill Ground-No tenders having been received for the Supply of Refreshments in response to the advertisements, Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Sub-Committee to deal with.

4 Market Tolls-Resolved. That the Public Health Committee be asked to allow Mr. Marshall, the Superintendent at the Abattoir, to undertake the control of the Market and collection of the Tolls at a percentage to be determined upon.

5-Renovation at Fire Station --The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a specification of the Repairs and Renovation required to be done at the Fire Station. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain tenders, and have the work carried out.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of April, 1899—Present: Alderman Drew ; Councillors At Bennett, Brown, Hayward, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1 -Chairman --In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Moles was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Alstone Baths—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of bathers and the receipts up to and including the 12th instant, had been 3,690 and £51 5s. 3d. respectively.

A letter was read from Mr. Jno. Goodwin, junr., complaining that the Caretaker had threatened to decline to admit him again to the Baths, as he had refused to get his bathing costume out of the swimming-bath after having thrown the same in, Resolved, That the Council fully approve of the conduct of the Caretaker.

Cleansing Baths—The Borough Surveyor having reported that the number of cleansing-baths was insufficient to meet the demand, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the means and possibility of increasing the number of the washing-baths.

Contract—With reference to the Resolutions to Minutes 2 and 6 of the proceedings of this Committee, at their meetings of date the 19th and 20th days of December and March last respectively, Mr. Williams, a representative of Messrs. Collins and Godfrey, attended, and explained that the delay in completing the Contract arose from their inability to obtain delivery of the facing-

bricks from Stonehouse. Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 2, first above referred to, that the Certificate therein referred to be passed for payment, less the amount of penalties incurred up to the date of that meeting, be varied as follows, viz. :—That the amount certified by the Borough Surveyor as due to Messrs. Collins and Godfrey on their Contract be paid less a nominal penalty of £5 for the delay.

3-Montpellier Baths Purchase--A letter from the Local Government Board was read, with which they forwarded their formal Sanction to the purchase by the Council of the Montpellier Baths and hereditaments, &c., appurtenant thereto, and also to the borrowing by the Council of £6,600 to defray the cost of the purchase and improvement of the buildings and hereditaments, and suggesting that it would be preferable that the water for use in the baths should be from the supply drawn from the river Severn. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and adopted, and that tenders for reconstruction of the Baths in accordance with the plans and specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor be at once advertised for in the Cheltenham Examiner, Free Press, and Chronicle and the Gloucestershire Echo, with a notification that copies of the plans and specification will be furnished to any person wishing to tender on his making a deposit of five guineas, to be returned to him only on receipt from him of a bona-fide tender.

4--Old Cemetery—A letter from Mr. C. Marshall was read, requesting a renewal of the grant of £10 made by the Council towards the expense of keeping open this ground for the use of the inhabitants residing in the neighbourhood. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th day of April, 1899—Present:
Councillors Brown, Hayward, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

5-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Moles was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

6-Quoit Ground—The Committee met at Barrett's Mill Ground, and Resolved, That the Quoit Club be granted an additional space 23ft. wide, for one bed as pegged out, on condition that the Club remove the present fence and re-erect it along the new line with the necessary additional fence of the same kind and pay an increased rent of £1 1s. per annum ; the work to be carried out to the satisfaction and under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of April, 1899—Present:
Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bennett, Brown, Hayward, Lenthall, Mills, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

7-Death of Caretaker of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Chairman reported the death of Mr. Maggs, who was buried Yesterday,

Resolved, To inform Mrs. Maggs that the Council very much regret the loss of her husband's services and sympathise with her in her bereavement. Further, That the deceased's representative be paid

the salary which would have been due to the deceased at the end of this month, had he lived so long, and the sum of 20s. for seeds planted in and labour to the garden ground.

Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted once in the Free Press, Echo, and Mercury, for applications for the post, the duties to include not only the supervision and superintendence of the Ground, but the devotion of as much of the Superintendents time as possible to the work to be done on the ground in the way of preparation, culture, and care of the flowers, and so forth. That the salary be fixed at 20s. per week with house and garden, free of rates and taxes, with a cap and badge. Applicants to be not over 40 years of age, and to state in their Application their age and number in family. The Applications to be sent in to the Town Clerk on or before Monday, the 15th proximo, accompanied by copies of not more than four recent testimonials.

8-Fees at Alstone Baths—Resolved, That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Brown, Hayward, and Mills, be appointed to revise the fees charged at the Alstone Baths. and to bring up a recommendation to the Committee.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st day of April, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Brown, Cypher, Davis, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair) —

1--Superintendent's Report--The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that the front entrance gates at the Cemetery required attention, as they did not open properly, and they also required painting. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do have the gates painted and adjusted.

2---Land at Cemetery—A letter was read from Mr. E. Minett, the tenant of the land adjoining the Cemetery, asking whether, as he was under notice to give up possession, the Committee would allow him to mow the land this year. although he had mowed the same last year, as he had been feeding a large number of sheep on it, not expecting notice. He also stated that he was willing to remain tenant of the land not required for burial purposes. Resolved, That under the circumstances Mr. Minett's request be acceded to.

3—Designs —The following designs were examined and approved, viz. :—Tomb to Charlotte E. Hassell. Headstones to Florence Mary Elliott, Annie Seward, Jessie Mary Sweetland, and James and Jane Silvey

4----Account---The following Account for Labourers' Wages was allowed:—G. C. Pratley £15 11 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of April, 1899—Present: Councillors Bence, Cooper. Gurney, Hayward and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1-Transfer of Duties of Overseers to Town and Urban District Councils—A letter was read from the Clerk of the Vestry of St. Marv, Islington, expressing a hope that the Council would see their way to

request their Parliamentary representative to vote in Committee in favour of the London Government Bill being amended by the introduction of provisions for the transfer of all the powers and duties of Overseers direct to the Councils to be created by it, as, should the Bill so amended become law, the opposition of the Local Government Board to a similar transfer of powers in the country must disappear. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

2-Loans Required--The Borough Accountant reported that the following sums, on account of loans which had been sanctioned. were required, viz.:—

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Montpellier Baths. | £6,600 |
| Street Improvements. | £ 715 |
| Balance of Electric Lighting Loan previously sanctioned | £ 467 |
| Loan for Electric Lighting recently sanctioned .. | <u>£17,200</u> |
| | £24,982 |
| And for replacement of Mortgage paid off on the Heyden Farm | <u>£ 1,000</u> |
| | £25,982 |

Resolved, That tenders for loans for this amount be advertised for at rates of interest not exceeding 3 per cent., secured as to the sum of £24,982 by debentures, subject to repayment by the Corporation at any time on their giving or receiving six months' notice, and as to the sum of £1,000 by a mortgage on the Heyden Farm, subject to a prior mortgage for £6,666 13s. 4d.

3-Rates Collector—Resolved, That the Rates Collector be instructed in future to be present at the Monthly Meetings of this Committee at the time fixed for commencement of business.

4—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £5,432 9s. 9d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement:—

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| In hand on the 28th March last | £ 7,057 6 3 |
| Received since that date | <u>£ 2,937 17 3</u> |
| | £ 9,995 3 6 |
| Paid since that date | <u>£13,907 18 1</u> |
| Overdrawn | £ 3,912 14 7 |

W. GERALD GURNEY,
Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of April, 1899—Present The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne : Councillors Bennett, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Mills, Preston, and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair)—

1-County Council and the Grammar School —A letter from Mr. Gardom, the Clerk to the County Council, of date the 17th inst., informing the Town Clerk that the County Technical Instruction Committee reported to the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, on the 10th inst., that they had approved the principle of the Report of the Special Committee appointed

by the County Council on the 11th of April, 1898, on the subject of Technical Education in the County, and that the County Council thereupon authorised the Technical Instruction Committee to carry out the scheme of the Special Committee with respect to the Cheltenham Grammar School.

Mr. Gardom also enclosed copy of the following Memorandum of the Conference held on the 30th March last between the Representatives of the County Technical Instruction Committee, this Committee and the Governors of the Grammar School and which has been approved by the County Council.

"The Chairman, M. W. Colchester Wemyss, Esq., read a Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Governors of the Cheltenham Grammar School on the 21st March, 1899, the Resolution of the Technical Education Committee of the Cheltenham Town Council passed at a Meeting of that Committee on the 22nd March, 1899, and the letter of the Clerk of the County Council to the Town Clerk of Cheltenham, dated the 25th March, 1899.

After an exchange of views and a discussion, it was considered desirable that the scheme for the future management of the Cheltenham Grammar School, in order to adapt it to the proposals of the County Council, should include the following

(1) That the Governing Body of such School shall consist of the Mayor of Cheltenham for the time being and of 16 other members, viz. :—

Five appointed by the County Council,
Five by the Town Council of Cheltenham,
Four by Corpus Christi, and
Two by parents.

(2) That the Evening Classes in connection with such school shall be and, the control of a Committee appointed by the Governors from their Body, to which must be added four additional members appointed by the Cheltenham Town Council and such other members, not exceeding to, as the Committee may co-opt.

The representatives of the Technical Education Committee of the Cheltenham Town Council agreed to recommend that Council to give a hearty support to the scheme, and to assure the County Council and the Governors of the Grammar School that the Town Council has no intention of establishing a rate-supported Technical School.

Also, that in the event of Cheltenham becoming a County Borough, the Town Council should undertake to repay the County Council any capital expenditure they may make in respect of the Cheltenham Grammar School.

It was arranged that the representatives of the Technical Education Committee of the Cheltenham Town Council should report to that Council, and that the Sub-Committee of the County Council Technical Instruction Committee should report to that Council, and that in the event of those Councils approving the proposals an intimation thereof should be conveyed to the Governors of the Cheltenham Grammar School, and that such Governors should then prepare a draft scheme to be submitted hereafter to the Charity Commissioners for carrying out those proposals, and that as soon as such Draft has been prepared it should be considered at a future meeting of this Conference."

The foregoing communication and Memorandum having been considered and discussed, Resolved, That this Committee approve of the conclusions come to at the Conference, except that the paragraph relating to the liability of the Town Council in the event of the Borough becoming a County Borough be made to read as follows, viz. :—That in the event of Cheltenham becoming a County Borough the Corporation should undertake to relieve the County Council of any further liability in respect of the capital expenditure they may have made in respect of the Cheltenham Grammar School, and which this Committee thinks more clearly expresses the meaning and intention of the Conference.

M. DAVIS,
Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th day of April, 1899—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Hayward, Moles, Preston and Steel ; the Revs. J. Evans and J. Mugliston ; the Baron de Ferrieres ; Dr. Davis: Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler, J. G. Carr, W. Cresswell, and T. Whitford (Councillor Hayward in the chair)

1- Librarian's Report—The usual monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £8 12s. 5d. He reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

| | Vols. | Pamphlets. |
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| F. H. Chile .. | 1 | |
| Trustees of British Museum | 6 | 2 |
| Wales University .. | 1 | |
| J. Sawyer .. | 15 | |
| Baron de Ferrieres .. | 2 | |

Annual Reports from several Public Libraries.

2-Sub committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported and recommended:

That the Librarian be authorised to obtain a suitable stand for the posting of maps, at a cost not exceeding £2 2s. That the list of new books submitted by the Librarian be purchased for the sum of £8.

That the wages of W. D. Farish, who took the place of S. Poulston, resigned, be increased from 6s. to 8s. per week.

That the draft of the Annual Report be approved, and 500 copies printed for distribution as usual.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed.

3-Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed:—

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| W. Jones, Wages' Account | £18 6 6 |
| B. Norton, Books (New) .. | £ 3 1 6 |
| W. H. Smith, Books (New, 5s. 10d. ; Rep. 6s. 10d.) | £ 0 12 6 |
| j. Hitchman, Books (New) .. | £ 1 7 0 |
| Library Association, Subscription to, for 1899 .. | £ 1 1 0 |
| Gas Co., Coke | £ 1 16 0 |
| Times Newspaper, 14 vols... | £ 2 2 0 |

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of April, 1899— Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne; Councillors Bennett, Cypher, Macdonald, Mills, Moles, Preston, and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

1—Attendance Officers' Report--The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 40 schools, from which 385 games of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 26 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 4 meetings ; that 12 parents had been prosecuted ; that 8 were fined, and Attendance Orders Were made against the children of two parents who had been summoned.

2—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved. That proceedings under the Bye-laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :—George Mackay, North Street Mews ; William Beckley, 48, Stanhope Street ; and Espardo Hopkins, No. 5, Providence Cottages, Great Norwood Street; and That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parent of Helena Nash, Limekiln Row, for an Attendance Order.

3-Junior Attendance officer—The Applications which had been received from S. H. Harris, G. C. Irving, C. W. Lodge, W. H. Slade, and C. Willis, for this vacancy, were further considered. Resolved, That Mr. George Cloves Irving be appointed as Junior Attendance Officer at the same salary as hitherto paid to Mr. Carroll, commencing from the time at which Mr. Turner's resignation took effect.

JOHN D. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 5th day of June, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of May, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Davis, Dix, and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz., Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher and Davis.

2-Oxford Street Private Improvement Works--A letter was read from Mr. Minett, complaining that the Private Improvement Works in this street had not been proceeded with. The Borough Surveyor stated that the Contractor had received instructions to proceed with the work some time ago but had been engaged on other similar work elsewhere and had not yet been able to make a commencement. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to give notice to the Contractor to proceed with the works without further delay.

3- Trinity Church Lane Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from General Lewis, on behalf of the Committee of the Female Refuge in Winchcomb Street, appealing to the Council to relieve this Institution from the cost of their proportion of these works on the ground of its being established and carried on for a charitable purpose. He also alleged that the road opposite the Refuge was in faultless condition. Resolved, To inform General Lewis that in making the apportionment the Committee will give due consideration to the prayer contained in his letter.

4-Opening Road without Notice—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. H. Millard, Builder, St. Luke's Road, had opened the pathway at "Sefton" without giving proper notice, with the result that he had done considerable damage to the electric light cables. A letter was read from Mr. Millard stating that he had given verbal notice and apologising for not having given Proper written notice, and promising that he would take every precaution that the oversight should not occur again. Resolved, To inform Mr. Millard that having regard to the danger incurred by opening the roads without proper supervision and the damage which such opening is likely to occasion, the Committee intend to strictly enforce compliance with the regulations, and proceedings will be taken against him if he should repeat the offence.

5-Chester Walk and Road East side of the Abbots from All Saints' Church to All Saints' Road— Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up Specifications of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to put these streets into repair.

6-Footpath on North side of No. 14, Promenade—(Apportionment)—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the works ordered to be done to put in order this footpath amounted to £18 7s. 6d. which was the amount due from Mrs. Emily Drake as the owner of the abutting premises, No. 14, Promenade, according to the frontage thereof. Resolved, at the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof, and of demand, be served on Mrs. Drake.

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7-Advertising Station—Resolved, That a wood panel be erected by the Borough Surveyor on the land of the Corporation in St. 4 George's Place, near the South end of Messrs. Hamby Bendall and Co's. premises, and that the space be let for advertising purposes.

8-Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways —The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 22nd of April to the 26th of May, both inclusive, had been as follows :-

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Bath Road (proceeding).

Patching—All Saints' Road, Gloucester Road, Promenade, Malvern Road, Portland Street, Royal Well Lane, Winchcomb Street, Queen's Road, Hatherley Road, Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place, Painswick Lawn, Swindon Road, King Street.

Repaired with Millgrit Stone—Imperial Square.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Victoria Place, Fairview Street, Milsom Street, Swindon Street.

Paving, Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling Repairs—North Place, Sandford Road, Imperial Square, Oxford Passage, St. Paul's Street North, Albert Street, Lansdown Crescent, Christ Church Road, Glenfall Street, Montpellier Spa Road, Hewlett Place, Bath Road, Suffolk Road, Bayshill Road, Prestbury Road, Carlton Street, Exmouth Street, Fairview Street, Keynsham Street, Segrave Place, Townsend Street, Granville Street, Hewlett Street, Montpellier Street, Cleveland Street, St. George's Street, High Street, Swindon Road, Promenade, Bath Parade, Francis Street.

The open space in Oxford Passage had been re-laid with blue bricks.

The Crossing from 14, Imperial Square to the north-east of the Winter Garden had been re-laid with plugged bricks.

The Channel on the east side of Imperial Square had been laid with blue bricks, and a new earthenware gulley had been fixed.

Trees had been pruned in Gloucester Road and Leckhampton Road.

Ashes Collected-1,065 loads. Consumed at Destructor 1,050 tons, 11 cwt., 2 qrs.-964 loads.

9— Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that at the shop of Messrs. Stead and Simpson, Limited, No. 139, High Street, four large advertising gas lamps had been put up in front of the shop window, 8 ft. from the paving and projecting about 2 ft., and at their shops Nos. 123 and 124, High Street they had fixed six advertising gas lamps in front of the shop windows in place of six ordinary lamps, permission not having been first obtained in either case. With regard to the lamps at 139, High Street a letter was read from Mr. Wm. Walters, Secretary of the Company, apologising for not having first obtained permission to put up the lamps, the omission being entirely due to an oversight on the part of the representative of the Company, and requesting permission to allow the lamps to remain, and expressing willingness to make any alterations necessary to conform with the Bye-laws and carry out any regulations which might be required. Resolved, That the lamps be allowed to remain subject to the usual conditions being complied with, but that Mr. Walters be informed that in future any street projections fixed by his Company without permission having been first obtained will have to be removed.

A Letter was read from J. Such and Sons, applying for permission to erect four lamps outside Messrs. Cash and Co's. Boot Stores in the High Street similar to the one then fixed, which would be removed, and at the same height and projecting the same distance from the shop front. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to observance of the usual conditions.

A Letter was read from Mr. Samuel Gwillim, of the Vine Tree Dining Rooms, Albion Street, applying for permission to put his business flag out during holiday times such as on Bank Holidays and in Cricket Week. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

A Letter was read from Mr. W. Betteridge, of No. 55, Winchcomb Street, complaining that a sign board or case erected in front of No. 1, Sherborne Terrace, was a great annoyance to his tenant and to those who occupy his apartments as it obstructs the view, and that he would be obliged if the Council would have it removed. Resolved, To inform Mr. Betteridge that the Council regret they have no power to compel the removal of the sign as it projects over private property.

10-Highbury Lane Private Improvement Works A Letter was read from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey objecting to the apportionment of the cost of these works in respect of the premises owned by them abutting on this road, amounting to £15 out of a total of £36 17s. 4d., which after deducting a similar sum of £15 charged against Messrs. Smith Bros., left the sum of only £6 17s. 4d. to be divided among the other 17 abutting property owners, three of whom use the road for vehicular traffic. Resolved, To refer the letter to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and to report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee.

11-Advertisement Hoarding of Mr. Shenton, in London Road—With reference to a complaint made by Mr. Privett, an occupier of one of the houses at the back of this hoarding, complaining of the intolerable nuisance caused to himself and the occupiers of the houses adjoining the one occupied by him, a Letter from Mr. Shenton was read, stating that the piece of land on which the hoarding stands was purchased by him some years ago expressly for the purpose of erecting thereon a bill posting station, and he submitted that under the circumstances he could not be expected to incur the loss which he would sustain if he gave up the use of the ground for its present purpose, and pointing out that Mr. Privett became an occupier of his present residence since the establishment of the bill-posting station, and was therefore well aware of the existence of the hoarding when he came to reside behind it.

12-Trees near Greville House--A letter was read from Messrs. Campbell, Reeves & Co., of No. 17, Warwick Street, Regent Street, London, on behalf of the Misses Hamilton, complaining that some trees adjoining their residence Greville House hung over it gateway, and had damaged the paint and flight of steps, and choked up the watercourses of the portico, and requesting that the overhanging branches should be at once cut off. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this request complied with.

13-Postal Pillar Box, Pittville Crescent—A letter was read from the Postmaster at Cheltenham, applying on behalf of the Postal Authorities, for permission to place a Pillar Letter Box at the cross roads near the centre of Pittville Crescent, beneath a lamp on the opposite side of the road to Sandown Lawn. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

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14-Sydenham Villas Road Private Improvement Works--A letter was read from Mr. C. Williams, of No. 8, Sydenham Villas, with reference to the notice served on him to carry out these works, which specified that the new paving should be of concrete slabs of the width of 5-feet, stating that he had no objection to the concrete slabs in front of the house, but as the pathway surrounding the garden was then of asphalt the whole width, and in good condition, he submitted it was unfair and unnecessary to require the substitution of concrete for asphalt, especially as further along the road in front of such houses as Underwood and Marlborough lawn the pathway had recently been renewed with gravel, and in Sydenham Road, E., asphalt had recently been used. Resolved, That the Council are unable to make any alteration in the specification.

15-Street Watering, &c.—A letter from Miss Taylor, of Gonia, The Park, was read, complaining of the insufficient watering of the roads and cleansing of the pavements near her residence. Resolved, To inform Miss Taylor that her complaint shall receive attention.

16-Accident to Horse of Mr. B. Combe - -A letter from Mr. B. Combe was read, declining to accept the offer of the Council, as the horse was irretrievably done for and had it been killed outright the loss would have been no greater. That he would give till the 16th instant to enable the Council to pay

him the full amount claimed, viz., £16 10s 0d., failing which he should at once direct his Solicitor to issue a summons.

17-Wall of No. 27, Manchester Street A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Bendy, the owner of No. 27, Manchester Street, stating that he bought the land upon which the house is built about 17 years ago from the Corporation with the distinct understanding that the outside wall should be a party-wall and that he should have something paid to him when the next house should be built, and that he had left his wall so that bearings could be taken for the next house. However, the Electric Light Station, which was built on the adjoining land, has no bearing on the wall and he had received no compensation. He therefore claimed compensation for the loss occasioned to him by the wall and the end of his house being left exposed to the weather and damaged by the rain. A letter was read from the Town Clerk in reply that on reference to the draft conveyance he found that he (Mr. Bendy) had the privilege of building the wall of his house to the extent of 4 ½ inches on the adjoining land, the property of the Corporation, and the Corporation had the right to lay into and use the wall on paying one half the cost of the erection of the wall or of so much thereof as they should lay into or use. That inasmuch as the Corporation did not exercise the right of laying into and using the wall he had no claim on the Corporation. That he would have had to build a 9 inch wall in any event and he had built half of it on the Corporation land without paying anything at all for it. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

18- Accident to Pony of Mr. A. B. Wall—A letter from Mr. A. B. Wall was read, stating that on the 10th ulto. an accident occurred at the crossing at the junction of Hewlett and High Streets, occasioned by a raised ridge across the road against which the pony he was driving struck her feet, and as she was recovering she caught her feet in two deep holes in the crossing and fell, resulting in damage which he estimated at £30, and he would be glad to know what the Council would do in the matter.

Mr. Huband reported that the pony was 6 years old and both knees were injured but not very severely, but they would be blemished. He stated that Mr. Wall informed him that if the Council would admit liability he was willing to leave the question of the amount of compensation to the decision of himself (Mr. Huband) and Mr. Bryer. Resolved, That the Council do not admit any liability.

19-Nuisance in Passage at side of No. 14, Bayshill Terrace—A letter was read from Mr. G. F. Newall, complaining that the passage on the west side of No. 14, Bayshill Terrace, was made use of as a playground by children, who made so much noise that his tenants complained they could not rest in peace, and must give up possession of the house if the annoyance is not put a stop to Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Superintendent of the Police to request him to give instructions to the Constables on the beat to do what they can to abate the annoyance.

20—Accident to Miss Emily Green—A letter was read from the Rev. L. A. Lyne, stating that Emily Green, spinster, aged 47, of No. 10, Victoria Place, met with a serious fall on the pavement by All Saints' Schools, in consequence of the unevenness of the flag stones, which had been but temporarily laid during the placing of the electric main, on Saturday, May 13th. That her head and eye were much bruised and she was suffering from the shock, and unable to follow her occupation as a sempstress, at which she was able to earn from 6s to 12s per week. That she had been incapacitated since the 13th of May, and had been obliged to refuse a fortnight's work, which would have brought her in 24-, and he made application on her behalf to the Council to grant her a weekly allowance whilst she was unable to work. Resolved, That as the Council are under no legal liability, they regret they are unable to accede to the application.

21-Road from Bath Road to Karenza--A letter was read from Mr. William Morgan, of Karenza, calling attention to the bad state of repair of this road from the beginning of Kew Place, and requesting the Council to have it repaired. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up specifications of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to put into proper repair the streets from the Bath Road to the end of New Place, and from Kew Place to Clare Place.

22—Cleansing of Footpath near Greville House—A letter was read from Miss Hamilton, requesting the Town Council to have the public pathway bounding the eastern side of Greville House swept and cleansed, it being in its usual dirty and neglected condition.

23- Gloucester Road Footpath and Sydenham Roads Private Improvement Works —A letter from Councillor General Macdonald was read, protesting against the expense of paving and edging the footpath from Lansdown Bridge to the Gas Works being charged upon the abutting owners, as he considered the County Council were liable to bear it, and any demand made upon the abutting owners would be illegal.

He also protested against the cost of remetalling a road in the Sydenham quarter being charged on the abutting owners, as he had known the road in question to have been an open road for 31 years. Resolved, To inform General Macdonald as regards the Gloucester Road Footpath that the abutting owners have not yet been required to execute any works of paving, edging, &c., to the footpath on the Gloucester Road, and that as regards the Private Improvement Works in Sydenham Villas Road the Council see no reason for departing from the usual course and treating the owners of property abutting on this street any differently from owners of property in other parts of the Borough.

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24—Alstone Grange Estate -A letter was read from Messrs. H. R. & W. H. Pearce, stating that they had purchased the Alstone Grange Estate. That they understood the plan of the proposed method of laying out the Estate for building had passed the Council, but they wished to know (1) If they could make the frontages on the S. E. side 16 ft. 9 inches instead of 15 ft. as on the plan marked A, which would be the same as on the N.E. side. (2) If they could put the sewer down the back of the houses on the N.E. side marked B (instead of in the new road marked C) without making a back road, as they would prefer not to pass the drains under the houses. The houses on the S.E. side to drain into the sewer already existing, marked D. (3) If the Council are prepared to give £200 for the land in Alstone Lane to widen the road marked E and relieve them from having to make the footpaths in that part. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until a proper plan has been delivered for approval by the Council.

25—Building Plans —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. -.—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1157 | Charles Barnett | Bakery at rear of No. 85, High Street |
| 1158 | E. Pearce | Bedroom, &c., at Lagarie, Eldorado Road |
| 1160 | F. W. Strange | Two Villas in Sydenham Villas Road |
| 1161 | G. A. Hawkins | Two Villas on site of Mural Lodge, Vittoria Walk |
| 1162 | Robert Steel | W.C. at rear of No. 8, Montpellier Terrace |

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| 1163 | Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Permanent Mutual Benefit Building Society | Additions to No. 16, Clarence Street |
| 1164 | S. G. Adcock | House in Mitre Street |
| 1165 | Boots Limited | Alterations and Additions to Nos. 129. and 130, High Street |
| | Boots Limited | Open Wood Block Letters at No. 130, High Street |
| 1166 | C. S. Holliday | Additions to Morland Cottage, Leckhampton Road |
| 1167 | Nailsworth Brewery Co. | Additions to Sudeley Arms, Winchcomb Place |
| 1168 | J. E Bendall | Shed at back of house opposite SS. Philip and James' Schools, Leckhampton Road |
| 1169 | D. Weaver | Bath Room at No. 2, Rodney Place |
| 1170 | Committee of St. Paul's Training College | Additions to St. Paul's Training College, Swindon Road |
| 1171 | Mrs. Rogers | House adjoining Belmont, London Road |
| 1172 | F. Jenkins | Eight Houses in Leckhampton Road |
| 1173 | W. T. Smith | Additions to Coach House and Yard back of No. 11, Suffolk Square |
| 1174 | Young and Gilling | Additions to No, 14, Promenade Villas |
| 1175 | J. D. Bendall | Villa in Hall Road |
| 1176 | The Mayor of Cheltenham .. | Twelve Cottages East side of Naunton Lane |

Resolved, That Nos. 1158, 1168 and 1175 be disapproved, and that the other plans referred to be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th day of May, 1899—Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 14 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever and 5 of Diphtheria; that 14 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria ; and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in that Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 25 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric and 2 of Diphtheria.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 21a York Street, Nos. 5, 6, 9 and 10, Attewell's Court, House behind No. 38, York Street, The Shamrock Inn, Grove Street, Nos. 4 and 13 ½, Grove Street, No. 21, Marsh Lane, Clarence Metes, North Place, Nos. 1 and 2, Rose Cottages, No. 26a, Regent Place, No. 13 Windsor Street and No. 2, Gas Lane.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3 —Nuisances from Drains, &c. at No. 2, Elm View Cottages, No 14 Pittville Lawn, No. 11, 1Vindsor Street, Bayshill Cottage', Little Bayshill Terrace, Station Cottage and St. James' Square—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 40 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c. belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

4—Insanitary Property at Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10, Attewell's Court, No. 4, Grove Street, and Nos. 6, 6,7, 8, Sand 10, Berkeley Avenue —The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, ceilings, walls, paving, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public paving, floors, &c. Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices,

5 --W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owner, requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ash pits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 18th of April the carcass of a cow slaughtered at the Abattoir was found to be badly affected by tuberculosis and with the offal was condemned and destroyed by order of a magistrate ; and that on the oath of the same month 20 boxes of tomatoes found in a decaying condition on the premises of a wholesale greengrocer were destroyed.

8—Nuisance front Rouse Refuse on ground adjoining Naunton Park—The Medical Officer reported that a nuisance was caused from the house refuse which had been tipped on this field, and he strongly recommended that all the house refuse should be destroyed by burning. Resolved, That in future the whole of the house refuse of the town be destroyed at the Destructor, and that no one be supplied with any of it for garden purposes or otherwise.

9—Insanitary Urinals at The Sherborne Arms, Sherborne Street, and Shamrock Inn, Grove Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were in such a foul condition from want of proper water supply for flushing as to be a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the respective owners of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a proper supply of water and flush the urinals.

10 —Defective Sewer under Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Berkeley Place-- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the sewer which paned under the larder of No. 2, Berkeley Place was in a defective condition and likely to be dangerous to health and should be removed and relaid in another position.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a report and estimate of the cost of carrying out the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health.

11-Common Lodging House—Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a small apartment partly situated under the cottage behind the above lodging house and which was let as a furnished apartment was unfit for any such occupation. Resolved, That Notice be served on the Occupier of the house requiring him to cease the letting of the room referred to as a furnished apartment.

12—Salary of Inspector of Nuisances—The application of Mr. Hudson for an increase of his salary was further considered. Resolved, That he be granted an immediate increase of £10 from the date of the next monthly meeting of the Council, with an annual increase of £10 up to a maximum of £200 per annum.

13—Salary of Clerk in health Department—A Letter was read from Mr. H. J. Morgan, Clerk in the Health Department, applying for an increase of his salary from 15s to 17s 6d per week. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, the increase to commence from the date of the next monthly meeting of the Council.

14—Hayden Knoll Farm House—A Letter was read from Mr. Arthur Slough, of Lowther House, Shurdington, offering to become the tenant of the learnt House at Heyden Knoll Farm at a fair and reasonable rent. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider the matter and report to the Committee what reply he recommends should be made to the letter.

15-Contribution by County Council to Salary of the Medical Officer of Health—With reference to the action of the County Council in declining to contribute a proportion of the salary of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the period from the 1st of September to the 5th of December during which they alleged he was not legally in office, a letter from the Local Government Board was read stating that they were advised that they were not empowered to sanction his appointment for that period with a view to repayment from the County Fund in respect of Dr. Garrett's salary.

16—Sewerage Loan--In reply to a Letter from the Town Clerk pointing out that in determining the amount for which they had issued their sanction the Local Government Board had deducted twice over a sum of £357, a letter from the Board was read stating that if the sanction for the sum of £3,080 is returned they would issue a fresh one for £3437.

17-Building Plans • The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1157 | Charles Barnett | Bakery at rear of No. 85, High Street. |
| 1158 | E. Pearce | Bedroom, &c., at Lagarie, Eldorado Road. |
| 1160 | F. W. Strange | Two Villas in Sydenham Villas Road. |
| 1161 | G. A. Hawkins | Two Villas on the site of Mural Lodge, Vittoria Walk. |
| 1162 | R. Steel | W.C. at rear of No, 8 Montpellier Terrace. |

Resolved, That No. 1162 be approved subject to an intercepting trap being fixed in the line of drainage, and that the other plans so far as regards sanitary matters be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of May, 1899-Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair) -

18-Zymotic Disease -The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 20 cases of Scarlet Fever, of Enteric Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria; that 16 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 26 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Enteric Fever.

19-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17, Russell Place, No. 10, Christ Church Terrace, and No. 34, Hanover Street -The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 45 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

20-Overcrowding at Nos. 54, 57 and 61, Stanhope Street--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same. Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

22-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

23 --Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 15 and 16, Russell Place and Nos. 23, 42, 49, 50, 59 and 59, Stanhope Street --The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

24-Wells at Nos. 1 and 2, Field View, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Field View Cottages, Rose Cottage, Swindon Road and Nos. 1 and 2, Woodbine Cottages-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

25-Insanitary Property at No.21, Stanhope Street and Cottage behind same, Nos. 25, 16 & 12, Stanhope Street and 15, Russell Place--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to

defective roofs, ceilings, walls, floors, yard pitching, traps, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices. 26 Ambulance Sheds at Delancey hospital---Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have such repairs, painting, &c., done as is required to put these sheds into good condition.

27 Ambulances-Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the ambulance now in use varnished, and the question of providing another ambulance for enteric fever cases in place of the old ambulance formerly used for this purpose but which is now worn out be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

28-Major Cottages, Millbrook Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these cottages were so very small and the arrangements so incommodious that he considered their continuance as dwelling houses very undesirable. That he had had communication with the owner who had agreed in writing to close each cottage as it becomes vacant and not to let it again as a dwelling house, which proposition he recommended the Committee to accept instead of taking proceedings to obtain orders for the houses to be closed. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health be approved and adopted.

29-Offensive Trade --A Letter was read from Wm. Bailey, of Maryville, St. George's Road, stating that it was his intention, with the consent of the Council, to carry on his trade as a fellmonger and woolstapler on premises now occupied in the Six Chimney Lane, opposite Lower Alstone Mill, and that all arrangements would be carried out accordance with the Byelaws and to the approval of the Inspector. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the application for the consent of the Council to enable the Committee to pay a visit of inspection to the premises.

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30—Overseer of the Sewage Farms --On a report from the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to give notice to Mr. Cox to terminate his engagement.

31— Sewer at back of Berkeley Place—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan showing how this sewer could be stopped up and re-laid so that it would not pass under any house, the cost of which he estimated at £18. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the work carried out.

32-Contract for No. 1 Sewerage Scheme —A letter was read from Messrs. Lawrence & Co., the Solicitors for the Contractors for this work, stating that subject to the alterations made by them to the Contract when the matter was previously considered, and to an increase in the amount of the Contract price to £5,250 17s. 6d. (from £4,448), in order to meet the increased cost of wages and materials which had taken place in the building trade since the original Tender was made, their clients would be prepared to carry out the Contract, provided that the order to commence be given by the 10th proximo. Resolved. That as the clients of Messrs. Lawrence & Co. are not prepared to carry out the Contract upon the terms originally agreed upon, Tenders be advertised for Nos. 1 & 2 Districts together, and separately for the Barn Farm Outfall Works.

33- Closing of Slaughter Houses—Resolved, To offer, without prejudice, compensation to the owners of the registered Slaughter Houses who have received notice to discontinue to use them for slaughtering, as follows, viz :—

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| To the Owners of the Slaughter Houses at the back of 277, High Street | £264 |
| “ “ “ at No. 280, High Street | £280 |
| “ “ “ “ 296 “ | £100 |
| “ “ “ “ 213 “ | £ 88 |

34--- Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans which he had received of intended new buildings requiring drainage, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1163 | The Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Permanent Benefit Building Society .. | Additions to No. 16, Clarence Street. |
| 1164 | S G. Adcock | House in Mitre Street. |
| 1165 | Boots, | Limited Alterations and additions to No. 129 and 130, High Street. |
| 1166 | C. S. Holliday | Additions to Morland Cottage, Leckhampton Road. |
| 1167 | Nailsworth Brewery Co. | Additions to Sudeley Arms, Winchcomb Place. |
| 1168 | J. E. Bendall | Shed at back of house opposite SS. Philip and James' Schools, Leckhampton Road. |
| 1169 | D. Weaver | Bath Room at No. 2, Rodney Place. |
| 1170 | The Executive Committee of St. Paul's Training College | Additions to St. Paul's Training College, Swindon Road. |
| 1171 | Mrs. Rogers | House adjoining Belmont, London Road. |
| 1172 | F. Jenkins | Eight Houses in Leckhampton Road. |
| 1173 | W. T. Smith | Additions to Coach House and yard at back of No. II, Suffolk Square. |
| 1174 | Young and Gilling | Additions to No. 54, Promenade Villas. |
| 1175 | J. D. Bendall | Villa in Hall Road. |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and sanitary matters No. 1168 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans referred to be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE,
Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of May, 1899 —Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Davis, Dix, Hayward, Mills and Steel (Councillor Dix in the chair) —

1—Light Railway—Mr. Nevins, junior, with Mr. Gurney, Solicitor for the Promoter, attended the Meeting to lay before the Committee the following observations, viz :—

1.—That he would urge the Council to consent to the guage being increased to 4-ft. 8 ½ inches, as the cars that could be used on a gauge of 3ft. 6-inches, would be very inconvenient to the passengers owing to their narrowness.

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2.-That he should not be required to paint the poles, posts, and brackets more than once in every three years

3.—That the fares to be charged between the termini for intermediate distances should not

be fixed by the Order, but left for subsequent arrangement.

4.—That the Electric Energy to be supplied by the Corporation shall be delivered at such points along the route as the Promoter shall require, and the Corporation shall be able to deliver it at.

5.—That the right of pre-emption by the Council of the undertaking within the Borough should not be exercisable within a period of 35 instead of 21 years as fixed by the Order ; and

6.—That the costs of the Corporation to be paid by the Promoters incidental to the perusal preparation and obtaining of the Order, or otherwise, incurred in reference thereto shall not exceed £50.

Resolved, That the Council cannot consent to any increase in the width of the guage, but that they will consent to an increase of the width of the cars to 6-ft. 4-inches. That the Council consent to the modifications suggested in observations Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 6 (subject as to No. 3 to the fare for the whole distance not exceeding the sum of fourpence) ; That the Council cannot consent to the modification suggested in No. 5, but that they will consent to the period within which they shall not have the right to purchase being extended from 21 to 30 years ; and that the first resolution of this Committee at their meeting of date the 21st February, 1899, approved by the Council, be altered and varied accordingly.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 1st day of June, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Davis, Dix, Hayward and Macdonald (Councillor Dix in the chair)—

2-Amendment of Provisions of the Draft Order—Mr. Winterbotham, Solicitor for the Promoter, appeared to make an application to the Committee to agree to amendment of the provisions of the Draft Order.

(1) By re-inserting special clauses for reference to Arbitration after Secs. 4a, 22, and 27 of matters in dispute referred to therein.

(2) By omitting Sec. 75a requiring the Promoters to execute a Bond with a Guarantee Society as surety for £2,000 in case the Promoters fail to substantially observe and perform the conditions and stipulations on their part contained in the Order before and after completion of the line, in consideration of which the Promoters would consent to omit the proviso to Sec. 73 whereby they would be entitled to receive out of their deposit with the Board of Trade a portion thereof in proportion to the length of railway being less than the full length from time to time opened by them for traffic.

(3) And by inserting in Sec. 46 after the words "not being less than half-hourly on week days" the words "between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m."

Resolved, That the Council are of opinion that the general provision for reference to arbitration contained in Sec. 81 is amply sufficient without insertion of the special clauses, to which they do not therefore consent ; (2) That this proposal be agreed to as the Council consider the provision contained in Sec. 83 for the recovery of penalties in the event of contravention of the Order by the Promoters and the proposal to leave the Deposit in the hands of the Board of Trade until completion

of the line for its full length will be sufficient to guarantee compliance with the Order without the additional Bond with a Guarantee Society and (3) that the Council cannot consent to limit the half-hourly service to 8 p.m., but will consent to the following words in lieu of those proposed by Mr. Winterbotham, viz. : "between such hours as may from time to time be agreed upon between the Promoters and the Council." Further Resolved, That the first Resolution of this Committee at this meeting of date the 21st of February, 1899, approved by the Council, be altered or varied accordingly.

3- Inquiry—Resolved, To authorise the Town Clerk to instruct Counsel on behalf of the Corporation to support at the Inquiry the application by the Promoters for grant of a Provisional Order as settled and agreed to between the Promoters and the Council.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th day of May, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1-Whit-Monday Fete at Pittville—Mr. Smith, of the White Hart, Winchcomb, the Caterer for refreshments at the Pittville Gardens, on the occasion of the Foresters' Fete, on Whit-Monday, with Mr. Craddock to represent the Foresters, attended the Meeting and explained that an application had been made to the Justices for a licence to sell intoxicating liquors at the Gardens on the afternoon and evening of Whit-Monday, which application had been granted subject to this Committee having no objection. Mr. Smith having assured the Committee that he would take every precaution and use every endeavour to prevent any abuse of the privilege. Resolved, That the Committee will offer no objection to the grant of a licence for sale of intoxicants up to an hour not later than 9 p.m.

2—Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Specification and Estimate of Cost of carrying out some proposed alterations to the Winter Garden, in accordance with the resolution of the Council, of date 13th March, 1899, that the Committee should bring up a scheme and plans for altering and adapting the existing building on the Winter Garden site in the manner suggested by the letter of the Local Government Board refusing their sanction to the original scheme, and the Resolution of this Committee of date the 22nd of March last approved by the Council. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned to enable copies to be supplied to each member of the Committee to peruse before the next meeting of the Committee.

