

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of December, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Lenthall, Parsonage, and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, 3 of Enteric Fever, and 5 of Diphtheria ; that 6 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 10 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

3--Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 1 and 2, Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road—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.

4—Overcrowding at Nos. 16 and 18, Waterloo 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.

5—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 1, Hill View, St. Paul's Road, Nos. 3, 5 & 6, Rosehill Terrace, No. 2, Exmouth Terrace, No. 8, Keighley Terrace, No. 3, Witcomb Place, No. 2, Townsend Place, Nos. 23, 23 ½ & 24, Burton Street, Cottage at back of Nos. 23 & 24, Burton Street, Nos. 1 & 2, Green's Place, No. 23, Bath Terrace, and Nos. 90, 91 & 95, Tewkesbury, Road —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.

6-Houses Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., Nos. 66 to 74, Stanhope Street inclusive, and the Common Lodging House at No. 70, Stanhope 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.

7—Insanitary Property at Nos. 10 to 18 inclusive, and Nos. 27, 29, 42, 43, 50, 55, 56, 57 & 65, Stanhope Street, and Nos. 3 & 5, Witcombe 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 ceilings, floors, walls, water pipes, &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—Insanitary Urinals—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals at The Cleveland Inn, The Old Anchor Inn, and The Brewer's Inn, Tewkesbury Road, were in such a defective state owing to bad construction and want of water supply, &c., as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of nuisances caused by the defective condition of the Urinals above mentioned, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the respective owners requiring them to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient and proper water supply for flushing and carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

9—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.

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—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Resolved, To accede to an application to be registered as a purveyor of milk received from Mrs. Mary A. Woodhouse, Hale's Road Dairy.

12- Houses let in Lodgings—Resolved, That the Landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 3, Witcomb Place, No. 22, Townsend Place, No. 6, Grove Street, No. 16, Denmark Villas, Nos. 4 & 32, King Street, and Cumberland Villa, Grove Street, be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days, to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging-houses by the Council, as specified by Bye-law No 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

13---Tivoli and other Private Sewers—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to draft and bring up for the approval of the Committee a letter to the Local Government Board stating the position of the Council as regards these private sewers, and to enquire whether the Council can obtain powers by means of a Provisional Order or otherwise than by an Act of Parliament to acquire the proprietary rights of the owners of the private sewers existing in the Borough.

14--Alleged Pollution of the Chelt and the Moat at the Moat House, Uckington—A letter was read from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, solicitors for Mr. E. Hartland, the possessor of the Moat House, with which they forwarded a copy of a Writ which had been issued by the Chancery Division of the High Court at the instance of the Attorney-General and Mr. Hartland as the " Relator," praying for an Injunction to restrain the Corporation from polluting with sewage the Chelt and the Moat, and claiming damages. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to enter an appearance to the Writ and to retain and instruct such counsel as he may deem expedient on behalf of the Corporation to defend the action.

15--Ventilation of Sewers—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a Report with reference to the ventilation of the Sewers in the Borough.

16—Sewage Disposal at Uckington—The Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor presented the Report which, pursuant to the instruction of the Committee, they had prepared with reference to the complaint which had been made that the sewage disposal at Uckington was a source of danger to the health of the inhabitants in that village and the neighbourhood. Resolved, That the Report be printed and a copy sent to each member of the Committee. That further discussion of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee, which shall be summoned one hour earlier for this purpose, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Gibbons that the Council can no longer supply him with sewage for irrigation of the two fields in the occupation of Mr. Brookes, being Nos. 31 and 41 on the Ordnance Survey Map, through which passes the open Sewage Carrier which has been so much complained of as a source of danger to the health of persons traversing the pathway in its vicinity,

17—Chairman—Councillor Lenthall gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting of the Committee that the resolutions to appoint Councillor Bence as Chairman of this Committee for the year eliding the 31st of October next be rescinded, and that Councillor Parsonage be appointed as Chairman of this Committee for the same period.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1900—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Gurney, Lenthall, H. Waghorne and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

18—Chairman—In the absence of Councillor Bence, Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman at this meeting. Further Resolved, That pending the Report of the General Purposes and Watch Committee with regard to a matter being enquired into by them having reference to the Chairman of this Committee, Councillor Parsonage be appointed pro tern. Chairman of this Committee in his place.

19—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, 3 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria, that

2 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 10 of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria.

20- Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Mendip, Queen's Road, Osborne House, Lansdown Road, No. 51, St. James's Street, and No. 6, Clarence Parade—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

21---Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order Resolved, To accede to an application received from Frank Winter, of Paragon Dairy, Bath Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk, and not to accede to a similar application received from Jane Smith, of No. 5, Exmouth Street, Bath Road.

22- Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 20, Upper Norwood Street and No. 1, Leckhampton 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.

23—Insanitary Property at Mersham, St. Mark's. No. 20, St. George's Street, No 22, Upper Norwood Street, and Alpha Cottage, Hatherley Road—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 eaves, spouting, floors, 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.

24-Urinals at the Plough Hotel Yard and Tap—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such an unsanitary condition for want of water supply for flushing and owing to structural defects as to be nuisances. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on sufficient and proper continuous water supply for flushing and carry out such structural amendments as shall be specified.

25 —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 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.

26—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.

27- Houses let in Lodgings - Resolved, That the Landlords of the following houses, viz., Nos. 4, & 6-11, St. Paul's Street South, No. 1, King Street Gardens, No. 24, St. James's Street, No. 20, Denmark Villas, and Nos. 6 & 13, Great Western Terrace, be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessee,.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Crawford complaining that a Notice had been served on his landlady, Miss Bovey, of No. 21, Rodney Terrace, to furnish information for registration of her house as a lodging house, and criticising the way in which the officials of the Health Department put in force the provisions of the Bye-Laws in the case of lodging houses of a superior character such as the one referred to. He remarked that were the system of registration universal or even applied to all the houses in lodgings in the same row and no invidious distinction made, as in this instance, there would be much less ground for objection, but he alleged that particular houses of the better class were picked out for registration. Resolved, To inform Mr. Crawford that so far as they have been ascertained, the landlords of all the houses in Rodney Terrace let in lodgings have been served with a similar notice, that in due course all the others will be so served as they become known, that no partiality whatever is shown, and that it is intended in due course to obtain the same information from the landlords of all the houses in the Borough let in lodgings without regard to their class.

28 -- Stroud's Lodging House, Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the keeper of this lodging house was using a room in an adjoining house as part of his lodging house which ought to be made actually part of the same house by opening a doorway through, and he recommended that the keeper of the lodging house should be ordered to do this, and that the common lodging house should be extended by one room. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

29—Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served to provide ash, receptacles and to affix a flushing box which had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

30—Management of the Sewage Farms—The Medical Officer of Health called attention to the great amount of time spent by the Committee in discussing affairs of farm management entirely foreign to questions of public health. The only thing connected with the sewage farms which was of moment from the point of view of public health was the purification of the sewage, and he recommended that at each meeting of the Committee a report should be received from the officer responsible for the application of the sewage to the land showing how the sewage was being distributed on the land and the state of the effluents during each preceding period ; also that a Farms Management Sub-Committee be appointed whose duty should be to manage the Farms from a purely agricultural point of view, who shall be bound to obey any directions they may receive from this Committee as to the distribution of the sewage. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health be approved and adopted, and that the Farm's Management Sub-Committee consist of Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Parsonage and H. Waghorne.

31—Chaff-cutting Machinery, &c., at Barn Farm—A letter was read from Mr. J. N. Corbett suggesting that the Council should re-consider their decision not to purchase the Chaff-cutting Machinery, Boiler, and Staging, &c., at the Barn Farm belonging to him, and if they thought he had asked too much that they should have it valued by a proper person. A letter was also read from Mr. W. J. Berkeley, the Farm Bailiff, stating that Mr. Meats had valued it, and that he was sure it could be purchased for and that if it was not acquired something similar would be required to do the work Resolved, That the Farms Sub-Committee be requested to bring up a recommendation with regard to the matter.

32—Sewage Disposal at Uckington—Resolved, That further consideration of the Report of the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor On this matter be adjourned pending inspection by the Committee at a view meeting of all places sup-plied by the Council with sewage for irrigation. A letter from Mr. Gibbons was read criticising the action of the Committee in deciding to cease the supply of sewage to the two fields at Uckington belonging to him and in the occupation of Mr. Brookes through which the Sewage Carrier which has been complained of passes. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gibbons that the Committee has decided to make a thorough inspection not only of the Corporation Farms, but of all land to which sewage is supplied by the Council.