3—Promenade, Suffolk Parade, and Suffolk Road Improvements—A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, with which they forwarded prints of the draft of a Provisional Order which they proposed to issue, enabling the Council to put in force the Compulsory Clauses of the Lands Clauses Acts with reference to the lands required for the above improvements. Correspondence was read between the Town Clerk and the Local Government Board, by which the Town Clerk had suggested that a clause should be inserted in the Order, or in the Confirming Act, similar to a clause frequently inserted in Railway Bills, varying Sec. 92 of the Lands Clauses Act, 1845, to relieve the Corporation from having to purchase the whole of properties, portions only of which are required for the purposes of the improvements, if such portions can in the opinion of the jury,

arbitrators, or other authority to whom the question of disputed compensation shall be submitted, be severed from the remainder of such properties without material detriment thereto, but the Board had intimated that they were not prepared to comply with the suggestion to insert the clause in the Order or in the Confirming Bill, as they were unable to satisfy themselves that they could legally or properly accede to the proposal. A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, stating that the Postmaster-General desired to have an alteration made in the Order restricting the Corporation from purchasing the open space in front of the Post Office without his consent, and that from and after the purchase the Corporation should maintain a free access to and from the Post Office for the Public, and for all purposes of the Post Office Service, and that the Board would take steps when the Bill for confirming the Order is in Committee to have the Order amended accordingly.

4-Organ for Winter Garden—A letter was read from Mr. J. O. Smith, suggesting that the Council should avail themselves of an opportunity to purchase a splendid organ for the Winter Garden, the original cost of which was about £3,000, and could now be had for £1,000. Resolved, That the Committee are obliged to Mr. Smith for informing them of the opportunity of purchasing the Organ, but they are not yet in a position to entertain the suggestion.

5—Use of Montpellier Gardens for Lifeboat Demonstration—An application was received from Councillor Bennett, on behalf of the Committee of the Lifeboat Institution, for the use of the Montpellier Gardens, on the 1st of July, for the purpose of a firework display, to follow the demonstration and street procession, and if thought necessary for permission, to take the Lifeboat along the broad walk into the Gardens. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the Subscribers being admitted free to the Gardens, and to all arrangements being with the approval and under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor.

6 --Croquet Tournament—A letter from E. L. Merry and as other Lessees and Members of Clubs having the use of the tennis courts, was read, objecting to this Tournament taking place on the ground reserved for the tennis courts, as it would interfere with their use of the courts during the course of the Tournament. Resolved, To inform the writers that the courts are only let subject to the right of the Council to reserve the use of the whole of the Gardens whenever required, but as they seem to be under a misapprehension as to this, the Council will, if they wish, return the money paid by them for the use of the courts for the present season, and forthwith determine their tenancies.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of May, 1899 — Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cooper, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz.—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES

| Date. | Legal Standard | Test at Manchester Street. |
|------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1899 | | |
| April 24th | 100 Volts | 103.6 Volts. |
| May 18th | " | 103.6 Volts. |
| " 20th | " | <u>106.0 Volts.</u> |
| | | Average..104.4 Volts. |

2 —Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read:—

| ILLUMINATING POWER. | | PURITY—SULPHUR. | |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------|
| 1899 | | 1899 | |
| | | Grains per 100 cubic ft. | |
| April 24th.. | 16.29 candles | May 18 th & 19 th | 22.55 |
| May 18th .. | 16.74 candles | | |
| " 20th .. | <u>16.82 candles</u> | | |
| Average | 16.62 candles | | |

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be again called to the excessive impurity of the gas.

3-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.2773 cubic feet.

4-Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 8 metered, 40 unmetered, and 2 burning dimly.

5—Incandescent Can Street Lighting—A letter was read from the Clerks to the Gas Co. acquainting the Council that certain of the ordinary lamps in Portland Street, Evesham Road, Clarence Road, Clarence Square, North Place and Bennington Street, in all 40 in number, had been fitted and maintained with No. 3 Welsbach Incandescent Burners. That if the result had met with the approval of the Council the Company would be pleased to receive instructions with reference to the continued use of the Burners upon the terms already stated, viz., £3 10s. 0d. per lamp per annum to include maintenance, lighting, and extinguishing. Resolved, That the instructions be given to the Company to continue the Incandescent lighting upon the terms stated, but to inform them that the Council are contemplating the lighting of some of the streets referred to with electric light.

6-Lighting of Exmouth Court—A letter was read from Mr. Albert Dix calling attention to the want of a lamp in Exmouth Court, Exmouth Street, Bath Road, and offering to allow the Council to have a lamp fixed on his property, Brockworth Cottage, if the Council think well. Resolved, To thank Mr. Dix for his offer and to adjourn consideration of the matter pending inspection by the Committee.

7—Electrical Trades' Exhibition—A letter was read from Mr. W. Blackburn, of the Assembly Rooms, Great Malvern, proposing to organise and carry out in the Winter Garden, if the use of the same can be granted to him upon easy terms, in November next, an Electrical Trades' Exhibition with the object of showing the most recent developments in the Electrical world, which would no doubt further the interests of the uses of electricity for domestic and public purposes in the town, and he would make such arrangements whereby the Hospital Dispensary or other deserving local Charities might benefit to a very large extent. Resolved, That the Council are unable to entertain the proposal.

8-Extension of Electric Lighting Area beyond the Borough--A letter from the Assistant Secretary (Fisheries and Harbour Department) of the Board of Trade, was read, stating that the Board were advised it would be desirable that the notice to be given to the Local Authorities into whose Districts it is proposed to extend the Electric Lighting Area of the Council should in each case specify the part of the district which it is intended to include in the area of supply. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Baker, as Chairman of the Street and Highway Committee, with the Electrical Engineer and the Borough Surveyor be deputed to draw up a Schedule of the parts of the districts to be included in the proposed extended area of supply.

9-Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that the progress with extensions and the Works running during the past month had been satisfactory. That on the 18th instant, 56 additional arc lamps were brought into regular use, and 6 or 7 remaining to complete the Lansdown lighting would be ready for use in a few days. He applied for per-mission to obtain a bicycle for the use of his Assistant, Mr. Lee, on which to make his rounds at night for inspection of the arc lamps. He also applied for permission to have the Offices at the Works renovated and painted. Resolved, To

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authorise the purchase of a bicycle for Mr. Lee, at a cost not exceeding £14, and that Councillors Baker and Brown, with the Electrical Engineer be authorised to have such renovating, painting, and papering done at the Offices of the Works as they may deem necessary, and in such manner as they may decide.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of May, 1899—Present Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Lenthall and Waghorne (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Lenthall was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 24th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 102 gallons, the average for the last four years being 126 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 13,439,060 gallons.

On the 24th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 29 feet 8 inches, and the contents 87,937,124 gallons which gave a total of 101,376,181 gallons, or about 103 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 493,344 gallons.

That application had been made by the Telephone Company for permission to erect poles on Corporation land at Tewkesbury adjoining the River Severn near the Mythe Hill.

That the Contractor for the wall at Hewletts Reservoir had reached the bottom and was ready to commence concreting. That he had approved 40 tons of cement for use and had rejected 20 tons as not being to the required standard.

That several applications for water made during the past month involved small extensions of mains, but in all cases they were amply covered by the revenue. Amongst them were Brighton Road, Gordon Road, in village of Prestbury, near Prestbury Mansion, and back of Tivoli Street, and as in all cases the existing water had been condemned the work had been put in hand.

That he recommended that the Dowdeswell and Hewletts Reservoir Works should be put in telephonic communication with the Exchange.

Resolved, That consideration of the application of the Telephone Company to erect poles on the Corporation land at Tewkesbury be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee ; That the recommendation of the Water Engineer be approved and adopted ; and that as regards the remainder of the Report the same be approved.

3—Tewkesbury Water Supply—A Letter from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, was read objecting to pay for water which had passed through one of the meters in that Borough which had failed to register owing to its being out of order, the amount of water so passing having been calculated according to the amount passing through the other meter on the ground that the first mentioned meter does not pass so much as the other and that this is borne out by the fact that this quarter the amount of water registered by the one that was defective is 132,000 gallons less than the other. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter in order to see how much water is registered by the meter which was defective during the next period corresponding to the period during which it was out of order.

4- Appeals—The Appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BARON DE FERRIERES' GIFT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of May, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham ; and Councillor Hayward ; the Baron de Ferrieres and Mr. Billings (the Contractor); (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1- Loan of £1,500—A Letter from the Local Government Board was read stating that the Board had decided to comply with the application of the Council to borrow £1,500 for the provision of an Art Gallery and Museum subject to the following conditions, viz. (1) That the soil pipe from the w.c. shall be taken down the outside of the building and carried up to and above the roof, and that it be taken in the area to the sewer in Chester Walk and a proper disconnecting pit provided, and (2) that the cost of the proposed lift shall not be defrayed out of the loan sanctioned for the purposes of the Museums and Gymnasiums Act, 1891. Subject to the said conditions the formal sanction to the loan and the formal consent of the Board under Sec. 11 (2) of the Museums and Gymnasiums Act, 1891, to the proposed appropriation of land adjoining the Library for the purposes of that Act were enclosed with the letter from the Board. Resolved, That the conditions be complied with and that the Borough Surveyor be requested to report to the Public Health Committee with regard to the drainage. Further Resolved, That the contract between the Baron de Ferrieres and Messrs. Billings be now taken over and completed as between Messrs. Billings and the Corporation, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

2—Lighting—Resolved, To request the Electrical Engineer to prepare a Specification for wiring the building for electric lighting.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 15th day of May, 1899 -- Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

3--Hackney Carriage Licence—A letter was read from Mr. S. Hill. of Lansdown Crescent Mews, for permission to use an open carriage for one month while his Landau No. 60 was under repair. Resolved, That subject to approval of the substituted carriage by the Mayor, the application be acceded to. Market and Fairs Superintendent—Resolved, That Mr. Marshall be instructed to commence his duties as Superintendent of the Market and Fairs, on the 24th proximo, and that Mr. Young be informed that his services in the same capacity will not be required after the 23rd proximo. Road at back of North side of Imperial Square —Resolved, That this road be named " Imperial Lane."

4 — Queen's Birthday Celebration—Resolved, That the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee be authorised to expend £30 in organizing Entertainments for celebration of the Queen's Birthday, on the 24th proximo, to be equally divided for providing sports or other amusements for the children in the North and Central Wards at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground ; South and Middle Wards at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground ; and East and West Wards at the Victoria Cricket Ground, or such other ground as may be available in the East Ward.

5 --Sunday Newspapers—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to draft and bring up for approval a Bye-law to prohibit the crying for sale, or sale of, Newspapers and other goods in the streets of the Borough on Sundays.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of May, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Hayward, Lenthall and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

6 —Fees of Veterinary Surgeon at Market—A letter was read from Messrs. Castle & Pope, suggesting that the fees of the Veterinary Surgeon for inspecting the pigs at the Market should be paid by the Council instead of by the Auctioneers, and that another rail should be placed along the pens to prevent the small pigs getting out. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take steps with a view to this area being declared free from the Swine Fever (Movement) Order, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the additional rail fixed as suggested, and to inform Messrs. Castle and Pope that the present arrangements for payment of the Veterinary Surgeons' fees are in accordance with the agreement with the Auctioneers made at the time the Market was re-opened, and must be adhered to.

7--Report of Superintendent of the Fire Brigade---The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 21st instant the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at No 11, Winchcomb Street, which caused damage estimated at £50, the expenses incurred amounting to £4 15s. 6d., and the property being insured in the Union Fire Office. Particulars had been sent to the Borough Accountant with a view to a claim being made against that office for repayment of the expenses.

8—Driver's Licences—Applications for Driver's Licences were received from Charles Henry Painter, No 1a, Swindon Street, John Gardner, No. 22, Winstonian Terrace, Frank Birt, 2, Beckingsale's Passage, Frederick Whidick. The Cottage, Lyefield Gardens,' Prestbury, John Harris, No. 6, Great Norwood Street, Benjamin Henry Bushill, No. 2, Julian Terrace, St. Mark's, Charles James Timbrell, No. 7, St. Paul's Street, South, Joseph Robert Martin, 8, Grosvenor Terrace, and George Felton, of No. 4, Francis Street. The first six mentioned applicants being present and having been interviewed by the Committee, Resolved, That their applications be acceded to.

9—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence —Letters were read from C. H. Painter, of No. 1a, Swindon Street, and G. P. Tapp, of No. 6, Hanover Parade, praying for the transfer of the Licence held by the latter to the former who had purchased the pony and harness and the trap in respect of which the Licence No. 114 had been granted to Tapp. A Letter was read from G. Clifford, of No. 2, Hopewell Cottages, Waterloo Street, submitting that the application should not be granted as it was not a transfer of a business or a transfer for the benefit of the representatives of a deceased licence holder. The Licence having been returned, Resolved, That the application be acceded to, and that the following notice shall be printed in red on the face of Hackney Carriage Licences, viz., "This Licence must be given up to the Town Clerk before an "application for any transfer of it will be considered."

10—Privileged Carriages at G.W. Railway Station—A Deputation of Hackney Carriage Proprietors, viz .--Mr. W. T. Smith, Mr. Spreadbury, Mr Workman and Mr. Webb, attended the Meeting to urge the Committee to assist them to obtain the privilege of entrance for vehicles licensed to ply for hire in the streets of the Borough to the Station premises of the Great Western Railway Company to pick up passengers. A letter was read from Mr. T. J. Allen, on behalf of the Company, that he had been compelled to come to the conclusion that it was best in the interest both of the Company and the public that the arrangements under which the supply of cabs is limited to the two Hotel Proprietors should not be disturbed. Resolved, That as the Council have no power to compel the Company to admit vehicles licensed to ply for hire in the streets of the Borough to the Company's premises, the Committee regret they are unable to comply with the request of the deputation.

11—Plying for Hire of Unlicensed Vehicles outside Borough --The same Deputation requested the Committee to prevent unlicensed vehicles from conveying passengers from outside the Borough into and over the streets of the Borough. Resolved, That as the prescribed distance within which the Council have power to prevent other than licensed vehicles from plying for hire is defined by Sec. 170 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to be their Urban District, the Committee are unable to comply with the request.

12--Transfer to New Vehicle—A letter was read from Alfred Aston, of No. 39, Montpellier Villas, applying for permission to transfer his licence No. 20 to a new carriage. Resolved, That subject to approval of the new carriage by the Mayor, the application be acceded to.

13—Wheel Chair Licence —An application was received from William Cooke, of No. 30, Lypiatt Street, for a Wheel Chair Licence. Resolved, That subject to approval of the chair by the Mayor, the application be acceded to.

14—Temporary Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Application was received from Samuel Hill, of Lansdown Crescent Mews, for permission to use another carriage for one months under Licence No. 60, while the licensed one was being repaired. Resolved, That subject to approval of the substituted vehicle by the Mayor, the application be acceded to.

15—Legacy from Mr. I. Solomon, deceased—A letter was read from Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh and Brydges, stating that terms of compromise had been arranged between the parties to the Action and approved of by the Judge, as follows, viz :—

1—Defendants to withdraw defence, and Will to be proved in solemn form.

2.—All Legatees, except Jonah Solomon and Hall. J. Dutton, Domestic Servants, and Mrs. Karo, to pay to the defendant, Miss Maria Solomon, 2 ½ per cent. upon the net amount which should be actually received by them respectively in respect of their several legacies. Executors to retain these amounts to pay them to Miss Solomon within two months after paying the respective legacies.

3.—Costs of Defendants and Interveners in the Action to be paid by the Executors out of the Estate, to be taxed as between Solicitor and Client. Resolved, That the same be approved and acquiesced in by the Council.

16—Vacant hackney Carriage Licence —The Street Inspector reported that Mr. T. J. Roebuck, of Lansdown Hotel Stables, the holder of Hackney Carriage Licence No, 17 for a landau, had gone to New York, and he was informed did not intend to return and his licence would therefore be vacant. A letter was read from J. Jones, of No. 2, Portland Place, applying for the vacant licence. Resolved, That as the licence has not been sent in consideration of the matter be adjourned until the Licensing Meeting of the Council.

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17—Offences against Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws—The Street Inspector reported that Albert Werrett had been twice convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within 12 months.

18--Contract for Firemen's Tunics—A Letter was read from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, on behalf of the Cheltenham and District Trade and Labour Council, stating that Messrs. Salisbury & Son, the Contractors for providing Tunics for the Firemen, had in contravention of the rule of the Council sub-let their contract to someone outside the town. Resolved, That a copy of the letter be sent to Messrs. Salisbury & Son with a request to them to inform the Committee what explanation they have to offer.

19—Inspection of Omnibuses of the Omnibus Co.—A Letter was read from Mr. English on behalf of the Company requesting that the inspection of the omnibuses should be made in the morning at the yard before 9 o'clock as they leave for their respective routes. Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Bence and Lenthall be requested to undertake the duty and comply with the request.

20-Cab Shelter in Imperial Square—A Memorial from Col. Rogers and 35 other owners and tenants of houses in Imperial Square was read requesting the removal of this shelter. Resolved. To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor to prepare a sketch and estimate of the cost of an ornamental cabmen's shelter to be placed in the vicinity- but in a more suitable position.

21—Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) Bill—A Letter was read from the Town Clerk of Folkestone stating that notice of amendment had been given to this Bill to provide that in non-County Boroughs of over 20,000 inhabitants the Councils of such Boroughs shall where they resolve to act be the Local Authority instead of the County Council, and suggesting that the Member for the Borough should be asked to support the amendment. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Member for the Borough requesting him to act as suggested.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th day of May, 1899—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Brown, Hayward, Lenthall, Mills, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Site for Caretaker's House, Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Mayor reported that the Owner of the land on the Northern boundary of the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, upon which the proposed free cottages for old persons were to be built, would not require a portion of the land at the West end having a frontage to Naunton Lane of about rot feet and a depth of about 100 feet, and was prepared to sell it for per foot frontage, and he (the Mayor) considered it would be a very suitable site on which to erect a house for the Caretaker at the Recreation Ground to live in. Resolved, That it is desirable that this piece of land should be acquired by the Council for the purpose suggested by the Mayor, and that the Town Clerk do prepare an agreement for the purchase subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board to the necessary loan.

2-Queen's Birthday Celebration—Resolved, That the following gentlemen be asked to undertake the management and organisation of the entertainments to be provided on the afternoon of the Queen's birthday at the Agg-Gardner and Naunton Park Recreation Grounds and in the East Ward with power to add to their number respectively, viz. :—

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Aldermen Winterbotham and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Gurney, Lenthall, Mills, Moles and Waghorne.

Naunton Park—The Mayor and Alderman Holliday, Councillors Brown, Bennett, Cooper, Dix, Margrett and Steel.

East Ward—Aldermen Drew and Haddon, Councillors Bence, Cypher, Davis, Hayward, Macdonald and Preston.

3--Montpellier Baths—Letters were read from T. J. F. Haskoll, Miss E. James, T. C. Weatherhead and J. Ferguson, advocating the opening of the Montpellier Swimming Bath for use this Summer, and supporting an application made by Sergt.-Major Brill to be granted a tenancy of the Swimming Bath premises for this purpose. Resolved, That the Council cannot entertain the suggestion, as it would seriously interfere with the building operations which will be shortly commenced, but the Committee will favourably consider any applications which may be made for the use of the Alstone Swimming Bath for a School or Schools on Monday afternoons after 4 o'clock.

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4—Cricket Match at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A Letter was read from Mr. H. Belcher, of No. 9, Courtenay Street, applying for permission for the Courtenay United Cricket Club to play a cricket match at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on the 27th inst. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the arrangements being made with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee, and under Isis supervision and control.

5—Washing Baths at Alstone— A Letter was read from Mr. J. G. Carr complaining that the present style of washing baths at the Alstone Baths was inconvenient and uncomfortable, and if any extension of them was contemplated suggesting that slipper baths should be adopted ; also complaining of the soap provided. Resolved, To inform Mr. Carr that no extension of these baths is in contemplation having regard to the purchase and reconstruction by the Council of the Montpellier Baths.

6--Use of Naunton Park Recreation Ground for Football-- A Letter was read from Mr. H. C. Hayward, Hon. Sec. of the British Association Football Club, applying on behalf of that Club for permission to use the Naunton Park Recreation Ground for the football season commencing 30th September next and terminating 31st March next on Saturday afternoons and on such holidays as may occur during that period. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

7—Fireworks at Montpellier and Pittville Gardens on Queen's Birthday— A Letter was read from Messrs. W. and J. Wilder, of Birmingham, soliciting an order to give firework displays at the gardens on the 24th inst. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Wilder that it has been decided to have no fireworks on the occasion.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of May, 1899 —Pres.mt: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

8—Alstone Baths—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of Bathers, up to and including the 17th instant, had been, exclusive of Members of Clubs, and Season Ticket Holders, 6,749, and the receipts £104 0s. 2d. That the sand and gravel from the disused filters had been removed to enable the bottom to be examined. That 78 tons of sand were taken to Dowdeswell for use in the Waterworks, and the remainder of the material had been carted to the Central Depot. The value will be sufficient to cover the cost of converting the two tanks into an open-air swimming bath, to lay down a wood screen fence along the railway embankment, and to provide and fix a penny-in-the-slot turnstile at the entrance.

That at the east end of the Swimming Bath there was a space about 5-feet in width, which he recommended should be adapted for the purpose of providing a place for Swimmers needing such accommodation to wash their feet. A slate slab with small screen doors, two glazed ware troughs, and the necessary connections for water and steam would supply all that was requisite, and would not cost more than £10 or £12. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

9--Salary of Caretaker—A letter from Mr. Jackson, the Caretaker, was read, applying for an increase of his salary from £60 to £80 per annum. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the Borough Engineer shall have reported with regard to alterations at the Baths, and the proposal to erect a house for the Caretaker to live in.

10—Telephone Connection—Resolved, That the Alstone Baths be connected by Telephone with the Exchange,

11—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Caretaker—Applications which had been received in response to the advertisement for applicants for this office, were gone through and considered. Resolved, That the following applicants be selected for interview by the Committee at their next meeting, viz.—Thomas Berry, 6, Bloomsbury Street, C. W. Lodge, 14, Normal Terrace, and Moses Smith, Henley Cottage, Moorend Street.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st day of May, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

12- Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Caretaker—The Candidates selected for interview by the Committee were seen and heard in support of their applications. Resolved, That Mr. C. W. Lodge be appointed as Caretaker at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, at a salary of 20s per week with house and garden free of rates and taxes, with a cap and badge and straw hat for summer, to commence from the 6th proximo.

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13 - Montpellier Baths Contract The only tender received for this Contract was from Messrs. C. H. Channon and Son, which was as follows --" For works at the Montpellier Baths, according to the plans and specification prepared by you, at the sum of £4,980." Omitting " entirely the work in repairs to Boilers, &c., covered by paragraphs Nos. 1 and 2 of the Heating " Engineer on page 8 of the Specification, also the Asbestos covering to boilers specified on page 11 Including " the " provisional sum of £5 for the 9" cast iron pipe covering soil pipe as specified in paragraph 4, page 10."

They also stated that they had only been able to obtain Estimates for Electric Lighting "subject to the following stipulations " made by the Electrician, viz., The Estimate is based on the fact of a single lead covered wire being passed by the " Electrical Department, the switches being with porcelain covers and bases with double break. Lamps to be maintained " for 3 months, accidents and breakages excepted. Distribution boards to be of teak instead of mahogany. The work to be " carried with a large number of small distributing centres from controlling boxes to avoid joints."

The Committee having decided after consultation with the Borough Surveyor that the tender was a reasonable one, Resolved, That the same be accepted, that the Contract be completed and the Contractors instructed to proceed with the work as soon as possible.

14—Telephone Connection to Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Telephone Co. would connect the Alstone Baths with the Exchange for £6 16s. 0d. per annum. Resolved, That the same he agreed to.

15-- Caretaker's Lodge at Agg-Gardner Recreation) Ground --Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to expend a sum not exceeding £10 to put this Lodge into tenantable condition.

16—Caretaker's Rooms at Alstone Baths--The Borough Surveyor brought up plans for erection of additional rooms at the Alstone Baths for the accommodation of the Caretaker and his family, Resolved, 'that tenders for carrying out the work be advertised for.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of May, 1899--Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cypher, Davis, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report--The Superintendent reported that one Cemetery Chapel had been decorated, and the work of decorating the other was in progress. He asked for the usual supply of bedding plants for the Cemetery, also two new scythes and a pair of shears for use at the Cemetery. He reported that Mr. Wood, farmer, states that he cannot give more than 1s a load for the grass at the Cemetery this year, he having in the past paid 1s 6d. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do

send to the Cemetery the same number of bedding plants as last year ; that the two new scythes and pair of shears be ordered ; and that Mr. Wood be informed that the Burial Board cannot accept less than 1s 6d a load for the grass.

Mr. Slatter's Complaint—Letters were read from Mr. J. F. Slatter, of No. 22, Bennington Street, complaining that a child of his was not buried in the same grave with another child of his previously interred there, although the number of the grave space and the date of the previous interment was given on the notice for the second interment. A report from the Superintendent on the matter of the complaint, and giving his reasons for not re-opening the grave, which had not been purchased, was read. Mrs. Slatter attended this meeting of the Committee. Resolved, That this Committee regret any unpleasantness or annoyance that may have been caused, but think that the Superintendent exercised a proper discretion in the matter, and approve his action.

3- Purchased Grave Space, No. 3836, Section T.—A letter was read from Cavendish House Company, Limited, stating that Mrs. Venables, who purchased Grave Space No. 3836, Section T., some 30 years ago, was now dead, and her representatives did not require the space, and asking how much the Burial Board would give for the space in question. Resolved, That the writers be informed that the Superintendent of the Cemetery will hear in mind that the grave space can be acquired by any person desiring it.

4—Designs--The following designs were examined and allowed, viz. : --Headstones to Thomas Pomeroy Leigh Yewens, William Rowley, and Mary Hephzibah Price.

5-Account —The following Account for Wages was allowed:--G. C. Pratley £16 3 0

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of May, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Loans required—The Town Clerk reported that no tenders had been received in response to the advertisement which had been published in the local papers for tenders for loans up to £25,982 at rates of interest not exceeding 3 per cent. to be secured as mentioned in the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting held on the 25th of April last. Resolved, That the advertisement be published again as follows, viz., three times in each of the following papers at intervals of three days :—The London Tizzies and Financial News, The Yorkshire Post, Leeds Mercury, The Manchester Guardian, and The Manchester Examiner and Times, and once in each of the following papers, viz., The Newcastle Courier, and Birmingham Daily Post.

A Letter was read from Councillor Bence offering to lend the £1000 on the second mortgage on the Heyden Farm, recently called in by the representatives of Thomas Budding deceased at 3 ½ per cent. interest. Resolved, That the Council having directed the Committee to try and obtain the money at interest not exceeding 3 per cent. the offer be deferred for consideration pending the result of the republication of the advertisement.

2-Loan of £6000 to the Hastings Corporation—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 28th March last a letter from the Local Government Board was read in reply to the letter from the Town Clerk, referred to in the said minute stating that "assuming that

this loan is to be raised by mortgage under the Public Health Act, 1875, the "Board would point out that the form of mortgage prescribed by Sec. 236 of that Act does not require that the sanction "authorising the loan shall be recited," to which the Town Clerk had replied pointing out that this was no reply to his letter and he feared that the length of time taken by the Board to reply to his letter would have caused the proposed loan to go off. Resolved, That the letter of the Town Clerk last referred to be approved.

3- General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £125 10s. 0d., leaving outstanding £17,176 14s. 2d.

The Borough Accountant reported that the result of the Collection of the General District Rate had been as follows :—

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Rate at 2s 8d in the £ .. | £34,024 10 0 |
| Arrears of previous Rate | £ 172 7 3 |
| Supplemental Rates | <u>£ 65 15 0</u> |
| | £34217 12 3 |

which was accounted for as follows :—

| | £ | s. | d. | percentage |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Receipts and Arrears | 34268 | 19 | 3 | 94.89 |
| Legally excused | 155 | 2 | 4 | 45 |
| Void Houses | 1427 | 10 | 10 ½ | 4.17 |
| Otherwise not recoverable | <u>165</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>9 ½</u> | <u>49</u> |
| | 34217 | 12 | 3 | 100.00 |

4-- Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th instant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £615 13s. 6d., leaving outstanding £8812 12s.. 3d.

5—Accounts--The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, a mounting to £ ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Overdrawn on the 25th April last | 3,912 | 4 | 7 |
| Paid since that date | <u>6,747</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>6</u> |
| | 10,660 | 10 | 1 |
| Received since that date | <u>2,463</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>3</u> |
| Overdrawn | £8,097 | 6 | 10 |

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

Baron de Ferrieres ; Capt. Welch, R.N., Dr. Davis ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, Evan Butler, W. Cresswell, and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that there had been received since the last monthly meeting £9 4s. 10d., and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

| | Vols. | Pamphlets. |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Baron de Ferrieres | 3 | |
| J. Freeman | 1 | |
| W. Lloyd .. | | 1 |
| F. A. Hyett | | 5 |
| Cheltenham Natural Science Society | 1 | |
| Secretary of State for India .. | 1 | |
| C. M. Dobell . | | 1 |
| W. R. Philipps .. | 2 | |

2 --Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended:—That the list of new books submitted be purchased for the sum of £3 15s. 0d. That a selection from the books sent on approval be purchased for £4 5s. 6d. That the Lending and Reference Libraries be closed on the occasion of the Corporation Outing. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3 — Handrails at Library Entrance—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be instructed to consult with the Borough Surveyor and bring up a recommendation as to fixing hand-rails at the entrances to the Library.

4—Addition to Committee—Resolved, That the Council be requested to appoint Mr. G. H. Palmer, of Cadoxton, Leckhampton Road, a member of this Committee.

5-- -Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed, viz :—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| C. Westley, Books.. | 6 | 9 | 6 |
| S. Palmer, Books .. | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| G. F. Poole, Printing Annual Report . | 2 | 15 | 0 |
| Bryant & Co., Caretaker's Uniform | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| Wages for June .. | 15 | 16 | 0 |
| W. Jones, Petty Cash .. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Whitaker, Books .. | 0 | 10 | 0 |

C. HAYWARD,
Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st day of May, 1899—Present:
Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Preston, and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

1— Appointment of Attendance Officer--The Town Clerk read a letter which he had addressed to the Education Department, requesting them to give an opinion as to whether the appointment of an Attendance Officer not involving a new appointment or additional expenditure was subject to confirmation by the Council, to which they had replied that if a question had arisen as to the meaning of the terms of Sec. 31 of the Act of 1876 they must point out that the enactment does not provide for the reference of any such question to the Department or empower the Department to decide any such question, to which the Town Clerk proposed to reply as follows, viz., that the Committee merely asked for the opinion and advice of the

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Department and having regard to the fact that the Department are responsible for the drafting of the Act the least they can do is to advise the Local Authorities what to do in cases where the meaning of it is ambiguous. That the Department have the Law Officers of the Crown at hand to advise them, and it is hardly fair to throw on Local Authorities the expense of taking Counsel's opinion or otherwise settling the law on a matter which is not one of internal administration and practice only but of general application. Resolved, That the proposed reply of the Town Clerk be approved. The Town Clerk reported that he had submitted a case on the point for the opinion of Mr. W. W. Mackenzie, Barrister at Law, the Author of a work on the Education Acts. Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved.

2—Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 41 schools, from which 622 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 76 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 4 meetings ; that 5 parents had been prosecuted, and that 4 were fined.

3—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :—Frederick Webb, Eva Short, Sidney Scrivens, Albert Tanner, Annie Hill, and Elsie Eden; and that proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parents of William Langston for an Attendance Order.

4—Requirements as to Attendance—Resolved, That 1,000 handbills be printed for distribution by the Attendance Officers to caution parents that children of school age must attend school ten times per week or every time the school is opened if less than ten times in any week.

5—Returns of Average Attendance—Resolved, That a circular letter be addressed to the Managers of each of the Elementary Schools in the Borough, requesting them to give instructions that the average attendance per cent. of the children attending each of the schools under their management shall be entered each week on the Duplicate Registers delivered to the Attendance Officers.

JOHN D. STEEL,
Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be hold on Monday, the 3rd day of July, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of June 1899—Present Councillors Bence, Cypher, Davis, and Margrett (Councillor Davis in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Davis was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Street Projections—With reference to Minute No. 9 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 29th ulto., a letter was read from Messrs. Stead and Simpson that they had instructed their Cheltenham representative to carry out the requirements of the Council.

3-Street Watering—A letter was read from Messrs. Barnby Bendall & Co. complaining of the dusty state of the road opposite their Repository in St. George's Place from neglect of street watering. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do give attention to the matter.

4—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him from person, intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1176 | E. Pearce | Additions to " Lagarie," Eldorado Road. |
| 1177 | C. H. James | Two houses in Rosehill Street. |

Resolved, That the same be approved.

M. DAVIS,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of June, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

5—View Meeting—Councillors Baker and Bence attended the View Meeting.

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6--Street Projections—Letters were read from J. Fitzgerald of No 9, Montpellier Retreat, applying for permission to remove his shoemakers sign from the said premises, to premises he had taken about ten yards further down the street, and from H. J. Williams, applying for permission to fix a tablet 18 by 12 inches at No. 78, High Street. Resolved, That subject to compliance with the usual conditions the applications be acceded to.

7—Scavenging &c. in Sherborne Street—A letter was read from Mr. James Gale, of No 5, Sherborne Street, requesting that more attention should be given to the sweeping, watering and scavenging in Sherborne Street. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to comply with the request.

8—Footpaths in Painswick Road—A letter was read from Mrs. Gunning Campbell, of No. 2, Cloverdale Lawn, expressing a hope that some attention would be given to the paths between the British Inn and Winterbourne, and that the water carts should be more frequent in their visits. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpaths referred to put into good condition, and that Mrs. Gunning Campbell be informed that her request as to the water carts will receive attention.

9—Report of the Borough Surveyor re highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of the Highways Department during the month ending the 23rd instant, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Bath Road, 6,658 square yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Oriel Road, Gloucester Road, High Street, Spa Road, Lansdown Parade, Tewkesbury Road and Regent Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Imperial Square (Millgrit), 5,667 square yards.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Albert Street and Fairview Street.

Paving, Kerbing, Crossing, and Channelling Repairs—Imperial Square, Pittville Lawn, Cleveland Street, St. George's Street, All Saints' Road, St. George's Road, Queen Street, Clarence Street, Oriel Road, Queen's Road, Duke Street, Dunalley Parade, Pittville Circus Road, Clarence Square, Bath Road, Baker Street, Selkirk Street, Parabola Road, Promenade, Regent Street and St. George's Place.

A new cast iron gully had been fixed in Leckhampton Road (Crosta's patent), also one of the same in Roman Road.

A new earthenware gully had been fixed in Imperial Square (Oates and Green).

The crossing in Swindon Road near the Union Workhouse, and one in Upper Bath Street, in front of Caudle's coal yard, had been relaid with MacDougall's bricks. The footpath outside the Winter Garden had been repaired with Wickwar Gravel, 2,556 square yards.

The footpath in Hewlett Road had been repaired with 'Wickwar Gravel, 86 super yards.

Trees had been pruned in St. George's Road, Promenade, Bayshill Road, Parabola Road. Overton Road and St. Philip's Terrace.

Private Improvement Works—The work to be done by the Contractor in Liverpool Place was finished, and progress had been with Oxford Street, Swindon Road and Gloucester Road.

Ashes Collected—837 tons had been collected ; 832 tons had been consumed at the Distructor, together with four pigs and one calf.

10—Byelaws under Locomotives Act, 1898—A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council, with which was enclosed a draft of the Model Byelaws under the Act as at present proposed by the County, and desiring to be informed whether the Corporation can accept them or desire to make any other alterations as it is of great importance that they should be uniform in adjoining areas. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next monthly meeting of the Committee, to enable the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor to report as to what alterations (if any) should be made.

11 —Accident to Miss Emily green—With reference to the resolution to minute No. 20 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of date the 29th ult., the Rev. L. A. Lyne again wrote on behalf of Miss Green, stating that he had been informed that the Council had admitted their liability and that consequently Miss Green had been led to expect some assistance during her disablement, but that if the Council were not responsible for the carelessness which caused the accident he would be glad to know who was, but he trusted the Council would reconsider the case.

12—Seats—A letter was read from Mr. D. Broom advocating the provision by the Council of 3 or 4 dozen 6ft. seats, to be placed on the north and east sides of the town.

13—Evelyn Road—A letter was read from Mr. John Weaver of No. 1, Fairfield Villas, Leckhampton Road, complaining that Mr. Dix had been allowed to reduce the width of this road to 40 feet by bringing forward the fence to his property 5 feet. That the owners of other property abutting on the road had followed his example. That the block plan of this estate on the north facing the Leckhampton Road shows the building 20 feet back from the road, whereas his house and several others above are 30 and 35 feet back, with the result that Mr. Dix's new houses are brought forward 11 feet in front of his and the others above, and he applied to the Council not to allow themselves to be made the means of furthering such a high handed matter to his detriment. Resolved, That the Council are of opinion that Mr. Weaver has no just cause for complaint.

14—Paving of Winchcombe Street—A memorial was read from J. Kimber and 18 other owners and occupiers of property in Winchcombe Street, complaining of the unsatisfactory state of the pavement in the street, especially on the West side. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary to put the paving into good condition.

15-Highbury Lane Private Improvement Works—With reference to the letter from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey objecting to the apportionment of the cost of these works in respect of the premises owned by them abutting on this road as stated in minute No. so of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of date the 29th ult., Resolved, that after careful consideration the Council are of opinion that the apportionment is just and fair, and see no reason to vary their resolution approving it.

16—Paragon Buildings and Paragon Parade Private Improvement Works—The Boroughs Surveyor reported that the cost of executing these works had amounted to the sum of £ 535 8s. 0d. Resolved, That in settling the apportionment, regard be had to the degree of benefit to be derived from the abutting premises, which in the opinion of the Council are benefited equally with-out regard to frontage, and that the sums to be charged in respect of such premises be as fixed by the Committee in the apportionment, i.e. equally between them.

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17 Building Plans. —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz.:—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1178 | J. F. Bendall | Tool and Truck House at rear of Leighurst, Leckhampton Road. |
| 1179 | F. J. Price | House adjoining No. 19, Naunton Park Terrace. |
| 1180 | J. D. Bendall | Addition to No. 1, Naunton Park Terrace. |
| 1181 | J. D. Bendall | House in Hall Road. |
| 1182 | Mr. Brown | House and Stables, Granley Road, St. Marks. |
| 1183 | Governors, General Hospital | Additions to the Hospital Buildings, |
| 1184 | F. Willett | House and Shop in Knapp Road, adjoining Knapp House. |
| 1185 | D. Brown & Sons | Villa in Bath Parade |
| 1186 | G. Colley | House in Old Bath Road, Pilley. |
| 1187 | T. P. W. Butt | Stable, Cart Shed and Piggeries, on Gloucester Road, opposite Benhall Wood. |
| 1188 | Collins & Godfrey | Laundry at Nazareth House, Bath Road. |

Resolved, That No. 1187 be disapproved and that the other plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th day of June, 1899—Present The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1—View Meeting--The following members attended a meeting of the Committee previously to this meeting, convened to view the premises hereafter mentioned near the Six Chimneys Farm, viz., Councillors Bence, Davis, Margrett and Moles.

2--Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 22 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Enteric Fever, that 21 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in that Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 27 of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

3----Wells at No. 22, Fairview Road and the Grosvenor Brewery—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 5, Albion Parade, St. Paul's Cottage, and Nos. 59, 63, 67, 74 and 85, Stanhope Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified strider Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and lime-washed.

5—Nuisances from Drains, &c. at No. 11, Priory Terrace, No. 4, Waterloo Terrace, Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9, Carlton Place, West, and Oxford Villa, Corpus Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains. &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

6—W.C's without Flushing Apparatus —The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sections 25 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Boroughs Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

8--Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—An application was received from Thomas Newland, of No. 1, Hatherley Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk at the said premises. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

9—Exposure of a Person in an Infectious Condition—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a Mr. E. Bliss, of No. 40, Rutland Street, had taken his daughter out for a walk on the 10th inst. knowing her to be in an infectious condition owing to symptoms of Scarlet Fever having been developed by the child.

10--Nuisance from keeping Cats—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the occupier of No. 12, Selkirk Parade had been convicted and fined by the Justices for creating a nuisance by keeping cats in a filthy condition on the premises, but the house had been found to be in the same filthy condition as before. Resolved, That another Notice be served on the occupier of the house to abate the nuisance forthwith, and that in default of compliance therewith the Town Clerk be instructed to take such further proceedings as may be necessary to enforce it.

11—Smoke Nuisance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 6th inst. black smoke was seen to be issuing from the chimney of the Original Brewery Co. in such quantities as to be a nuisance. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to serve a Notice on the Company requiring them to forthwith abate the nuisance, and on a recurrence of it to take proceedings if necessary to compel the Company to comply continuously with the requirements of the Notice.

12—Nuisance from Public House Urinal—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinal at the Sadlers Arms, Larput Place, was in such a state, owing to faulty construction and want of water supply for flushing, as to be a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That Notice be served on the owner under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act to forthwith abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to have the Urinal properly reconstructed and a proper supply of water laid on and made use of for sufficiently flushing it.

13—Holidays in Health Department—Resolved, To authorise the Medical Officer of Health to arrange for the holidays of his staff as in past years, with the assent of the Chairman of the Committee.

14 —Offensive Trade—A letter was read from Mr. W. Bailey, of Maryville, St. George's Road, applying for leave to establish the trade of Fellmonger and Woolstapler on premises occupied by him opposite Lower Alstone Mill, near the Six Chimneys Farm. Resolved, That the consent of the Corporation be given subject to the following terms and conditions which shall be deemed to be terms and conditions imposed under and by virtue of Sec. 190 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, viz.;—(1) That no communication between the premises and the Chelt shall be made ; (2) That no solid or liquid matter from the premises shall be allowed to get into or be put into the Chelt ; and (3) No water from the Chelt shall be used for washing in connection with any business carried on at the premises or for the drainage or flushing of the said premises, and no nuisance shall be created by such trade.

15—New Ambulance—Resolved, That an order be given to Messrs. Mills & Son to build an Ambulance in accordance with a specification to be settled by the Chairman and the Medical Officer of Health and according to their instructions and subject to their approval at a cost not exceeding £100.

16-- -Closing of Slaughter House at back of No. 277, High Street—A letter was read from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby, stating that they had been expecting to have an opportunity of placing their views before the Committee previous to a decision being come to, and asking to be allowed to inspect the report of the Surveyor of the Corporation or to be furnished with particulars of the basis on which the offer is made, as they thought the actual facts had not been placed before the Committee. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to accede to the request for an inspection of the Valuers' Report, but they will receive Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby at the next meeting of the Committee to hear what they have to say.

17—Closing of Slaughter House at No. 213, High Street—A letter was read from Messrs. Brookes and Badham, the Solicitors for the owner of this property, stating that they would lay the offer made by the Corporation of compensation for the closing of this Slaughter House before their client, and enquiring if the Corporation would pay their costs of, say, five guineas if the offer be accepted. Resolved, That the Council are riot prepared to pay the charges of Messrs. Brookes and Badham in the matter.

18—Alleged Nuisance from Heyden Knoll Sewage Farm—A letter was read from Mr. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, stating that the Medical Officer of Health to that Authority had reported to them at their last meeting with reference to the Sewage Farm at Heyden Knoll as follows, viz.—"The nuisance repeatedly complained of still exists, " and during the coming summer cannot fail to be a source of danger." Resolved, That the Council do not admit the existence of any nuisance.

19—Abattoir—Telephone—Resolved, That the Abattoir be connected with the Telephone Exchange.

20-Building Plan—The following Building Plan was laid before the Committee, viz.—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1177 | C. H. James | Two houses in Rosehill Street. |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of June, 1899—Present: Councillors Bence, Davis, and Margrett (Councillor Bence in the chair) —

21 —Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 1 case of Diphtheria; that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 22 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Enteric Fever.

22-Houses without a Proper Water Supply—No. 25, Henrietta Street, and No. 13, St. Paul's Parade—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 19th instant, that the above premises were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

23—Wells at Nos. 1 to 5, Larput Place and The Sadler's Arms, Larput Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

24—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—An Application was read from Edward Herbert Cook, of Leckhampton Dairy, Shurdington Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

25—Overcrowding at No. 31, St. James Street and No. 3, Parker's Cottages, Rose and Crown Passage — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring abatement of the same.

26—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of wades thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

27 -Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

28— Urinals in Insanitary Condition The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals at the Elephant and Castle Inn, Tewkesbury Road, the New Inn, Gloucester Road, and the Caledonian Inn, Gloucester Road, were in such a state as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance, Notices under Section 91 of Public Health Act be given to the Owners and Occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the same.

29—Cleansing and Limewashing at Tree Avon Villa, Wellington Street, and Wenlock Cottage, Wellington Passage—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleaned and limewashed.

30—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 2, Conderton Villas, Hale's Road—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 45 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named house were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

31— Breach of Byelaw as to Keeping Pigs—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Messrs. James Cooke & Son, of Sandfield Gardens, were keeping 59 pigs within 68 feet of a dwelling house in contravention of the Byelaws in force in the Borough, and that this was continued after notices ha.1

been given calling attention to such contravention. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take proceedings against Messrs. Cooke for the penalties incurred.

32—Slaughter House at back of No. 277, High Street—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 16 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby stating that they had wished to have a conference with the Committee previous to their coming to a decision on the matter, and that they did not think it was worthwhile interviewing the Committee now as the matter had gone too far, and that they would send an answer to the offer of the Council after taking their clients' instructions.

33—Sewerage and Sewage Works—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Bills of Quantities got out for the use of persons intending to tender for these works.

31--Major's Cottages, Millbrook Street—With reference to Minute No. 28 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 29th ult., a letter was read from Mr. W. H. Griffiths, Solicitor for Mrs. Perrins, the owner of Major's Cottages, Millbrook Street, withdrawing her offer to close these cottages as they become vacant, such offer having been made in ignorance of her legal position in regard thereto.

35—Building Plans-- The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans received by him of intended new buildings, necessitating drainage, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Descriptions. |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1178 | J. E. Bendall | Tool and Truck House at rear of Leighurst, Leckhampton Road. |
| 1179 | F. J. Price | House adjoining 19, Naunton Park Terrace. |

| No. of Plan | Name. | Description. |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1180 | J. D. Bendall .. | Additions to No. 1, Naunton Park Terrace, Naunton Park Road. |
| 1181 | “ | House in Hall Road. |
| 1182 | Mr. Brown | House and Stables, Granley Road, St. Mark's. |
| 1183 | Governors, General Hospital | Additions to General Hospital. |
| 1184 | Willett .. | House and Shop in Knapp Road, adjoining Knapp House. |
| 1185 | H. D. Brown & Sons | Villa in Bath Parade. |
| 1186 | G. Colley | New House in Old Bath Road, Pilley. |
| 1187 | T. P. W. Butt | Stable, Cartshed and Piggeries on Gloucester Road. |
| 1188 | Collins & Godfrey | Laundry at Nazareth House, Bath Road. |

Resolved, That No. 1187 be disapproved and that the other plans be approved as shown so far as the drainage and sanitary matters are concerned.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th day of June, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Lenthall, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1--Winter Garden—The Specification of the Borough Surveyor, referred to in Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting of the proposed alterations to the Winter Garden, was further considered. Resolved, That the roof (except the lantern lights and the dome) be covered with wood felt and copper, the glass being removed. That the walls and cornices inside and out be repaired, painted and decorated. That the heating apparatus be renewed, and that new ante-room and lavatory accommodation be provided, the whole not to exceed a cost of £5,500.

2-Horse Show—A Letter was read from Mr. J. G. Villar, Hon. Sec. of the Horse Show Committee, requesting that the Marle Hill Annexe of Pittville Park should be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, July the 5th and 6th (the days of the Show) to prevent people standing on the banks overlooking the Show Ground and probably damaging the shrubs, &c. Resolved, That the two ends of the Marle Hill Annexe, viz., by the Wooden Bridge and Hanover Street, be closed to the public on the days mentioned.

3—Montpellier Gardens Concert—Councillor Dix reported that a stage and dressing rooms had been erected at Montpellier Gardens for the entertainers, but that the same required to be properly lighted, and that the Borough Electrician had estimated the cost of providing and fixing twelve 16 c p lamps as footlights to the stage including overhead cable and supports from the Band Stand at between £13 and £14. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to incur the expenditure for this installation.

4—Chairs in Promenade—Councillor Cooper reported that Mr. Stafford Reeves had offered to expend 50s in the purchase of chairs to be placed in the Promenade for use of Visitors and others at a small charge if the Council would employ someone to look after them and collect the tolls. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Stafford Reeves be accepted with the thanks of the Council.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,
Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of June, 1899 — Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Dix and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electric supply during the past month as follows, viz.—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES :

| Date. | Legal Standard | Test at Manchester Street. |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1899 | | |
| June 16th at 9.30 p.m. | 100 Volts | <u>104 Volts.</u> |
| | | Average..104 Volts. |

2 —Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read:—

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY—SULPHUR.

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1899 | | 1899 | Grains per 100 cubic ft. |
| June 16th.. | 16.83 candles | June 16-17th | 26.08 |

The Gas Examiner called attention to the fact that the sulphur on the 16-17th was 1.08 grains in excess of the legal maximum. Resolved, To inform the Gas Company that the Council regret they have so repeatedly to call the attention of the Company to the impurity of the gas, which they are advised is avoidable, that the Council must request an assurance from the Company that such impurity as reported by the Gas Examiner shall not be permitted again, and to inform the Company that if the legal maximum is exceeded again the Council will take proceedings against the Company for imposition of a penalty under the Gas Works Clauses Act.

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.205 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book —This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 8 metered, 23 unmetered, and 6 burning dimly.

5-- Life-Boat Demonstration at Montpellier Gardens—A Letter was read from Mr. A. G. Wheeler, Local Hon. Sec. to the Committee of the Life-Boat Saturday Fund, asking this Committee to light the Band Stand at the Montpellier Gardens free of charge on the occasion of the Life-Boat Demonstration to be held there on the evening of the out proximo. Resolved, That the request be acceded.to.

6—Charge for Electric Energy at No. 381, High Street—A Letter W. read from Mr. E. J. Couzens, objecting to pay £3 8s. 9d. for electric energy consumed on his premises for the quarter ending 25th March last as for the same quarter last year he had only paid £1 14s. That he was willing to pay £2 and he enclosed a cheque for that amount. Resolved, To inform Mr. Couzens that if he has reason to think the meter does not register correctly he should take the proper course to have it tested, but that he must pay the balance of £1 8s. 9d. without further delay.

7—Voltage Pressure—A Letter from the Town Clerk to the Board of Trade was read stating that the Council desired to alter the standard for electric supply from 100 to 200 volts so as to make it uniform throughout the system of mains, and enquiring if the sanction of the Board was necessary to do this, to which the Board had replied that notice of the intention of the Council to apply for permission to alter the standard pressure must be published in two successive weeks in a local newspaper stating that no change shall be made in the pressure of supply to any premises which on the 4th of March, 1896, were supplied with energy except with the consent of the consumer, and that any person desirous of objecting to the proposed change might do so by letter addressed to the Board within one month from the date of the newspaper containing the first publication. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next meeting of the Committee.

8—Salary of Chief Assistant Electrical Engineer—A Letter was read from Mr. Soper, Chief Assistant to the Electrical Engineer. applying for an increase of his salary from £3 to £3 10s. per week from the 1st of June, and that an arrangement should be made for systematic increments in his salary up to some stated limit. Resolved, That Mr. Soper's salary be increased to £3 10s. per week from the 1st of July.

9 — Report of the Electrical Engineer--The Electrical Engineer reported that all work had progressed satisfactorily, during the past month. Five additional arcs were brought into use on the 19th inst., thus completing the arc lighting of the Gloucester Road from the Lansdown Castle to the High Street.

That on the 14th inst. members of the Municipal Electrical Association to the number of about 70 or 80 visited the town on the

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Mayor's invitation. They visited the works and inspected the arc lighting both of which—especially the latter—were approved by them. The inspection of the arc lighting will undoubtedly give a material impetus to street lighting by arcs in other towns, and the visit probably gave an effective advertisement of the town.

He had obtained prices from the leading manufacturers and dealers in arc lamp carbons. All those tendering had sent small quantities of sample carbons and these he would test before finally reporting as to the tenders at the next meeting.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 15th day of June, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Lenthall, Margrett and Waghorne (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1—Caretaker of Dowdeswell Reservoir—Resolved, That the Caretaker of Dowdeswell Reservoir be reprimanded for having threatened to refuse admission to a gentleman when in the company of a member of the Council, and that he be informed that his duty is to report forthwith to the Water Engineer anything which is in his opinion irregular.

2-Allotments at Sandford Mead—Resolved, That a Standpipe be fixed on the Allotments at Sandford for the use of the Allotment holders.

3---Water Supply to Tewkesbury Cricket Club Pavilion—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Tewkesbury Cricket Club, stating that they had recently erected a pavilion on their ground at Tewkesbury, close to which was the water main from Tewkesbury to Cheltenham, the Tewkesbury water main being about 100 yards away, and hoping that the Committee would see their way to allowing a connection being made and a supply of water afforded them from the first-mentioned main as being nearer and more convenient than the other. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of June, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Davis, Dix, Lenthall, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)

4—Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 79 gallons, the average for the last four years being 98 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 11,012,108 gallons.

On the 21st inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 25 feet 11 inches, and the contents 69,859,771 gallons or about 80 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 260,560 gallons and the pumping from Tewkesbury which was about 300,000 gallons.

That he had received an offer from the Telephone Company of £12 10s. 0d. per annum for connection with Dowdeswell and £11 0s. 0d. per annum La connection to Hewletts Reservoir with the exchange.

That he had received a letter front Mr. Badham stating that the Tewkesbury Corporation were desirous that a new 3 inch water main should be laid down the Gravel Walk from the main at the top to the main at the bottom, with one sluice valve fire hydrant in the middle, and, that another 3 inch main should be laid from Barton Street, through Evans' Alley to the back of Swilgate to the end of Lilleys Alley, and two smaller hydrants be placed thereon, one at the bottom of Lilleys Alley, and the other at the end of Saffron Walk, and that his Council would be glad to receive an estimate of the probable cost. He also called attention to the fact that new hydrants had not been placed in the High Street, and that those required to be removed had not been touched.

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The estimate of the Water Engineer was as follows :—Cost of the hydrants, £2 10s. 0d. each, and of the mains £0 2 9 per yard each, and the valve £2 0s. 0d. extra. As regards the hydrants in the High Street nothing had been done as the Tewkesbury Town Council had not yet given any undertaking that they would pay the charge made on the outlay and for cost of maintenance.

That he had received a tender from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey of £92 7s. 0d. for papering and painting all interior and exterior work, cutting out and restoring the decayed and defective stonework and brickwork, and generally making good the whole of the building at Tewkesbury Pumping Station.

That he had observed a settlement going on near one corner of the Engine House at Tewkesbury, and he proposed to have the corner underpinned, which would only be a small matter.

That the boilers were being heated up and the necessary connections made with the steam and feed pipes, and he hoped to get them to work about the end of the next week. Resolved, That consideration of the offer of the Telephone Co. be adjourned, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to bring up for consideration by the General Purposes Committee a scheme and estimate of cost of connecting all the branch establishments of the Corporation by private telephone connection with the Municipal Offices.

That Mr. Badham be furnished with an extract from the report relating to the subject matter of his letter.

That the tender of Messrs. Collins and Godfrey, referred to in the report be accepted, and that the corner of the wall of the Engine House at Tewkesbury be underpinned as suggested.

5 - Works at Hewletts Reservoir.— The Chairman reported that at the meeting of the Committee at Hewletts Reservoir on the 15th instant, there were present: Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Lenthall, Margrett and Waghorne.

That Mr. Caines, Clerk of Works, reported that about one fourth of the work had been done to the Number 3 Reservoir wall.

That the foundations were being carried out to the proper depth, but not to the proper width ; he had pointed this out to the Contractor, who said he had his instructions.

That the Committee interviewed Mr. Thomas Malvern, who said he intended to adopt the drawing, but he was prepared to carry out the puddling to the old width.

That it was Resolved, That before commencing to rebuild, the whole of the wall be taken down, and

That the Contractors be told that they must proceed with the work as intended by the Specification in its entirety.

A letter was read from the Engineer to the Contractors specifying in what respects the work was not being efficiently carried out, and the remedies to be adopted in order to carry out the work in a satisfactory manner. Resolved, That the letter of the Engineer be approved, and that the Contractors be required to comply with his suggestions.

6.—Supply of Water to Pavilion of the Tewkesbury Cricket Club.—With reference to the resolution of this Committee declining to accede to a suggestion of the Tewkesbury Town Council that premises within the Borough of Tewkesbury at a distance from the mains used by that Authority, but within a short distance of the mains of the Cheltenham Town Council, should be supplied with water from the mains of the Cheltenham Town Council on payment by the Tewkesbury Corporation of 7 ¼ d. per 1,000 gallons for the water so supplied, and the

Letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Tewkesbury Cricket Club, read at the last meeting of this Committee, asking the Council to modify their decision, and lay on a supply of water to the Pavilion recently erected for the Club in Swilgate meadow. Resolved, That the Council see no reason to depart from their previous resolution.

7—Telephone Poles at Tewkesbury Water Works.—A letter was read from the Provincial Superintendant of the National Telephone Co., applying to the Council for permission to erect 7 poles on land of the Cheltenham Corporation on the north bank of the Severn between the Water Works and the Railway Bridge near Tute House. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

8—Appeals—The Appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. GEO. MARGRETT, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th day of June, 1899-- Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett and Moles (The Mayor in the chair)--

9—Swine Fever—Supt. Hopkins reported that an outbreak of Swine Fever had occurred at Strawberry Cottage, Leckhampton Road, in the occupation of Mr. W. G. Siddall. That there were 10 pigs on the premises all of whom were attacked, that one died and the remaining 9 had been killed and buried under directions of the Board of Agriculture. That the premises had been thoroughly cleansed and disinfected and the Swine Fever Order had been complied with in every way, and that no further outbreak had occurred in the borough.

A letter from the Board of Agriculture was read stating that in view of the fact that no fewer than 29 outbreaks of swine fever had occurred since the 1st ult. in the area described in the schedule to the enclosed Order, viz., the Petty Sessional Divisions of Tewkesbury (except the parishes of Twyning and Forthampton), Newent, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Stroud, Whitminster, Horsley, Dursley and Berkeley, and the Municipal Boroughs of Tewkesbury, Cheltenham, and Gloucester, the Board had found it necessary to apply the provisions of the Swine Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1896 to that area. Resolved That Supt. Hopkins be the person appointed on behalf of the Council for the purpose of granting, subject to the provisions of Art. 10 of the Order, Movement Licenses for the purpose of the Order so far as the Authority is empowered to grant the same.

2—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 6th inst. the Brigade was called to a fire in the rear of No. 110, High Street, which occasioned damage estimated at £130. The buildings and contents were insured and the bill for extinction expenses, amounting to £3 13s., with particulars. had been handed to the Borough Accountant for claim against the Insurance Co.

He asked for permission for the Brigade to take part in the Life-Boat Demonstration on the 1st prox. Resolved, That the same be granted.

Further Resolved, That the helmets recently purchased by the men be paid for by the Council.

3—Byelaws under Sec. 23 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882—The draft of these Byelaws was further considered. Resolved, That the same be approved and the Byelaws be now made and sealed subject to the following amendment, viz., that after the words " shall not " the words " hawk, sell or distribute," and after the word " newspaper " the words " or other goods " shall be deleted from Byelaw No. 3 (j) so that the same shall read as follows. viz., "A person shall not shout or cry out for the purpose of selling any newspaper on Sunday in any street in the Borough," and that a copy of the Byelaws as now made be forthwith fixed on the Municipal Offices and a copy thereof sealed with the Corporate Seal be forthwith sent to the Secretary of State, and that the Byelaws do come into force after the expiration of 40 days from the date such copies have been fixed on the Municipal Offices and sent to the Secretary of State as aforesaid.

4—Contract for Firemen's Tunics—With reference to the letter of Mr. J. W. Betteridge, Secretary of the Cheltenham District Trade and Labour Council, alleging that Messrs. Salisbury and Son sublet the contract for making these tunics to someone outside the town, a letter from Messrs. Salisbury & Son was read stating that they knew nothing of Mr. Betteridge or those he represents, and that therefore they had no explanation to offer them, and requesting to be informed if they had violated their contract, in what way they had done so. Resolved, That Messrs. Salisbury & Son be requested to reply definitely whether the statement made in Mr. Betteridge's letter is or is not correct.

5--Hackney Carriage Licences—A Letter was read from Messrs. Young & Gilling, Agents for Mr. Thomas Roebuck, late of Lansdown Hotel Mews, stating that their principal no longer required his landau licence.

Letters were read from J. F. Roebuck, of No. 22, York Street, John Jones, of No. 2, Portland Place, and Frederick Jones, of Portland Mews, applying for the licence. Resolved, That as F. Jones already holds two licences the licence no longer required by T. Roebuck be granted to John Jones.

Letters were read from Charles Cook, of the King's Head Yard. and Frederick Williams, of No. 10, Granville Street, praying that the licences held by Cooke for a hansom cab and pony carriage, Nos. 2 and 47 respectively, might be transferred to Williams who had agreed to purchase the vehicles from

Cooke, provided the licences would pass with them. Resolved, That until the licences have been handed in to the Town Clerk the issue of fresh licences in lieu of them cannot be considered.

Resolved, That Pony Carriage Licence No. 105 be granted to John Morgan, of No. 28, Mountpleasant.

Letters were read from George Clifford, of 2, Hopewell Cottages, Waterloo Street, renewing his application for a pony carriage licence, as the one which W. T. Smith once held, viz., No. 106, was vacant. Resolved, To inform Mr. Clifford that his application cannot be acceded to as there is no vacancy.

A Letter was read from C. Cooke, of the King's Head Yard, asking permission to use another carriage for two months while he was having his hansom done up. Resolved, That subject to approval of the temporary vehicle by the Mayor the application be acceded to.

6--Charges for Foreign Telegrams —A Letter was read from the Town Clerk of Folkestone on this subject suggesting that the Council should ask the Borough Member to support the Telegraph Committee in their endeavour to obtain a reduction of the charges now made for telegrams to distant parts of the empire.

7—Insurance against Claims by Corporation Workmen—A Letter was read from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, stating that they could now give the Corporation a complete indemnity against claims under the Workmen's Compensation Act, Employers' Liability Act, and at Common Law, at a premium of 5 per cent.

8—Came Licences—Applications for renewal of their licences to deal in game were received from Mrs. S. A. Wilks, Messrs. W. Flail & Son, Mr. T. B. Woodward, Mrs. Morris and Mr. N. W. Olive. Resolved, That the same be granted.

9—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Resolved, That Driver's Licences be granted to the following applicants, viz.—

Frank Taylor, No. 1a, Swindon Street.
A. Tanner, 2, Hall Cottages, Sherborne Street
W. Palmer, 4, Winchcomb Place
Richard Martin, 4, Victoria Parade, Moorend Street
C. J. Timbrell, 7, St. Paul's Street South

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of June, 1899 Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)

1-Alstone Baths—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of Bathers up to and including the 17th instant had been, exclusive of Members of Clubs and Season Ticket Holders, 13396 and the receipts £151 2s. 0d.

2--Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from the Caretaker expressing his thanks for his appointment, and that it would be his endeavour to so discharge his duties as to merit the

approbation of the Council. He suggested that the iron railings just fixed should be lined with wire mesh to prevent cricket balls going through. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the suggestion pending a visit of inspection by the Committee.

Horse Show—A letter was read from Mr. J. G. Villar, Hon. Sec, of the Horse Show Committee, requesting that the Agg-Gardner Recreation ground be closed from Saturday Evening, July 1st, to Monday morning July 10th, as on the previous occasion. Resolved, That the request be acceded to and that the necessary notices be published that the ground will be closed to the public between the dates named.

St. Paul's United Associations Football Club.—A letter was read from Mr. S. Durham, Secretary of this Club, applying for the exclusive use of a portion of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground by this Club for Association football during the season, for a hours on Saturday afternoons, upon the same conditions as agreed to last season. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending inspection of the ground by the Committee.

3—Quoit Ground at Barrett's Mill Ground. — A letter was read from Mr. J. Stephens, Hon. Sec. of this Club, stating that the Committee of the Club could not agree to the terms of the resolution of this Committee of the 19th of April last, whereby the Committee offered to grant the Club the use of an additional space of 23 feet wide on condition that the Club remove the present fence and re-erect it as therein mentioned and pay an increased rent of £1 1s. 0d. per annum, as they considered it unreasonable to ask for any additional rent, and suggested that the Council should remove the fence, timber the ends and prepare the ground. That in the event of the Council not agreeing to the suggestion the Club asked the Council, as a protection to the public, to net hack the outer fence parallel with the footpath and that it be a spiked fence. Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to depart from the terms of their resolution above referred to.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of June, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair).

4-Caretaker's House at Alstone Baths. —The only tender received for carrying out this addition to the Alstone Baths was as follows, viz., Messrs. Collins and Godfrey, £373 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of June, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Cypher, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1—Cemetery—The following members of the Committee attended the visit to the Cemetery previously to this meeting, viz. :— Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Cypher and Moles.

Renovation of Vestries of Church of England and Nonconformist Chapels—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have these Vestries renovated by whitening the ceilings and re-papering the walls, and that a new grate be provided in the Church of England Vestry.

Sale of Grass—A Letter was read from Mr. F. E. Wood, offering to purchase the grass from the Cemetery at 1s 6d a load on condition that he be exclusively entitled to take all of it. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and the condition agreed to.

Superintendent's Leave—Resolved, That the Superintendent be granted leave of absence on August 7th, 8th and 9th, subject to his making proper and sufficient arrangements for the performance of his duties during his absence.

2—Designs—The following designs were examined and allowed, viz. :—Headstones to Edwin Packer, Frederick George Packer, Edwin William Packer, Elizabeth Bennett, Charlotte Milnes, Amelia Susan Anne Fowler Morris and Harriett Denning, Memorial to Anne Davies and Headstone and Kerbing to William Weeks Barker.

3—Account--The following Account for Wages was allowed:—

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| G. C. Pratley | £17 5 0 |
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J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of June, 1899—Present Aldermen Drew and Holliday ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Macdonald and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1- Loans Required —Several letters of enquiry were read and offers of money received upon terms not acceptable to the Committee. Resolved, that the following tenders be accepted, viz,, from J. Sidebottom, 7a Halkyn Road, Newton, Chester, to lend £4000, and from C. E. Welden, Oak Lodge, 290, Upper Richmond Road, Putney, S.W. to lend £1000 at 3 per cent., and upon the terms stated in the advertisement.

2- Bath Parade Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. J. Stockman, of Merton Villa, Bath Parade, stating he was unable to pay the sum of £19 13s. 2d. due from him in respect of the cost of these works, and that he hoped in a very short time to be able to make some arrangement for paying it, and trusting that the Council would allow the matter to stand over for a time. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to recover payment unless the full amount due is paid within a fortnight.

A letter was read from Mr. J. H. Lacey, of No. 8, St. Luke's Place, stating he was unable to pay the £4 3s. 5d. due from him in respect of the cost of these works at present, but would pay the amount on September 29th next with the usual interest. Resolved, That payment from Mr. Lacey be accepted in the manner suggested by him.

3--Corporation Entertainments—Resolved, That all receipts and payments, except wages paid to the Corporation Workmen, in connection with these entertainments be received or made by the Borough Accountant, and that a separate column be kept in the Wages Book to indicate the wages paid for such purposes.

4-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £3,870, leaving outstanding £13,423 4s. 2d.

5--Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th instant on the collection of this Rate was read.

Amount received £2730 3s. 1d., leaving outstanding £6713 12s. 5d.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £10,479 3s. 6d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement:—

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| Overdrawn on the 30th May last | £ 8,197 6 10 |
| Paid since that date | £ <u>5,997 9 4</u> |
| | £ <u>14,194 16 2</u> |
| Received since that date | £ 8,694 4 7 |
| Now Overdrawn .. | £5,500 11 7 |

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of June, 1899 — Present: Councillors Hayward, Moles, Preston and Steel ; the Rev. J. Evans, Capt. Welch, R.N., Dr. Davis; and Messrs. Evan Butler, J. G. Carr, W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer and T. Whittard. (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report--The Librarian reported that there had been received since the last monthly meeting £6 16s. 7d., and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.

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| C. Potter | 1 | Volume |
| C. B. Holinsworth | 2 | " |
| W. J. Crawford | 2 | " |
| Trustees of the British Museum | 4 | " |
| Bennett and Co. .. | 1 | " |
| General Russell, M.P. .. | 32 | Pamphlets |
| Annual Reports from 25 public Libraries. | | |

2 —Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended:—

That the tender of Messrs. Norman, Sawyer, & Co. for the binding of books, at the same price as last year, be accepted,

That the tender of Mr. J. J. Banks for the supply of New Literature, Magazines, and Periodicals, be accepted.

That the list of new books be purchased for £1 14s. 0d. That the offer of Mr. V. P. Bolongaro to provide fifty covers for periodicals be accepted.

That it is not desirable to place handrails at the entrance doors.

That " The Journal of Gas Lighting " be provided for the News Room tables for a period of three months.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3--Encroachment of Art Gallery upon Library Premises.—The Chairman reported that the provision of a communication between the Art Gallery and the Library would entail a loss of space in the Library, necessitating an expenditure of possibly £300 in providing space in lieu of the space so taken up, and for accommodation of the books and bookshelves which will have to be removed. The Librarian laid before the Committee a plan which he had prepared for providing the accommodation above referred to, and the further consideration was adjourned.

4 --Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed, viz :—

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| W. Jones, wages account | £19 2 6 |
| Harris & Co., coal .. | £ 1 8 6 |
| Westley & Co., books (new) .. | £ 3 18 0 |
| Gas Co., coke .. | £ 1 5 8 |
| Norman, Sawyer, & Co., Binding and lettering | £10 13 5 |
| " Printing and stationery | £2 18 6 |
| | £13 11 11 |
| J. Tinkler, cleaning materials.. | £ 1 1 0 |

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of June, 1899—Present Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Hayward, Moles, Preston, and Steel ; Revs. J. Mugliston and J. Evans, Dr. Davis, and Messrs. Beckingsale and Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

5----Art Gallery and Library—Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Skillicorne and Councillors Moles, Preston, and Steel be appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with the Art Gallery Committee; and that the Borough Surveyor be requested to examine the plan prepared by the Librarian as to the accommodation for books to be provided in lieu of that taken by the communication between the Art Gallery and the Library, and report thereon to this Committee.

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of June, 1899— Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Mills, Moles, Preston, and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

1—Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 36 schools, from which names of

absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 135 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 8 meetings ; that 7 parents had been prosecuted ; that 5 were fined, and an Attendance Order was made against William Langston.

2-Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :—Florence Cook, Annie Poytress, Cyril Pinchin, Tom Wildsmith, Ernest Matthey, Lily Lockey, Frank Didcote, Charles Hawker, Rose Stevens, Willie Fowler, Frank Ponting, Alice Wollen, Herbert Berry, Henry Lippett, and Frank Dean, and that proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parent of Edwin Loveridge for an Attendance Order.

3—Junior Attendance Officer—Resolved unanimously that Mr. George Cloves Irving be appointed as Junior Attendance Officer at the same salary as, before Mr. Turner's resignation, was paid to Mr. Carroll, commencing from the time at which Mr. Turner's resignation took effect.

JOHN D. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of August, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of July 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, and Cypher, (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Death of Councillor Margrett—Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee be requested to write to Mrs. Margrett, expressing the sympathy of this Committee with her in her bereavement.

2 - - Crave Street—A letter was read from John Kesterton and others, calling attention to the bad condition of repair of the road, gutters and pavements in Grove Street. Resolved, That the surface of the road be laid with tar macadam.

3—Wall at South Corner of North Place and St. Margaret's Road—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 21 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 26th September last, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had seen Dr. Mason as to the rounding off of this corner, and he submitted to the Committee a plan which he had prepared with respect thereto. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do again interview Dr. Mason, and report to this Committee.

4- Tenders for Forage—Resolved, That Tenders for a Twelve months' supply of forage be advertised for.

5—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1189 | M. Crawford | Two Lodges at Fullwood Park. |
| 1190 | Committee of St. Paul's Training College | Additions to St. Mary's Hall. |
| 1191 | Nailsworth Brewery Co. | Additions to Grafton Brewery. |
| 1192 | Cavendish House Co. Ltd. | Additions to Stamford House. |
| 1193 | F. Wilkins | Additions to No. 110, High Street. |
| 1194 | Major Colledge | New Bath Room at Lauriston House. |
| 1195 | Jesus College | Building Estate at Alstone. |

Resolved, That Nos. 1191, 1194 and 1195 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved as show,

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of August, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, and Dix (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

6—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting of the Committee on the previous Friday, viz.—Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Davis and Dix.

7—Street Projections—A letter was read from W. B. Brough, of No. 4, North Street, applying for permission to put up a small Sign Board outside the above premises, about 9 ft. high, the size of the board being about 2 ft. by 1 ft., and projecting 2 ft. from the wall. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the right of the Council to order its removal if and when they may think lit.

8—Paragon Parade Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. C. M. Haward, owner of No. 3, Paragon Parade, objecting to pay the amount apportioned in respect of his property of the cost of executing these works on the ground that the pavement opposite his houses was in perfect repair, and he had quite recently had the road repaired and covered with Bristol chippings, and the owners of Nos., 1 and 2 had the same done to the road in front of their houses. Resolved, To inform Mr. Haward that the Council do not consider there is sufficient reason to relieve him of his liability.

9—Tree near Ellenborough House, Oriel Road —A letter was read from Miss M. S. Lacey, of Ellenborough House, requesting that the tree just opposite her house should be cut down, as it was so close to the windows that it kept away both air and light, and in the autumn it made the house damp, and also that other trees near it should be lopped. Resolved, To inform Miss Lacey that the Council cannot accede to her request to cut down the tree, but it shall be lopped when the proper season arrives, together with the other trees referred to.

10—Tree opposite Brookbank—A letter was read from Mrs. E. C. Clowes, Brookbank, London Road, asking leave to cut down an elder bush and clip some of the boughs of a willow tree which were on the bank of the Chelt, as they were exactly opposite Brookbank, impeded the view and kept away the air. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Clowes that the matter shall receive attention.

11—Hoarding in Suffolk Street—A memorial was read from C. Phillips and eleven other owners and ratepayers, calling the attention of the Council to the erection of a hoarding in Suffolk Street, which was a nuisance and obstruction of light. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Cheltenham

Billposting Co. requiring them to remove both sides of the advertising station, as it projects beyond the building line.

12—Claims for Damages for Accidents by A. B. Wall and B. Combe—The Town Clerk reported that he had been served with Summonses issued in the County Court on behalf of Mr. A. B. Wall for damages sustained by his horse falling down when being driven from Hewlett Street into the London Road, by which he claimed £38 10s. Od., and on behalf of Mr. B. Combe for damages sustained by his horse falling down when being driven along Winchcomb Street, by which he claimed £16 10s. Od. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to defend the Actions, and that he be authorised to employ Counsel.

13—Salary of Mr. J. E. Ponting—A letter was read from Mr. J. E. Ponting, Clerk at the Central Depot, applying for an increase of salary. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the application until the next Monthly Meeting of the Committee.

14--Report of the Borough Surveyor re highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of the Highways Department during the month ending July 28th, 1899, had been as follows:—

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Regent Street, Rosehill Street, Oriel Road, Promenade, North Street, Gloucester Road, Hewlett Street, Suffolk Square, Park Place, High Street, Imperial Square.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Swindon Road (proceeding).

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Shelburne Road.

Paving, Kerbing, Crossing, and Channel Repairs—Clarence Street, Bloomsbury Street, Burton Street, Columbia Street, Lansdown Crescent, Swindon Road, Winchcomb Street, High Street, Montpellier Terrace, North Place, Battledown Approach, St. George's Street, Rodney Road, Imperial Square, Parabola Road, Queen's Parade.

The entrance to the back of Clarence Street (by Whitcombe's) had been repaved with bricks.

The footpath on the North side of the Winter Garden had been relaid with Asphalte, 614 yards (square).

The footpath in Hewlett Road, from Pittville Circus Road to Cemetery Road, had been repaired with Wickwar gravel, 792 super yards.

The footpath in Cemetery Road from Hale's Road was being repaired with Wickwar gravel.

The crossing in Promenade, opposite Messrs. Young and Gilling's, had been relaid with MacDougall's patent bricks.

A new gully had been fixed in Swindon Road at the top of Stanhope Street.

Trees had been Pruned in the Christ Church Road, Lansdown Road, Cemetery Road, Queen's Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Street, Terrace and Parade, Spa Road, Vittoria Walk, Oriel Road, Rodney Road, Imperial Square, College Road, High Street, Hale's Road, Keynsham Road, Battledown Approach, King's Road, Hewlett Road, Albion Street, All Saints' Road, Pittville Circus Road, Pittville Lawn.

Private Improvement Works—The lane at the back of Clarence Street had been finished. The improvement at the top of Grosvenor Street was in hand. Liverpool Place was finished, 311 square yards. Oxford Street and King Street had been commenced, but the Contractors were waiting for

stone, the demand for which appeared to be much greater than the available supply. The pavements in Gloucester Road and Swindon Road were laid.

Forage—The tenders for forage had expired.

Ashes Collected and Consumed—collected 992, consumed 984 loads ; weight 963 tons 17 cwt. 3 qrs. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make such alterations in the specifications as the Contractors for the Private Improvement Works, whose tenders have already been accepted, and the abutting owners interested will agree to, so as to enable the works which are being delayed owing to the difficulty in obtaining Forest stone to be proceeded with.

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Clinker Paving—Resolved, That the Committee and the Borough Surveyor do pay a visit to Bath, on Friday next, to inspect the manufacture carried on there by the Bath Town Council of clinker into paving.

16- Clare Parade and Clare Place Private Improvement Works—Specifications from the Surveyor, with plan of the Works required to be done to the above Streets, was read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary Sections and Estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

17-- Tenders for Private Improvement Works—The following Tenders were received for executing Private Improvement Works, viz :—

| | Royal Well Lane & St. George's Place | | | Montpellier Terrace. | | | Providence Square | | | Sydenham Villas and keynsham Villas Roads | | | Trinity Church lane | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|----|----------------------|----|----|-------------------|----|----|-------------------------------------------|----|----|---------------------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Messrs. E. M. & F. Willett | 250 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 15 | 0 | 20 | 9 | 0 | 341 | 14 | 11 | | | |
| Messrs. Packer & Griffin | 309 | 16 | 6 | 91 | 14 | 3 | 23 | 9 | 9 | 365 | 17 | 9 | 187 | 14 | 5 |
| Mr. William Skey | | | | | | | | | | 375 | 1 | 11 | | | |
| Mr. Charles Young .. | | | | | | | | | | 312 | 15 | 10 | | | |
| Mr. William Cresswell | 224 | 14 | 6 | 57 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 10 | 0 | 337 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| Messrs. Mark Williams & Co:.. | | | | | | | 26 | 10 | 0 | | | | 131 | 10 | 0 |

Resolved, That subject to substitution in the Specification of blue brick in lieu of silver grey channelling, the Tender of Mr. Cresswell for the Works in Royal Well Lane and St. George's Place be accepted ; that his Tenders be also accepted for the Works in Montpellier Terrace and Providence Square. That the Tender of Mr. C. Young be accepted for the Works in Sydenham Villas and

Keynsham Villas Roads ; and that the Tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. be accepted for the Works in Trinity Church Lane.

18- Building Plans.—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1196 | W. Smith | Three houses in Ewlyn Road, Leckhampton Road. |
| 1197 | Mr. Whiffen | Semi-detached house adjoining Deerhurst. |
| 1198 | G. H. Roberts | Two cottages in Naunton Lane. |
| 1199 | G. E. Chick | Ten houses in Hall Road. |
| 1200 | S. G. Adcock | Workshop between Nos. 6 and 8, Mitre Street. |
| 1201 | A. Goodhall | Two houses in Pilley Lane. |
| 1202 | E. Pearce | Garden house at side of Lagarie, Eldorado Road. |
| 1203 | Pearce & Sons | Three cottages in New Road adjoining Alstone Lane. |
| 1204 | C. H. James .. | Workshop, &c., adjoining No. 8, Springfield Place, Rosehill Street. |

Resolved, That Nos. 1196, 1201 and 1203 be disapproved, and that the other plans mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th day of July, 1899—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1 —Death of Councillor Margrett —Resolved, To authorise the Chairman, on behalf of the members of the Committee, the Town Clerk, Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor, to write to Mrs. Margrett a letter of sympathy with her and her family in the bereavement sustained by them.

2—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—An application was received from Herbert Sache, of No. 14, Northwick Terrace, Suffolk Road, to be registered as a Dairyman. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

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3-Zymotic Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 13 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 5 of Diphtheria, that 6 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the public and private wards of the Delancey Hospital and 5 into the College Wards, that 2 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the same Hospital, and that the number of Corporation cases then in the Delancey Hospital was 12 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

4-Houses Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Major Cottages, Millbrook Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified that these houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, Resolved, That proceedings under

Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain Orders for them to be closed.

5-Smoke Nuisance-The Medical Officer of Health reported that for a period of 10 minutes or longer on June 21st dense black smoke was emitted from the Chimney of Messrs. George's Bakehouse, behind No. 366, High Street, and was blown down into the Colonnade and adjacent streets. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the Company, requiring them to abate the nuisance and do what is necessary to prevent a recurrence of it.

6-Cleansing and Limewashing--No. 6, St. George's Terrace, No. 11, St. Paul's Street, South, No. 7, Park View, No. 31, Worcester Street, and Arran Lodge, Rodney Terrace-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

7-Nuisances from Drains, &c. at No. 2, Northfield Terrace, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Dovey's Cottages, Arran Lodge, Rodney Terrace, Nos. 4, 7, 9, 11 and 12, Keynsham Terrace, Nos. 3, 6 and 7, Rodney Terrace, Nos. 2 and 3, Rutland Street and Coffee Tavern adjoining--The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

8--Overcrowding at No. 4, Major Cottages, Millbrook Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring abatement of the same.

9--W.C's without Flushing Apparatus -The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

10-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

11--Wells at Nos. 15 and 17, All Saints' Terrace--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-named premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed. 12-Insanitary Property-Pantile Row or Elmstone Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective yard pavings, passage ceiling, W.C's, ash receptacles, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under

Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the notices.

13---Pig Keeping-A letter was read from James Cooke, of Sandfield Villa, Alstone, apologising for having committed a breach of the Bye-Laws as to pig keeping, and stating that he would do everything in his power to prevent a similar occurrence in future, and that he would have the styes thoroughly limewashed and cleansed. Resolved, That the apology be accepted and proceedings stayed.

14-Slaughter House at No. 213, High Street-A letter was read from Messrs. Brookes and Badham, Solicitors for Mr. Claridge, the owner of this slaughter house, stating that their client did not consider the offer of 488 for the surrender of his slaughter house licence sufficient, but he would be willing to accept without prejudice £100 with £5 5s. 0d. for their costs. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to increase the offer already made.

15 -- Laying Sewer at back of Lansdown Terrace-Letters were read from Captain R. Chambers, of 18, Lansdown Terrace, complaining that owing to the laying of this sewer a subsidence of the ground near his house had taken place, causing the party wall between his house and No. 17, Lansdown Terrace to become disfigured, and enquiring whether or not the Corporation intends to repair it, and from Messrs. Young and Gilling making a similar complaint as regards a wall at No. 14, Lansdown Terrace, and applying for compensation for the cost of repairing the damage. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee, at which the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a report in writing with reference to the matter.