33—Barn Farm—Mr. Corbett's Rest--The question of abatement comparative with the amount previously allowed to Mr. Corbett from the quarterly payment in respect of the extended sewage area on this Farm was considered. Resolved, That a corresponding allowance be made accordingly from the period of the last settlement to the 25th instant.

34—Building Plans--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz.:—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1361 | Mrs. Hyde Clarke | Wing on South side of Hatherley Brake, corner of Hatherley Lane. |
| 1362 | James Webb. | Two Houses on North side of London Road. |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the plans above mentioned be approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of December, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Lenthall, M. Davis and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Gloucester House Inn, Gloucester Road—With reference to a resolution of this Committee at its last meeting approving a plan for a bay window at Gloucester House Inn, Gloucester Road, subject to the owners giving up the remainder of the forecourt to widen the footpath, a letter from Messrs.

Arnold Perrett & Co. was read declining to give up the land as suggested, and asking the Council to approve the plan unconditionally. Resolved, That the plan be approved.

2—Ewlyn Road—Letters were read from Mr. S. B. Dix, the owner of Ewlyn Road, asking that the private improvement works in this road should only be carried out where there are houses abutting on the road, as to do the road throughout its length now would necessitate a second outlay after houses had been built on the part at present unbuilt upon, on account of the laying of gas, water and drain pipes. He stated he would like to meet the Committee at the road if they viewed the same and would give him notice. A letter was read from Councillor Stroud calling attention to the terrible condition of this road and asked the Committee to take steps to render it more satisfactory. Resolved, That the Committee pay a visit of inspection to the locality and that Mr. Dix be invited to meet them, and that Mr. Stroud be informed that the works of private improvement ordered are now in progress.

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3—Trees in Battledown Approach—A letter was read from Mr. W. MacLandsborough of Selsley Lawn, Hale's Road, suggesting that it would be well to cut down every other tree (alternate), and prune the tops of those remaining in the Battledown Approach. Also that some of the trees on property adjoining the road required attention to prevent their damaging the trees in the road. - Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

4—Land back of Harley Lodge, Tivoli—With reference to the resolution to minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 13th ulto. A letter was read from Mr. John Millington, on behalf of his father, the tenant of the land at the back of Harley Lodge, Tivoli, recently purchased by the Council, stating that his father desired to retain the ground until the Corporation really required it, as he had a good stock of winter vegetables there and as he had been to some expense over the fencing he wished to be allowed to remove what had been erected by him. Resolved, That Mr. Millington be informed that the Corporation will require the land on the 25th proxo. and that he may remove any fencing he has erected.

5—Footpath East-side of Wellington Square Garden, and Footway at South-West Corner of Montpellier Lodge—A letter was read from Alderman Winterbotham asking that the path on the East (hedge) side of Wellington Square should be made up and gravelled, as it was full of holes which filled with water in wet weather. He also called attention to the awkward corner south-west of Montpellier Lodge with a view to its rounding off, as he thought the College would give up the land necessary, if thought desirable. Resolved, That Mr. Winterbotham be informed that the Borough Surveyor has given attention to the footpath in Wellington Square, and that the further consideration of the suggested improvement near Montpellier Lodge be adjourned for the Committee to view.

6—Street Projection at No. 323a, High Street—A letter was read from Mr. G. W. Stokes applying for permission to erect an arc lamp outside 323a, High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

7--Crossings near St. Paul's Vicarage, Prestbury Road—A letter was read from Major-General Winson calling attention to the need for a crossing across Prestbury Road, from St. Paul's Vicarage to Sligo

House; and that two crossings in the immediate vicinity, one across the entrance to Pittville Circus and the other near the Cabstand in Leamington Place, required repair. Resolved, That the new crossing asked for be provided and that the Borough Surveyor do have what is necessary done to the other two mentioned by General Winson.

8—Level Crossing at Cloddimore—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan which he had received from Councillor J. Waghorne, of a suggested diversion of footpaths and the erection of a bridge over the railway at Cloddimore, so that the existing level crossing there may be rendered unnecessary. Resolved, That the Committee will support any effort made to do away with the Cloddimore level crossing, and will endeavour to forward the same by every means in their power.

9 —Harp Hill Improvement—The Mayor called attention to the unsatisfactory progress made by the Contractor with the improvement of Harp Hill, and the inconvenience caused thereby to residents near. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do at once give the necessary notice to the Contractor with a view to the Corporation completing the work themselves.