16-Building Plans-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans, viz :-

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1189 | Macknight Crawford | Two Lodges at Fullwood, The Park. |
| 1190 | Committee of St. Paul's Training College | Additions to rear of St. Mary's Hall. |
| 1191 | Nailsworth Brewery Co. | Alterations at the Grafton Brewery, Norwood Road. |

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| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1192 | Cavendish House Co. | Additions to Stamford House. |
| 1194 | Major Colledge | Addition to Lauriston House, Lansdown. |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and sanitary matters Nos. 1191 and 1194 be disapproved, and that the other plans referred to be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of July, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, Davis, Lenthall and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair) –

17 -Zymotic Disease -The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria ; that the cases of Scarlet

Fever and Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 9 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

18 -Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 32 Hanover Street, St. Paul's, Hale's Cottages, Hale's Road, The Barley Mow Inn, Tewkesbury Road, and Nos. 4, 6 and 8, Fairview Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above named houses were in .such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

19 of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the Owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

20-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 7, Sherborne Terrace, No. 25, Queen Street, and No. 8, Fairview Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

21—Insanitary Property at Nos. 1 and 2, Witcomb Place, No. 8, Fairview Strut, and Nos. 27, 28, and 29, New Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, floors, eaves, spouting, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

22—Wells at Nos. 7, Sherborne Terrace, No. 27, Leighton Road, Nos. 5, 7, 11, 13 and 27, All Saints Terrace and No. 43, New Street Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

23—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

24--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

25—Urinals at the Hot Pole Inn, Gloucester Road and the Barley Mow Inn, Tewkesbury Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were a nuisance and injurious to health owing to defective condition and want of water supply. Resolved, That notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served on the owners requiring them to abate the nuisances and for that

purpose to execute the works specified in the notices and lay on a sufficient water supply for flushing.

26-Pollution of Wyman's Brook—The Medical Officer of Health again reported that this brook was being badly polluted and was in a very dirty condition, evidently receiving much sewage matter from houses in the parish of Prestbury. That the pond in the field off the Cleeve Road still discharged its overflow into the brook, and was itself black with pollution. He believed that Marle Hill House discharged sewage direct into the brook. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Rural District Council to inform them that if they do not at once take steps to cause this pollution to cease this Council will have to take further action in the matter. Resolved, That notice be served on the Owner or Owners of Glen Cottages requiring him her or them to provide means of carrying off the slop water from the cottages otherwise than into the brook.

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27 - Pollution of Hatherley Brook—The Medical Officer of Health reported that complaints had been received from residents in the Park as to the dirty condition of this brook, and it was found that the brook bordered upon a field at Leckhampton in the occupation of Mr. Cornelius Smith, upon which more than 20 pigs were turned out most of them wallowing in the brook stirring up the mud and otherwise polluting it. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Rural District Council to call their attention to the matter and to request them to take steps to cause an abatement of the pollution complained of.

28—Closing of Slaughter-House at No. 280, High Street--A Letter was read from Mr. Joseph Blake, the owner of this slaughter house, declining to accept the offer of £132 for compensation but offering to accept £200. Resolved, That the Council are not prepared to make any increase of the amount offered by them.

29—Drain along Great Western Railway Cutting—A letter was read from the Great Western Railway Co. enquiring what the Council had decided to do as regards the use of this drain by them for reception of the sewage from the adjacent houses, which had again recently caused a flooding of the cutting during a storm. The Borough Surveyor recommended that intercepting sewers should be constructed so as to cut off the access of all sewage to the culvert in the Company's line. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

30 - Congress in Blackpool of the Royal Institute of Public Health—A Letter from the Mayor of Blackpool was read inviting the Council to appoint Delegates to be present at this Congress, which will be held at Blackpool from Sept. 21st to Sept. 26th inclusive. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to appoint any Delegates to attend this Congress.

31—Subsidence of Walls at baths of Nos. 14 and 18, Lansdown Terrace—With reference to the letters of Messrs. Young & Gilling and Capt. Chambers, complaining that a subsidence of the walls of the back premises of these houses had been caused by the laying of a sewer, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had had the wall at the back of No. 14 pointed, but Capt. Chambers had declined to allow the wall at the back of No. 18 to be similarly treated, as he would not be satisfied with anything less than its being pulled down and rebuilt. Resolved, To leave the matter in the hands of the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor to deal with.

32—Sewer at back of No. 10, Grange Crescent, Gloucester Road—A Letter was read from Mr. G. E. Fisher enquiring if this Sewer had been taken over by the Town Authority. Resolved, To inform Mr.

Fisher that no formal taking over is necessary, as under the Public Health Act, 1875, all Sewers not made for profit become vested in the Local Authority when constructed.

33—Salary of Inspector of Nuisances—A Letter was read from the Local Government Board approving of the proposal of the Council to increase the salary of Mr. A. E. Hudson from £170 to £180 per annum from the 5th of June, 1899, with a further annual increase of £10 up to £200 per annum.

34—Building Plans--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received of intended new buildings requiring drainage, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1196 | W. Smith | Three houses Ewlyn Road, Leckhampton Road |
| 1197 | Mr. Whiffen | Semi-detached house adjoining Deerhurst, Gloucester Road |
| 1198 | G. H. Roberts | Two cottages in Naunton Lane |
| 1199 | G. E. Chick | Ten houses in Hall Road |
| 1200 | S. G. Adcock | Workshop between Nos. 6 and 8, Mitre Street |
| 1201 | A. Goodhall | Two houses in Pilley Lane |
| 1202 | E. Pearce | Garden House at side of Lazarie, Eldorado Road |
| 1203 | Pearce & Sons | Three cottages in new road adjoining Alstone Lane |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters Nos. 1196, 1201, and 1203 be disapproved, and that the other plans mentioned be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of August, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

35—Vacancy on Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Rickerby be appointed a member of this Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Councillor Margrett.

36---Sewage Farms--The Borough Surveyor reported that it was necessary in view of the Corporation taking in hand the direct management of the Sewage Farms, to appoint a capable farm bailiff, but before making any selection it would be desirable to decide upon the produce to be raised and the methods of disposal. Resolved, To insert the following advertisement in the local papers, The Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard, The Evesham Journal, The Hereford Times, The Western Gazette, The Gloucester Journal, The Gloucester Chronicle, and The Wilts County Mirror and Express, viz.—" Wanted "Sewage Farm Bailiff. Salary £150 and house. Practical experience of farming indispensable. Apply Town Clerk, "Cheltenham."

37—Lodging Rouse Byelaws—Resolved, That these Bye Laws, as now finally settled and approved by the Local Government Board, be now made. That the Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto, and that notice of intention to apply to the Local Government Board for confirmation of the same after the expiration of one month from the publication of such notice be advertised pursuant to Sec. 184 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 3rd day of July, 1899 —Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Macdonald and Mills (Councillor Dix in the chair) —

1—Cleeve Hill Light Railway—A letter from the Light Railway Commissioners was read, stating that the Commissioners were prepared to submit to the Board of Trade for confirmation an Order to authorise the construction of that portion of the proposed light railway between Pittville Circus in the Prestbury Road and the proposed terminus on Cleeve Hill. That the Commissioners would frame an Order provisionally in such terms as appear to them proper, having regard to the circumstances of the case, and that before finally settling the Order the Commissioners would afford to all parties interested an opportunity of making their observations upon such provisional draft. To which the Town Clerk had replied that it was hoped the Commissioners would adhere as far as possible to the form, or at any rate to the conditions and stipulations contained in the draft Order as amended, of which a copy had been sent to them, as it had been agreed to by the Promoter, the Corporation and, he believed, by the County Council. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved. Further Resolved, That this Committee congratulates Mr. Nevins on the success achieved by him, and that it will continue to give him its strenuous assistance in the provision of a suitable route to the Railway Stations, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to send a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Nevins.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of August, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Hayward and Steel (Councillor Dix in the chair)—

2—Electric Tramway from Cleeve Hill to Cheltenham—A Letter was read from Mr. T. A. Nevins, on behalf of his father and himself acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the resolution of the Committee at their meeting of date the 3rd ult. thanking the Committee therefor, and for the support accorded to them by the Council at the Enquiry before the Commissioners. Resolved, That having regard to the fact that the Great Western Railway have purchased property in St. George's Road for the purpose of constructing a junction station for their new line, the Promoter of the Electric Tramway from Cheltenham to Cleeve Hill be recommended to apply to the Light Railway Commissioners for an order to extend the authorised line from Pittville Circus down Winchcomb Street to Albion Street, along Albion Street, down North Street, across High Street, up Clarence and Manchester Streets to the Great Western Railway Station, from thence along St. George's Place and up St. George's Road to the Calcutta Inn, and from thence along the Gloucester Road to the Lansdown Castle.

S. B. DIX, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th day of July, 1899--Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Cooper and Lenthall (Alderman Drew in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Drew was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2---Pittville Gardens—A Memorial was read from Major-Genl. C. A. Moore and 45 other residents in Pittville complaining of the neglected state of the gardens and especially of the fence in front of Pittville Lawn, and also of the want of better super-vision to keep the gardens more private and prevent them being turned into Public Recreation Grounds. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a report and estimate of the cost of providing iron fencing where fencing is required, and to instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Chief Constable to request him to provide more police supervision at Pittville than hitherto. Resolved further, That the man already appointed by the Borough Surveyor to look after Clarence and Wellington Squares, do also give supervision to the Crescent Gardens and vicinity.

3—Alterations at Winter Garden—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to employ such additional assistance as he requires in the preparation of the Plans and Specifications of the alterations to the Winter Garden approved of by the Council at their last meeting.

4—Band at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—With reference to the resolution of the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee that this Committee be asked to allow the Town Band to play in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Thursday evening, August 10th, and from 7 to 9 on every alternate Thursday evening up to the end of September. Resolved, To refer the matter to the Sub-Committee with a suggestion that if possible arrangements should be made to comply with this request.

5—Lavatory Accommodation for Ladies at Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to incur such expense as may be necessary to provide sufficient Lavatory Accommodation for Ladies at the Lodge.

J. W. DREW, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of August, 1899—Present The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Dix and Cooper (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)-

6—Fireworks at Montpellier Gardens on the 17th, 18th, and 19th inst.—With reference to a letter from the Town Clerk to Messrs. Newton & Co., informing them that they could not be permitted to erect a canvass screen inside the railings to shut off the view of the gardens, a letter from Mr. A. Lamb, their Solicitor, was read, stating that the contract had been entered into without any such restriction, but without prejudice, and in order to meet the wishes of the Corporation as far as possible, his clients would be prepared to have the screen taken down each morning following the evening's entertainments. He also requested on their behalf that a List of the Subscribers with their addresses should be supplied so that the necessary passes might be sent to them. Resolved, That the Council do not admit any right of Messrs. Newton & Co. to erect the screen, but having regard to possible hardship occasioned to them owing to having made arrangements-under misapprehension as to this the Council will without prejudice, permit the erection of the screen, on condition that it is not put up or commenced to be put up before 6.30 each evening and is dropped to the ground again before 8 o'clock on the following morning, and to inform Messrs. Newton & Co. that if these conditions are not strictly observed the Borough Surveyor has been instructed to have the canvass removed outside the gardens, and not permit it to be again brought in.

7—Plays at Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to apply for a dramatic licence or licences for the plays from time to time to be performed at the Montpellier Gardens.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of July, 1899 — Present: The Mayor; Councillors, Baker, Brown, Cooper and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)---

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that the result of his tests of the gas during the past month had been as follows :—

| ILLUMINATING POWER. | | PURITY—SULPHUR | |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1899 | | 1899 | Grains per 100 cubic ft. |
| July 11th.. | 15.79 candles | July 10-11 th | 23.96 |
| | | “ 18-19th | <u>23.33</u> |
| | | | Average 23.64 |

He remarked that the proportion of sulphur was again very high.

With reference to the report last month as to the impurity of the gas being above the legal maximum, the Gas Company forwarded a copy of a report of their Engineer and Manager, who stated that the Company's two testings on the 16th and 17th ulto. gave a result about 26 per cent. lower than the Gas Examiner's reports, and he was unable to explain how the difference arose.

The hot weather interfered with the action of the lime purifiers, and the London Companies were experiencing the same difficulty owing to the weather as excess of sulphur beyond the Statutory limit was reported at six testing stations.

He read with surprise the words contained in the resolution of the Town Council that they regretted they had so repeatedly to call the attention of the Company to the impurity of the gas as, since the Gas Examiner was appointed in 1887, he had only once before reported an excess of impurity.

Resolved, To remind the Company that they have a right to be represented at the tests taken by the Examiner, and that the Examiner is also obliged to leave a duplicate sample of the impurity in the testing-room, and to inform them that this was done in the instance complained of, and the sample thus left might have been analysed by the Company, and the Committee think should have been so analysed before any question was raised as to the accuracy of the Examiner's Tests. That, though it is true that the Examiner has only once reported an excess of impurity above the statutory maximum, the Committee have, in the terms of their resolution last month, repeatedly called the attention of the Company to the impurity of the gas, which ought not to be allowed to approach, as it does again this month, the high statutory limit.

2-- Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the past month had been 4.2656 cubic feet.

3--Lamp Book—The Inspector reported that during the past month 13 ordinary and 5 metered Lamps had been reported as out, and 3 burning dimly. Resolved, That 3d. be paid to the police for each lamp reported as out, whether gas or electric.

4--Lighting of Vauxhall Alley, Elm Street A note was received from Councillor Lenthall, stating there was no laity at the bottom of the Court. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending inspection by the Committee.

5--Lighting of Rose and Crown Passage— Resolved, That an incandescent gas light be fixed in this passage.

6 –Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his test of the electrical supply to the town on the 11th instant was as follows:—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES :

| Date. ----- | Legal Standard | Test at Manchester Street. |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1899 -- — | | |
| July 11th at 9.30 p.m. | 100 Volts | 106 Volts. |

7 --Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that there were then 320 customers and the equivalent of 20,500 8-c.p. lamps connected to the mains, which compared very favourably with the corresponding numbers 269 and 16,100 of September 20th last.

In view of the rapidly increasing load, he recommended acceptance of a tender from Messrs. Korting for duplication of their condensing plant at £800. With this additional condensing plant there would be no need to order the large steam dynamo, of which the total cost was about £5,000, until the end of the year as it would not be required for use till November, 1900, he anticipated.

The feed water obtainable at the works caused a good deal of scale, and he recommended acceptance of a tender from Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox for two steam drum purifiers, at a cost of £100.

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With the Chairman's authority he had agreed to accept an offer from Messrs. Siemens Bros., of £175, for the 30-Kilowatt alternator, which was recently replaced by a direct current exciter—this being an advance of £50 on their last offer.

He submitted a Schedule of Tenders for arc lamp carbons, and he recommended acceptance of a Tender of Messrs. Johnson and Phillips for 15-millimeter carbons at £2 16s. 2d. per 1,000, and £2 12s. 9d. per 1000, according as the total quantity ordered in the year should be less or more than 200,000.

In accordance with instructions he had estimated the cost of lighting St. George's Road, from the Promenade to the Gloucester Road, by arc lamps supported by side posts. Taking the average distance between successive lamps to be 73 yards, which was as great as it was advisable with a winding road, the number of arcs required would be 15, and the total cost about £1,250, thus involving an addition of about £850 to the previous estimates for lighting St. George's Road, Western Road, and Overton Road by incandescence lamps.

Small extensions were required to supply customers as follows :—St. Stephen's Road £25 ; Rodney Terrace £50 ; Carlton £50 ; Bath Road £100 ; Grosvenor Street £130 ; and these together with some probable, but not quite certain, extensions he would lay before the Committee again in an estimate for a new loan.

With reference to the proposed general change of voltage, correspondence was read between the Borough Electrical Engineer and the Electrical Engineer of the City of Bradford.

Resolved, That the report be approved, and the recommendations therein contained adopted ; that St. George's Road be lit with side arcs, as mentioned in the report ; that the acceptance of Messrs.

Siemens' offer for the 30-Kilowatt Alternator be approved ; and that the extensions referred to in the report be carried out, and as regards the question of change of voltage the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of completing the work.

8— Extension of Area—With reference to notice given by the Town Clerk of intention to apply for a Provisional Order authorising the Council to supply Electric Energy and Power within the District of Charlton Kings, a letter was read from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, with which he forwarded a copy of a resolution passed by his Council, that if the same is required, the consent of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council be given to the proposed extension, subject to such conditions as that Council may thereafter prescribe.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of July, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Dix, Lenthall, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1--Chairman—Resolved unanimously that Councillor Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year.

2-The late Chairman—Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee be authorised to write to Mrs. Margrett, expressing the sympathy of this Committee with her in her bereavement.

3—Inspection of Sewell—Resolved, That the Committee inspect the Severn from Tewkesbury to Worcester, and the Tewkesbury water works, and that all the members of the Council be invited.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th day of July, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Davis, Dix, Lenthall, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)-

4--Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 26th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 64 gallons, the average for the last four years being 77 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 10,990,064 gallons.

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On the 26th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 20 feet 7 inches, and the contents 47,020,088 gallons, which gave a total of 58,010,152 gallons, or about 48 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 220,816 gallons.

That Messrs. Channon & Sons were making alterations with a view to considerable additions to the Girls' Training College, and he recommended that the supply of water to the College in future be by meter as in the case of the supply to the Men's Training College and other similar institutions a dead rent of £8 10s. 0d. each half-year being fixed with an allowance of 136,000 gallons.

That the Contractors for the Hewletts wall had finished the wall to a height of about 5ft. 6in., and filled in the puddle at the back along the whole of the first section. The wall had been taken down

from the west end of the first section to the west end of the extent of the contract and to the level of the inside berm, together with the excavation for the same length and depth.

That the new boilers had been connected and were at work pumping to Cheltenham.

That on the 19th inst the demand for water was greater than on any previous day and amounted to 1,526,000 gallons, the ordinary domestic supply was about 750,000 to 800,000 gallons per day, for street watering the maximum was 200,000 gallons, showing an increase of about 500,000 gallons per day. That he had issued a circular letter to garden water consumers, pointing out the difference between use and waste, as there had been a growing tendency for hoses to be attached to sprinklers and left all night on lawns. That if such a demand be maintained it will be necessary to seriously consider not only obtaining a larger supply from the Severn but increasing the area of filters at Dowdeswell and duplication of the 14 inch main from Dowdeswell into the town.

A Letter was read from Mr. C. Caines, Clerk of the Works at Hewlett's Reservoir, stating that he understood it was decided that the Contractors should carry out the Specification in its entirety, but he was informed that they were going to proceed with the middle part of the wall, and if so he could not be responsible for the work when finished. That the Contractors had taken out the puddle clay from the front of the wall and were filling in the new work as before with clay not puddled, which he was informed was done with the sanction of the Water Engineer.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Water Engineer be approved and adopted as regards water supply to the Girls' Training College. That Mr. Caines be informed that in future all communications to the Committee from him must be made through the Water Engineer.

5—New Mains, &c., at Tewkesbury—A Letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read, stating that his Council had approved the estimate of the cost of laying the new mains, &c., viz., Hydrants 50s, Mains 2s 9d per yard, and Valve £2 extra, and desired that the work should be done as soon as possible. Resolved, To instruct the Water Engineer to proceed with the work as requested.

6—Water Supply to London and Midland Bank—A Letter from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby, Solicitors for the Bank, was read, applying on their behalf for a supply of water by meter, and an adjustment of the past rate since their clients had been in possession, as for the reasons stated therein they did not consider it fair or just to charge them on the ordinary scale. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

7—Water Supply to Premises of Messrs. Martin & Co.—A Letter was read from Mr. Geo. Dimmer stating that he considered the charge for water supply at his business premises excessive and requesting to be supplied by meter. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting.

8--Water Supply to Paddock's Farm—A Letter was read from Mr. John Baker, Builder, stating that the tenants of the farm had agreed to have the Corporation water laid on, and go to the expense of laying a main[pipe] to connect with the main in Chestnut Walk, but Mr. Tinson, the owner of the road, declined to allow it to be opened. That the main on the High Road was no nearer than Hill Top (now called Thoresby), and he therefore applied to the Council either to obtain power for him to open the ground and connect with the main in Chestnut Walk, or extend the main on the high road to the cross road. Resolved, To request the Water Engineer to see Mr. Tinson and endeavour to obtain his permission for the opening of the soil in Chestnut Walk to enable the connection to be made with the main there.

9—Appeals—The Appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th day of July, 1899--Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)-

1—Contagious Disease amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from Contagious Disease amongst Animals.

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2—Police Supervision at Pittville—Inspector Parker, who was present, was requested to intimate to the Superintendent of Police the necessity for more police supervision on the Pittville Estate, and especially on the East side of the gardens opposite Pittville Lawn.

3—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that on the 19th inst. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at No. 21, Bath Street, which caused damage estimated at £500. That the extinction expenses amounted to £5 8s. 6d., a claim for which would be made to the Insurance Company in which the building and contents were insured.

In reply to a member of the Committee, the Superintendent admitted that he had everything that was then required for the use of the Brigade.

He also reported that the Contractors had completed the tunics which were most satisfactory, and the fit excellent. The Committee having compared two of them with the sample, Resolved, That subject to the Sub-Committee being satisfied as to the correctness of it, Messrs. Salisbury & Son's account for the same, amounting to £39, be paid.

With reference to the allegation that they had sub-let the contract for making the tunics to someone outside the town, Messrs. Salisbury & Son wrote declining to make any further communication on the matter.

4—Driver's Licence—Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence was received from Thomas Holtam, of No. 45, Francis Street. Resolved, That the same be granted.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—A letter from G. Clifford, of No. 2, Hopewell Cottages, Waterloo Street, was read, applying for a Hackney Carriage Licence, and stating that three licences were vacant, viz., Nos. 98, 99 and 100. Resolved, To inform Mr. Clifford that his application cannot be acceded to as there is no vacancy, the licences referred to by him as vacant having been re-issued under other numbers. A letter was read from S. Hill, of Lansdown Mews, applying for transfer of his licence for a landau to an open carriage. Resolved, that the application be not acceded to, and that in future no more transfers be allowed from landaus to open carriages.

6—Bye-Laws under Sec. 23 of the Municipal Corporations Act—Resolved, That further consideration of these Bye-Laws be adjourned.

7—Licences to Deal in Game—Applications for renewal of licences to deal in Game were received from E. H. Harris, B. Steptoe, and the Executors of J. Woore deceased. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

8—Dades Overton Scholarship—A notice was received from the Charity Commissioners that an Order was proposed to be made by them after the expiration of one calendar month from the publication of the notice appointing the Governors for the time being of the Grammar School and Pate's Almshouses Trustees of the above-mentioned charity, called " The Dades Overton Scholarship.

9---Enlargement of Office Accommodation—The Municipal Offices Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 3rd day of July, 1899, when there were present The Mayor and Councillors Baker and Bence, with the Mayor in the chair the following Minute and Resolution was decided upon, viz., that it having been intimated to this Committee that in accordance with repeated suggestions by members of the Council Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh and Brydges had made arrangements to give up their offices in the Municipal Buildings, and that Mrs. Brydges' Trustees were willing to place them at the disposal of the Council at the same rent as hitherto paid by the firm referred to, viz., £70 per annum, and £25 for disturbance, the Borough Surveyor be requested to prepare and submit a plan showing how the space thus made available may be utilised, and that subject to the accommodation being sufficient for the requirements of the Council this Committee recommend the acquisition of the Offices on the terms stated by the Trustees. Resolved, That the Minute and Resolution of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted by this Committee, and that Councillors Davis and Hayward be added to the Sub-Committee.

10—Inebriates Act, 1898—A letter was read from H. N. Burden, of the Royal Victoria Homes, Brentry, near Bristol, calling attention to the circumstance that while a number of County Councils had arranged for the reception of their cases at the Bentry Reformatory only one Borough Council (Bristol) had taken steps to do so. That the Secretary of State was pressing for a list of Councils which had either (1) entered into agreement to use the Bentry Reformatory or (2) are considering such a step, and he asked for any information that could be given him upon the subject. Resolved, To inform Mr. Burden that as this Borough is not a County Boroughs the Council has taken no steps to provide for the reception of cases arising within their district in an inebriate reformatory, the matter being within the purview of the County Council.

11--Screening off View of Montpellier Gardens by Lessee in Cricket Week—The Committee being informed that Mr. Newton, to whom the Montpellier Gardens had been let in cricket week for giving there a display of fireworks, was arranging for the erection of a screen inside the railings to obstruct the view of the gardens from outside. Resolved, Po instruct the Town Clerk to write to inform him that on no consideration will this be permitted.

12—Board Room of the late Leckhampton Local Board—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a report and estimate of the cost of the painting and decorating required to be done to this room.

13—Whaddon Lane Allotments Refits Collector—Resolved, That Mr. R. H. Smith, of Messrs. Smith and Sons, 53, Regent Street, be appointed Collector of the Whaddon Lane Allotments rents at a Commission of five per cent., so that a check may be kept on the Allotments occupied and the tenants looked up who change residences.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of July, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Hayward, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1— Gifts to Naunton Park and Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds—The Caretakers at the Recreation Grounds reported the receipt of the following gifts—Agg-Gardner--Mrs. Adair Dighton 2 Tennis and 1 Badminton Bats ; and Mr. C. Williams 4 new Cricket Bats and 9 new balls. Naunton Park—Flowers from Mr. J. Cypher, Messrs. Moorman & Amos, Mr. J. Wood, Mr. Mayo, Rev. J. Mugliston, Mrs. St. Clair-Ford, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Creek, Mr. H. Young, Mr. H. Carter, and Mr. H. Bartlett.

2--Alstone Baths—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of Bathers up to and including the 19th instant had been 17,944 exclusive of Clubs, Schools and Season Ticket Holders, and that the amount received up to the same date had been £198 6s. 10d.

Caretaker's Salary—The application of the Caretaker for an increase of salary was further considered. Resolved, That until the Caretaker's house has been completed and is ready for occupation the Caretaker be paid an increased salary at the rate of £10 per annum from the 5th day of June last in lieu of house rent.

Use of Baths by Children from the Union Workhouse—A letter from the Clerk to the Guardians was read stating that he had been directed to request the Corporation to allow the children from the Elms to use the Alstone Baths free of charge. Resolved, That as the amount paid for these children is so trifling, viz., only £1 2s. 10d., since December last, the Council consider there is no sufficient reason for acceding to the request.

Seating Accommodation at Sports—Resolved, That the seating accommodation for spectators at the Aquatic Sports be permanently provided at a cost not exceeding £30.

3—Loans for Caretaker's House at Alstone Baths and Site for Caretaker's House at Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan of £378 10s. 0d. for the Caretaker's House at the Baths, and for £233 6s. 8d. for purchase of the site for the Caretaker's House at Naunton Park Recreation Ground.

4—Football at the Recreation Grounds —The Letter read at the last meeting of the Committee from Mr. S. Durham, on behalf of the St. Paul's United Association Football Club, expressing a desire on their behalf to retain the privilege of using that portion of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground allotted to the Association Game for two hours on Saturday afternoons upon the same conditions as last year. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

A Letter was read from Mr. W. A. Heath, Hon. Sec. of St. Pauls' Old Boys Football Club, applying on behalf of the Club for the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for Football Matches on Saturday afternoons during the coming season, the same as last year. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

A Letter was read from Mr. H. Belcher on behalf of the Courtenay United Football Club, applying for permission to use the Association Goal Posts in the Agg-Gardner or Naunton Park Recreation Grounds during the Winter Season. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the application and to request Mr. Belcher to state more definitely what it means.

5--Employment of Boys by Contractors—A Letter was read from Mr. J. J. Cooper, Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of House Decorators and Painters, calling attention to the fact that the iron railings, contracted for and erected by Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, at the Recreation Grounds, were being painted by boys. Resolved, That a copy of the letter be sent to Messrs. Marshall with a request for an explanation.

6 —Concerts at Agg Gardner Recreation Ground—A Letter from Mr. C. W. Lodge, the Caretaker, was read, stating that it had been suggested that an open-air concert should be held in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and asking for permission for the use of the ground on Thursday evening, August 10th, when he hoped the Town Band would be instructed to play there from 7 till 8, and the Concert would be from 8 till 10, and that he could guarantee the artistes and cost of the bills, &c. Resolved, That the request be acceded to and that the Town Improvement Committee be requested to allow the Town Band to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on the evening referred to and on every alternate Thursday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock up till the end of September.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of July, 1899—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Dix, Hayward, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair;—

7—Enlargement of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Committee discussed the desirability of purchasing a field of about three acres, adjoining the Marle Hill Annexe, in the occupation of Mr. Hooper, at the price of £450, for the purpose of increasing the size of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and having paid a visit of inspection, Resolved, That the field be acquired at the price named and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the money.

8—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the iron fencing along the east end of the ground be removed, and that oak fencing be erected round the beds of roses and clematis.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of July, 1899—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cypher, and Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the decoration of the Chapels at the Cemetery was completed and gave general satisfaction. That the 30-rung ladder had been broken by Mr. Channon's men during the work at the chapels. Resolved, That Mr. Channon be called upon to provide a new ladder of the same length and that when received he be permitted to have the remains of the one broken by his men.

3—Designs—The following designs were examined and allowed, viz. :—Memorial Stones to Timothy Donahue, James Armriding, and wife, George Harris, Frederick Shelton, Ellen Banning, Madgie Knight, Mary Ann Berridge, Josephine Cliffe, Jane Hobbs and Caroline Jenkins.

4—Account—The following Account for Wages was allowed:—G. C. Pratley £21 17 0

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of August, 1899—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Loans—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a Report which he had prepared dealing with the question of raising money either by issuing Stock or by Loans or Debentures for short or long terms. Having regard to recent unsuccessful attempts of other Corporations to issue Stock he considered this method was for the time being out of the question. He had received a letter from the Public Works Loan Commissioners in which they stated they could lend to the Corporation for new works only the amount now required by them at the following rates, viz. ;—

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| Repayable in | 30 years | at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. |
| “ | 40 " | 3 " |
| “ | 50 " | 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " |

repayable by half-yearly instalments of Principal and Interest on the balances except under special circumstances where they would take repayment by equal half-yearly instalments of Principal and Interest combined for loans repayable in a period not exceeding 30 years, and he recommended that all capital now required for new works on present Sanctions should be borrowed from the Public Works Loan Board at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., repayable in [not more than]30 years, by either of the systems mentioned as can best arranged to suit most advantageously, according to the nature of the works for which the borrowing of money is sanctioned. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Accountant be approved and adopted, and that the method of repayment be, so far as the Board will allow, by equal instalments of principal and Interest combined, and that the Report, with the exception of the tables, be printed for distribution to the members of the Council.

A letter from Mr. C. E. Welden was read, withdrawing his offer to lend £1,000. Resolved, That the offer of Councillor Bence to lend to the Corporation £1,000 at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. upon the security of a second mortgage upon the Heyden Farm, be accepted.

Messrs. Holborrow and others having requested the Corporation to repay them a sum of £2,000 which they had recently lent on Debentures, Resolved, That subject to their paying the stamp duty on new Debentures, which would have to be issued on borrowing the money to provide the amount, their application be acceded to.

With reference to the offer of Mr. J. Sidebottom to lend £4,000 at 3 per cent., Resolved, That £3,182 be borrowed from him to provide the £2,000 abovementioned £467 balance of £10,667 Electric Lighting Loan, and £705 balance of Street Improvement expenditure in Henrietta Street, Sherborne Street, Upper Park Street, and Rosehill Street, and that Mr. Sidebottom be informed that

the balance of £818 will not be required as arrangements have been made to borrow the remainder of the money required by the Council, at a lower rate of interest.

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A Letter was read from Mr. E. S. Wood, Solicitor, of Winchcombe, on behalf of himself and his co-trustee, Mr. W. R. Peacey, holders of Corporation Debentures for 3,000 at 2 7/8 per cent, giving notice that re-payment would be required at the expiration of 3 months unless the Corporation would pay a better rate of interest. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

2—Stamp Duty on Loan Capital—A letter from the Secretary of the Inland Revenue was read, calling attention to provisions of the Finance Act, 1899, that any local Authority proposing to issue any loan capital (which means, inter alia, debenture stock, Corporation stock, Municipal stock, or funded debt or any capital raised by any local authority) shall before issue deliver to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue a statement of the amount proposed to be issued, and pay a stamp duty of 2s 6d per cent. Also a letter from the Town Clerk to the Secretary of the Inland Revenue stating that it is the practice of this Corporation to borrow on the security of debentures issued under the Local Loans Act, 1875, on which debentures the stamp duty is impressed, and enquiring whether the Section of the Act referred to is intended to apply and does apply so these securities, and if it does whether on the repayment of a debenture and the issue of a fresh one for the same amount the ad valorem mortgage duty is again payable, to which he had received a reply that by sub-section 3 of Section 8 of the Act the new duty is not charged in cases where loans are secured by the issue of duly stamped debentures, and that a new debenture to a fresh lender would be a fresh transaction.

3—Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had made his half-yearly inspection of the books at the National Provincial Bank having reference to the registration of the Corporation Stock, and he had found all correct and in order.

4—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the and inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £10,253 19s. 2d. leaving outstanding £7,039 5s. 0d.

5—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 2nd instant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £5,623 18s. 7d., leaving outstanding £4,511 17s. 5d.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the tatter, amounting to £9,472 18s. 4d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement:—

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| Overdrawn on the 27th June last | £ 5,500 11 7 |
| Paid since that date | <u>£13,380 18 6</u> |
| | £18,881 10 1 |
| Received since that date | £11,260 3 11 |
| Now Overdrawn .. | £7,621 6 2 |

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of July, 1899—Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Preston, and Steel ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler, J. G. Carr and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that there had been received since the last monthly meeting £9 13s. 11d., and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

| | Vols. | Pamphlets. |
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| Board of Trade | 1 | |
| Cobden Club | | 1 |
| R. S. Mylne | 1 | |
| University Correspondence College . . | 1 | |
| W. J. Furnival | 1 | |
| Miss A. Bennett Finch . | 27 | |
| Baron de Ferrieres.. | 3 | 1 |
| Gen. Russell, M.P.—Parliamentary Debates . | 8 | |
| J. D. Wilson | | 1 |

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2—Encroachment of Art Gallery upon Library Premises—The Chairman reported that on the 19th instant, the following Members of the Sub-Committee, viz .—himself, Councillors Preston and Steel, had a conference with the following Members of the Art Gallery Committee, viz :—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham, and an interchange of views took place with reference to matters affecting both Committees', but it was decided not to formulate any resolution with regard to the subjects which were under discussion.

3—Reading Room in District late Leckhampton—Resolved, To refer to the Sub-Committee for consideration the question of the future use of this room, and to request them to bring up a report and recommendation to the Committee with regard thereto, and that Mr. Palmer be invited to attend the meeting or meetings of the Sub-Committee at which this matter is intended to be discussed, and take part therein. Resolved, That the attention of the General Purposes and Watch Committee be called to the necessity of having this room painted and decorated.

4—accounts—Resolved, That the following accounts be passed for payment, viz :—

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| W. Jones, wages account | £15 6 0 |
| Westley & Co., Newspapers, £12 7 10. Magazines £3 18 8 | £16 16 6 |
| " Newspapers (Leckhampton) | £ 1 12 6 |
| " Books (New) .. | £ 2 0 0 |
| Electric Light Works—Electric Energy | £12 0 0 |
| W. H. Smith, Books (New) .. | £ 0 15 0 |
| Phillimore & Co., Books (New) .. | £ 0 10 10 |
| B. H. Blackwell, Books (New) .. | £ 0 6 6 |

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of August, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Preston and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

1—Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 40 schools, from which 884 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 97 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 9 meetings ; that 55 parents had been prosecuted, and all had been fined.

2-Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :—John Kesterton, Harry Tanner, Emily Gapper, Maggie Patrick, Alice Tuton, Annie Wheeler, Nellie Webb, Harry Loveridge, Horace Phillips, Henry Bowstead, Florence Gill, Beatrice Cook, Mabel Shipway, Lucy Inglis, Alfred Dodwell and Albert Ballinger ; and That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of John Bowen and Agnes Neale.

The East Ward Local Committee having complained that they were much hampered by the absence of duplicate registers from St. John's Boys' School, although the Head Master had sent in a written complaint of several of his pupils non-attendance which in the absence of the Registers the Local Committee could not investigate, Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Head Master of St. John's Boys' School to call his attention to the complaint of the Local Committee, and to inform him that if he will not assist the Committee by sending in duplicate registers, the Attendance Officers cannot carry out their duties as regards the attendance at his school in as efficient a manner as he seems to expect.

JOHN D. STEEL,
Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTE of the proceedings of the Baths and Grounds Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Wednesday, the 13th day September, 1899

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 7th day of September, 1899—Present: Councillors Baker. *Bence, Brown, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, and *Preston (Councillor Lenthall in the chair) *Present by invitation.—

1-Additional Recreational Ground—The Chairman reported that he had ascertained that a field in Whaddon Lane, lying between properties of Mr. Wall, having a frontage of about 740ft. and an average depth of about 380ft. and containing in area about 6 acres, could be purchased for the purpose of a Recreation Ground at an initial cost of £2,000 for the land. Resolved, That the purchase be made subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained for the necessary loan, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a scheme for laying out the ground, with an estimate of the cost.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 4th day of September, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of August, 1899 — Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Davis and Dix, (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1— Monson Avenue Private Improvement Works--With reference to the suns of 15s. 7d., demanded for the cost of the Private Improvement Works in this road apportioned in respect of the frontage of No. 1, Hawarden Parade, Mr. H. Dean, the owner, claimed to be relieved under the terms of a conveyance from James Leighton and others, his predecessors in title, to the Corporation of a strip of land for the purpose of widening the road under which the property owned by them in the street was to be thereafter free of liability for the cost of Private Improvement Works. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for a report from the Town Clerk.

2- Suffolk Road and Promenade Improvement No. 2—A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that the Provisional Order relating to these improvements had been confirmed by Parliament.

3 -- Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the notices and plans of new buildings which had been received by him as follows, viz. :—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1205 | The Rev. Father Wilkinson .. | Additions to Roman Catholic Schools, St. Paul's Street North |
| 1206 | W. Smith | Three Houses in Leckhampton Road |
| 1207 | G. Widdows .. | Shop Front, &c., at junction of Suffolk Street & Norwood Road |
| 1208 | Mr. Dubbin | Additions to Nos. 2 and 3, Paragon Terrace |
| 1209 | G. Widdows .. | Projection of Shop front at No. 4, Hermitage Terrace, Bath Road |

Resolved, That No. 1205 be approved, that consideration of Nos. 1207 and 0209 be adjourned for the Committee to inspect, and that Nos. 1206 and 1208 be disapproved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of August, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

4—Forage—Tenders for the supply of forage for 12 months from the 1st of September next were received as follows, viz. —

| | Hay per ton | | Oats per quarter | | Beans per bushel |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|------------------|
| | Clover | Meadow | Black | White | |
| W Ride & Co. 31 Winchcombe Street | 85s | 77s 6d | 19s 6d | 22s 6d | 4s |
| John L Brookes, Uckington | 77s 6d | 70s | - | - | 4s 6d |
| | | | | | |
| | Bran per 112lbs | Linseed per bushel | Wheat Straw per ton | | |
| W. Ride & Co., 31, Winchcomb St. | 105s | 7s | 45s | | |
| John L. Brookes, Uckington | - | - | 45s | | |

[table split to aid clarity]

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Ride & Co. be accepted for Bran and Linseed, and that the tender of Mr. Brookes be accepted for Clover and Meadow Hay, Beans and Wheat Straw.

5--Monson Avenue Private Improvement Works—The Town Clerk reported that the deed of conveyance from J. Leighton and others to the Corporation of the strip of land in this road did not as alleged by Mr. Dean relieve him as the owner of No. 1, Hawarden Parade, and as a successor in title of the Vendors to the Corporation as aforesaid from liability for the cost of these works apportioned in respect of the frontage of his said premises to this street. Resolved, That Mr. Dean be in-formed that he is in error and must pay the amount apportioned.

6—Gratton Street and Suffolk Parade Roads—A letter was read from Mr. R. R. Skemp complaining that Gratton Street had been entirely neglected this summer, and also calling attention to the bad condition of the road in Suffolk Parade and the dangerous condition of the paths at the upper end of Great Norwood Street. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the roads in Suffolk Parade remetalled in due course.

7--Refacing of Roads—Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 27th of June, 1898, that in future no roads be refaced without previous sanction of the Committee, be rescinded.

8—Salary of Mr. Ponting—Resolved, That the Council are unable to accede at present to Mr. Ponting's application for an increase of salary.

9— Chester Walk ---A specification from the Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and plan approved. And it was Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

10--Harp Hill—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a report and recommendation for improving the gradient of this hill and for repairing the road, with an estimate of the cost.

11—Carriage-way in Promenade from high Street to road North Side of Imperial Square—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of laying this portion of the carriage-way in the Promenade with jarrah wood blocks.

12-Report of the Borough Surveyor re highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department for the month ending August 25th, 1899, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone - Swindon Road, from Henrietta Street to St. Paul's Street, South, 1600 super yards ; Warwick Place, 689 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Imperial Square, St. George's Street. Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Swindon Road, from Maud's Elm to Sun Street, 2934 super yards ; Swindon Road, from Whitehart Street to Cleveland Street, 1508 super yards ; Swindon Road, from St. Paul's Street to King Street, 872 super yards.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Shelburne Road, Corpus Street. Repairs to Kerb, Crossing, Channel & Paving—Baker Street, Burton Street, Winchcomb Street, Albion Street, Grosvenor Street, Phoenix Passage, Duke Street, Portland Street, Montpellier Street and wide opening, Park Place, Swindon Road, Evesham Road, Gloucester Road, Bath Road, St. George's Road, Lansdown Place, St. Paul's Road, St. Paul's Street, South, Suffolk Parade, Tewkesbury Road, Oriel Road.

The footpath in Cemetery Road was being repaired with Wickwar Gravel.

The footpath (sides) in Swindon Road was being repaired with Yellow Gravel.

The footpath in Gloucester Road was being repaired with Yellow Gravel.

The Crossing in Swindon Road (end of Orchard Place) had been relaid with plugged bricks.

Trees had been pruned in Lansdown Crescent, Western Road, Pittville Circus, Prestbury Road, Evesham Road, The Park, Grafton Road, St. Philip's Terrace, Moorend Park Road, Leckhampton Road.

The following trees had been removed (dead) College Road 2, London Road 3, Cemetery Road 1, All Saints' Road 1, St. George's Road 1, Moorend Park Road 4, St. Philip's Terrace, Leckhampton Road 4. Prestbury Road 1, Priory Street 1, Gloucester Road 7, St. Luke's Road 4.

Ashes Collected-712 loads, consumed 707 loads ; weight 652 tons 4cwt.

13--Area Crating in Montpellier Street—A plan was laid before the Committee on behalf of the National Provincial Bank of England for approval of the removal of a grating in the footway in Montpellier Street to another position. Resolved, That subject to Hayward's lights being substituted for the grating the plan be approved.

14—Clinker Paving—Resolved, That the Committee do pay a visit to Hornsey to inspect the manufacture there of clinker paving.

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Plans.—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings and streets, viz. :—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1210 | T. P. W. Butt | Piggeries and Stables in Gloucester Road. |
| 1211 | John Warder | Two semi-detached houses in road adjoining Avenall's Parade, back of Raymond Terrace. |
| 1213 | Arthur Goodhall | Two houses in Pilley Lane. |
| 1215 | E. Saunders & Son | Two w.c.'s. and alterations at the Old Wells Assembly Rooms, St. George's Place. |

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| 1216 | S. Adams | Addition to No. 45, Montpellier Terrace. |
| 1217 | J. L. Anley | Lodge at Oakley, Shurdington Road entrance. |
| 1218 | Capt. J. F. Daubeny | Loose Box at rear of No. 7, Pittville Crescent. |
| 1219 | W. M. Baker | Additions to No. 1, Montpellier Parade. |
| 1220 | W. Smith | Three houses in Leckhampton and Ewlyn Roads. |
| 1195 | Jesus College, Oxford | Building Estate at Alstone. |

Resolved, That Nos. 1218, 1219 and 1195 be disapproved, and that the other plans mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th day of August, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Bence, Davis and Gurney (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 5 of Diphtheria, that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and 2 cases of Diphtheria into the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 4 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria. Resolved, That the Council is gratified to note that this is the smallest number of Corporation cases which has been reported during the past six years as being in the Delancey Hospital.

2—House without a proper Water Supply—Cottage in Gloucester Road opposite Rock View—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 14th of August, that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorized by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner or owners, requiring him, her, or them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

3—Insanitary Property—Nos. 24, 31 & 37, Hanover Street & No. 59, Sherborne Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported the.: the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, and floors. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the notices.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing—No. 13, Bloomsbury Street, No. 3, Ebenezer Cottages, Larput Place, No. 28, Townsend Street, No. 59, Sherborne Street & No. 9 Northfield Terrace.—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the above-named dwelling houses were in such an unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to cleanse and limewash the houses.

5—Nuisances from Drains, &c. at No. 10, Berkeley Place, The Harp Inn, High Street, The Mountpleasant Inn, No. 3, St. Luke's Road, Pembroke Villa, St. Luke's, and No. 33, Portland Square—

The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

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6-W.C.'s without Flushing Apparatus --The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c.'s without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Insanitary Urinals--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Urinals at the Mountpleasant Inn and the Lansdown Hotel Vaults, were in such a state for want of a proper water supply as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Owners requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient water supply for flushing the Urinals.

9- Houses without Water Supply--The Medical Officer of Health reported that there were two houses known as Alma Cottage, Alma Road, and Sandy Bank Farm, off Alma Road, Hatherley, without a supply of water. That Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875 was not applicable, as the supply could not be laid on at a cost not exceeding the water rate authorized by the Local Act in force within the Borough, as the main was too far away. That there were two other houses close by which were in a similar plight, but were out of the Borough. Resolved, That the Water Committee be recommended to extend the main so as to enable a supply of water to be laid on to Alma Cottage and Sandy Bank Farm Cottage, and that the attention of the Rural District Council be drawn to this Resolution, and that they be recommended to take action to have a supply of water laid on to the cottages referred to without the Borough boundary.

10—Sanitary Requirements at Nos. 10 to 18, 27 to 29, 45 to 65, 82 to 84, Stanhope Street - A letter from Mr. H. Stroud, the owner of these premises, was read, stating at length reasons why he should not have been called upon to carry out requirements which had been made by the Committee with respect to them, and complaining that he had been harassed with unnecessary notices from the Health Department.

11—Flooding of Basement of No. 2, York Terrace--A letter was read from Mr. C. Marshall, complaining that the basement of this house owned by him was flooded on August the 7th, by an overflow from the Sewer, and requesting that something should be done to prevent a recurrence of the nuisance. Resolved, To inform Mr. Marshall that the Council very much regrets that his tenant should have been so much annoyed by an occurrence which at present they are unable to remedy, but the relaying of the sewers throughout the Town is being taken in hand and when this is done there will be no probability of a repetition of the cause of complaint.

12-Tarling-A letter was read from Thomas Tarling, who stated he had been employed by the late Commissioners and the Corporation for 40 years at the sewage tank, and now being unfit for work any longer, he applied for a superannuation allowance, as he had contracted a disease from carrying out the work upon which he was employed, and he enclosed a certificate of disablement from a medical man. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next meeting of the Committee, to enable the Borough Surveyor to report as to the merits of the case, and that Mr. Tarling be requested to attend the next meeting.

13---Heyden Knoll Farm—A letter was read from Mr. R. C. Smith, the tenant of the Heyden Knoll Farm, asking the Council to relieve him of his tenancy on the 2nd of November next. Resolved, To accede to the application, on condition that Mr. Smith will pay a half-quarter's quit rent.

14- Hatherley Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the top of this sewer, in No. 3, Sewerage District, where it passes through a field in the occupation of Mr. Cornelius Smith, had been burst open by the internal pressure, and now formed an open sewer at that part. He stated that the sewer was defective in its whole length from the tank to St. Stephen's Road, and he recommended that a 3ft. iron pipe should be put in to replace the present sewer. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare and present a written report on the matter.

15—Sewer under No. 21, Royal Parade-1 he Borough Surveyor reported that an old sewer under this house was being removed and a new sewer constructed to communicate with the sewer in Montpellier Street, this being part of the work provided for in the No. 2 Sewerage Scheme. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

16—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received of proposed new buildings necessitating drainage, as follows, viz :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1205 | Rev. Father Wilkinson | Additions to Roman Catholic School, St. Paul's Street North. |
| 1206 | Mr. W. Smith | Three Houses in Leckhampton Road. |
| 1208 | Mr. Dubbin | Additions to Nos. 2 & 3, Paragon Terrace. |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters Nos. 1206 and 1208 be disapproved, and that the other plan be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of August, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Lenthall and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair) —

17 —Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 10 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria ; that so cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 12 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, and one case in the Quarantine Ward.

18—(louses without a Proper Water Supply—Nos. 15 and 16, Lower Park Street—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 28th instant, that the above premises were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner, requiring him to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

19—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 8, Edward Street, No. 5, Princes Street, No. 10, Casino Place, No. 4, Brunswick Street, No. 21, Hungerford Street, and No. 16, Upper Norwood Street The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

20—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 36, Fairview Road, Fairfield Lodge, Naunton Lane, No. 29, Townsend Street, and Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, Rosehill. Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 45 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

21—Overcrowding at No. 10, Casino Place—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the Owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

22—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Inspector of Nuisances handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

23—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

24--Pollution of Wyman's Brook—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 26 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 24th ulto., a letter was read from the Clerk to the Rural District Council asking that the houses which are referred to in such Minute as " evidently " discharging sewage into the brook shall be specified, the Rural District Council not being aware of any houses that do so; that as regards the pond near Cleeve Road, the water had been run off at present preparatory to thorough cleaning, and that, therefore, there could be no discharge from it, and that the drainage arrangements of Marle Hill House had been reported upon by their Medical Officer of Health as satisfactory, the house certainly not now draining directly into the brook.

The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he inspected the pond referred to on the 24th instant. At the time of his visit two men were engaged cleaning out the pond, all the water having been run off

for the purpose. There was a small quantity of sewage discharging into the pond at the upper end and this was passing out uninterrupted at the other end and down the drain into Wyman's Brook. He also reported that the sewage from Marle Hill House discharged into a cesspool or tank, the overflow from which is connected direct with the drain from the pond discharging into Wyman's Brook. At the time of his inspection the cesspool was full up to the overflow and a small quantity was running down the drain to the brook. Resolved, That a copy of the report of the Inspector of Nuisances be sent to the Rural District Council, and to inform them that as the complaints made have been ineffectual, the Corporation must take other measures to deal with the situation.

25—Tarling—With reference to the letter from Thomas Tarling, read at the last meeting of the Committee, Mr. Tarling was interviewed by the Committee and the matter further considered. Resolved, That the matter be left to the Borough Surveyor to deal with in his discretion with a view to Mr. Tarling's continuance in some employment he is fitted for at reduced wages.

26—Sewering of Hawarden Parade—A letter was read from Mr. H. Dean, of No. 2, Hawarden Parade, informing the Committee that the houses in the Parade had again been flooded with sewage matter on the 15th instant and on August Bank Holiday, and trusting the Committee would take some measures to prevent a recurrence of the nuisance, which was due to the fall to the sewer being inadequate. Resolved, That the Committee regret the inconvenience caused, and will bear it in mind when considering the sewerage of the town generally.

27—Alleged Nuisance at Swindon—A letter was read from the Rev. Gilbert Day, of Swindon Rectory, calling attention to the nuisance from a drain which takes the sewage from the Manor House, and affected the whole village. Resolved, That the writer be informed that the cause of complaint existing outside the Borough, the Corporation have no power in the matter, and the complaint should be addressed to the Rural District Council.

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28—Pollution of Hatherley Brook—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 27 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 24th ultimo, a letter was read from the Clerk to the Rural District Council that their Inspector had visited the field complained of, that the pigs had been removed and the mud in the stream taken out and deposited on the banks, and that there was no longer any nuisance to complain of at the spot in question in their District.

29—Flooding at Clarence Parade House—A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Charity Organization Society, stating that great inconvenience had been caused from the flooding of their kitchens on the 7th instant, through defects in the town severing arrangements. Resolved, That the Committee regret the inconvenience, which was caused by an exceptionally heavy fall of rain.

30--Sewage Farms Bailiff—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a very large number of replies to the advertisement for a Sewage Farms Bailiff. Resolved, That the same be considered at the meeting of this Committee on the nth proximo.

31—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received of intended New Buildings necessitating drainage, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1205 | Rev. Father Wilkinson | Additions to Roman Catholic Schools, St. Paul's Street, North. |
| 1210 | T. P. W. Butt | Piggeries and Stables, Gloucester Road. |
| 1211 | J. Warder | Two semi-detached Villas in Road adjoining Avenall's Parade. |
| 1212 | Major Colledge | Bath Room at rear of Lauriston House. |
| 1213 | A. Goodhall | Two houses in Pilley Lane |
| 1215 | Committee of Training College .. | Two new w.c's, and Alterations at Old Wells Assembly Rooms. |
| 1216 | S. Adams | Addition to No 45, Montpellier Terrace. |
| 1217 | J. L. Anley | Lodge at " Oakley." |
| 1218 | Capt. Daubeny | Loose Box rear of No. 7, Pittville Crescent. |
| 1219 | W. M. Baker | Additions to No. 1, Montpellier Parade. |
| 1220 | W. Smith | Three Houses in Leckhampton Road. |

Resolved, That No. 1211 be disapproved, the basement shown being lower than the sewer level, and the fall to the sewer from the ground floor being very little; That No. 1205 be approved with the amended drainage, as recommended by the Borough Surveyor, in lieu of the plan passed at the last meeting, and that all the other plans be approved, as shown, so far as the drainage is concerned.

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of August, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Benice, Dix, Hayward, Macdonald, Mills and Steel (Councillor Dix in the chair) —

1—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—The Town Clerk read the draft of a letter which he proposed to send to the Light Railway Commissioners commenting upon the Order as drafted by them, and showing in what respects it did not meet with the approval of the Committee, owing to the omission of certain important Clauses which the Promoter had agreed to and to alteration in the wording of others not acceptable to the Committee. Resolved, That, as now settled by the Committee, the same be approved, and that, if the Commissioners decline to amend the Order to meet the wishes of the Council as expressed in the letter, they be asked to receive a deputation of the Committee to hear them with reference to the same.

S. B. DIX, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st day of August, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Benice, Lenthall and Macdonald (Councillor Benice in the chair)—

1 - Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Benice was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2 --Advertising the Town— Correspondence was read from Mr. A. J. Warden, the Manager of the Gentlewoman with reference to the insertion therein of an illustrated article on the town, and from Mr. A. E. Niblett with reference to the insertion in Table Talk of an advertisement of the town. Resolved, That the sum of £50 be placed at the disposal of the Committee for the purpose of advertising the town and otherwise for its benefit and advantage.

3 — Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan and elevation of the alteration of the North end of the Winter Garden Building which was discussed in detail by the Committee.

4—Band at Pittville Park--Resolved, That when the Town Band plays at Pittville they shall from this date play from the stand erected in the Marle Hill Annexe with a view to causing an increase in the use of the boats.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of August, 1899 — Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report--The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electrical supply during the past month as follows

LOW PRESSURE CABLES:

| Date. | Legal Standard | Test at Manchester Street. |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1899 August 15th | 100 Volts | 104 Volts. |

2— Gas Examiner's Report —The Gas Examiner reported that the result of his test of the gas during the past month had been as follows :

| ILLUMINATING POWER. | PURITY—SULPHUR. |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1899 | 1899 Grains per 100 cubic ft. |
| Aug. 15th.. 16.45 candles | Aug. 14-15th 24.37 |

The Examiner remarked that the sulphur approached very nearly the statutory maximum.

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3 —Gas Inspector's Report--The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the past month had been 4.2636 cubic feet. The hourly average consumption of 3 Guildhall meter lamps was 5.939 cubic feet, and of the No. 3 Incandescent lamps in North Place, Pittville Terrace and Clarence Square 4.814 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 5 metered, 10 unmetered, and 5 burning dimly.

5—Report of the Electrical Engineer--The Electrical Engineer reported that all work of extension and running had progressed satisfactorily during the past month. That the contractors expected to have the additional condensing plant authorised at the last meeting erected and ready for use before the end of November, and he hoped to test the two new boilers about the 10th of next month and to

have them in use about the middle of October at latest. That he was preparing a complete scheme for effecting the change of pressure on the low pressure mains by easy degrees and for otherwise improving and adding to the network of low pressure mains. That small extensions were required in St. George's Place to supply part of the Training College, and in Ambrose Street to supply Mr. MacVitie, which he would include in the estimate he was preparing for the next meeting.

6---Lighting of Alley by Christ Church Schools--A letter was read from Mr. E. H. Parsonage, stating that in consequence of nuisances being committed upon the premises of the Christ Church Higher Grade Schools the managers were compelled to substitute a board fence for the low iron railings enclosing the boys' playground from the alley leading from St. George's Road to the Malvern Road, and he had been desired to call attention to the necessity in consequence of improving the lighting of the alley. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

7-- Insurance against Claims by Electric Lighting Staff--A letter was read from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Ltd., stating that they found the old Employers Liability Act Policies had become unsatisfactory to both parties when claims are made unless the Workmen's Compensation Act risk is included and an extra premium paid, and offering to take the whole risk at 10s per cent. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that insurance be effected with the Ocean Company against claims at common law under the Employers Liability and Workmen's Compensation Acts by any of the Staff or Workmen engaged on the Electric Light Undertaking including the Electrical Engineer and his subordinates.

8-- Loan of £16,600—A letter from the Local Government Board was read with reference to the application for sanction to borrow £16,600 for purposes of Electric Lighting, stating that before deciding upon the application the Board would direct a local Inquiry to be held on the subject by one of their Inspectors as soon as other engagements would permit.

9-Electric Lighting Cleeve Hill (private supply)—A letter was read from Mr. W. J. M. Dicks and Mr. T. G. Cook, stating that in the event of the electric cable being carried up Cleeve Hill they would be glad to be supplied with the electric light at their respective houses in course of erection, the charge for which they presumed would be the same as in Cheltenham. Resolved, To inform Mr. Dicks and Mr. Cook that the Council have not yet obtained powers to extend their area of supply as far as Cleeve Hill, but if and when they are obtained the Council will be glad to supply the current as suggested, but the question of price must remain in abeyance until the circumstances under which the supply can be given have been ascertained.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of August, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Dix and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)

1—Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 24th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 54 gallons per minute, the average for the last four years being 66 gallons, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 9,724,995 gallons.

On the 23rd inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 16ft. 1in. and the contents 30,631,769 gallons which made a total of 40,356,764 gallons, or about 37 days supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs which was then about 151,104 gallons. During the last few weeks

several leaks had been found in the old mains in the district around Lansdown Place, Terrace and Crescent, Douro Road, &c. He had therefore found it necessary to commence the relaying of these mains in accordance with the scheme approved by the Council two years ago.

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2—Tewkesbury Works—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 15th of November, 1897, and the resolution thereto, and with reference to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th of May, 1898, Resolved, That the Water Engineer be directed to report at the next meeting of the Committee what revision of the scheme for the increase of the supply of water as approved in November, 1897, is required by existing circumstances with a view to carrying out the necessary work forthwith.

3—Water Supply to London and Midland Bank—With reference to the application on behalf of this Bank for a supply of water by meter and adjustment of past rates. Resolved, That the Council consider there is no necessity for exceptional treatment in this case or for any revision of the past rates.

4—Water Supply to Premises of Messrs. Martin & Co.—With reference to the application of Mr. Geo. Dimmer applying for a supply of water by meter to these premises, Resolved, That the Council are unable to accede to the request.

5—Fishing in Dowdeswell Reservoir—A letter from Mr. Unwin, of Dowdeswell Court, was read complaining that on the 29th ult. he found two friends with Mr. Councillor Brown fishing in the reservoir, and requesting that if the members of the Corporation were not aware of the limitation of the fishing rights they should be at once informed as he was keeping to his part of the agreement and he should expect the Corporation to keep to theirs. He had agreed to bear one-half of the cost of stocking the reservoir with trout, and it was not right or sportsmanlike for those who have no right to fish to take the small fish recently put in. Resolved, To inform Mr. Unwin that the Council very much regret the circumstance complained of and that they have instructed the Town Clerk to send a copy of his letter to Councillor Brown.

6—Appeals—The Appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of August, 1899--Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Lenthall, Steel and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Diseases of Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from Contagious Disease amongst Animals.

2- Drivers' Licences—Applications for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences were received from Thomas Arthur Russell, George William Birt and Walter Smith. Resolved, That the applications of Russell and Birt be acceded to and that the application of Walter Smith be adjourned for his attendance.

3-Hackney Carriage Licences—Letters were read from John Tremlin, of Longmead stables, St. Mark's, and C. Cooke, of the King's Head Hotel Yard, applying for transfer of Licence No. 1 for a hansom cab

from Cook to Tremlin, who had purchased the cab. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. Also from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. Charles Huphnull, late of the Railway Hotel, the proprietor of Licence No. 116, asking that a new Licence might be granted to Mr. Edward Albert Offer, to whom his business and carriage had been sold. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

A letter was read from H. A. Sumner, of Lansdown Crescent Mews, applying for permission to work another landau in place of No. 12 until the next inspection. Resolved, That subject to the approval by the Mayor of the substituted landau, the application be acceded to.

A Deputation of Hackney Carriage proprietors and drivers, consisting of Messrs. Spreadbury, Mackay, Webb, Willavise, Williams and Hill, was heard in support of a requisition for (1) more stand accommodation. (2) that pony carriage licences should be abolished and only full licences issued for carriages to be drawn by horses not under 14 hands 2 inches, (3) That the use only of similar carriages be granted temporarily during repair of carriages for which they are substituted, (4) That Bye-Law No. no be rescinded, and (5) With reference to prosecutions which had been initiated by the Inspector. Resolved, That consideration of the provision of more stand accommodation be adjourned pending inspection by the Committee of sites suggested by the Deputation and of stands they alleged to be useless, That consideration of proposition No. 2 be adjourned, That proposition No. 3 be acceded to, That proposition No. 4 be not agreed to, and that the Deputation be informed that the Council consider there is no just cause for complaint against Mr. Lane with regard to the prosecutions recently initiated by him.

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4-Town Telephone Service--A letter was read from Messrs Bennett and Ward Thomas, of No. 13, Victoria Buildings, Manchester, Electrical Engineers, asking if the Council would, with a view to the introduction into the town of a £5 rate, give a Company applying for a licence its support, and that in the event of the Council deciding to apply for a licence and carry out the work themselves, they might be allowed to act as consulting engineers to the Council, having had considerable experience in the construction and management of Telephone Exchanges. Resolved, to adjourn consideration of the matter for the Town Clerk to report as to the effect of recent legislation.

5 --Steam Roundabouts—A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Burrow, calling attention to the fact that at Broadway a Byelaw was in force which operates in the same way as the Byelaw included with the Byelaws drafted under Sec. 23 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, recently submitted to the Council, and that as he was living at Araby House long before Hampton Gardens were used for roundabouts the right of custom could not be cited as at Gloucester Fair and Mop. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned.

6—Extension of the Borough Boundaries—Resolved, That it is desirable to extend the boundary on the Northern side of the Borough so as to include the houses in the parishes of Swindon and Prestbury, which are the natural outcome of the town, the properties of the Corporation and the houses and area which drain into the Corporation Sewers, and that the Committee be directed to view the locality and prepare a plan with a view to including a proposal to this effect in the Bill intended to be submitted to the next Session of Parliament.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of August, 1899— Present: Councillors Baker, Bennett, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of Bathers up to and including the 16th instant had been 25,240, exclusive of Schools and Season Ticket Holders, and that the sum of £264 14s. 6d. had been received.

2-Employment of Boys by Contractors—With reference to the letter from the Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of House Decorators and Painters, calling attention to the fact that the iron railings contracted for and erected by Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, at the Recreation Grounds, were being painted by boys, a letter was read from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, stating that they had ascertained the ages of those employed by them on painting the railings at 48, 24, 22, 18, 16 and 15 years of age respectively. Resolved, That the Council consider there is no reason for interference in the matter.

3---Smoking at Alstone Baths—A memorial was received from C. E. Lewis and others, requesting that the rule prohibiting smoking in the Swimming Baths should be cancelled. Resolved, That the Council are not prepared to accede to the request.

4--Visiting Recreation Grounds and Baths—Resolved, That Members of the Committee be nominated as visiting members of the Recreation Grounds and Baths for the month for each place respectively, the visiting members to be changed each month, and a list to be made out accordingly, and that the Chairman be the visiting member at the Baths for the ensuing month, Councillor Baker for the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and Councillor Bennett for the Naunton Park Recreation Ground.

5--Enlargement of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare an estimate for the Local Government Board of the cost of fencing, laying out, and enclosing the field mentioned in the said Resolution with the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

Only two members of the Committee, viz., Councillors Baker and Cypher, were present at the time appointed for the usual monthly meeting of this Committee in August, and in the absence of a quorum no business could be transacted.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of August, 1899 — Present: Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1-- Rates on No. 44, Brunswick Street--A letter was read from Mr. J. H. Bullock, the owner of Nos. 35, 36, 44 and 45, Brunswick Street, stating that his tenant of No. 44, had for 33 years up to last year,

been excused the rates on the house, and that for the last four years he had compounded for the rates on Nos. 35, 36 and 45, but the rates on No. 44, had now been charged to him, and having regard to the tenant's poverty, he asked that the rate on No. 44 might be excused to him on the house as heretofore. Resolved, That the Council are unable to accede to the request.

2—Loans—The Town Clerk reported that application had been made to the Public Works Loan Board for the following loans at 2 ¾ per cent., repayable as undermentioned, viz :—

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|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| £17,200 for Electric Lighting. | Term 25 years |
| £6,600 “ Baths. | “ 28 ” |
| £1,500 “ Museum, &c... | “ 30 “ |
| £8,300 or such portion thereof to be decided | “ 30 “ |

That he had received sets of questions to be answered and returned to the Board, after which the Solicitor to the Board would be placed in communication with him, and the amounts would probably be received shortly afterwards. A letter from Mr. J. Sidebottom was received, withdrawing his offer to lend £4,000.

3—Stamp Duty on Loan Capital—With reference to a letter from the Secretary of Inland Revenue, that in order to obtain the benefit of the exemption from the requirements of Sec. 8 of the Finance Act, 1899, in cases where duty has already been paid on instruments securing the loan, it will be necessary to produce the documents bearing the mortgage or marketable security duty, the Town Clerk wrote pointing out that as the mortgagees are entitled to the custody of the documents the Corporation cannot produce them, to which he had received a reply that the Board of Inland Revenue had decided that where loans are secured by means of Debentures, which are invariably properly stamped before issue, no Statement need be rendered under the provisions of the Section referred to.

4—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th August, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £14,683 19s. 2d. leaving outstanding £2,609 5s. 0d.

5—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th August on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £7,811 19s. 0d., leaving outstanding £2,322 17s. 0d.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £6,111 10s. 11d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| Overdrawn on the 2nd August last | 7,621 | 6 | 2 |
| Paid since that date | <u>6,519</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | 14,140 | 16 | 4 |
| Received since that date | <u>11,654</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>9</u> |
| Overdrawn | £ 2,586 | 6 | 7 |

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of August, 1899—Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillor Steel ; The Baron de Ferrieres, Captain Welch, R.N., Mr. W. Cresswell, and Mr. T. Whittard. (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

1—Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Steel was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2--Annual Meeting of the Library Association—The Librarian reported that the 22nd Annual Meeting of this Association would be held in the Town Hall, Manchester, on September 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to attend it.

3—Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that there had been received since the last monthly meeting £6 3s. 3d., and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :— General Russell, M.P. ... Parliamentary Debates.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Arbroath, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Portsmouth and Southampton.

4—Accounts--Resolved, That the following Accounts be passed for payment, viz. :—

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| W. Jones, Wages Account | £15 6 0 |
| London Supply Co. (Cleaning Materials) | £0 8 9 |
| U. Hoepli (Books) | £2 2 0 |
| R. E. & C. Marshall (Fittings, &c.) | £0 18 2 |

J. D. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 2nd day of October, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of September, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Davis and Dix, (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Accident to Mr. H. H. Chandler—A letter was read from Mr. H. H. Chandler of No. 31, Leighton Road, complaining that an accident had been caused by his bicycle coming into contact with nearly half a brick or very large stone about the same size which had been left where the roadway in the Bath Road had been repaired, which threw him several feet and damaged his machine to the value of 10s., which he expected the Corporation to re-pay. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to enquire into the matter and report.

2-Alstone Grange Building Estate—A letter was read from Messrs. R. R. & W.H. Pearce, that they understood the plans of their proposed cottages in the new street on Alstone Grange Estate had not been passed because they would not give up the land to make Alstone Lane out to the required

width. That they had no intention of giving away the land, but would sell what is required, as they maintained that the Corporation had no legal right whatever to demand such a condition. Resolved, To inform R. R. & W. H. Pearce that the building plan of the Estate was passed in June, 1896, on the distinct understanding with the then owner that three strips of land as shown on the plan, along the north side of Alstone Lane, should be added to the road to make it the required width, as has already been done as regards one of them, and the Council must insist upon this arrangement being carried out.

3—Mr. Combe's Action—A letter from Mr. Combe was read, stating that he intended to apply for a new trial of his action against the Corporation, and asking for leave to open the road at the place where the accident happened. Resolved, That the Council cannot accede to the application.

4-Alleged Infringement of Building Restrictions at Laracor—A letter from Mr. T. Lloyd, and other residents in Naunton Park, was read, alleging that the owner of Laracor had disregarded all the building restrictions affecting the property, and requesting that the Bye-laws made and providing for the regulation of frontages on building estates might be enforced. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

5-Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans which he had received of intended new buildings as follows, viz. :—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1221 | Capt. J. F. Daubeny | Loose box at rear of No. 7, Pittville Crescent |
| 1222 | H. Sims | Two houses in Leckhampton Road at corner of Langdon Road |
| 1223 | G. F. Poole | Additions and alterations at rear of his premises in Bennington Street |

Resolved, That No. 1221 be approved as shown, and that Nos. 1222 and 1223 be disapproved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of September, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher and Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

6- Report of the Borough Surveyor re highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department for the month ending the 22nd inst., had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Hatherley Road near Arle Court, 1260 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road, Glenfall Street, Selkirk Street, Wide Opening Montpellier Street, Market Street, Andover Road, Rutland Street, Winchcomb Street, St. Margaret's Road, Montpellier Walk, High Street, Suffolk Parade, Promenade, St. George's Road, Royal Well Place, The Park, New Street, Oriel Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Roman Road 2084 super yards.

Patched with Wickwar Stone--Harp Hill, Montpellier Spa Road, Rosehill Street, and Malvern Road.

The footpath in Old Bath Road had been repaired with Wickwar and local gravel, 1056 super yards.

The footpath at Harp Hill. was being repaired with Wickwar Gravel.

The sides of the paved path in Bath Road from St. Philip's Street to the corner of Shurdington Road had been repaired with local gravel.

Repairs to Kerb, Paving, Crossing, and Channelling—High Street, St. Paul's Street South, Suffolk Road, Winchcomb Street, Swindon Road, Tewkesbury Road, Oriel Road, Evesham Road, St. George's Road, Hewlett Street, Hamilton Place, St. Paul's Road, Montpellier Terrace, Clarence Street, Sun Street, Montpellier Walk, Malvern Place, Sandford Road, Monson Avenue, Promenade, Market Street, Priory Street.

The following Crossings had been Relaid with McDougall's Patent Bricks—Albion Street three, one top of Grosvenor Street, one top of Swan Yard, one top of Sherborne Place, one Montpellier Wide Opening from Lansdown Crescent to Waite and Kite's shop, one Montpellier Walk end of Spa Road.

New carriage entrance had been laid in Montpellier Walk at the entrance to Montpellier Gardens.

Ashes Collected-722 loads ; consumed 670 tons 10 cwts. 2 qrs.

Trees cut down—St. George's Road one lime.

Private Improvements—Montpellier Terrace finished as regards Kerb and Channel. Providence Square finished. Trinity Church Lane finished. Sydenham Villas proceeding. Royal Well Place proceeding. Oxford Street proceeding.

7-Gulley in Glenfall Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place a gulley in Glenfall Street.

8-- Grosvenor Place, South—Resolved, That the triangular enclosure at the north end of Grosvenor Place, South, be removed, and that Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 27th September, 0897, approved by the Council be amended accordingly.

9—Alleged Infringement of Building Restrictions at Laracor—With reference to the letter from Mr. T. Lloyd and others on this subject, read at the last meeting of this Committee, the Committee having paid a visit of inspection, Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the Council have no power to interfere.

10—View Meeting--The following Members attended the View Meeting on the 22nd instant, viz ; The Chairman, Councillors Bence, Cypher and Davis.

11-Harp Hill-A letter was read from Colonel Agg, stating that he understood the steep and dangerous pitch on Harp Hill was again under consideration, and expressing his hope that something would be done to ease off the gradient which at present prohibited the use of the road. A letter was also read from Captain H. G. Willis, calling attention to the dangerous condition of the Harp Hill road, and hoping that when the repairs are executed, blue Bristol stone would not be used, as when dry it made a dangerous surface for horses on so steep an incline, and also suggesting that the centre of the road should be raised. Resolved, To inform Colonel Agg that the Borough Surveyor has been instructed to report on this question; and that Captain Willis be informed that the road will not be repaired with blue Bristol stone.

12-Leighton Road—The Resolution of the Town Improvement Committee at their last meeting, calling the attention of this Committee to the obstruction caused by the bar and gates at the east

end of Leighton Road, with a view to its removal, was read and considered. Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Haddon, and Councillor Bence do interview Mr. Baylis on the matter, and endeavour to secure the removal of the obstruction.

13-Hester's Way Road--With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 14 of this Committee's proceedings at their meeting of date the 27th March last, the Town Clerk reported that he, in company with the Chairman, Councillor Davis and the Borough Surveyor, had viewed the road on the Hester's Way Estate, of the condition of which complaint had been made. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the abutting owners, when the names of the same have been furnished to him as promised by one of the tenants, calling their attention to the condition of this road. Also Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pipe the ditch at the point indicated to him.

14—Folly Lane, Hermitage Street, and Great Norwood Street (both sides, South end)—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up specifications of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to put these streets into proper repair.

15---Hoarding in Suffolk Street—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 11 of thin Committee's proceedings of date the 1st day of August last, the Cheltenham Billposting Company not having complied with the notice given them in pursuance of such resolution to remove the two sides of their Billposting Station in Suffolk Street, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to enforce compliance with the notice.

16- New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee, Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz

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| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1208 | Mr. Dubbin | Additions to Nos. 2 & 3, Paragon Terrace. |
| 1222 | H. Sims | Two houses in Leckhampton Road, at corner of Langdon Road. |
| 1225 | A. Dix | Pulling down two existing cottages and building warehouse, Upper Bath Street. |
| 1226 | A. Matthews | Two houses in New Street at corner of King's Head Passage. |
| 1227 | J. Warder | Two villas at back of Raymond Terrace, London Road. |
| 1228 | G. H. Roberts | Eight new cottages in Naunton Lane. |
| 1229 | G. Widdows | Shop front, &c. at junction of Suffolk Street and Norwood Road. |
| 1230 | G. Widdows | Shop front at No. 4, Hermitage Terrace, Bath Road. |
| 1231 | Nailsworth Brewery Co. | Alterations and additions to the Grafton Brewery, Norwood Road. |
| 1232 | E. T. Brydges | Bay window at No. 1, Montague Lawn. |

Resolved, That Nos. 1226, 1229, and 1230 be disapproved, that No. 1222 be approved, no portion of any of the houses to be allowed to project beyond the frontage line now shown, and that the other plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th day of September, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Moles, Lenthall, and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria; that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and 5 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 12 cases of Scarlet Fever.

2—Wells at No. 31, Suffolk Parade, No. 29, Leighton Road, Barrington Cottage, Monson Avenue, and No. 18, Fairview Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, &c. at No. 22, Great Norwood Street, and No. 35, Union Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 45 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section..

4-W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 188g, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Cleansing and Limewashing—No. 20, Hungerford Street, and Nos. 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 24, 25, and 32, Queen Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses are in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inn ales was effected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

7 -Insanitary Property—No. 20, Hungerford Street, No. 70, Queen Street, Nos. 15 & 22, Cleveland Street, & No. 2, Hill View Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the notices.

8 --Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received of proposed new buildings necessitating drainage, as follows, viz :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1222 | H. Sims | 2 Houses in Leckhampton Road at corner of Langdon Road |
| 1223 | G. F. Poole | Additions and alterations at rear of No. 15, Bennington Street |

Resolved, That No. 1222 be approved, and that plan No. 1223 be disapproved.

9—Sewage Farms Bailiff—Resolved, That the Chairman, and Councillors Davis and Waghorne be deputed to go through the applications for the post of Sewage Farms Bailiff, and put before this Committee a list of about 20 for their consideration.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of September, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Davis, Moles, Lenthall and Waghorne. (Councillor Bence in the chair) —

10-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 15 cases of Scarlet Fever.

11—Wells at Nos. 9, 11, and 48, St. George's Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

12--Dairies, and Cowsheds Regulations—The Medical (Meer of Health reported that a wooden shed which had been erected for use as a cowshed on Mrs. Nunney's farm at Golden Valley, was not in accordance with the Regulations in force in the Borough as regards light and ventilation and flooring ; and that the floor of a cowshed at Harthurstfield Farm, in the occupation of Mr. Stephens, was in an insanitary condition and required renewing. Resolved, That notices be given in each case requiring compliance with the Regulations.

13— Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 39, 41a, 35, 34, 52, 56, 57, 58, 64, and 70, Queen Street, Nos. 2, 3, and 55, Sun Street, No. 31, Russell Street, No. 2, Hill View Cottages, No. 3, Kingstone Cottages, No. 2, Melville Cottages, and Nos. 13, and 29 Cleveland Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 2, 5, and 6, Woodbine Cottages, Fairview, the Royal Union Inn, Tivoli, and Pembroke House, Bath Road —The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

15 Nuisance from Keeping Cats—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the further Notice served on the occupier of No. 12, Selkirk Parade, to abate a nuisance caused by the keeping of cats on the said premises had not been complied with, and the nuisance continued to the annoyance of the neighbours. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take proceedings to compel compliance with the notice, and for breach of the Justices' Order to abate the nuisance.

16- Overcrowding at No. 2, Burton Terrace, Market Street,—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the Owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

17—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

18-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

19- St. George's Square Underground Urinal—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make an addition to the railing round this urinal in such a manner as to prevent persons leaning against the same.

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20-Sewage Farms Bailiff—The Sub-Committee appointed by this Committee at its last meeting to go through the applications for the post of Sewage Farms Bailiff, reported that they had selected 19 for consideration by this Committee, and the applications in question were now considered. Resolved, That the following be asked to attend a meeting of this Committee on Tuesday the 26th instant, at 6 p.m., viz. :—

F. J. Blake, Wall Farm, Aldsworth, Northleach

W. J. Berkeley, Tidnor Court, Lugwardine, Near Hereford.

Joseph Powell, Barn Farm, Elmstone Hardwick.

W. Smith, 1, Sussex Villas, Cheltenham.

John Powell, Penllanafel Farm, Clongorse, Talgarth, Breconshire.

21—Sewer at rear of Oriel Terrace—A Letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, Solicitors for Mr. Palmer, of Carlton House, was read, stating that it seemed to them damage must be sustained by the sewer being run through and a manhole made in the garden of the house mentioned, and that covering it with a stone slab would not be satisfactory, and notifying that on Mr. Palmer's behalf they should claim compensation for the damage done, and that they would write again.

22 — New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the Plans of such New Buildings necessitating drainage, as were intended to come before the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1208 | Mr. Dubbin, | Additions to Nos. 2 and 3, Paragon Terrace |
| 1221 | Capt. Daubeny | Loose Box at rear of No. 7, Pittville Crescent |
| 1225 | A. Dix Building | Warehouse and pulling down 2 existing cottages. Upper Bath Street |
| 1226 | A. Matthews | 2 Houses in New Street at corner of Kings Head Passage |
| 1227 | J. Warder | 2 Villas at back of Raymond Terrace, London Road |
| 1228 | G. H. Roberts | 8 New Cottages in Naunton Lane |

Resolved, That the plans be approved as shown so far as the drainage is concerned.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of September, 1899—Present: Councillors Bence, Davis, Lenthall, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

23— Sewage Farms Bailiff—The Committee met to interview the selected candidates for the post of Sewage Farms Bailiff. A letter was read from Mr. John Powell, of Penllanafel Farm, Clongorse, Talgarth, Breconshire, withdrawing his application.

Mr. Blake, of Aldsworth, Northleach, did not attend.

The Committee interviewed the other three selected candidates, viz., Messrs. W. J. Berkeley, Joseph Powell and W. Smith. Resolved, To recommend the Council to appoint Mr. William Smith of No. 1, Sussex Villas, Cheltenham, as Sewage Farms Bailiff at a salary of £150 per annum with house rent free subject to three months' notice at any time on either side to terminate the engagement, Mr. Smith to commence his duties on the 9th prox.

24—Residence of Sewage Farms Bailiff—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. J. Corbett to let the Barn Farm House to the Corporation at a rent of £15 per annum be accepted, the new Farms Bailiff to live there.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th day of September 1899—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Lenthall, Mills and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1--Armoury for Rifle Volunteers—A Letter was read from Capt. Mouatt Biggs asking whether there was any prospect of the Rifle Volunteers being provided with a new Armoury at the Winter Garden, as they had to leave their present one on the 29th inst. ; and whether they could have temporary quarters in the meantime, until something definite was settled. Resolved, That having regard to possible alterations in the interior of the Winter Garden the Committee cannot see their way to

appropriating any part of it to the use of the Rifle Volunteers at present, but that they be offered the use of a room at the Pittville Pump Room, subject to their giving up the same on three months' notice.

2- Advertising- Letters were read from Mr. A. J. Warden, the Manager of the Gentlewoman, Messrs. C. L. Brooke, A. E. Niblett, and E. J. Burrow on the subject of advertising the town, and the same were considered. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Warden for the insertion of an illustrated article and advertisements in the Gentlewoman, on terms stated in his letter, be accepted.

3- Leighton Road—The attention of the Committee having been called to the continued obstruction caused by the posts and bar at the East end of Leighton Road. Resolved, That the attention of the Street and Highway Committee be called thereto with a view to the removal of the obstruction if possible.

4- Pittville Estate—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate for erecting an unclimbable iron fence against the hedges round the Pittville Estate gardens 5-Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that he should have to report to the Water Committee that two of the old boilers at Tewkesbury would now be unnecessary there and he thought they might safely be used for heating the Winter Garden. Resolved, That if the Water Committee see no objection the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove them to the Winter Garden.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,
Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of September, 1899 — Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Steel and Dix (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electrical supply during the past month as follows :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES

| Date. | Legal Standard | Test at Manchester Street. |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1899 September 15th | 100 Volts | 104 Volts. |

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2 —Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read—

| ILLUMINATING POWER. | PURITY—SULPHUR. |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1899 Sept. 15th.. | 1899 Sept.14-15th Grains per 100 cubic ft. |
| 16.09 candles | 12.84 |

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.2686 cubic feet.

4 —Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 6 metered, 23 unmetered, and 1 burning dimly.

5—Lighting of Wellington Square and Road from Wellington Road to Saxham Villas—A letter was read from Mr. J. B. Winterbotham, asking that as the incandescent lamps have now been approved and adopted by the Council for Clarence Square the same treatment might be applied to Wellington Square and lamps fixed also in the road leading to Saxham Villas and the entrance to the Marle Hill annexe to Pittville Park. Resolved, That it is desirable to improve the lighting in the localities mentioned in the letter, and that it be left to this Committee to carry out this Resolution, and improve the lighting.

6—Exmouth Court, Exmouth Street—A letter was read from Mr. Albert Dix again calling attention to the need for a lamp in Exmouth Court, Exmouth Street. Resolved, That the lamp asked for be now fixed, the exact position to be settled by the Chairman of the Street and Highway Committee and Councillors Brown and Dix.

7—Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that the work of his department was proceeding satisfactorily.

8--Electric Arc Lighting—Resolved, That this Committee be authorised to erect 6 lamps in the Borough at the corners of roads where, in their opinion, more light is needed. Also Resolved, That the Committee do meet on Wednesday, the 4th prox., at 9.15 p.m. to view as to the public lighting.