10—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. |
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| 1359 | H. Elliott Bay | Window at No. 4, Naunton Park Terrace. |
| 1360 | W. H. Astman | Small Office at rear of No. 36, Carlton Street. |

Resolved, That the same be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Davis, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

11—Street Projections —The Street Inspector reported that at the Malster's Arms, St. James's Street, a sign had been put up in front of the building about 15 feet from the pavement, 8 feet in height and projecting about 3 feet Resolved, That notice be served upon Messrs. Miller and Co., the owners of the premises, to remove the sign forthwith, no application for permission to erect it having been made by them.

Resolved, To accede to an application received from Messrs. Steel Bros. for permission to fix a small Bracket about 9 inches projection over the facia of No. 18, Winchcomb Street for hanging a 100 c.p. electric lamp, and two similar Brackets for the same purpose over the facia of No. 424, High Street. Resolved, To accede to an application from Mr. A. G. Sanders for permission to erect an enclosed arc lamp outside his business premises in Clarence Parade on an iron bracket projecting from the front of the building at a height of not less than no feet from the ground, provided that the projection from the face of the building does not exceed 2 feet.

12-Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The thorough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending December 28th, 1900, had been as follows, viz. :—

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Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—St. George's Road 1009 super yards, St. James's Square 1600 super yards, Gloucester Road 636 super yards, Sandford Street 520 super yards, Back of Royal Well Terrace proceeding, Depot Yard 204 super yards, Royal Well Place proceeding.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Lansdown Road, High Street, Queen's Road, Overton Park, Suffolk Square, Queen's Circus, Alstone Lane, St. George's Place, Tivoli Place, St. Luke's Road, Queen's Parade, Bath Road, Millbrook Street, Lypiatt Street, Tivoli Circus, Lansdown Crescent, London Road, Lansdown Place, Imperial Square, Portland Street, Princes Road, Grosvenor Street and Promenade.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Shelburne Road 3756 super yards, Duke Street 272 super yards, St. Luke's Place 400 super yards, Mitre Street proceeding, Orrisdale Terrace 224 super yards, Montpellier Drive 320 super yards. Patched with Wickwar Stone—Western Road, Douro Road, Lansdown Crescent, Sydenham Villas, Union Street, Columbia Street, Crescent Terrace, Malvern Place, Knapp Road, Fairview Street, Wellington Passage, Back of Albert Road, Priory Street, St. Luke's Road.

Repaired with Local Stone—Bottom of Harp Hill proceeding, Back of Clarendon Villas 740 super yards, and Old Bath Road proceeding.

Repaired with Tar Macadam—St. George's Place (from St. James's Square to Manchester Street) 1mo super yards.

The footpath in Gloucester Road from Sandfield Road to Midland Inn) had been repaired with wickwar gravel 1400 square yards.

Repairs to Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channel—New Street, Northfield Passage, Malvern Road, St. George's Place, Lansdown Road, Wellington Grove, High Street, Knapp Road, Portland Street, Bath Road, Hereford Place, Grosvenor Place, Promenade, Princes Road, Lansdown Crescent, Queen's Circus, Lypiatt Street, Imperial Square, Selkirk Street, Gloucester Place, Montpellier Retreat and Prestbury Road.

McDougall's patent brick crossings had been laid in Portland Street (at the end of Warwick Place), and in High Street (at the end of Grosvenor Street.) The footpath in St. George's Place had been set back and the improvement opposite Messrs. Barnby Bendall & Co's completed.

Trees Pruned—College Road, Montpellier Terrace. High Street, Bayshill Road and Bayshill Lawn. One dead tree had been cut down in the Promenade and one in ;Montpellier Spa Road.

Private Improvement Works.—Ewlyn Road proceeding.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks 1143 loads had been collected and 975 loads had been consumed at the Destructor, the total weight being 1099 tons 18 cwts.

13—Hatherley Road Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from the Rev. W. D. Challice, the owner of Hatherley Lawn, complaining that the demand for very expensive pavement was most unnecessary, and asking the Committee to substitute blue gravel in lieu of the paving. Resolved, That the specification be amended by the substitution of Wickwar gravel for slab paving, subject to the proviso that the Council reserve the right to call upon the abutting owners to pave if and when they shall think fit in the future, and that the resolution to Minute No. 20 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 22nd of October last be varied accordingly.