9—Extension of Electric Lighting Area—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, that the Rural District Council do not at present see their way to giving their consent to the extension of the Electric Lighting Area as proposed, as so far as they could ascertain there was no general demand in the parishes of Prestbury, Leckhampton and Swindon for the introduction of the electric lighting supply of the Corporation. He was also directed to point out that the Corporation did not offer any consideration for the privilege of being allowed to sell electric energy in the district, and that it seemed equitable that some compensation should be offered for the concession asked for.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of September, 1899—Present: Councillors Bence, Bennett, Baker, Davis, Dix and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1-Borough Engineer's Report—The Borough Engineer reported that on the 20th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 52 gallons per minute, the average for the last four years being 59 gallons, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 8,129,433 gallons.

On the 20th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 11ft. 10in. and the contents 18,092,292 gallons giving a total of 26,221,725 gallons, or about 26 days supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs which was then about 108,256 gallons.

The new boilers being now in complete working order the two old boilers might be removed. A new boiler was required for the Winter Garden heating. One of the boilers now at Tewkesbury would be sufficient for the purpose, and he recommended that it be transferred to the Town Improvement Committee for that purpose.

The Contractors for the Hewletts Reservoir Wall were not progressing so rapidly as they should do, the time for completion having expired this month. A portion of the bank slipped in shortly after the last meeting, squeezing the puddle forward and causing it to rise. A large portion of the earth had been removed, and the remainder would be taken out as soon as the wall was high enough to support the bank. Resolved, That the Committee pay a visit of inspection to Hewletts to-day and once a week afterwards until the erection of the wall is completed. Also Resolved, That the Borough Engineer do transfer the two boilers not required at Tewkesbury to the Winter Garden.

2—Additional Supply from Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer presented a report upon the question of the provision of additional water supply from the Severn at Tewkesbury, and the same having been read and considered, Resolved, That the further consideration of the report be adjourned.

3—Alleged Smoke Nuisance at Tewkesbury Works—Letters were read from Mr. H. A. Badham, of the Mythe, Tewkesbury, complaining of an alleged intolerable nuisance arising from black smoke from the Waterworks Chimney at Tewkesbury, and notifying that unless he had an undertaking that it would not occur again, he should take legal steps to prevent it. The Town Clerk had replied that the Borough Surveyor informed him that except for the very short period when fires were being lighted no black smoke issued from the chimney, and that strict watch would be kept on the fires and every effort made to prevent the emission of black smoke. A further letter was read from Mr. Badham reiterating his complaints. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

4—Footpath through Meadow adjoining Tewkesbury Works—A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, calling attention to the state of the meadow adjoining the Water Works there, the pathway through which was impassable owing to a leakage from the filter beds, and asking that the matter might be put right. Resolved. That the Borough Engineer do what is necessary.

5—New Mains, &c., at Tewkesbury—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 27th July last, a letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read, asking the Corporation to have the new mains laid as soon as possible. Resolved, That Mr. Badham be informed that the delay is due to the non-delivery of the pipes ordered.

6-Water Supply to Walton Cardiff—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council asking to be informed upon what terms the Corporation would lay their mains to and supply water at Walton Cardiff. The Town Clerk had replied asking to what point the Rural District Council wanted the mains laid and who were prepared to take the water there, as Walton Cardiff was a large and not very thickly populated parish. Resolved, That pending the receipt of the information requested by the Town Clerk's letter, the consideration of the matter be adjourned.

7—Water Supply to the Reddings—With reference to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings of the 23rd Sept., 1897, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council was read, stating that the question of the water supply to the Reddings was again under consideration by them, and he was directed to enquire whether the Corporation would adhere to their terms of about two years ago for the laying on of the Corporation water mains to the district named, Resolved, That the terms already given will be adhered to, except that the cost is, in consequence the of increased price of materials, now £400, and the 10 per cent. must be based upon that amount.

8- Rate Collector's Salary—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of the Finance Committee of date 31st August, 1897, a letter from Mr. Loveridge, the Borough Rate Collector, was read, calling attention to his application made in July, 1897, to be placed in the same

position as the other officials of the Corporation as regards payment of his Assistants, the work of collecting the water and other rates being much heavier than formerly, which application had been referred by the Finance Committee to this Committee for consideration, Resolved, That the further consideration of the application be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

9--Appeals—The Appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

BARON DE FERRIERES' GIFT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of September, 1899—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham ; and Councillor Hayward ; the Baron de Ferrieres and Mr. Billings (the Contractor); (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1—Art Gallery &c.—The Committee paid a visit of inspection to the Art Gallery buildings and informed themselves of the progress made.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th day of September, 1899—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham; Councillor Hayward; the Baron de Ferrieres, and Mr. Billings (the Contractor) ; (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair—

2-Art Gallery—Large Room. Resolved, That Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings, the Contractors, do provide and fix a three-folding door to form the connection between the Art Gallery and the Library, the details to be left to the Chairman of the Public paper of a darker red than the sample submitted, and that over-doors of pattern 9 in the catalogue submitted by Mr. Billings, be provided and fixed. Library Committee and the Librarian to decide; that the contractors be instructed to cover the walls and frieze with lining

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 8th day of September, 1899--Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker Bence, Davis, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, Steel and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Municipal Offices—Ten tenders of sites for Municipal Offices, received in response to the advertisement, were considered. Resolved, To adjourn the same for further consideration for further information with reference to some of the sites offered.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of September, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Lenthall, Moles, Steel, and Hayward (The Mayor in the chair)—

2—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals. A letter was read from the Board of Agriculture, that the Board had felt justified having regard to the decrease of swine fever in Gloucestershire in withdrawing the provisions of the Swine Fever (Movement) Order of 1898 from the Borough, but trusting that the Local Authority would take such measures under their powers as they might from time to time think necessary to check the introduction or extension of the disease in question. The Town Clerk read a letter he had written to the Board, calling their attention to the fact that the Infected Areas Order was still in force in the Borough, to which the Board had replied that they could not at present withdraw the latter Order.

3 Fire Brigade --The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 15th instant the Brigade had been called to a fire at Cavendish House Stables, Regent Street, where some boiling tar had caught fire, which was extinguished before the arrival of the Brigade, little damage being done. The expenses amounted to £2 10s. 0d. The property was insured in the Phoenix and Royal Insurance Offices.

4—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Applications for licences to drive Hackney Carriages were received from Walter Smith, 5, Bloomsbury Street ; A. Liddiard, 30, Swindon Place ; W. A. Berry, 7, Princes Terrace, Tivoli ; G. Stevens, 25, All Saints' Road ; and D. J. Richings, 2, Moorend Villas, Leckhampton. Resolved, That the applications of W. Smith and A. Liddiard be adjourned for their attendance, and that the other applications be granted.

5 - Hackney Carriage Licences—A letter was read from Messrs. C. Fowles and Sons, of Painswick Road House, making application for a landau licence. A letter was also read from Mr. Frederick Jones, of Portland Mews, asking in what position he stood on the list of applicants for a landau licence. Resolved, That Messrs. Fowles be informed that there is at present no vacancy, and that Mr. Jones be notified that he is first on the list of applicants for a landau licence.

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A letter was read from Mr. G. Clifford, of No. 2, Hopewell Cottages, Waterloo Street, calling attention to his previous applications for a Hackney Carriage Licence. Resolved, That the further consideration of the application be adjourned to the next meeting.

Letters were read from Mrs. Martin, of the Midland Temperance Hotel, and Mr. F. Paynter, of 9, Swindon Street, applying for licences for Hansom Cabs. There being three vacancies for hansom cab licences, Resolved, That licences for hansom cabs be granted to Mrs. Martin, Mr. Paynter, and to Mr. Henry Winters, 1, Brunswick Buildings, Union Street, Gt. Norwood Street, subject to the Mayor's approval of the vehicle in each case.

6—Hackney Carriage Stands—With reference to the third Resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings at their last monthly meeting, a letter was read from Mr. A. Spreadbury, in reply to one from the Town Clerk, giving a list of the stands which the deputation at the last meeting stated were useless. A letter was also read from T. W. Eager, of Tidmington Mews, Pittville, suggesting the provision of further stand accommodation at Pittville and where the same might be placed. Resolved, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Baker, Bence, Lenthall, Moles and

Steel be appointed to view as to the present stand accommodation and the suggested new stands, and to report to this Committee.

7---Hackney Carriage Byelaw No, 10—Alderman Drew attended this meeting of the Committee, and the motion made by him at the last meeting of the Council on the subject of Byelaw No to, referred to this Committee for consideration and report, was discussed and considered. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend any alteration in the Byelaws at present pending the provision of more stand accommodation.

8—Extension of the Borough Boundaries—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting as amended by the Council, the Town Clerk read a letter he had addressed to the Local Government Board, asking whether the Board would prefer the proposed extension to be made by Provisional Order or to be included in the proposed Bill in Parliament, to which he had not yet received any reply. Resolved, That pending the receipt of a reply from the Board the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

9—Clocks—A letter was read from Mr. W. Holder, of No. 4, High Street, stating that some of the connections and the frame work of the town clock required repairing, that the cost would be small but the clock was now liable to stop at any time. He also stated that the clocks in the Council Chamber and Inspector's Room required slight repairs, &c. Resolved, That Mr. Holder be requested to report to this Committee what he thinks is necessary to be done to the town clock with an estimate of the cost, and that the repairs, &c., to the other two clocks be done by him.

10—Cost of Promoting Bills in Parliament—A letter from the Town Clerk of Oldham was read, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Oldham Town Council inviting the attention of Municipal Authorities to the excessive cost and great inconvenience attendant on the promotion of Local Improvement Bills in Parliament, and urging united action with a view to the substitution of a cheap and expeditious form of procedure for the present costly and cumbrous system, and asking to be informed of the views of the Cheltenham Town Council thereon. The Town Clerk read a letter he had written in reply, that he had more than once urged on the Local Government Board the desirability of their getting more extended powers with respect to Provisional Orders for amending local Acts in order to obviate the necessity of local authorities so frequently going to Parliament.

11—Common Seal—Resolved, That the Mayor be authorised to obtain an improved type of instrument for affixing the Common Seal to documents.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of September, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles, (Councillor Lenthall in the chair).—

1- Montpellier Baths--The Committee met at the Baths. Resolved, That leaded lights be put in the windows of the reception room with the Arms of the Borough thereon, at a minimum cost of 6s. 6d. per foot, and an estimated total additional cost of from £30 to £35.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Monday the 18th day of September, 1899—Present: Councillors Baker, Bennett, Dix, Lenthall, Moles, Brown, and Hayward (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of Bathers up to and including the 13th instant was 30,851, exclusive of Season Ticket Holders, and certain Schools, and that the receipts amounted to £303 25. 5d.

3-Hockey at Naunton Park—A Letter was read from Col. Leir asking whether it would be possible for a ladies hockey club to play twice a week at Naunton Park, as, if the Committee saw no objection to it, it would be very convenient. Resolved, That Col. Leir be informed that the Committee think the game in question unsuitable for a recreation ground and therefore feel compelled to withhold the permission asked for.

4-Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Caretaker of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground reported the following gifts :—

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Miss Bostock | 4 Tennis Balls |
| Mrs. Adair Dighton | Game and Cricket Bats |
| Mr. J. Pates .. | 5 Tennis Balls |
| Mr. F. Booy .. | 1 Football |
| Town Rugby Football Club (per Mr. Sawyer) .. | 1 Football and Case |

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be rendered to the donors for their kindness.

5-Montpellier Baths—With reference to the Resolution of this Committee at its last Meeting the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee designs he had obtained for the three stained glass windows in the Reception Room at the Montpellier Baths. Resolved, That the design of Mr. A. J. Dix, of No. 54, Bernard Street, London, for the three windows at an extra cost of £30 be adopted.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of September, 1899—Present: Councillors Baker, Bennett, Browns, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair"—

6 - Recreation Ground in Whaddon Lane—The Chairman reported that some of the allotment holders, who would be dispossessed through their land being required for recreation ground purposes, had suggested to him that the piece of the Whaddon Lane Allotments not yet broken up and on which the Corporation horses are put out might be let to them for a year rent free as some compensation for disturbance. Resolved, That the Committee will take an early opportunity of viewing the land, and are prepared to favourably consider proposals and suggestions for enabling the present occupiers to obtain some of the Corporation Allotments.

J S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of September, 1899—Present Councillors Moles, Cypher, Baker, Davis, Macdonald and Brown, (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that on the 25th ult. a gardener at the Cemetery reported to him that Mr. of Royal Crescent, had cut some geraniums from a grave in the Cemetery, of which grave he was not the owner nor had he permission from the owner. He also reported that the Vestries at the Cemetery were not yet done, and that Mr. D. W. Channon had not replaced the ladder broken by his men.

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A letter was read from Mr. Channon offering to pay half the cost of a new ladder.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Hillen, requesting him to shew cause why he should not be prosecuted for his action; that the Borough Surveyor do communicate with Mr. Channon with regard to the Vestries ; and that the offer of Mr. Channon as to the ladder be accepted.

2-Internment Fees- A letter was read from Mrs. Hancock, of No. 3, Victoria Parade, asking the Committee to remit the fees of the minister and clerk (£1 6s.) on the interment of her child on the 11th ult. on the ground of poverty, and that the hour fixed for the funeral was altered to 3 p.m. to suit the convenience of some official. The Superintendent reported that no alteration was made in the time of the funeral which took place at 3 p.m., the time stated in the notice of the interment, and that an open hearse was used on the occasion. Resolved, That half the Rector's fee (10s. 6d.) be remitted in this case.

3-Fees on Internment of "Non-Parishioner"—A letter was read from Cavendish House Co. Ltd., applying on behalf of Mr. J. Ruston, of No. 3, Christ Church Terrace, for a remission of the extra " non-parishioner's " fees charged on the interment of his grandson on the 18th inst. Resolved, That the consideration of the application be adjourned for further enquiry and report by the Superintendent.

4-Proposed Exchange of Grass Space—A letter was read from Miss Wingfield, of No. en, Promenade Terrace, asking to be allowed to give up grave space No. 3047 Q (in which no interment had taken place) for No. 3045 Q, as a tree which until recently overshadowed the latter space was now removed. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on payment of the fee fit the new grant and stamp and the old grant being sent in for cancellation.

5-Salary of Superintendent---A letter was read from Mr. Pratley applying for an increase in his salary as Superintendent of the Cemetery to make it the same as that of his predecessor. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

6-Land adjoining Cometary—A letter was read from Mr. E. Minett, the tenant of the land adjoining the Cemetery, stating that as the notice given him expired on the 29th inst. he should be glad to hear from the Committee as to the agreement with respect to the part not yet required for cemetery purposes, and of which he was willing to remain tenant. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to mark out and measure the land he thinks Mr. Minett may continue to rent.

7 --Designs —The following designs were examined and allowed, viz :—Memorial Stones to Emily Frances Keeling, Daniel Stangoe, Henrietta Clinton, Hannah Kilmister and Mary Waite, Emily Cook,

Montague Herbert and Amelia Jenner, and Cecil Aubrey Giles Stephens. A design for a Memorial Stone to Birdie Heywood was not approved.

8--Wages—The following Account for Wages was allowed, viz :— G. C. Pratley £15 16 0

J V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of September, 1899 — Present Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Hayward, Macdonald and Steel (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1- Chairman -In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Hayward be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Rates on Pittville Cottage--A letter was read from Mrs. Coates, of Pittville Cottage, asking that she might be excused from payment of the rates on Pittville Cottage occupied by her for the payment of which a Magistrates' Order had been obtained by the Collector. Resolved, That the Committee decline to interfere.

Repayment of loans--A letter was read from Mr. H. G. Cooley, as Attorney for Mr. W. G. Cooley, giving notice to the Corporation to repay the sum of 49,694 lent to them on Debentures, on the expiration of six months from such notice. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to make arrangements for re-borrowing the amounts when repaid.

4—Corporation Accounts and Audit--A letter was read from Major-General Babbage forwarding some notes of his as to the audit and keeping of the Corporation Accounts, which he trusted the Council would find worthy of consideration. Resolved, That the writer be informed that due consideration shall be given to his suggestions, the most important of which are in fact now acted upon.

5- Sinking and Loans Fund--Resolved, That £9,000 of the Sinking and Loans Fund be invested with the Corporation of Middlesbrough, for a terms of three or five years, with interest at Six per cent., afterwards subject to six months' notice, subject to the Town Clerk being satisfied with the security offered.

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6-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £16,055 19s. 2d. leaving outstanding 41,237 5s. 0d.

7-Water Rate— The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th instant on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £9,088 2s. 7d., leaving outstanding £1,116 12s. 1d.

8-Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £12,874 1s. 5d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement:—

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| Overdrawn on the 29th August last .. | £2,586 6 7 |
| Paid since that date | <u>£5,042 0 6</u> |
| | £7,628 7 1 |
| Received since that date | <u>£3,586 5 7</u> |
| Overdrawn. | ££4,042 1 6 |

C. HAYWARD,
Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of September, 1899—Present:
Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Preston, Mills and Davis (Councillor Davis in the chair)—

1—Technical Education Grant—A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council, in reply to one from the Town Clerk, that he was directed to say that inasmuch as the new arrangement in connection with the Cheltenham Grammar School had now been made, with the consent of the Corporation, and the carrying out of it was so far advanced, the County Council thought that they should deal with the money in accordance with that scheme. The County Council would take care that Cheltenham is not prejudiced and if the scheme should not be completed in sufficient time they will pay over to the Directors of the Schools of Science and Art the amounts of the previous grants or the proper proportion thereof if particulars were furnished when the occasion arose. Resolved, That until the new scheme in connection with the Grammar School has been perfected and is in working order the County Council be requested to periodically pay over to the Cheltenham Town Council the amount due to the Borough as hitherto. and that the County Council be further requested to at once pay over the amount now due.

2—Grammar School Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Chairman of the Grammar School Governors, enclosing a draft of the proposed amended scheme, a copy of which had also been sent to the Clerk to the County Council, and stating that he should be glad to be able to lay the draft before the Charity Commissioners as being approved by the two Councils as soon as possible, but it was sure to come before the Council again. Resolved, That the Committee consider that Clause 13 (which makes provision for the filling up of vacancies in the office of Representative Governor, caused by bankruptcy, incapacity, resignation or omission to attend meetings) should also apply to the case of a Governor or Governors representing the Town Council ceasing to be members of the Council, and that then the Town Council should appoint other or others of its members to fill the vacancy or vacancies so caused.

M. DAVIS,
Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of September, 1899—Present
Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Moles, Preston, Steel ; The Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. J. Mugliston, Dr. Davis, Messrs. W. Cresswell, E. Butler, A. Beckingsale, G. H. Palmer, and W. Whittard. (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1- Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that there had been received since the last monthly meeting £6 8s. 1d., and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

| | vol. | pamphlets |
|----------------------------|------|-----------|
| Sir Brook Kay | 1 | |
| Trustees of British Museum | | 1 |
| Mrs. Blathwayt | 1 | |
| J. Crooklands | 2 | |
| Cobden Club | 1 | |
| Gen. Russell, M.P... | | 35 |

Annual Reports from various Public Libraries.

2-Sub Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended:—

That the list of new books submitted be purchased for about £6.

That the lists of worn-out books submitted by the Librarian be replaced at a cost of about £20.

That the Librarian advertise for a junior Assistant at 6s. per week, in place of W. D. Farish, who has resigned.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Reading Room at Leckhampton—Resolved, That arrangements be made for the delivery of books to borrowers at this Reading Room, the details to be left to the Chairman and Librarian to settle.

4-Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and passed for payment, viz. :—

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| W. Jones, Wages Account | £19 12 6 |
| “ , Librarian's Expenses at Conference | £ 5 5 0 |
| U. Hoepli, Books (new) | £ 2 2 0 |

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of September, 1899— Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors Bennett, Moles, Steel and Preston (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

1-- Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 39 schools, from which 871 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 67 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 8 meetings; that 16 parents had been prosecuted, and 15 were fined.

2 -Local Committees--The Minute books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. :—Eva Short, William Thomas Wildsmith, Annie Beckley, Elsie and Leslie Eden, Albert Purver, Charles and Edith Hunt, and Daisy Cook ; that proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of

1876, be taken against the parents of Irvine Gough, Annie Hill, Lily Short and Frederick Driver for an Attendance Order ; and against the parents of Elisha Green for breach of Order.

3- Elementary School Accommodation—A Letter was read from the Town Clerk of Eastbourne, stating that the School Attendance Committee there had been considering the desirability of requesting Parliament to grant to the Town Council the powers of a School Board, in the event of additional school places called for there by the Education Department not being provided by voluntary effort, thus avoiding the expense of a School Board, with probably separate officers and offices. The Council of the Association of Municipal Corporations had, in 1895, passed a resolution in favour of the Councils of Boroughs, in place of the formation of School Boards, being invested with all the powers of a School Board, and they Proposed to ask the Council of the Association to prepare and introduce a Bill to give effect to such resolution, otherwise such a Bill would be introduced by the Member for Eastbourne. The Letter asked for the views of this Committee, and whether the Member for the Borough would support such a Bill, which might be drawn as an adoptive measure Resolved That the further consideration of the letter be adjourned to the next meeting.

4-Central Ward Local Committee —Resolved, That Councillor Bennett be appointed a Member of the Central Ward Local Committee, he having expressed his willingness to serve.

JOHN D. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of October, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 6th day of October, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis and Dix, (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Private Improvement Works Bath Terrace—With reference to a Letter from Mr. Tillott, claiming an abatement of the amount charged upon him in respect of his houses, Nos. 9, 10 and 11, Bath Terrace, as the channelling had been laid by the Town Commissioners between 26 and 30 years ago, and had been kept in repair by the Local Authority since. Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee, of date the 30th of January last, that the Council cannot admit any claim be rescinded, as it now appeared that the statement that he was not charged for the new channelling, was not correct, and that Mr. Tillott be allowed an abatement of £1 8s. 2d.

2—Accident to Mr. H. H. Chandler—The Borough Surveyor having reported that no portion of the Bath Road within the Borough had been repaired for a considerable period prior to the date of the alleged accident. Resolved, To so inform Mr. Chandler and that the Council do not admit any liability.

3—Corner at Junction of Royal Well and St. George's Roads—A Letter from Mr. Parsonage was read suggesting that this corner should be rounded. Resolved, To inform Mr. Parsonage that his suggestion is being carried out.

4-Boarding in Suffolk Street—Resolved, That Notice be given to Mr. S. Shenton, to remove such part of this hoarding as belongs to him, which projects beyond the building line.

5--Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans which he had received of intended new buildings as follows, viz. :—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1233 | F. H. Buzzard | Additions to The Willows, St. Marks |
| 1234 | Alfred Matthews | Two houses in New Street, adjoining Kings Head Passage |
| 1235 | M. H. Adcock | Four houses in Haywards Road, London Road |
| 1236 | Harvey Bros. | Alterations and additions to their premises in Manchester Street |
| 1237 | Pearce & Sons | Laying out of the Alstone Grange Estate |

Resolved, That Nos. 1233 and 1234 be approved, and that Nos. 1235, 1236 and 1237 be disapproved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th day of October, 1899-Present: The Mayor : Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Davis and Dix (Councillor Baker in the chair)-

6-Street Projections-A Letter was read from Mr. J. Boot, applying for permission to fix two brackets outside the shop at No. 129, High Street, for arc lamps at a height from the pavement to the bottom of the lamps of 23ft., and projecting about 20 inches from the building line. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

A Letter was read from Mr. R. Organ, applying for leave to suspend one incandescent gas lamp on the outside of No. 16, Winchcomb Street, not to project more than 2 ft. from the shop front and at a height of not less than 8 ft. from the pavement to the bottom of the lamp. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

7--Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways-The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department for the month ending the 13th inst., had been as follows :-

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone-Albion Street proceeding.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone-Gloucester Road, St. Luke's Road, Leckhampton Road, Painswick Road, The Prospect, Suffolk Square, Exmouth Street, Hewlett Road, Gloucester Place, Swindon Street, College Road, Swindon Road, Grosvenor Street, Oriel Road, Bennington Street, Suffolk Parade, Tewkesbury Road, Promenade, Montpellier Street, Winchcomb Street, All Saints' Road, Lansdown Crescent, Park Place, Malvern Road, Douro Road, Suffolk Road, St. George's Road, Bayshill Road, Queen's Road.

Patched with Wickwar Stone-Pittville Lawn, Grosvenor Place South, Bath Parade, College Road.

The road in Clarence Street (front of Public Library) had been repaired with asphalte 325 square yards.

Repairs to Kerb, Crossing, Paving, and Channelling- Suffolk Road, Winchcomb Street, Painswick Lawn, Moorend Crescent, Regent Street, Leckhampton Road, Albion Street, Bennington Street, Promenade, Clarence Street, Duke Street, Fairview Road, St. Margaret's Road, Lansdown Place, Bath Road, Lansdown Crescent, Andover Place, Hewlett Street, Lansdown Road.

The footpath at Harp Hill had been repaired with Wickwar Gravel 730 super yards.

The footpath in Crown Passage had been repaired with asphalte 102 super yards.

The footpath in Mill Lane had been repaired with asphalte 333 super yards.

A crossing in Winchcomb Street had been relaid with plugged bricks.

A crossing in Fairview Road had been relaid with plugged bricks.

Trees had been pruned in Gloucester Road and Queen's Road.

Ashes Collected-Loads collected 621, Loads consumed 616-682 tons 10 cwts.

8-Old Bath Road-A Letter was read from Mr. Charles Barrett calling attention to the existing danger in the Old Bath Road near 9 recently erected houses owing to the road being bounded on one side by a deep ditch, the road itself being only 11ft. wide. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the ditch piped and the space above the pipe added to the width of the road.

9-Filling up old Channel of Chelt through Field on West side of College Road-With reference to a Report which had been made by the Borough Surveyor that the late Mr. Harford's Trustees were filling up the old channel of the Chelt which runs through part of their land from the Chelt overflow weir near Field Cottage, the Town Clerk reported that he had written to Messrs. Young and Gilling, the Agents for the Owners, to inform them that the Council object to the old channel being filled up and that any soil, &c., that may have been deposited in the channel must be removed, to which he had received a reply from Messrs. Smith Bros., the tenants, stating that Mr. C. Rainger's carter came to them and asked for the key as he said he had orders from Major Harford to empty old building rubbish in the old waterway as he wanted it filled up, and that they had cautioned their man not to empty any rubbish into it. That Mr. Rainger had written that he had not taken any deposit to the old channel of the Chelt referred to. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to give notice to Messrs. Young and Gilling that if the deposit is not removed within seven days proceedings will be taken under Sec. 39 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act of 1852.

10 -Sydney Street -Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this road laid with tar macadam.

11-Private Improvement Works-Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up Plans and Specifications of the Works required to be done by the abutting owners in the following streets, viz.:

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Road from Lypiatt Street to Hatherley Place-To pave, asphalte and channel the footpaths.

Union Street-To channel and pave the footpaths.

Vittoria Walk and Montpellier Parade-To pave, edge and channel the footpaths on both sides.

12-Knapp Road-Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to negotiate for the purchase of a piece of the yard of Mr. Willett to round off the corner at the junction of Knapp Road with New Street.

13 --Hewlett Street--Resolved, That the channelling in Hewlett Street on both sides be renewed from end to end.

14-Apportionments-Footpath East side of Rodney Road, and Roadway at back of North Place and Portland Street-The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out the works ordered to

be done to put in order the footway and roadway above-mentioned amounted respectively to £48 5s. 7d. and £142 9s. 1d., which sums he had apportioned between the several abutting owners according to the frontages of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and that notice thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the owners.

15--New Buildings --The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee, Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :-

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| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1238 | J. N. Harvey | Workshop and Warehouse at back of Manchester Street. |
| 1239 | R. R. and W. H. Pearce | Laying-out of Alstone Grange Estate. |
| 1240 | J. Webb | New Bath Rooms to Nos. 1 and 2, Lennox Villas. |
| 1241 | Mr. Palmer .. | Alteration to shop front in Montpellier Avenue occupied by Mr. B. W. Fear. |
| 1242 | E. T. Brydges .. | Bath Room, w.c. and other additions to No. 1, Montague Lawn. |

Resolved, That No. 1241 be disapproved, and that the other plans mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th day of October, 1899—Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1---Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 21 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Enteric Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria ; that 18 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 26 cases of Scarlet Fever.

2-Nuisances from Drains, &c. at Stafford House, Libertus Road ; Buckingham House, Wellington Street ; and Nos. 37, 39 and 41 Union Street--The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section..

3--Overcrowding at No. 2, St. Paul's Street, South—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 2, Townsend place, No. 5, Tivoli Terrace, Nos. 1, 2, 9,10, 11, 12 and 13, St. Paul's Street South, No. 2, Bubbs Court, No. 39, Duke Street, and No. 8, St. Paul's Parade—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health

of the inmates was effected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

5--W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

6--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

7 Wells at No. 56 and 57, Tewkesbury Road, No. 13 and 27, Selkirk Street, No. 2, Vernon Place, and No. 15, Fairview Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

8—Defective Sewer near Paragon Buildings—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the sewer running across the garden of Pembroke House, Paragon Buildings, Bath Road, was in a very defective condition owing to the brickwork having perished, and ventilation having established itself through rat runs, causing a dangerous nuisance requiring immediate remedy. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to do such work at once as may be necessary to abate the nuisance.

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9—Lodging Houses, Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15 & 16, St. Paul's Street South—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Lodging Houses badly required to be dealt with under the new bye-laws. Resolved, That Notices be served on the Landlords, as provided by Bye-law No. 7, requiring them within seven days after service, to supply the information necessary for registration of their respective houses, as specified in the bye-law referred to.

10—Insanitary Urinal at the Brown Jug Inn, Bath Road— The Medical Officer of Health reported that this urinal was in an insanitary condition owing to dilapidation and lack of water supply and cleansing, and was a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, be served on the owner or owners of the premises requiring him, her, or them to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to do what is necessary, and to lay on a proper supply of water for flushing the urinal.

11—Demolition of No. 57, Worcester Street—A letter was read from Mr. J. Bradbury, the owner of No. 56, Worcester Street, complaining of the space next his house caused by the demolition of the adjoining house being left vacant and unprotected, with the result that bricks, &c. have been removed from his property, and unless the space is boarded off from the street—as there is at present only a 4 ½ inch wall to keep his house up at the side adjoining the space—there will be danger and every likelihood of a collapse if further mischief is not prevented. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting.

12-Sewer in Naunton Lane—A letter was read from Mr. G. H. Roberts, of No. 7, Clare Street, Bath Road, stating that he would be glad if the new sewer in Naunton Lane could be put in, as he was waiting to begin building and could not make a start until the new sewer is in, as his land lies low. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to make the necessary extension forthwith.

13—Party Wall between Nos. 17 & 18, Lansdown Terrace—A letter was read from Captain Chambers, complaining that the cracks in this wall, alleged to have been caused by the laying of a sewer, had not yet been repaired. Resolved, To inform Captain Chambers that the delay in repairing the wall has been occasioned by the workmen being unable to gain admission to the premises to do the work, but that it will now be done shortly.

14— Sewage Farm Bailiff—Resolved, That consideration of the Resolution of the Council directing the Committee to recommend three Candidates for final selection from by the Council be adjourned.

15 —Building Plans The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received of intended new buildings necessitating drainage, viz :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1237 | S. Wells | Additions to Saddle Room at No. 24, Lansdown Place Stables |
| 1238 | Messrs. Harvey Brothers .. | Workshop to their premises in Manchester Street. |

Resolved, That No. 1237 be disapproved, and that No. 1238 be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th day of October, 1899—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Moles and Wag horse. (Councillor Bence in the chair) —

16 —Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria ; that 9 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 30 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria.

17-Nuisances from Drains, &c., at No. 29, Winchcomb Street, No. 11, Priory Terrace, and No. 4, St. Mark's Emporium—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

18—Overcrowding at No. 5, Orchard Place — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the Owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

19—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the

Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

20—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

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21-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 29, Winchcomb Street, No. 5, Orchard Place, and No. 19, Hamilton Place.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

22- Insanitary Urinals at the Russell Arms, Hale's Road, and the Angle Stores, Great Norwood Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were so foul owing to want of flushing and defects of construction, as to be a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the Owners of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on sufficient water supplies for flushing, and do such other work as is specified.

23 -. Insanitary Property at No. 5, Orchard Place, No. 19, Hamilton Place, and Nos. 1a, 2, 3 & 15, Upper Bath Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, floors, traps, &c., &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

24- Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served, requiring Owners of property to carry out sanitary requirements, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

25- Contract for No. 1, Sewerage Scheme—A letter was read from Messrs. Lawrence & Co., of Bristol, Solicitors for Messrs. Thomas and Webb, the Contractors for this Scheme, stating that they were instructed to take proceedings against the Corporation for damages incurred owing to their non-acceptance of Contract, and for payment for quantities, &c., unless the Corporation are prepared to make an offer and stating that their clients' claim amounted to £44 11s. 6d., to which the Town Clerk had replied that the Corporation had already considered the question, and they might take it that the Council were not prepared to make any offer, and reminding them that their clients declined to enter into the Contract. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, that he be instructed to defend any proceedings that may be taken by Messrs. Thomas & Webb, and that he be authorised to employ Counsel.

26—Vacant Space next to No. 56, Worcester Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this space fenced in.

27—Sewer Extension in Sydenham Villas Road—An application was received from Mr. F. W. Strange, for an extension of the sewer in Sydenham Villas Road, to take the drainage from his new houses there in course of erection. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

28- Sewage Farms Bailiff--Resolved, That in pursuance of the direction of the Council, the three Candidates hereafter mentioned be submitted to the Council from which to make a final selection, viz :—

W. J. Berkeley, Tidnor Court, Lugwardine, near Hereford.
Joseph Powell, Barn Farm, Elmstone Hardwick, and
W. Smith, 1, Sussex Villas, Cheltenham.

29—Residence for Sewage Farm Bailiff—Resolved, That consideration of this matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

30—Building Plans.—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans which he had received from persons Intending to erect new buildings necessitating drainage, viz.—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1239 | R. R. & W. H. Pearce .. | Laying out of Alstone Grange Estate. |
| 1240 | J. Webb .. | New Bath Rooms to Nos. 1 & 2, Lennox Villas |
| 1242 | E. T. Brydges .. | Bath Room, w.c., and other additions at No. 1, Montague Lawn |

Resolved, That so far as regards sanitary matters the plans be approved.

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th day of October 1899—Present Alderman Drew: Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Lenthall, and Macdonald (Councillor Macdonald in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Macdonald was appointed Chairman of this Meeting

2-Pittville Estate Fencing—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of iron fencing round the gardens on the Pittville Estate (excepting those in the Crescent and Circus) would cost approximately £646. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to order 300 yards of the fencing at a cost of £100, to be used where required to protect gaps in the fences and young growth.

JOHN MACDONALD,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 4th day of October, 1899 — Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon; Councillors Baker, Browns wed Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—View—The Committee having viewed several of the positions and parts of the Borough, where it had been intimated to thee from time to time that, improvement of, or additional, lighting was required. Resolved, To remove one bracket lamp and fix on pillar with incandescent burner, in Rose and Crown Passage.

To fix incandescent burners to all lamps in the Parish Churchyard.

To fix one nest lamp on short standard and fit with incandescent burner, opposite the back entrance to the Building Society office.

To fit to lamps in Regent Street and 9 lamps in Rodney Road with incandescent burners.

To move one lamp from Rodney Road to the passage near Cambray, and fit with incandescent burners.

To fit three lamps in Cambray with incandescent burners.

To fix 2 new ordinary lamps in lane between Wellington and Clarence Squares.

To fit all lamps on the Pittville Estate with incandescent burners.

To fix one new lamp in the road opposite Eastholme.

To fix one new ordinary lamp in Wellesley Road.

To fix 5 lamps in road between the end of Wellesley Road and the corner of Saxham.

To fix 4 new lamps in Evesham Road.

To fix one Guildhall lantern and fit with incandescent burner on the pillar in Brunswick Street, opposite Mr. Godwin's Shop.

To fix 1 additional lamp in Devonshire Street, move the two now fixed, and fit all three with incandescent burners.

To fix 4 lamps in New Street with incandescent burners.

To move one lamp at the corner of the Knapp Lane and New Street, and refix.

To fix one new lamp in Station Street and fit with incandescent burner.

To fix one new ordinary lamp in the passage along the east side of the Market.

That all incandescent burners be No 3, except the lamp in Brunswick Street, which is to be No 4, and That another Meeting to view the remaining positions and parts of the Borough where intimation has been received that improved lighting is required, be held at an early date.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 11th day of October, 1899 —Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cooper, Dix and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read—

| ILLUMINATING POWER. | | PURITY—SULPHUR. | |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1899 | | 1899 | Grains 100 cubic ft. |
| Sept. 25th.. | 15.87 candles | Sept.25-26 th | 11.60 |
| Oct. 5th .. | <u>16.20</u> " | | |
| Average .. | 16.03 " | | |

3 ---Sale of Gas Stock—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, was read, giving notice that it was the intention of the Company to offer for Sale by Public Auction, at the Central Gas Offices, North Street, on Thursday, the 2nd of November, 1899, at 4 o'clock p.m., £5,000 Consolidated Ordinary Stock, in 50 lots, each of £100 each.

4-Hours of Lighting of Street Lamps—A letter was read from the Rev. W. W. Gedge, complaining of the lateness of the hour at which the lamps are lighted in the evening in Lansdown Crescent and Terrace. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gedge that the Committee hope to be able to make better arrangements shortly.

5 —Extension of Electric Lighting Area—Resolved, That a fee of one guinea each be paid to the Clerks to the Winchcomb Rural and Charlton Kings Urban District Councils, as remuneration for the work occasioned by their having to prepare and send out Notices to convene meetings of their Councils to obtain consents in manner required by the Rules of the Board of Trade, and furnishing certificates reciting copies of the Notices and of the Resolutions, and declaring such Notices were duly given and Resolutions passed.

6—Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work of extensions and of ordinary running was proceeding satisfactorily ; that the two main feeders from the Works to Manchester Street Substation would be loaded at Christmas to be about 80 or 90 per cent. of the capacity, at which they were best used, and that it was advisable to lay a third main feeder before Christmas at a cost of about £1,010, which would be included in the estimate of extensions to be laid before the Committee in reference to a new loan. Resolved, That the third feeder referred to be laid as soon as possible.

7—Lighting of Collum End Road, Leckhampton—Councillor Cooper having called attention to the necessity of lighting this road, Resolved, That a visit be paid to the locality on the occasion of the next view, and that as the boundary of the Borough is along the centre of the road, application be made to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, if they have obtained, under Sec. 276 of the Public Health Act, 1875, the powers of lighting conferred by Sec. 161 of the same Act, or if not then, to the Leckhampton Parish Meeting to contribute towards the cost.

8— Lighting of Leckhampton Road, beyond the Norwood Arms-- Attention having been called to the insufficient lighting of this road, Resolved, To instruct the Electrical Engineer to bring up a specification and estimate for extension of the arc lighting as far as the Malvern Inn.

9—Electric Supply to Cleave Hill—A letter was read from Mr. S. J. Morgan, of Ashleigh, Cleave Hill, intimating that he would be willing to take the current for lighting his house as soon as the Corporation could supply it.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 2nd day of October, 1899—Present The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Baker, Bennett, Davis, Dix, Lenthall and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Cleric of Works at Hewletts—The Chairman reported that when the Committee visited the Hewletts Reservoir on the afternoon of the 23th ultimo, they found that Mr. Caines, the Clerk of the Works there, had left for the day, the Contractor's men being still at work.

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Mr. Caines attended this meeting of the Committee, and informed the Committee that he never undertook to be at Hewletts during the whole time the men were at work re-building the wall, and he could not see his way to pledge himself to do so for the future, although he did attend until the end of July last. He further stated that he should not have applied for the position if he had known that the contract would not have been completed within six months from the commencement and before the cold weather commenced. Resolved, That under the circumstances, Mr. Caines be at once relieved of his position and duties as Clerk of the Works at Hewletts Reservoir, his salary to be paid up to and including the 14th instant. Also Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorized to make such arrangements as he may consider expedient for the supervision of the work of re-building the wall.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 12th day of October, 1899—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Davis, Lenthall and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair)—

2 —Borough Engineer's Report—The Borough Engineer reported that on the 11th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 49 gallons per minute, the average for the last four years being 59 gallons, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 6,163,668 gallons.

On the firth inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 8ft. 4in. and the contents 10,009,183 gallons which gave a total of 16,172,851 gallons, or about 16 days supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs which was then about 136,080 gallons, together with the supply pumped from Tewkesbury.

That an application had been received for an extension of the Main from near Salford House, High Street, Prestbury, to supply two new houses in Noverton Lane. That the annual sum of £4 had been guaranteed by the two owners, which would cover the percentage on the cost of the extension, and he recommended that the application be acceded to. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3-Additional Water Supply from Tewkesbury—The Report of the Borough Engineer relating to this matter was further considered and it was Resolved, That the Committee do meet on the following Thursday, and proceed to inspect the route of the proposed additional pumping main from Tewkesbury to the Hewletts Reservoir, as suggested in the Report.

4-Garden Land at Sandford—A Letter was read from Mr. W. James, the tenant of this land, giving notice of his intention to quit at Lady Day next, and recommending Mr. Henry Burnett, of Oriel Place, as his successor. Resolved, That Mr. Burnett be accepted as tenant of the said land, upon the same terms of tenancy as with Mr. James.

5—Collector's Salary—With reference to the application of Mr. Loveridge, of the 29th of June last, asking that assistance should be granted to him for the carrying on of his duties as Collector of the Water Rates, and that he should be placed on the same terms as other officials of the Corporation, so far as the provision of Clerks is concerned. Resolved, That the Committee consider that, in his case there is reason for continuing the present arrangement, whereby Mr. Loveridge provides his own Clerks, but having regard to the fact that the number of assessments has doubled since his salary was first fixed, that the work has considerably increased, and that he has floss- to employ three clerks instead of one, he be granted an increase of £50 per annum to his salary, toward payment of the salaries of the additional clerks employed by him, the same to commence on the 1st of January next, and be charged to this department.

6- Garden Watering—Resolved, That on the Water Rate Demand Notes, a scale of charges be printed in order that consumers of Corporation Water for garden watering and otherwise, may be informed of the charge for which they become liable by making use of the water for other than domestic purposes.

7—Appeals—The Appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE,

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BARON DE FERRIERES' GIFT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th day of October, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillor Hayward ; the Baron de Ferrieres, the Librarian, Mr. Jones; and the Contractor, Mr. Billing: (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1-Chairman-In the absence of the Chairman Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at this meeting.,

2-Art Gallery—Resolved, That this Gallery be formally opened on the 26th inst. in the afternoon, and that the Mayor be re-requested to send out invitations for a reception to be held previously to the admittance of the general public at 6 o'clock.

A Letter was read from the Rev. G. Esdaile, of the Old Rectory, Platt Lane, Rusholme, offering for sale to the Committee two works of art, one by Raphael and the other by Rubens. Resolved, To inform Mr. Esdaile that the Committee are not in a position to accept his offer.

Insurance of Pictures—Resolved, That the pictures now in the Gallery be insured in the name of the Corporation in the Fine Art and General Insurance Co. against fire, damage and burglary.

Insurance of Buildings—Resolved, That the buildings be insured in the County Fire Office for £2,000, and that notice be given to the Office as Insurers of the Public Library Buildings of the connection made with them.

Custody pro tem.—Resolved, That pro tem. the charge of the Gallery be relegated to the Librarian.

JOHN HADDON,
Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 6th day of October, 1899--Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (The Mayor in the chair)— :

1- Hackney Carriage Licence No. 68—A letter was read from Mr. John Waghorne on behalf of Mr. Charles Huphnill for a trans., of Hackney Carriage No. 68 now held by him to Mr. John Ball, of St. Clair, Bath Road, to whom the carriage had been sold. Resolved, That subject to the approval by the Mayor of the vehicle, the application be acceded to.

2—Extension of the Borough Boundaries—With reference to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at its last meeting, Letters were read from the Local Government Board stating that it was for the Town Council to decide whether they should proceed by Bill or by Provisional Order to obtain an extension of the borough boundaries, that if the Council proceeded by Bill (for which there are numerous precedents) the Board would in their Report to Parliament probably draw attention to the provisions of Section 54 of the Local Government Act, 1888, and it would be for the Council to explain to the Parliamentary Committee the reasons which rendered such a course more desirable than proceedings by Provisional Order. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to apply to the Local Government Board for a Provisional Order to extend the boundaries of the Borough, and that the Committee do pay a visit of inspection to-day with a view to fixing the proposed new boundary line in the Parish of Prestbury.

3—Bill in Parliament—The Town Clerk mentioned that advantage could be taken of the promotion of the Bill in Parliament next Session for the audit of the Corporation Accounts by a Government Auditor to obtain further powers in a sanitary direction and otherwise. The Town Clerk's suggestions for clauses giving such further powers were considered. Resolved, That the same so far as now settled and approved be recommended for approval by the Council for insertion in the Bill, and that consideration of the suggestions made by the Borough Surveyor and Medical Officer of Health be adjourned until the next meeting of this Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th day of October, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)-

4-Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

5—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any fire during the past month.

Resolved, That the Mayoress be invited to present the Brigade long service medals on Saturday, the 21st inst. (Trafalgar Day) at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

A Letter was read from the Town Clerk of Sunderland stating that the subject of the incidence of the cost of maintaining Fire Brigades and Apparatus and of extinguishing fires had been under the consideration of a Committee of his Council which Committee was of opinion that as the permanent expenditure connected with the establishment and maintenance of a Fire Brigade was largely

protective of the interests of the Insurance Companies it was only reasonable that they should bear a portion of the cost from which they so benefitted. The Letter asked whether the Cheltenham Town Council would concur in a petition to the Government in favour of the promotion of a Bill by the Government providing for the payment of one-half of the cost of the maintenance of a Fire Brigade and Establishment in each City or Borough by the Companies insuring property therein against loss by fire to be apportioned between the companies according to the amount of the annual premiums received by them in such City or Borough. Resolved, That the Council approve of the principle and will concur in a petition as suggested.

6—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—An application was received from James Fletcher of No. 62, Fairview Street, for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. Resolved, That subject to the approval of the Mayor after an interview with the applicant, the licence be granted.

7 —Hackney Carriage—With reference to the application of Mr. George Clifford, of Hopewell Cottages, Waterloo Street, for a hackney carriage licence, Resolved, That the applicant be informed that there is at present no vacancy.

8 —Hansom Cab Licence—A Letter was read from Mr. W. P. Jones. of Clarence Mews, North Place, enquiring whether he could now take up the Hansom Cab Licence granted to him in February last. Resolved, That subject to the Mayor's approval of the vehicle the licence be issued, and that Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 20th Sept., 1898, fixing the number of hansom cab licences at not exceeding 12 be amended by the substitution of 13 as the limit.

9—Telephone Service—The Town Clerk, as instructed by this Committee, presented his Report on the provisions of the Telegraph Act, 1899. Resolved. That the same be printed and a copy sent to each member of this Committee.

10—Municipal Offices—Letters from Messrs. G. H. Palmer, M. P. Hayward, W. H. Dee, and Bayley and Adams on the subject of sites for new Municipal Offices, were referred to the Sub-Committee having charge of the matter, for consideration. A Letter was read from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Ratepayers' Association stating the opinion of his Committee that it would be absolutely impossible to convert the present Municipal Offices into rooms convenient for carrying on the work of the Town Council and that if they were purchased the only thing of value would be the site, and urging that the most central site for the future Municipal Offices was the land "owned by the Council" in St. George's Square, which was in close proximity to many public institutions.

11—Board Room of late Leckhampton Local Board—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 12 of this Committee's pro-proceedings of date the 25th July last, the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee tenders for painting and dis-tempering the Board Room of the late Leckhampton Local Board. Resolved. That the tender of Mr. Knight, of Suffolk Parade. for the execution of the work for the sum of £16, the loges; tender, be accepted.

12—Employees in Army Reserve—Resolved, That the situations of any employees of the Council in the Army Reserve be kept open for them in the event of their being called up for service, in which case the Borough Surveyor shall report to this Committee as to the circumstances of their families.

13—Extension of Borough Boundaries—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a map showing the part of the parish of Prestbury proposed to be taken into the Borough, and the Committee settled the proposed new boundary line. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to apply to the Local Government Board for a Provisional Order under Sec. 54 of the Local Government Act, 1888, extending the boundaries of the Borough by including therein that part of

the parish of Prestbury marked and to be coloured blue on the map now before the Committee, and that part of the parish of Badgworth called the Reddings also indicated on the map and to be coloured brown thereon.

14—Bill in Parliament—The Committee considered suggestions made by the Borough Surveyor and Medical Officer of Health for the insertion of clauses in the Bill in Parliament to be promoted by the Council. Resolved, That so far as now settled and approved the same be submitted for approval by the Council, and that another meeting of this Committee be held at an early date to consider some further suggestions made by the Town Clerk.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th day of October, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis and Gurney (The Mayor in the chair).

15-Parliamentary Bill—The additional clauses recommended by the Town Clerk, Medical Officer of Health, and Borough Surveyor, for insertion in the Bill, were considered and settled, and it was Resolved, That the headings, as now finally settled, of the different clauses be approved and adopted.

16-Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899—Resolved, That the Council of the Borough undertake to act within the Borough of Cheltenham under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, and hereby to constitute themselves the Local Authority within the meaning of the Act to the exclusion of any other authority within the Borough.

17—Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee already appointed be requested to consider the practicability of - extending these Licences so as to be applicable for any style of carriage, by using a moveable number, and as to making a uniform charge for the same, and to bring up a report and recommendation to the Committee.

18—Standard Wages Clause—Resolved, That this condition as printed on the Forms of Contract be also printed on the Forms of Tender, with a note that all Tenders must be deemed subject thereto.

19—East Ward Allotments—With reference to the Resolution of the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee to Minute No. 7 of their proceedings at their last meeting, Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed, subject to the proviso that not more than two chains shall be let to any one applicant without the special permission of the Council, and that the rentals for the year ending the 29th of September next, be charged to the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee. Resolved, That notice be given to the holders of the present Allotments, that they can each have not more than two chains of the grass land in lieu of their present holdings upon the terms above referred to. A letter was read from Mr. William Sutton, of No. 27, York Street, holder of three chains on the site of the proposed New Recreation Ground, suggesting that he should have the choice of one chain on the grass land to transplant his fruit trees upon, failing which he would like to know what compensation he would receive for disturbance. Resolved, That the piece of land comprising one chain, numbered 80 on the plan of the new allotments, be granted to Mr. Sutton at a rental of 17s.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 4th day of October, 1899--Present
Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1---Montpellier Baths—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a design for heightening the elevation of the Baths and generally improving its appearance, and submit the same to the Committee at their next meeting, with an estimate of the cost.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of October, 1899—Present:
Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles, (Councillor Lenthall in the chair),—

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Engineer reported that the number of Bathers up to and including the 30th ultimo, was 32,168, exclusive of Clubs, Schools, and Season Ticket Holders, and the receipts had been £325 18s. 0d., and that the Bath was closed on the 30th ultimo for cleaning purposes. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Lenthall for the interest shown and energy expended by him in promoting the success of the Baths.

3—Visiting Members—Resolved, That the Visiting Members for the month be Alderman Drew for the Baths, and Councillor Brown for the Recreation Grounds.

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4—Proposed Recreation Ground for the East Ward--A letter was read from the Secretary to the Ratepayers' Association, submitting that the proposed site for this ground in Whaddon Lane was inconvenient, and stating that they believed that the poor of the East Ward were opposed to it, and the Association suggested that a more convenient site should be determined upon, if the Council is of opinion that a Recreation Ground is absolutely required at the present time. Resolved, To inform the Association that the Committee have given due consideration to the contents of their letter.

A Letter was read from Mr. J. Hilyer stating that the following Allotment holders in Whaddon Lane, who would be disturbed, would be pleased to take advantage of a suggestion of the Chairman to occupy Allotments of the meadow and at the end of Whaddon Lane, assuming it to be two acres, upon the following terms, viz. :—free of rent for twelve months, and a rental of 16s. per chain afterwards, viz. :—

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| J. Hilyer | 3 | chains |
| J. H. Hilyer | 3 | “ |
| E. Whitbread.. | 3 | “ |
| F. Birkin | 1 | “ |
| R. Jeffreys | 2 | “ |
| H. Baker | 2 | “ |
| G. Champion .. | 2 | “ |
| W. Cardwell .. | 1 | “ |
| F. Brewster .. | 1 | “ |
| W. Skinner . | <u>2</u> | “ |
| | 20 | chains |

5—British association Football Club at Naunton Park—A Letter was read from Mr. H. C. Hayward, stating that his Club would not require the use of Naunton Park Recreation Ground, as granted them by the Council, as the Club had been disbanded.

6—Elevation of Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan for heightening the front elevation of the Baths, and generally improving its appearance, the cost of which he estimated would not exceed £300. Resolved, That for the present, consideration of the matter be deferred.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 11th day of October, 1899,—Present: Councillors Bennett, Baker, Lenthall, Hayward and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

7—East Ward Recreation Ground —The Committee paid a visit of inspection to the proposed Recreation Ground in Whaddon Lane and met there a number of the allottees who will be dispossessed if the ground is taken for a Recreation Ground as proposed. Resolved, To recommend to the General Purposes and Watch Committee that the grass field part of the Whaddon Lane Allotment be let to the applicants named in Mr. Hilyer's letter, read at the last meeting of this Committee ; that no rent be charged them for the year ending the 29th September, 1900; and that after that date the rent be 17s per chain per annum, no pigstyes to be built on Lots numbered 81 to 86 inclusive and go to 95 inclusive.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of October, 1899—Present ; The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cypher, Davis, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that he was getting short of ground for sale of grave spaces, and suggested that he should be authorised to sell vault spaces for graves on the north side until the new ground is planned this winter for use for burials. Resolved, To pay a visit of inspection to the Cemetery to instruct the Superintendent as to the vault spaces which he may sell for grave spaces.

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The Committee having paid a visit of inspection to the Cemetery, Resolved, That all vacant spaces hitherto reserved as vault spaces along both sides of the outer north drive on the Consecrated ground, be sold as grave spaces, the price of each to be £4 12s. 0d., also Resolved, That one dozen garden seats be ordered for use in the Cemetery.

2—Interment of the Grandson of Mr. Rushton—Resolved, That this case be treated as that of a parishioner, and that the extra fee for non-parishioner be remitted.

3—Interment of Child of Mrs. Hancock—A Letter from Mr. Parsonage was read alleging that the superintendent was wrong in stating that an open hearse was used, as he had reason to believe a shellabier was used, and he was sure Mrs. Hancock was unable to pay unnecessary fees. Resolved,

To inform Mr. Parsonage, that, on enquiry the Committee find he is mistaken as to the facts, and that they see no sufficient reason to modify their previous resolution.

4—Salary of Superintendent—The application of the Superintendent for an increase of salary was farther considered, and it was unanimously Resolved, that the Council do not consider there is sufficient reason to accede to the application.

5—Designs—The following designs were examined and allowed viz. ;— Headstones : to Elizabeth Waghorne, Marie Skinner and Frank Alfred Thompson Heywood.

6—Wages—The following Account for Wages was allowed, viz :—G. C. Pratley £11 3 0

J V Holes, chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th day of October, 1899—Present: Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1--Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £4,462 2s. Od. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement:—

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| Overdrawn on the 26th September last | £ 4,042 1 6 |
| Paid since that date | <u>£13,441 19 9</u> |
| | £17,484 1 3 |
| Received since that date | <u>£ 1,957 0 1</u> |
| Overdrawn | £15,527 1 2 |

2—Loans from the Public Works loan Board — Resolved, That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Securities to the Public Works Loan Board for the following Loans, viz. :—

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| Electric Lighting | £17,000 |
| Montpellier Baths | £ 6,600 |
| Museums, &c. | £1,500 |

3—Sewerage Loans—Resolved, That application be made to the Public Works Loan Board to lend the sum of £11,747 which the Council has received sanction to borrow for Sewerage Works.

4—Accounts and Audit--A further Letter was read from General Babbage, endeavouring to epitomise and explain his Letter of the 15th ult., which was considered by the Committee at their last meeting. Resolved, To inform General Babbage that the Council have given due consideration to the Notes referred to in his previous Letter and are obliged to him therefor.

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of October, 1899—Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Moles, Preston, Steel ; The Revs. J. Evans and y. Mugliston; Dr. Davis ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, E. Butler, W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer, and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report—The Librarian's Monthly Report was read. Receipts £5 8s. 5d. He reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

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| Board of Trade | 1 Vol |
| Mather & Crowther. | 1 |
| Mr. Hunt .. • • | 1 |
| W. J. Crawford .. | 1 |

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Cambridge and Tynemouth.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended:—That F. W. Turner be appointed as junior assistant in the place of W. D. Farish, resigned. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Financial Position of the Library.—Resolved unanimously, That this Committee recommend the Council to take into consideration the future financial position of the Public Library, with a view to a substantial increase of the amount which will be at the disposal of this Committee.

4—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and passed for payment, viz. :—

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| W. Jones, Wages Account | £14 16 0 | |
| J. J. Banks, Books (new) | £ 2 17 9 | |
| „ (replacement) | £ 2 3 5 | |
| Newspapers | £13 3 1 | |
| Magazines..... | £ 3 12 6 | £21 16 9 |
| J. J. Banks, Newspapers (Leckhampton) | £ 1 16 1 | |
| Westley & Co., Books (new) | £ 0 9 6 | |
| Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding. | £ 7 5 3 | |
| Stationery | £ 0 16 0 | £ 8 1 3 |

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 18th day of October, 1899—Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors Bennett, Moles, and Preston (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1 -Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 36 schools, from which 590 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 66 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who

had held 5 meetings ; that 12 parents had been prosecuted ; that 6 were fined, and Attendance Orders were made in four cases.

3-- Local Committees--The Minute books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. :—Carrie Hopkins, Maud Ashton, Hubert Cooper, Joseph Cook, Alfred Davis, Jane Mott, Jane Willmore, Pollie Turner, Beatrice Harvey, Frank Payton and Mary Payton; and that proceedings under Sec. II of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of James Holland and Bertie Hopkins for an Attendance Order.

4-North and West Wards Local Committee—Resolved, That Mr. A. N. Cole, of No. 351, High Street, be invited to become a member of this Committee.

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5-East Ward Local Committee--Resolved, That the Central Committee hears with regret that General Morton has resigned his membership of this Local Committee, and begs to thank him for the valuable services rendered by him in the past.

6—Interference of Teacher with School Attendance Officers—A letter was read from Miss F. A. Pidgeon, of St. Peter's Girls' School, - to one of the Attendance Officers, alleging that a mistake had been made in summoning the parent of a child for bad attendance at that school before one of the Local Committees to show cause, and asking him to excuse the attendance of the parent. Resolved, To inform Miss Pidgeon that the responsibility of making extracts from the duplicate registers rests with the Attendance Officers, and that teachers have no authority in any case to advise a parent to ignore a summons to appear before the Local Committee.

7—Powers of School Boards for Town Councils—The circular letter from the Town Clerk of Eastbourne read at the last meeting of this Committee, stating that he proposed to ask the Council of the Association of Municipal Boroughs to follow up a resolution recently passed by them : " That in all Boroughs not having School Boards it is desirable that the Council of such Boroughs shall in place of the formation of a School Board be invested with all the powers of a School Board, and shall for all the purposes of the Education Acts be deemed to be a School Board," by requesting the Law Committee to prepare and introduce into Parliament a Bill to give effect to it was further considered. Resolved, That this Committee consider the work of a School Board is of such a special character, and in a town of this size would be so extensive, that if it is necessary that such powers should be exercised within the Borough a separate body should be elected for the purpose as at present.

JOHN HADDON,
Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Thursday, the 9th day of November, 1899.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 3rd day of November, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1- Chairman—Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Thomas & Webb v. The Corporation—A letter was read from Messrs. Lawrence & Co., Solicitors for the Plaintiffs, complaining that their Clients had been treated rather badly in the matter of their tender for executing the Works required for the No. 1 Sewerage Scheme, and were out of pocket a considerable sum, but, without prejudice, they were willing to settle the matter at once, if the Corporation would pay the Plaintiffs £20 to cover their out of pocket expenses. Resolved, Without prejudice, to offer to pay the Plaintiffs £20 in settlement of their claim and costs, provided that they will agree to repay the amount if they should be successful in obtaining the Contract for Nos. 1 and 2 Sewerage Schemes, for which Tenders have recently been advertised for.

3—Purchase of Implements, Stock, &c., for Sewage Farms—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Local Government Board to enquire if they will sanction a loan of between £2,000 and £5,000 to provide for the purchase of Implements and Stock for the Sewage Farms, which the Corporation are about to take into their own hands, and if so, for what period for repayment.

4 - Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received of intended new buildings necessitating drainage, viz :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1242 | Captain Parsons | House and Stables in the Shurdington Road. |
| 1243 | Allsopp's Limited | Additions to the Royal Union Inn, Hatherley Street. |

Resolved, That the same be approved so far as the drainage is concerned.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of October, 1899, Present: The Mayor: Alderman Haddon: Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Hayward, Moles, Steel, and Waghorne. (The Mayor in the chair).

1 --Extension of the Borough Boundaries—Alteration of East, Central, North, and Middle Wards—Resolved, That in the event of the proposed application for a Provisional Order for an extension of the Borough Boundaries in manner already decided upon being successful, the areas of the Wards above-mentioned be altered as follows, viz:-

That the part of the proposed added area within the parish boundary of Prestbury, which lies on the south east side of the Prestbury Road, be added to the East Ward.

That the part of the existing area of the North Ward north of St. Paul's Road, and east of the Folly Lane, and the part of the said proposed added area which lies on the east side of the continuation of the Folly Lane, known as Tommy Taylor's Lane, and to the north-west of the Prestbury Road, be added to the Central Ward. That the remainder of the proposed added area within the Prestbury Parish Boundary be added to the North Ward.

That the proposed added area at the Reddings be added to the Middle Ward.

2-East Ward Allotments--Applications for Allotments of the grass land at the end of Whaddon Lane were received from Henry Miles, No. 42, Fairview Street, for Allotment No. 83, James Bradshaw, No.

33, Portland Square, for one chain E. Greening, No. 5, Victoria Street, for one chain, and John Wixey, No. 34, Fairview Street, for one chain.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Hilyer, withdrawing his application for an Allotment, Resolved, That a reply postcard be addressed to each applicant whose name appears on the plan of the Allotments submitted by the Borough Surveyor, notifying them of the grant of land made to them respectively, with a request that they will inform the Town Clerk, in writing, whether they respectively accept the allotment made or not, not later than the 3rd of November, and that if no reply is received by that date, it will be considered to signify non-acceptance, and that pending the receipt of these replies consideration of the applications above referred to be adjourned.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BARON DE FERRIERES' GIFT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of October, 1899--Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham ; Councillor Hayward ; the Baron de Ferrieres, and Mr. Tones, the Librarian; (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Insurance of Pictures--A valuation of the pictures in the Art Gallery, presented by the Baron de Ferrieres, for the purpose of insurance, amounting to £7,600, was considered, and it was Resolved, To insure for this amount, but to ask the Company, instead of requiring a separate assessment on each picture, to grant the policy for the total, with a clause that not more than £500 shall be recoverable for any one picture, but if the Company will not accede to this, to inform them that of Values will require revision.

Further Resolved, That the premium of £19 due upon the " Cover Note " be paid.

2---Hours of opening of the Canary—Resolved, That for the present the Gallery be opened every day, except Sundays, from 10 to 1, and 2 to 4, and on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8.

3 - Custodian of Gallery—Resolved, That Mr. Young be appointed as Custodian of the Gallery, at a salary of 11s 6d to commence on the 6th of November.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 4th day of December, 1899.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th day of November, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher, M. Davis, Dix and Lenthall (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year

2—Hoarding in Suffolk Street—A Letter from Mr. S. Shenton was read stating that the hoarding in Suffolk Street did not belong to him but to Mr. G. Dickinson of No 05, Regent Street. Resolved, To adjourn further consideration of the matter pending enquiry.

3—Crossing at Entrance to Hampton's Garden and Removal of Lamp--A Letter was read from Mr. J. Roche stating that he proposed to lay down a crossing at the entrance to the Cheltenham Athletic Grounds facing Grosvenor Street, with silver grey stone laid in concrete, and applying for the removal of the lamp post to one side. Resolved, That permission to Mr. Roche to lay down the crossing subject to the work being done to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and the application for the removal of the lamp be granted.

4—Flooding of College Road—Resolved to instruct the Borough Surveyor to lay a pipe in this road with gully, to drain off the storm water

5—Russell Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a Specification of the works required to be done in this street by the Abutting Owners.

6- Corner of New Street and Knapp Road— The Borough Surveyor reported that he had seen Mrs. Willett, and that she was Willing to sell the corner of her yard required to round it off for the sum of £50. Resolved, That if Mrs. Willett will undertake that in future no hoarding or bill posting station shall be erected on the remaining portion of her said property, her offer be accepted.

7—Doors opening over Footpaths—The Borough Surveyor reported in Whitehart Street, two doors at the premises of Mr. Pugh, Milkman; in King Street, one at the premises of Mr. J. Hickman, and in St. Paul's Street South, one at a Public House, opposite the premises of Mr. Morris, in the High Street, opened over the footpaths. Resolved, That notices be served on the owners, pursuant to Section 61 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847, requiring them within 8 days to cause the said doors to be altered so as not to open outwards.

8—Street Projections--A Letter from Messrs. Clark and Morgan, Automobile Engineers, of No. 22, Clarence Street, was read, asking whether any objection would be made to their fixing a wrought iron sign on the side of the house, projecting 3 or 4 feet over the Street, to which the Borough Surveyor had replied that it was very doubtful if the Council would allow it, as no projecting signs had been approved for some years. Resolved, That the reply of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

A Letter was read from Mr. A. W. Kiddie, of Leicester Street, Southport, asking for permission to place a bicycle stand between the trees opposite No. 14a, Promenade Villas, which he was fitting up as a shop for Mr. Ayris. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

A Letter was read from Messrs. F. Beckingsale and Son, applying for permission to fix an Electric Arc Lamp outside their premises, No. 187, High Street, 12 feet from the ground and projecting 30 inches. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the projection not being more than 2 feet.

A Letter was read from Messrs. Such & Sons applying for permission to erect a small ornamental wrought iron Electric Light bracket over the shop window at No. 8t, High Street, for Messrs. Salisbury & Son, the projection from the shop front not to exceed 15 inches, and the height from the footpath to be not less than 8 feet. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

9—Building Plans —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1242 | Captain Parsons | House and Stables, Shurdington Road |
| 1243 | Allsopps Limited | Additions to the Royal Union Inn, Hatherley Street |
| 1244 | James Lanwarne | Workshop at rear of No. 5, Hatherley Villas |
| 1245 | Pearce & Co. | Terrace of semi-detached Cottages in the Gloucester Road |

Resolved, That the same be approved as shown as regards construction of buildings. A Letter was read from Mr. E. W. Fear, of No. 13, Montpellier Avenue, applying to the Council to re-consider their decision to disapprove his Plan for the extension forwards of his shop front to include the angle of the footpath on the south side of his premises, formed by the projection of the premises on the east side. Resolved, That the Application be not acceded to.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of November, 1899—Present: The Mayor Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher and Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

10—Street Projections—A Letter was read from Mr. A. G. Sanders applying for permission to fix at the shop in the High Street lately occupied by Mr. Caudle two outside three-light electric light brackets similar to those at Messrs. Baily and Jones. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual requirements as to height and projection.

A Letter was read from Mr. H. Rowbotham, for Messrs. Nelson & Sons, Ltd., applying for permission to place a lamp outside their shop at No. 281, Lower High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

A Letter was read from Miss S. Roberts, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Branch of the Home Arts and Industries applying on behalf of the Committee of the Association for permission to suspend their flag across the High Street from the Corn Exchange to the premises of Messrs. Williams & Co., Coal Merchants, during the three days of their Annual Home Arts Exhibition on the 4th, 5th and 6th of December. Resolved. That the application be not acceded to.

A Letter was read from Messrs. Haines and Isher apologising for having been guilty of a breach of the Regulations by fixing two outside electric lamps at the Domestic Bazaar, Plough Buildings, and alleging that they were quite ignorant that they should first have obtained the consent of the Council. Resolved, To accept the apology and that the lamps be allowed to remain subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

11-Clinker Paving—The Committee had under consideration a long report describing in detail the various methods seen by the Members who visited Bath, Bristol, and Hornsey, and an estimate of the cost of the plant for dealing with the whole of the clinker produced at the Destructor. From the figures placed before the Committee, and the observation of the Members who visited Hornsey, they are of opinion that slabs in many respects equal to those now in use can be produced and sold at a profit for 2s 9 per square yard. The lowest price at which slabs can now be bought is 3s 10d per square yard. The cost of the plant is estimated at about £2,600. Resolved, That the necessary plant be established at the Ash Destructor premises at the estimated cost of £2,600; and That application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan to provide for the expenditure.

12—Contracting for Private Improvement Works, &c.—Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 17 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 27th of May, 1898, that Tenders for all Private Improvement Works, and work of paving, edging, and channelling, estimated to cost £20 and upwards be advertised for, be rescinded.

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13— Opening of Doors over Footpaths --Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised in future without reference to the Committee to serve notices pursuant to Sec. 61 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, upon the owners of premises having doors opening over footpaths requiring them within 8 days to cause the said doors to be altered so as not to open outwards.

14—Corporation Veterinary Surgeon—A Letter was read from Mr. F. W. Taylor stating that he believed it was usual at this meeting to appoint a Veterinary Surgeon, and that he would be pleased to act. Resolved, That Mr. Taylor be appointed as Veterinary Surgeon to the Corporation for 12 months, commencing on the 1st of January next.

15—Pavement Light at No. 2, Clarence Street—A Letter was read from Mr. A. W. Bryant, stating that he had been recommended by the Sanitary Inspector to remove a w.c. in the basement of No. 2, Clarence Street into a cellar under the pavement, and having done so he would be glad of permission to pierce the pavement for the insertion of a small glass light, say not exceeding 5 or 6 inches, as there was no other way of admitting light. Resolved, That permission be granted.

16 -Report of the Borough Surveyor re highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 7th October to 24th November, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Queen's Road 623 super yards.

Patching—St. George's Road and Place, Gloucester Road, Royal Well Place, Portland Street, Montpellier Opening, Douro Road, Bath Road, Evesham Road, Tewkesbury Road, St. George's Street, St. James's Square, Stanhope Street, Regent Street, Grosvenor Street, High Street, Sherborne Street, Gloucester Place, Tivoli Road, Prestbury Road, Clarence Street, Dunalley Street, Oriel Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Oxford Street 1153 super yards, Western Road 800 super yards.

Patched—Elm Street, Commercial Street, Christ Church Road, Lansdown Terrace. Repaired with Asphalte—Grove Street 912 super yards and Sydney Street 482 super yards.

The ditch in Old Bath Road was being piped opposite the new houses and the road widened.

Repairs to Paving, Crossing, Kerb, and Channelling—Duke Street, Lypiatt Street, Tivoli Place, Lypiatt Terrace, Grove Street, Bath Road, Sun Street, High Street, Liverpool Place, Fairview Street, Millbrook Street, All Saints' Terrace, Pittville Circus Road, Oriel Road, St. Margaret's Road, Queen's Circus, Lansdown Crescent and Road, Sydney Street, Alstone Lane, Evesham Road, Fairview Road, Promenade, and Columbia Street.

The footpath in Tivoli Place is being repaired with Local Gravel and Wickwar Gravel.

The crossing opposite Packer's Yard, Tewkesbury Road, has been relaid with plugged bricks.

The crossing leading front Lansdown Crescent to Waite and Kite's has been relaid with plugged bricks.

Trees had been Pruned in Queen's Road, College Road, Imperial Square, St. Luke's, Priory Street, Carbon Street, North Place, Winchcomb Street, Bath Road, Christ Church Road. Cut down 9 dead, in Promenade 2, St. George's Road 2, Pittville 7.

Private Improvements—St. George's Place, Royal Well Place, Oriel Road, Oxford Street finished, Sydenham Villas proceeding.

Ashes Collected and Disposed of—Six weeks ending 24th November, 1899—Loads collected 1354, Loads consumed 1342—weight 1571 tons 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 17—Steam Roller—The 15 ton steam roller required a pair of new wheels and as it could not be made use of in its present condition he had given the order to Messrs. Aveling and Porter to supply them as soon as possible. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved and confirmed.

18-Accident to Mr. J. Jones—A letter was read from Mr. J. Jones, of No. 2, Portland Place, alleging that he had met with an accident caused by the horse in a trap driven by him falling down, owing to an insecurely fastened man hole cover in the road near the Midland Railway Station, which threw him from his seat on the box, and caused him to sustain a compound fracture, and applying to the Corporation to grant him compensation. The report of the Borough Surveyor with reference to the matter having been read and considered, Resolved, That as there is no legal liability on the part of the Corporation, the Council regret they are unable to accede to the application.

19-Channelling in Parabola Road --A letter was read from Mr. W. J. K. Millard, drawing attention to the state of the channels on either side of the last 70 yards of Parabola Road before it joins Bayshill Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in this street.

20-Channelling in College Road—A letter was read from W. R. Chipp and other residents in the College Road, calling attention to the defective state of the channelling of the lower part of the College Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in this street, on both sides, from the High Street to Sandford Road.

21—Hoardings against Railings of the Belle Vile Hotel--Letters were read from Miss Parker, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Pilsworth, of Nos. 4, 7 and 9, Berkeley Place, calling attention to the nuisance caused by the unsightly advertisement boards which had been placed against the railings of the gardens of the Belle Vue Hotel in the High Street. Resolved, To inform the writers that the Street Inspector has been instructed to have the boards removed.

22—Footpath West side of Gloucester Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to pave, edge, and channel this footpath from the bridge over the railway at the Midland Station to the Chelt.

23-Footpath South side of Queen's Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to pave, edge and channel this footpath, from the drinking fountain to the bridge over the Great Western Railway.

24-Trinity School Lane—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this lane asphalted.

25—Stanhope Street--Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to carry out the necessary repairs in this street.

26--Glenfall Street--Resolved, To have the footpaths in this street paved in due course.

27—Road from Exmouth Street to Exmouth Court—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in this street to face the road with tar macadam.

28—Hermitage Street Private Improvement Works—A Plan with specification from the Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above street, was approved. And it was resolved that the necessary sections and estimates be prepared, and that Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

29-Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1246 | J. M. Skarratt | Additions at back of No. 1, Keynsham Bank, High Street |
| 1247 | Col. Vaughan .. | Additions to Battledown Priors, Battledown Approach. |
| 1248 | T. P. W. Butt | Additions to Grovefield Farm, Arle. |
| 1249 | The Deacons of the Catholic Apostolic Church .. | Church in Grosvenor Street. |
| 1250 | S. B. Dix .. | Conversion of existing buildings in Gratton Road to four villas. |
| 1251 | Mrs. Mockler | Bath room wing at Alba Villa, Tivoli. |
| 1252 | The Ladies' College Council | Alterations and additions to Alstone Court. |
| 1253 | Miss Harrison | Coachman's cottage in grounds of Lansdown Lodge. |
| 1254 | T. W. Smith . | Shed for use as a Saw Mill in Exmouth Street. |
| 1255 | J. J. Lane | Shedding at Alstone Flour Mills. |

Resolved, That as regards construction all the plans above-mentioned be approved, and that as regards No. 1250, an offer of Mr. Dix to give up the piece of land shown on the plan to round off the corner at the junction of Gratton Road and Suffolk Street on condition that the Council set back the plinth and railings to the new frontage, be accepted with the thanks of the Council.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th day of November, 1899—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, R. Davies, M. Davis, Lenthall and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1—Chairman —Resolved, That Councillor Bence be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 25 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 9 of Diphtheria ; that 23 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 32 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 4 of Diphtheria.

3—Nuisances from Drains, &c. at Normandy Cottage, Duke Street, No. 38, Brunswick Street, No. 3, Rotunda Terrace, and Boxford House, Sandford Road—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains. &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section..

4—Overcrowding at a Cottage behind No. 23, Burton Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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5-WCs without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

6-Houses Without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

7-Abattoir-The Medical Officer of Health reported that a hanging house was badly wanted, as inconvenience was caused at busy times for want of a cooling or hanging apartment. Resolved, That tenders be advertised for erection of the additional buildings and Caretaker's cottage, in accordance with the plans prepared by the Borough Surveyor already approved of by the Council.

8--Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 10, Duke Street, No. 10, Grosvenor Terrace, Angulus Cottages, Tivoli, Victoria Coffee Tavern, Gloucester Road, No. 46, Townsend Street, No. 7, Queen Street, Jariah Cottage, Victoria Street, No. 5, St. Margaret's Cottages, and No. 38, Brunswick Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was effected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

9--Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Applications to be registered as purveyors of milk were received from Mary A. Baldwin, Paragon Dairy, Bath Road, and Eleanor Cannock, No. 32, Tivoli Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

10-Insanitary Property at No. 38, Brunswick Street, No. 5, Gloucester Road, No. 15, Sandford Terrace, and the Royal Oak inn Yard—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, water pipes, yard paving, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act. 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

11—Flushing Boxes needing Water Supply at Elm Cottage, Swindon Road, No. 303, High Street, No. 29, All Saints' Road, and No.25, Victoria Place, Fairview.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the flushing boxes at these premises had been fixed pursuant to notices which had been served, but no water had been laid on to them. Resolved, That the Water Committee be requested to have the water supply laid on to these flushing boxes from the Corporation mains.

12—Wells at Nos. 12 and 25, Victoria Place, Fairview, No. 9, Union Street. Nos. 1, 3, 4 & 5, Olio Cottages, No. 29, All Saints' Road, No 128, Fairview Road, No. 12, Selkirk Street, No. 9, Glenfall Street, No. 2, Townsend Place & No.2, Sandford Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

13—Slaughter House back of No. 277, Nigh Street—A letter was read from Messrs. Ley Wood & Rickerby, Solicitors for Mr. N. W. Olive, the owner of this slaughter-house, stating that their client declined to accept the £264 offered by the Corporation as compensation for closing it, and suggesting that if resort is had to arbitration, Mr. O. J. Williams, the Registrar of the County Court, should be appointed as a single arbitrator to settle the matter. Resolved, That the suggestion of Messrs. Ley Wood & Rickerby be acquiesced in by the Council.

14---Nuisance from Cats at No. 12, Selkirk Parade—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been no abatement of the nuisance caused by the cats kept on these premises, which was as bad as ever. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for a distress warrant to recover the penalties which had been imposed by the Justices for breach of Order made by them on the 25th of May last.

15—Flooding of Basement of the New Club —A letter was read from the Secretary of the New Club, complaining that the basement of the Club premises had twice this year and twice last year been flooded by the sewage being forced back from the house drains, and urging the necessity of providing a remedy for the evil. Resolved, To inform the writer that the Council regret that there should be such cause for complaint, and to inform him that the Council have in hand schemes for improvement of the Town Sewers which it is hope will abate the nuisance complained of.

16—Extension of Sewer in Sydenham Villas Road —With reference to the application by Mr. F. W. Strange to the Council to extend the sewer in this road to receive the drainage from his new houses, Resolved, That the Council cannot accede to the application, as the extension is one that Mr. Strange should carry out at his own expense.

17-Hatherley Sewer—Resolved, That this Sewer from St. Stephen's Road to the tank be re-laid with rock concrete pipes, at an estimated cost of £3,603. That application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan to provide for the expenditure, and that Tenders for carrying out the work, provisionally upon the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained, be advertised for at once.

18-Heyden Knoll Farm House and Stabling — Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to negotiate with Mr. Smith, the tenant, for immediate possession of the house and stabling at Heyden Knoll Sewage Farm ding plan—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the plan below referred to of an intended new building

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1245 | Messrs. Pearce & Co | Terrace of semi-detached Cottages in the Gloucester Road. |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of November, 1899-Present: The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, R. Davies, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Moles and Waghorne. (Councillor Bence in the chair).

20-Zymotic Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee. 20- 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria ; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 32 of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria.

21-Wells at No. 4 & 5, Blenheim Place, No. 44, Sherborne Street, No. 12, Regent Street, No. 2, St. Luke's Road, No. 3, St. Luke's Terrace, and No. 7, St. Luke's Place-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

22-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order-Applications to be registered as Purveyors of Milk were received from Louisa Russell, of No. 12, Grosvenor Street, W. J. White, of No. 13a, Portland Street, and J. P. Richards, of No 289, High Street. Resolved, That the applications of Mrs. Russell and Mr. White be acceded to, but that the application of Mr. J. P. Richards be not acceded to.

23 -Overcrowding at No. 2, Kear's Cottages The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the Owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

24-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the

necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

25-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

26-Registration under Byelaws of Lodging Houses Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4, Cumberland Cottages, Cross Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these houses were let in lodgings as furnished apartments in connection with a Common Lodging House at No. 54, St. George's Place, and he recommended that they should be registered under the Lodging House Bye-laws. Resolved, That Notices under Bye-law No. 7 of the said Bye-laws be served upon the Landlords of the said houses to supply the information necessary for registration, and statement of the particulars specified in the said Bye-law.

27-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 17, Stoneville Street, No. 54, St. George's Place, No. 1, Kear's Cottages, No. 5, Grove Street, and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7, Barnes' Yard-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

28-Nuisances from Drains, &c., at Park Cottage, London Road, No. 14, Casino Place, and Buckingham House, Wellington Street-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

29-Houses Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Kear's Cottages, Grove Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified that these houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain Orders for them to be closed.

30-Insanitary Property at Nos. 5 and 6, Grove Street, and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7, Barnes' Court, Grove Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, ceilings, walls, staircases, paving, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

31-Insanitary Urinals at the coach and Horses, Portland Square, and the Spread Eagle Inn, High Street- The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were in such an insanitary condition for want of seater supply and owing to defective state of repair as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875. be served on the owners, requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on proper water supply for flushing, and carry out the works of repair therein specified.

32-Sewer under No 1, Berkeley Place-A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, was read, stating that Col. Aislabie, the owner of No. 1, Berkeley Place, had informed them that in consequence of work done by the Corporation in carrying a sewer under the garden of his house, the back wall was in a dangerous condition owing to the ground having fallen in, but although notice " it had been given three days before they wrote, no one had been to inspect the place or repair the damage done. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons that the work of repair was then in hand.

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Building plans--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Notices and Plans which he had received from persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1247 | Colonel Vaughan .. | Additions to Battledown Priors, Battledown Approach. |
| 1248 | T. P. W. Butt | Additions to Grovefield Farm, Arle. |
| 1249. | The Deacons of the Catholic Apostolic Church .. | Church in Grosvenor Street |
| 1250 | S. B. Dix | Conversion of existing buildings in Gratton Road into 4 Villas. |
| 1251 | Mrs. Mockler | Bath room wing at Alba Villa, Tivoli. |
| 1252 | The Ladies' College Council | Alterations and additions to Alstone Court. |
| 1253 | Miss Harrison | Coachman's cottage in grounds of Lansdown Lodge. |
| 1255 | J. J. Lane | Shedding at Alstone Flour Mills |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, No. 1247 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the Plans referred to be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, M. Davis, Hayward, Lenthall and Steel.

1—Chairman—It was Resolved, That Mr. Councillor Dix be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held Monday, the 27th day of November, 1899—Present The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix and Steel (Councillor Dix in the chair)—

2 -Light Railway—The Town Clerk read a letter he had received from the Light Railway Commissioners, with which they forwarded a copy of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Order, which had been submitted to the Board of Trade for confirmation, from which it appeared that the clauses desired by the Town Council, as pointed out to the Commissioners by the Town Clerk in his letter of the 29th August last, had still been omitted. He also read the draft of a letter which he proposed to write to the Board of Trade, with a copy of his aforesaid letter, calling

attention to the fact that the Amendments desired by the Council were ignored by the Order, although they had been agreed to by the Promoter. Requesting the Board to consider his said letter as now addressed to them, and that before the Order is confirmed by the Board it may be modified in such a manner as to include the Amendments suggested in his said letter, and that the Board should inform hint whether they would receive a deputation from the Council or whether any other opportunity would be given to the Corporation to be heard before the Board in support of their appeal. Resolved, That the draft letter referred to be approved.

3—Sunday Trams—A letter was read from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths, with which he forwarded a copy of a letter which had been addressed to Mr. Nevins by the Rector, himself and the Rev. J. E. Walker on behalf of a Committee which had been formed to secure the sacredness in which the Sunday is regarded and the quietude of the town on Sundays, requesting him to give an assurance that trams would not be allowed to run at all on Sundays while in his control, and that on his Parting with such control he would only do so subject to a proviso to this effect.