14--Oriol Road Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mrs. A. E. Stevens, of No. 1, Wolseley Terrace, protesting against having to pay the sums of £9 18s. 4d. apportioned in respect of her property, as the path next her wall was in a most perfect condition before the private improvement works were carried out. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for inquiry by the Chairman and Councillor Parsonage.

15—Collection of House Refuse and State of the Roads in the Park—A letter was read from Captain Shakespear complaining that the refuse cart called at his house between 2.30 and 3.30 p.m., which was a most inconvenient time and caused annoyance to visitors. He also complained of the state of the road and footpaths on his side of the Park. A letter from Mr. G. A. Grist was also read on the same subject as last mentioned. Resolved, To inform Captain Shakespear that arrangements will be made for the refuse cart to call at a less inconvenient time, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a scheme for better drainage of the surface water of the roads in the Park.

16-- Concrete Paving—A letter from the Local Government Board was read with which the Board forwarded their sanction to the loan of £3,000 for the provision of plant for the manufacture of concrete paving.

17—Ewlyn Road—A letter from Councillor Stroud was read calling attention to the bad state of repair of this road. Also a letter from Mr. S. B. Dix requesting that the work of forming this road should be carried out only so far as houses have been built abutting thereon, and that the East end should be left untouched until built upon. Resolved, That the works be not continued for the present beyond the point to which they have been already carried out.

18—Trees in Battledown Approach Road— Letters were read from Mr. Wm. McLandsborough, of Selsley Lawn, and Mr. A. E. Owen, of The Dale, Battledown, suggesting that the trees in this road should be thinned out and pruned. Resolved, That every other tree up to the Borough Boundary be removed, and that the Charlton Kings Urban District Council be requested to follow a similar course of action as regards the trees in the portion of the road within their district.

19—Haywards Road, North End—With reference to the complaint received from Mrs. A. N. Jenkins of the condition of this road at the North end. Resolved, To inform her that as the road is private property the Council have no power to interfere.

20-- Corner South-west of Montpellier Lodge—With reference to the letter from Alderman Winterbotham hereon, Resolved, To thank Mr. Winterbotham for his suggestion, but the Committee consider that it is one which should come from the owners of Montpellier Lodge.

21-- Private Improvement Works in Royal Well Place—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Wm. Phelps objected to pay the sums of £12 13s. 6d. apportioned in respect of his property in Royal Well Lane on

the ground that he gave up some feet of land to widen the street about 26 years ago, and the understanding was that the Commissioners would keep in repair the foot-path in front of his premises. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Chairman and Councillor Parsonage to enquire into it and report to the Committee.

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22—Visiting Depot—Resolved, That the Meeting of this Committee on the second Tuesday afternoon in each month be summoned to assemble at the Depot at 3 o'clock.

23—Gas Lane and Whitecross Square—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up plans and specifications of the works to be done by the abutting owners in these streets.

24—Crossing by Midland Railway Station—Resolved, That a crossing of McDougalls bricks be laid from the bridge to connect with the footpath in Gloucester Road.

25—Imperial Lane—A specification from the Borough Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above street was read and approved. 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.

26—Old Bath Road Improvement—A letter was read from Mr. Jas. Villar accompanied by plans showing the proposed widening of the Old Bath Road. With regard to the land belonging to Mr. Jordan he would require the Council to put in free of cost two watering places properly constructed, viz.: one in the field nearest the railway bridge and one in the field nearest Charlton Park. Mr. Holliday and Mr. Jordan would give up the land on condition that the Council would construct the road. The Borough purveyor estimated that the cost to the Council exclusive of the cost of piping the stream would be about £870. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

27—Room for Meetings at Depot—A letter was read from Mr. F. E. Greening, Secretary of the Corporation Sick Benefit Club, asking if the Committee would take into consideration the club room accommodation there being 149 members on the books and others who had not at that time been accepted. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the Committee meet at the Depot.