S. B. DIX,
Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1899—Present:
Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Lenthall and Macdonald.

1--Chairman—It seas Resolved, That Mr. Alderman Winterbotham be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. T. BRYDGES,
Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of November, 1899—Present:
Alderman Winterbotham ;

Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Dix, Lenthall and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)-

2-Entertainment Sub-Committee—This Committee presented their Report of the financial result of the entertainments promoted by the Council during the past season. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned.

Further Resolved, That the same members as before be re-elected to constitute the Entertainment Sub-Committee for the ensuing season, except that Councillor Lenthall be elected in place of the late Councillor Mills.

3—Advertising—A Letter was read from Mr. Walter Hill, Proprietor and Publisher of the Seaside, Farmhouse, and Country Lodging Guides, calling attention to these Guides published by him on behalf of the various railway companies, which afforded a very effective and cheap medium for bringing the attractions of the town before the public, and that he was prepared to insert a description of the town with plates for a price which only actually covers the nett cost to him of the work without charging the Corporation anything for the advertisement they receive thereby, and

that he would be pleased to quote prices for plates and descriptive matter to appear in the Guide of one or more of the railways. Resolved, That the suggestion be not entertained.

A Letter was read from Mr. H. G. Somerville, of No. 68, Thornton Avenue, Turnham Green, London, W., suggesting that an exhaustive article on Cheltenham should be inserted in the Court Circular, and enquiring if he did this, illustrating it with blocks supplied by the Council, would the Council be willing to have 13 insertions of an advertisement 2 inches by 5 inches at 5s each. Resolved, To inform Mr. Somerville that the Council are not willing to comply with his proposal.

A Letter was read from the Assistant Secretary to the Sanitary Record enquiring if the Council would renew the insertion of the four line notice of the town which appeared in the last issue of the Diary at a cost of 4s Resolved, That the insertion be renewed in the next issue at the price named.

4--Dog Show at Winter Garden -A Letter was read from Mr. T. McL. Lochhead, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Dog Show asking for permission to make use of the Winter Garden, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 21st and 22nd of March next for holding a Dog Show in, upon the same terms as before. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on condition that no outside tent is erected except on a site to be decided upon by the Borough Surveyor and in accordance with his directions, that no erection shall be placed upon the Bowling Green, and that the cost of providing the electric light shall be paid by the Show Committee in addition to the rental of £10.

5—Skating Rink at Winter Garden for Quoit Competition—A Letter was read from Mr. J. Stevens, Hon. Sec. of the Committee of the English Quoit Association, stating if the use of the Skating Rink could be obtained the Association proposed to play the final game there for the IS yards Championship of England. That all expenses would be borne by the Committee and any damage done would be rectified to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, That the use of the Winter Gardens for the purpose referred to on the 29th inst. be granted for a nominal charge of 2 guineas.

6-Armoury at Pittville Pump Room—A letter was read from Capt. Mouatt Biggs, of E. Company of the Rifle Volunteers, expressing thanks for the offer of a room at Pittville Pump Room for an armoury, but which he regretted he was unable to accept as it was too far away from the usual drill grounds for the men to go to obtain their rifles.

7-Pittville Crescent Gardens—Resolved, That the road between these two gardens be turfed over and enclosed in the gardens in Order to form the two gardens into one long one.

8-Blocks of Photographs of the Town—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain four blocks of photographs of the Town for use for advertising purposes.

9-Fund Concert—Resolved. That the chairs belonging to the Council be lent free of charge for use at the Assembly Rooms for the Concert to be held there on the 7th of December next in aid of the fund being raised for the benefit of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the Transvaal War.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

REPORT OF CONCERT SUB-COMMITTEE.

As Addenda to Minutes of the Town Improvement Committee of date the **30th November, 1899.**

There have been 182 Vocal Concerts held independently of the performances of the Town Band at other times and places, and of the Cheltenham Brass, Gloucester Artillery, and the Volunteer Battalion Gloucester Regiment Bands.

At the Vocal Concerts 240,560 persons have attended, being rather over five times the population of the Town.

The Hire of Chairs for the year has realised £74 18s. 3d., being about half the total cost of the new chairs.

The Sunday Collections have realised £153 6s. 3d., which is a gratifying item, but which of course does not reach one-half the cost of providing these free concerts.

Your Committee would point out that the Montpellier Gardens Concerts show a profit of £95 2s. 4d. on the season, and trust that with the proposed alterations to the Winter Garden, the increased comfort and convenience will lead to larger attendances and so reduce the deficit on the concerts, for which the Winter Garden is chiefly responsible.

SAMUEL B. DIX

Chairman Concert Sub-Committee.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 30th day of November, 1899—Present: Councillors Baker, Dix, Lenthall, and Macdonald. (Councillor Macdonald in the chair).

10-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Macdonald was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

11—Corporation Entertainments—Councillor Dix presented the balance sheet relating to the Corporation Entertainments for the 11 season ending 31st of October last, showing deficit balances on the Entertainments at Pittville and the Winter Gardens respectively, of £28 8s. 8d., and £124 11s. 2d., and a credit balance on the Entertainments at Montpellier Gardens of £95 2s. 4d., the total deficit being £57 17s. 6d. Resolved, That the balance sheet as now laid before the Committee be approved.

JOHN MACDONALD,

Chairman

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 11th day of November, 1899—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Dix, Macdonald and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1 -Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor (Alderman Norman) be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2 -Extension of Electric Lighting Area—Resolved, That Electric lines be laid down in the following Streets and Roads within the proposed extended area of supply within two years from the commencement of the Order, that is to say:—

The main road from the Borough Boundary to the Post Office on Cleeve Hill.

The main or London Road from the Borough Boundary to the corner of the Copt Elm Road in Charlton Kings, and

The main or Evesham Road from the Borough Boundary to New Barn Lane.

3- Gas Inspector's Report--The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the past month had been 4.2306 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—It appeared from this book that during the past month, 7 metered lamps and 25 unmetered lamps had been out and 2 had been burning dimly.

5—Loan of £16,600—A letter was read from the Local Government Board, with which they forwarded their formal sanction to borrow £16,600 for Electric Lighting purposes.

6---Lighting of Overton Road—A Memorial was read from Mr. E. H. Parsonage and others, calling attention to the present very unsatisfactory condition of the lighting of that portion of the Overton Road leading from Overton Park to the Malvern Road. Resolved, That two incandescent gas lamps be placed in this portion of the Overton Road, in the position indicated to the Borough Surveyor.

7—Lighting of Arle Road—Resolved, That the lamp in the centre of the Arle Road at the entrance to Hester's way be remove, 1 to the footway on the west side of the road.

8—Lighting of Alley near Christ Church Schools-Resolved, That the lamp in this Alley be moved to the opposite side of the footway.

9---Lighting of Entrance to Electric Lighting Station—A Letter was read from Councillor Davis, suggesting that a lamp should be placed near the approach to the Electric Lighting Station. Resolved, That an incandescent electric lamp be placed at the entrance to the approach referred to.

10-Lighting of Charlton Lane—A Letter was read from Mr. A. E. Godwin, of the Potteries, drawing attention to the lighting of this road and making a request for additional lamps. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

11-Lighting near Lansdown Crescent—A Letter was read from Mr. C. S. Humphries, of Sydney House, drawing attention to the need of better light where the back lane joins Lansdown Crescent, and suggesting that an Electric Lamp should be placed at the junction of the said roads opposite Sydney House. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of November, 1899-Present ; The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Macdonald, Steel and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)-

12-Cas Examiners Report-The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read:-

| ILLUMINATING POWER, | | PURITY-SULPHUR. | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1899 | | 1899 | Grains per 100 cubic ft. |
| Oct. 17th .. | 16.53 candles | Oct. 17-18. | 12.65 |
| " 24th .. | 15.97 " | " 24-25 | 12.67 |
| " 28th .. | 16.26 " | Nov. 7-8 | 13.69 |
| Nov. 15 th | <u>16.65</u> " | " 15-16 | <u>14.88</u> |
| Average .. | 16.46 " | Average .. | 13.47 |

13-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.2353 cubic feet, and that the hourly average of the ordinary gas lamps was 4.255, and the No. 3 Incan-descent gas lamps 3.968 cubic feet.

14-Lamp Book-This book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 20 metered, 36 unmetered, and 2 burning dimly.

15-Lighting of Sherborne Place, Sherborne Street, Brighton Road, Victoria Terrace and Coltham Terrace-A Letter was read from Councillor Bence calling attention to the insufficient lighting of these streets, and suggesting that with the exception of Coltham Terrace it would be sufficient improvement if incandescent gas burners were substituted for the ordinary gas burners on the existing standards, but in the case of Coltham Terrace an additional lamp was badly required in the lane upon which the cottages abut. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bence that the Committee will view the localities referred to in due course.

16--Lighting of Whaddon Lane-A Letter was read from four residents in Whaddon Lane asking for the provision of some lamps to light this lane. Resolved, To inform the writers that the Committee will pay a visit of inspection to the locality at an early date.

17-Lighting of Tewkesbury Road -A Letter was read from William Gregory and 5 other residents in the Tewkesbury Road, asking for provision of better light in the Tewkesbury Road, opposite the entrance to Gas Lane. Resolved, That an additional gas lamp be fixed at the entrance to Russell Street.

18---Time for Turning off Lighting of Town Clock-Resolved. That the Electrical Engineer be instructed to take under his charge the electric clock for regulating the lighting of the Town Clock and to arrange for the light to be turned off in the mornings somewhat later than hitherto.

19--Electrical Engineer's Report - The Electrical Engineer reported that all work both of extensions and of ordinary running had progressed satisfactorily during the present month. The condensing plant extension would shortly be completed, and the work of erecting out two new boilers was in hand and was being pushed forward as quickly as possible.

That the premises of 346 customers were then connected with the mains with the equivalent of about 21800 8 candle-power lamps. and applications, excluding those from outside the Borough, had been received from some 20 intending customers, and he knew of other intending customers.

That he had estimated the cost of lighting by arcs the Leckhampton Road from the Norwood Arms to the Malvern Inn-a length of about three-quarters of a mile-and also the cost of providing three arcs at the back of the Promenade long garden. These extensions he had included in the appended estimate (along with others approved by the Council since the last application was made for sanction to a loan) of extensions to street lighting, private supply mains, and plant at Works required as hereinafter described.

With reference to private supply mains he had included such extensions as might probably be required within the next six months, or possibly a year within the Borough and excluded such mains as might be required on account of the Tramway. He had endeavoured so use such reasonable foresight as was possible in order to obviate application for another loan in this connection at an early date.

Similarly with reference to the works plant he had included such extensions as would be required for giving supply next winter, 1900, excluding such plant as might be necessitated by the Tramway.

The Schedules 2 and 3 showed that a considerable number of mains and street lighting extensions had already been approved by the Council and had been carried out since the date of the last application for a loan; others were required at once for giving supply to intending customers ; the remainder were those likely to be required or advisable before long.

In this estimate for the Local Government Board then laid before the Committee for approval he had written off, or deducted, some extensions which were sanctioned in earlier loans but not carried out in consequence of other applications rendering different modes of dealing with them more desirable.

When the Plans for the Tramway should be complete it would be necessary to apply for a further loan; meantime he recommended application for sanction to a loan of £17,500 in accordance with the detailed estimate appended.

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ESTIMATE ABOVE REFERRED TO.-£17,500 LOAN.

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|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Extensions to Works' Plant as per Schedule 1 | £3790 0 0 |
| Mains and Substations as per Schedule 2 | £8870 0 |
| Street Lighting as per Schedule 3 | 2380 0 0 |
| House Services—Meters and Fuse Boxes | £ 365 0 0 |
| Cable Boxes and Labour | £ 165 0 0 |
| | £ 530 0 0 |
| Transformers—10 50 Kilowatt | £1300 0 0 |
| Contingencies-4 per cent. approx. | £ 630 0 0 |
| | £17500 0 0 |

SCHEDULE 1.

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| 1 Korting's Ejector Condensor complete with Motor Pumps, Valves, Pipes and Spraying Nozzles | £1000 0 0 |
| 1 Cooling Pond for ditto | £ 700 0 0 |
| 1 Boiler Feed Pump complete with Motor, Foundations, Pipes, Valves, Cable and Switches | £ 500 0 0 |
| 1 Battery of Accumulators complete with Cable, Switchgear, Insulators, Stands and Accessories | £1500 0 0 |
| 1 Motor Generator for charging single cells | £ 60 0 0 |
| 1 Fire Appliance Cupboard | £ <u>30 0 0</u> |
| | £3790 0 0 |

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SCHEDULE 2.

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| Portland Street, from Warwick Place to Trinity Church— one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 167 | £43 0 0 |
| Albion Street four low pressure distributors. Plan No. 153 | 42 0 0 |
| Carlton Street, from Hewlett Street to Priory Street— one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 108 | 50 0 0 |
| Albion Street, Grosvenor Street and Sherborne Place— one low pressure distributor. Plan No 166 | 150 0 0 |
| Berkeley Place, from Hewlett Street for a distance of 100 yards—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 130 | 40 0 0 |
| Overton Park and Parabola Road, from St. George's Road Substation to within 200 yards of Bayshill Road —one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 131 | 335 0 0 |
| Well Place, Malvern Place, &c., from Christ Church Road Substation to Overton Road—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 152 | 185 0 0 |
| Lansdown Road, from Glencairn Substation for 200 yards— one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 168 | 70 0 0 |
| St. Stephen's Road (55 yards on East side)— one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 136 | 25 0 0 |
| Tivoli Street and Tivoli Place— one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 167 | 27 0 0 |
| Park Place, from Suffolk Road to Grafton Road. -one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 160o | 135 0 0 |
| Bath Road, 55 yards between Exmouth Street and Clare Street—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 167 | 15 0 0 |
| Rodney Terrace, from No. 20 for 130 yards--- one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 133 | 50 0 0 |
| St. George's Road, from Promenade to St. George's Road Substation—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 171 | 135 0 0 |
| St. George's Place and Bayshill Road (both sides)—one low pressure distributor from Manchester Street Sub- station to Queen's Parade, and one low pressure distributor from Fauconberg Road to Overton Road. Plan No. 158 | 540 0 0 |
| Queen's Road, from Gloucester Road for 400 yards—one low pressure distributor. Queen's Road, from North side to Westall Green Substation—two low pressure distributors. Plan No. 170 | 160 0 0 |
| Bath Road, from Suffolk Road to Montpellier Drive—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 145 | 130 0 0 |
| Clarence Square, from No. 7 for 200 yards--one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 162 | 65 0 0 |
| Clarence Road and Portland Street —one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 162 | 18 0 0 |
| Priory Parade. from High Street for 65 yards—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 134 | 30 0 0 |

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| Clarence Street (East) from High Street Substation for 110 yards—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 169 | 38 0 0 |
| London Road, from Belle Vue Substation for 65 yards towards College Road. Plan No. 163 | 25 0 0 |
| Bayshill Terrace, York Terrace and St. George's Road from Bayshill Road to St. George's Road Substation— one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 154 | 175 0 0 |
| St. George's Road (South), Western Road, &c., from St. George's Road, Substation to Christ Church Road— one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 156 | 195 0 0 |
| Lansdown Place, from Suffolk Lawn to Montpellier Substation—two low pressure distributors. Plan No. 161. | 45 0 0 |
| Suffolk Square (West) from North corner of Square for 110 yards—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 142 | 55 0 0 |
| Suffolk Parade and Montpellier Terrace Lane, from Montpellier Terrace Substation to Bath Road—one low pressure distributor. Suffolk Parade, from Montpellier Terrace Substation to Montpellier Terrace Lane —one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 141 | 120 0 0 |
| Sandford Road, from Bath Road for 90 yards, and from Suffolk Lawn for 220 yards—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 144 | 115 0 0 |
| Old Well Walk and St. George's Road to Imperial Square Substation —one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 150 | 122 0 0 |
| Promenade, from Crescent Terrace for So yards—one low pressure distributor. Plan No 167 | 42 0 0 |
| Rodney Terrace and Cambray Lane—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 157 | 33 0 0 |
| Trafalgar Street from Oriel Road for 160 yards, and Oriel Road from Rodney Terrace to Bath Road—one low pressure distributor. Plan Nos. 151, 159 | 150 0 0 |
| Bath Street from Bath Road for 60 yards—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 143 | 35 0 0 |
| Bath Road, from High Street to Oriel Road—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 143 | 110 0 0 |
| Leckhampton Road, from Norwood Arms for 200 yards--one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 165 | 75 0 0 |
| Carlton Street, from Priory Street to Hale's Road—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 172 | 150 0 0 |
| Clarence Road, from Winchcomb Street Substation to Evesham Road—one high pressure feeder. Plan No 129 | 40 0 0 |

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| New feeder (No. 3) from Works to Manchester Street Substation. Plan No. 155 | 1100 0 0 |
| Bayshill Road and Overton Road, from St. George's Road to Montpellier Sub Station— | |

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| one high pressure feeder. Fauconberg Road, from Bayshill Road to Queen's Circus Substation. Plan No. 174 | 270 0 0 |
| Grafton Road and Norwood Road, from the Park to Norwood Arms Substation —one high pressure feeder. Plan No. 173 | 160 0 0 |
| Leamington Place, from Winchcomb Street Substation to Pittville Circus—one high pressure feeder Plan No. 173 | 70 0 0 |
| Queen's Road, from Christ Church Road to Gloucester Road— one high pressure feeder. Plan No. 176 | 170 0 0 |
| High Street (South) from St. George's Square Substation for 130 yards—one low pressure distributor. High Street (North) from America Passage to High Street Substation and from High Street Substation for 250 yards—One low pressure distributor. High Street, from North side to St. George's Square Substation—two low pressure distributors and one high pressure feeder. Plan Nos. 148 and 149 | 230 0 0 |
| Manchester Street and Ambrose Street from Manchester Street Substation to St. George's Square Substation —one low pressure distributor and one high pressure feeder. Plan Nos. 139 and 146 | 165 0 0 |
| Christ Church Road, from Malvern Road to Christ Church Road Substation—one high pressure feeder and one low pressure distributor. Christ Church Road, from Queen's Road to Christ Church Road Substation—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 177 | 314 0 0 |
| High Street and College Road. from Belle Vue Substation to College Road Substation—one high pressure feeder and one low pressure distributor. College Road, from College Road Substation to Sandford Road —one low pressure distributor. Blenheim Place and Bath Parade, from College Road to Bath Road—one low pressure distributor. St. Luke's Road, from College Road to Bath Road—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 163 | 567 0 0 |
| London Road, from Hale's Road to Hayward's Lane— one high pressure feeder and one low pressure distributor Plan No. 178 | 270 0 0 |
| Hale's Road, from London Road to King's Road—one high pressure feeder and one low pressure distributor Battledown Approach, from Hale's Road to Borough Boundary. Plan No. 179 | 435 0 0 |
| Pittville Circus Road, from All Saints' Road to Hewlett Road— one high pressure feeder and one lose pressure distributor. Hewlett Road, from Pittville Circus Road to All Saints' Road—one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 180 | <u>440 0 0</u> |
| | £7961 0 0 |
| 10 New Substations (complete except transformers) | <u>1700 0 0</u> |
| | £9661 0 0 |
| Less extensions (as per schedule below) authorised in previous | |

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| Loans, but not required | £ <u>791 0 0</u> |
| | £8870 0 0 |
| St George's Road, from St. George's Parade (South end) to Western Road— one high pressure distributor | 40 0 0 |
| Park Place, from Montpellier Substation to the Park—one high pressure distributor | 107 0 0 |
| St. George's Road, from Promenade to Overton Park—one low pressure street lighting main | 110 0 0 |
| Montpellier Street, from Queen's Circus Substation to Montpellier Substation—one high pressure feeder. | 39 0 0 |
| Queen's Road, from Lansdown Hotel to Christ Church Road—one high pressure distributor | 34 0 0 |
| Christ Church Road from Malvern Road to Queen's Road—one high pressure feeder and one high pressure distributor | 314 0 0 |
| College Road, from High Street to Sandford Road—one high pressure distributor | <u>147 0 0</u> |
| | £791 0 0 |

SCHEDULE 3.

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| St. George's Road (Promenade to Gloucester Road) and Overton Park Arc and Incandescent Lighting — 15 arc lamps and 13 incandescent lamps. Plan Nos. 147 and 181—extra cost | £825 0 0 |
| Suffolk Parade and Great Norwood Street, from Montpellier Terrace to St. Phillip's Street ; Suffolk Square North side) and approach from Promenade to Suffolk Square—extra cost of arc lighting | 170 0 0 |
| Leckhampton Road, from Norwood Arms to Malvern Inn-16 arcs. Plan No. 182 | 1305 0 0 |
| Promenade-3 arcs. Plan No. 183 | <u>210 0 0</u> |
| | £2510 0 0 |
| Less- St. George's Road, from Gloucester Road to Western Road, Incandescence Lighting, authorized in a previous loan, but not required | <u>130 0 0</u> |
| | £2380 0 0 |

Resolved, That the report of the Electrical Engineer be approved. That the extensions therein referred to be carried out. That the estimate therein contained be approved ; and That application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan of £17,500, to provide for the cost of the extensions.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1899—Present Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Dix, Lenthall, and Waghorne.

1-Chairman—It was Resolved, That Mr. Councillor Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of November, 1899—Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Davis, Rickerby and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

2 —Borough Engineer's Report—The Borough Engineer reported that on the 21st inst. the springs supplying Hewletts yielded 64 gallons, the average for the last four years being 71 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 5,286,715 gallons.

On the 22nd inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 6ft. 4 ½ in. and the contents 6,433,149 gallons which gave a total of 11,718,864 gallons, or about 12 days supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 412,704 gallons, and the pumped supply from Tewkesbury.

Tewkesbury Meters.—The difficulties attending the use of ordinary meters for the supply of water to the Tewkesbury Corporation had caused him to endeavour to obtain a more satisfactory form. Within the last two years the "Venturi" meter had been improved so as to enable a record to be obtained, and it was then coming into use for large mains, notably between the mains of the London Water Companies. The advantage over all other forms was that the pipe was a perfectly clear way without obstruction of any kind. and did not reduce the head or pressure in the Town, the recording apparatus could be placed in the Engine house and thus be protected from damp or injury. The existing meters would be of use in Cheltenham, and consequently save the purchase of other meters. The cost of the " Venturi " meter would be about £80. Resolved, That one "Venturi " meter be purchased for the supply to the Tewkesbury Corporation, the two meters now at Tewkesbury for that purpose to be made use of in Cheltenham.

3—Appeals--The Appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

4—Tewkesbury Water Supply—A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, with reference to the supply of water to some outlying premises within that Borough, and particularly to Mr. Hone's farm premises at Southwick, and Mr. Green's, near Tredington, both of which would be by meter, asking whether the Corporation would supply these premises from the Cheltenham main, and if so, on what terms. Resolved, That Mr. Badham be informed that the Corporation will supply the premises direct from the Cheltenham main, on payment by the Tewkesbury Corporation at the rate of 1s per 1000 gallons, with a dead rent of not less than 10s per half year in each case, and the usual meter rents, the necessary connections to the main to be laid at the expense of the Tewkesbury Corporation, or the consumers.

5--Land at the Mythe—A letter was read from Mr. Edward Smith, tenant of the land at the Mythe, Tewkesbury, claiming the sum of £3 as compensation for disturbance during the making of the additions to the Tewkesbury Water Works, and that in future he could not give more than £15 per annum as rent for the land 5 acres in extent, part of which he stated was use-less, as adjoining land was let at less than 50s per acre, and had not so many footpaths over it. Resolved, That the sum of £3 be paid as compensation, and that the offer to take the land at £15 per annum be adjourned for the present, as the Committee will be visiting Tewkesbury shortly and will interview Mr. Smith on the matter.

6—Additional Water Supply The Borough Engineer's report on the provision of additional Water Supply was further considered. Resolved, That the further consideration of the same be adjourned to a special meeting of this Committee, to be held on Thursday next, at 3 p.m.

7—Filters at Tewkesbury—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain Tenders for the re-construction and repair of the three filters at Tewkesbury requiring such works.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 30th day of November, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Davis, Dix, Lenthall, Rickerby and Waghorne, (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

8 --Additional Water Supply—The Report of the Water Engineer relating to the provision of additional Water Supply, was further considered. Resolved, That a Tender from Messrs. James Simpson & Co., Limited, for the supply of a triple expansion Pumping Engine for the Tewkesbury Works, at a cost of £2,117, be accepted.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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BARON DE FERRIERES' GIFT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of November, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Baron de Ferrieres ; Councillor Hayward and Mr. Tones, (Librarian). Councillor Hayward in the chair—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Hayward was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Insurance of Pictures—A letter was read from Mr. A. Whitcombe, Agent for the Fine Art and General Insurance Company, Ltd., - stating that the Company must have specified values placed upon every picture to enable them to issue an indisputable and binding Policy, and he would be glad to know as soon as possible the value to be placed on each. Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham and the Baron de Ferrieres, with Mr. Jones, be empowered to settle the Schedule of Values to be embodied in the Policy.

3—Account—The following Account was passed for payment, viz :—W. Jones, Petty Cash. £10 0 0

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of November, 1899--Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Gurney, Hayward, Moles, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)--

1--Chairman--Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2--Fire Brigade--The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on October 23rd, the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire in the rear of Brighton House, Regent Street, resulting in damage estimated at £150, and the extinction expenses amounted to £2 9s. 6d.

Also on the 4th instant, to Messrs. Shirer & Haddon's shops in Clarence Street, where a fire was caused by some burning paper, but no damage was done. The extinction expenses amounted to £3 2s. 6d. In both cases the amounts would be claimed from the Insurance Offices in which the properties were insured.

3---Drivers' Licences — An application for a Driver's Licence was received front Walter Smith, of No. 1, Bloomsbury Street. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

4--- Hackney Carriage Licences--A letter was read from John Beamish, of No. 35, Exmouth Street, Bath Road, applying for Licences for two Hansom Cabs. Resolved, To inform Mr. Beamish that his application cannot be acceded to as there are now no vacancies, but his name will be placed on the application list.

A letter was read from Newman Gibbard, of No. 61, Duke Street, requesting permission to use a Landau with his pony carriage licence during the winter. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this matter for a special meeting of the Committee to take into consideration the question of issuing licences of one kind only, under which a closed or open carriage could be used at discretion.

Resolved, That the deputation of Cab Proprietors and Drivers which was received by the Committee before, be invited to attend at the Special Meeting referred to.

5— Drivers twice Convicted within 12 Months—The following Drivers were reported as having been twice convicted within twelve months of offences against the 13yelaws, viz :—Albert Werrett, George Clifford, and George Hawkins.

6- East Ward Allotments—Applications were received from R. Bevan, of No. 6, Union Street, John Davis, of No. 23, Windsor Street, H. Maisey, of No. 4, Woodbine Cottages, E. Eager, of No. 20, Victoria Place, and J. Carter, of No. 21, St. Paul's Street, North, for Allotments of the grass land at the end of Whaddon Lane. Resolved, That Allotment No. 93 be granted to R. Bevan, and No. 95 to J. Davis, and that the other applicants be informed that as there is no more of the land referred to available their applications cannot be acceded to, but that there is vacant land on the old Cast Ward Allotments ground which they can have if they wish.

Further Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the cost of fencing round the Allotment ground in the East Ward.

7-Roundabouts, &c., at Hampton's Gardens—Letters were read from Mr. E. J. Burrow, of the Grosvenor Studios, Araby House, and Mr. George Smith, of Belmont, Grosvenor Street, urging the Council to proceed with the Byelaws for prohibition of Steam Organs in public or semi-public places

within the Borough, and to abolish the nuisance caused to the residents in the vicinity of Hampton's Gardens by the noise from the Steam Organs there. Resolved, That the Byelaws referred to be again considered by the Committee at their next meeting, and that Alderman Winterbotham be specially requested to attend.

s—Naming of Streets and Numbering of Houses—A Letter was read from Mr. A. Cockshott, of No. 7, Pittville Crescent, enquiring whether anything could be done by the Corporation to improve the naming of streets and numbering of houses, and suggesting that a name plate should be fixed to indicate the Prestbury Road near the Pittville Gates, and the houses numbered throughout. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have name plates put up to indicate the Prestbury Road near Pittville Gates and Southam Villa.

9—Representation of the Council on the Board of Governors of the Grammar School--A letter was read from Colonel Thoyts resigning his position as a representative Governor of the Grammar School. Resolved, That the same be received with the thanks of the Council to Colonel Thoyts for his past services, and that action with regard to filling up the vacancy be for the present adjourned.

10—Town Clock—A letter was read from Mr. Holder, Clock-maker, No. 4, High Street, reporting that the connections and bearings of the Town Clock were very much worn and required thorough overhauling and cleaning, and the face required repainting, the cost of which he estimated at £4 10s. 0d. Resolved, That Mr. Holder be authorised to carry out the repairs specified by him, at a cost not exceeding the amount of his estimate.

11—Picture of the late Mr. Parsonage--A letter was read from Mr. E. H. Parsonage, calling the attention of the Council to the desirability of varnishing the portrait of his late father then hanging in the Council Chamber. Resolved, That the picture be varnished as soon as the work can be most conveniently carried out.

12- Hanging of Portrait of Col. Rogers---A Letter was read from Mr. A. Whitcombe, enquiring in what part of the Council Chamber the portrait of Col. Rogers should be hung. Resolved, To leave it to the Mayor and Borough Surveyor to arrange.

13-Petroleum Licences—Applications for renewal of Licences to store Petroleum were received from the following persons, viz. :-

Thomas Harvey, 180, High Street, Buildings at the rear of 180 and 181, High Street.

Lilian Baughan, 2, Exchange Buildings, Iron Building at the rear of 2, Exchange Buildings.

Fraling Bros., 149, High Street, a Building at the rear of 149, High Street.

Maurice Bellamy, 251, High Street, a Building at the rear of 251, High Street.

Albert Lusty, 196, High Street, a Building at the rear of 196, High Street.

Ditto ditto a Building at the rear of 7, 8 and 9, Larput Place.

Executors of late John Fisher, a building back of 34, Winchcomb Street.

George Tillott, 14, Rodney Terrace. a Building at 1, Queen Street.

And for the grant of a Licence from Thos. W. Smith, 1, Naunton Parade, to keep 40 gallons at land opposite 1, Naunton Parade.

Resolved, That all the applications be acceded to.

14—Meetings of Committees, 1900—Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees for the next year be fixed as follows (subject to any which may fall upon a Bank or any other Public Holiday being

fixed for such other day and at such time as the Town Clerk in his discretion ay deem most convenient), viz :—

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| Monday Public Health | at 11 |
| “ Baths and Recreation Grounds | at 3.0 |
| “ Town Improvement | at 4.0 |
| Tuesday Public Library | at 12 |
| “ General Purposes and Watch | at 4.0 |
| Wednesday Lighting | at 4.0 |
| Thursday Water | at 4.0 |
| Friday Burial Board | at 11.30 |
| “ Street and Highway (View) | at 2.30 |

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| Monday Street and Highway | at 3.0 |
| Tuesday Finance | at 3.0 |
| Wednesday School Attendance | at 4.0 |

and second Public Health Committee at 11 a.m. on the first Monday after the Council Meeting.

And second Street and Highway Committee on Second Monday in the Month at 4 p.m.

Tramways and Technical Education Committees when required.

15—Breakage of Window at No. 2, Church Street—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Robins, of Hill View, Cleeve, when turning his cart in Church Street, broke the window of the Electric Light Office, and that he had sent in the bill for the re air amounting to £2 10s. 9d. to Mr. Robins, with a demand for repayment of the amount. That Mr. Robins wished to make an appeal to the Council to contribute towards the cost as the damage was the result of a pure accident. Resolved, To inform Mr. Robin, that the Council will pay half the cost on condition that the other half is paid by him immediately.

16—Conferring Freedom of the Borough on the Baron de Ferrieres—Resolved, To request the Mayor to arrange for a Special Meeting of the Council at an early date to confer the Freedom of the Borough on the Baron de Ferrieres. ported that the collection made at the Concert at the Winter Garden on the 16th inst.

17—War Relief Fund Concert—The Mayor re had provided a balance, after payments of expenses, of £29 8s for this Fund.

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18-Council Chamber -- Resolved, That as an experiment the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have fixed a raised platform for the seats of the Mayor, Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk, and to provide a desk to raise the table in front a corresponding height.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of November, 1899—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker. Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

19—Extension of Borough Boundaries—The Town Clerk submitted the draft of the Memorial to the Local Government Board asking for a Provisional Order for the extension of the Borough Boundaries desired by the Council. Resolved, That the same as now added to and amended be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1899—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Bennett, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles.

1—Chairman—It was Resolved, that Mr. Councillor Lenthall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of November, 1899,—Present: Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown. Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

2----Alstone Baths—Resolved, That the Washing Baths only be opened forthwith.

3--Loans of £233, £460 and £2,000—With reference to the applications made to the Local Government Board to sanction loans for these amounts to purchase lands for recreation ground purposes, a letter from the Board was read, requesting to be furnished with plans of each of the pieces of land referred to, and with a map of the Borough showing the situation of the Naunton Park, the " Agg-Gardner," and the New Recreation Ground proposed, and that if the Council intend to apply for sanction to borrow money for the erection of the Caretaker's House, for which the land adjoining the Naunton Park Recreation Ground is required, or for the laying out of the other two plots of land proposed to be purchased, the Board should be furnished with plans, sections and elevations of the house, and with plans showing how the new grounds are to be laid out, accompanied by detailed estimates of the cost of the works, and a copy of the resolution of the Council applying for sanction to borrow the sum required. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor, as soon as the pressure of similar work in his department will permit, to supply the maps and plans referred to, and to request the Board to modify their requirements as to detailed estimates of the cost, which would involve the immediate preparation of Bills of Quantities.

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4-East Ward Recreation Ground--A Memorial was read from William Gardner and others, objecting to the formation of a Recreation Ground on land adjoining the Pittville Circus Road, as a Recreation Ground so closely adjoining a high-class residential district would be calculated to diminish its value and to be a serious source of annoyance to its inhabitants.

5—Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths—A letter was read from Mr. R. Steel, of No. 1, Oriel Terrace, stating that he had given up the business at this shop to Mr. C. H. Scrivens, and would be glad if the Corporation would release him and accept Mr. Scrivens as tenant. Resolved, That Mr. Steel's letter be accepted as notice of intention to quit at the expiration of three months from the 15th ultimo,

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1899—Present ; The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Dix, Hayward, Macdonald and Steel.

1—Chairman—It was Resolved, That Councillor Gurney be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk,

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of November, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

2—Bank loans—A letter from the Manager of Lloyds Bank, Limited, Cheltenham, was read, reminding the Committee that in October, 1898, a Resolution was passed by the Corporation agreeing to the terms proposed by the Bank for a renewal of the loan to the Corporation for a further period of six months, and stating that he had received instructions to request the Committee to consider the matter with a view to arranging a renewal of the loan, and suggesting that the rate of interest might be made a fluctuating one based upon any changes in the Bank of England rate, or the renewal might be agreed to at a fixed rate, as from April last when the 3 per cent. arrangement terminated. The overdraft rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. below Bank rate, with a minimum of say $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., would, he thought, be agreed to by the Bank. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee.

3—General District Rate for Victoria Cricket Ground—A letter was read from Mr. E. Gridley, the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Cricket Club, appealing to the Council to reduce the rate upon the Victoria Cricket Ground to one-fourth, for the reasons stated by him in his letter. Resolved, That the Council are unable to accede to the application, and to inform Mr. Gridley that Sec. 211 (b) of the Public Health Act, 1875, relating to the Assessment of certain kinds of property at one-fourth does not include land used as a Cricket Ground, or for other kinds of sport or recreation.

4—General District Rate—The Reports of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of the first and second instalments of this rate, was read. Amount collected of first instalment £16,179 0s. 9d., leaving outstanding £1,123 16s. 2d. Amount collected of second instalment £2,097, leaving outstanding £15,237 11s. 4d.

5—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th instant, on the collection of this Rate was read, Amount received £1,386 12s. 3d., leaving outstanding £8,678 8s. 8d.

6—Accounts— The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £10,260 13s. 4d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement:—

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| Overdrawn on the 17th October last | £15,527 1 2 |
| Paid since that date | £ 8459 12 1 |
| Sinking Funds invested since do | £ <u>9000 0 0</u> |
| | £ <u>17,459 12 1</u> |
| | £32,986 13 3 |
| Received since the 17th October (including New Loans 25,300) | £ <u>33,194 17 11</u> |
| Balance in hand | £208 4 8 |

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bennett, Davits, M. Davis, Hayward and Steel,

1—Chairman—It was Resolved, That Mr. Councillor M. Davis be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1899—Present; The Mayor ; Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Moles, Rickerby and Steel ; Rev. J. Mugliston, Rev. J. Evans, Messrs. A. Beckingsale and G. H. Palmer.

1---Chairman—It was Resolved, That Mr. Councillor Hayward be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of November, 1899—Present: Aldermen Haddon & Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Moles, Preston, Rickerby and Steel ; The Revs. J. Evans and J. Mugliston; The Baron de Ferrieres, Dr. Davis ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler, W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer, and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

2-Librarian's Report—The Librarian's Monthly Report was read. Receipts £10 13s, 2d. He reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.

| | No. of Vols. |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| London University | 1 |
| R. Minett | 1 |
| Rev. H. W. Dearden | 1 |
| Trustees of the British Museum | 3 |
| General Russell, M.P. | 4 |
| J. Bonwick | 4 |
| Portsmouth Public Library | 1 |

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| J. W. Arrowsmith | 1 |
| Baron de Ferrieres | 5 and 2 pamphlets |
| W. Barron | 1 “ |

Mr. Cresswell-18 Photographic Views from New Zealand.

Annual Reports from 11 Public Libraries

3--The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended:—

That the List of Books submitted be purchased at a cost of £5 5s. 0d., and that the new Post Office London Directory for 1900 be ordered.

That the wages of C. W. H. Bendall be increased from 6s to 8s per week.

That the offer of Messrs Roberts & Co., of Nottingham, to present 20 volumes of music on the same terms as their last offer, he accepted.

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That arrangements be made to develop the Leckhampton Branch Reading Room and Book Delivery Station, and that the Librarian be authorised to provide a few additional newspapers, etc. as an experiment.

That in future the room be in charge of an Assistant from the Central Library, and that notice be given to the present caretaker that his services will not be required after December 2nd, and that a gratuity of £1 be given him.

That a Junior Assistant be advertised for at 6s per week, and

That the cleaning be done by a woman at a cost of 3s per week.

They also reported that a letter had been received from Miss Millard through General Willoughby, Secretary of the School of Art, asking for better ventilation in the Master's Room.

Resolved, That the Report of the Sub-Committee be approved, and their recommendations confirmed and adopted, and that General Willoughby be informed that having regard to impending building operations, the Committee consider there is no immediate necessity for carrying out the suggested alterations for further ventilation.

4--Leckhampton Branch Library—Resolved, To authorise Mr. Palmer to organise a Local Committee of Management for this Branch Library.

5—Resignation of Captain Welch—The Committee having been informed that Captain Welch had resigned his seat on the Public Library Committee, Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to inform Captain Welch that the Committee have received his resignation with regret, and beg to thank him for his past services.

6—Sub-Committee—Resolved, To re-elect the Members who formed the Sub-Committee during the past year to constitute the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, and that Mr. Beckingsale be elected to serve thereon in place of Captain Welch.

7—Messrs. Pink & Son's Sale—Resolved, To authorise the Librarian to expend a sum not exceeding £20 in the purchase of such books at this sale as he may deem it desirable to acquire for the Library.

8—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and passed for payment, viz. :—

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| W. Jones, Wages Account .. | £15 6 0 |
| " Petty Cash .. | £ 5 0 0 |
| W. Mackenzie, Books (New) .. | £ 3 0 0 |
| M. H. Reay, Repairs .. | £ 5 0 0 |
| Electric Light Committee, Electric Energy .. | £ 12 0 0 |
| Gas Company, Coke .. | £ 4 2 0 |
| S. H. Harris, Coal (Leckhampton 7s 8d .. | £ 1 16 2 |
| S. Palmer, Books (New) .. | £ 0 15 0 |

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1899—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bennett, Moles, Rickerby and Steel.

1--Chairman—It was Resolved, That Mr. Councillor Steel be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

JOHN D. STEEL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th day of November, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Bennett, Cypher, Preston, Rickerby and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

2-Attendarice Officers' Report--The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 41 schools, from which 953 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 93 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 10 meetings ; that 13 parents had been prosecuted ; that 11 were fined, and Attendance Orders were made against the parents of two children to cause them to make regular attendances at School.

3—Local Committees—The Minute books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. :—William Slatter, Albert Wright, Thomas Bennett, Annie Ward, Beatrice Cook, Charles Dix, Emily Fennell (at discretion of two members of the Committee), Charles Cook, Harry Phipps, Lilian Johnson, Charles Dale, Richard Haines, Ellen Llewellyn, Henry Stevens, and Albert Denchfield ; and that proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of May Excell, James Sullivan, W. T. Wildsmith, and John Smith, of No. 3, Hanover Street.

4—Special Examination—The Town Clerk reported that the result of the Special Examination for Proficiency Certificates, held on the 25th instant, had been as follows, viz :—

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| BOYS—Number examined, | 68. |
| Number passed in Standard V. | 22 |
| Number failed in Standard V | <u>46</u> |
| | 68 |

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| GIRLS—Number examined, | 54. |
| Number passed in Standard V. | 30 |
| Number failed in Standard V | <u>24</u> |
| | 54 |

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| Total Number passed | 52 |
| Total Number failed | <u>70</u> |
| | 122 |

5--Attendance of Beatrice Cook—A letter was read from Mr. G. Bradfield, the parent of this child, stating that he did not intend to alter his conduct with regard to sending this child to School. That if he was summoned he should decline to pay, and would draw public attention to the matter by compelling the Committee to distrain on his goods, in addition to which he would remove the child away from School altogether, and he advised the Committee to leave him alone.

JOHN D. STEEL,

Chairman.