28—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz:-

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------------|--|
| 1360. | Mrs. Hyde Clark. .. | Wing on South side of Hatherley Brake, corner of Hatherley Lane. |
| 1362. | Thomas Organ. .. | Two semi-detached Villas in Glencairn Park Estate. |

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|-------|--|--|
| 1363. | J. Moore and Sons. | Three semi-detached Villas in Glencairn Park Estate. |
| 1364. | The Nailsworth Brewery Co., Ltd. .. | Alteration of existing building into two separate dwellings at the Grafton Brewery. |
| 1365. | James Webb. | Two Villas North side of London Road opposite Raymond Terrace. |

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of January, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, M. Davis and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

29 —Harp Hill—The Committee paid a visit of inspection to Harp Hill.

Resolved, To lay stoneware pipes on the North side of the Harp Hill Road in lieu of the ditch, to communicate with the existing surface water drain, and to fix stones with gratings over the existing openings. Also Resolved, That, provided the consent of the Owners of the Battledown Estate can be obtained, two seats be placed and three trees be planted at the end of Stanley Road, Battledown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1900—Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lenthall, and Rickerby (Alderman Drew in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Drew was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Winter Garden—A letter was read from Mrs. Swiney, Secretary of the Ladies' Local Committee for the Life Boat Institution, requesting to be informed if the Winter Garden would be ready for a Cafe Chantant on Wednesday, the 9th of January. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Swiney that the Concert Hall will be ready by the date named and can be let to her for the purpose suggested on that day for £5 5s. 0d., exclusive of the cost of lighting.

Resolved, To inform Mrs. Beckingsale that she can have the Concert Hall or the then available part of the whole building on the 19th, 20th, and 21st of March next, upon the following terms, viz., the Concert Hall £5 5s. 0d., or the said part of the whole building £10 10s. 0d. per day, exclusive of the cost of lighting.

Resolved, To inform Mr. A. Newton that the charge for the Concert Hall on February 13th next for an evening concert will be £5 5s. 0d., exclusive of the cost of lighting.

Pursuant to a request of Councillor Hayward, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Free Church Mission. Resolved, To grant the use of the Winter Garden, if disengaged and otherwise available, for a meeting of the Mission on the 9th instead of the 11th of March next, as previously arranged, free of charge, except for lighting, heating, and necessary attendance.

Resolved, As a temporary measure, that the scale of charges for the letting of the Winter Garden from the 7th of January next be as follows, viz.—

The Concert Hall only ... £5 5s per day.

The available part of the whole building .. £10 10s per day

Exclusive of the cost of lighting.

3—Insurance—Resolved, To increase the fire insurance of the Winter Gardens from £4,800 to £10,000.

4—Advertising—A letter was read from Messrs. Gaze and Son offering space in their " Winter Resorts Programme " for an advertisement of the town at the following rates, viz.:—Half-page in all editions for the season, £3 3s. 0d.; quarter-page, 35s. Resolved, To request Messrs. Gaze and Son to forward a specimen of the publication, and to state if they would include Cheltenham amongst the towns to which they draw attention in the descriptive part of it.

Letters were read from Mr. H. R. Travis, of Messrs. Morton and Co., soliciting the renewal of the two-page advertisement of the town in their Illustrated Guides to the Great Western, Midland, London, Brighton and South Coast, London and North Western, and Great Northern Railways for another three years, and suggesting that the advertisement should also be inserted in the London and South Western and Great Eastern Railway Guides on the same terms as in the case of the others, viz., £10 per page per Guide for the three years. He also offered the space for an advertisement on the outer back cover of the bound volume of the Guides for 25 guineas per annum. Resolved, That the advertisement be renewed in the five Guides first above mentioned, and on condition that Messrs. Morton and Co. will consent to insert one photographic view in each of four and another in each of three of the Guides and will insert both views in the bound volume, that the advertisement be also inserted as suggested in the Guides of the London and South Western and Great Eastern Railways, but that the offer of the space on the cover of the bound volume be not accepted.

A letter was read from the Editor of the " Traveller " stating that he would reserve two pages, a page, or half a page per week in the literary section of the " Traveller " to be devoted entirely to the news of the town and to articles calling attention to its attractions. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending information as to the terms upon which the offer is based, and to request that the Committee may be furnished with a copy of the publication.

A letter was read from the Seaside Central Press Agency, with which they sent two of their Calendars for 1901, and offered to supply others similar to those sent giving views of the town, on moderate terms, which they would quote, and they would, if required, undertake distribution and submit schemes for placing them to the best advantage. Resolved, That the offer be not entertained.

5—Holiday Tours—Resolved, To renew the advertisement in Messrs. Cook and Sons' Holiday Tours for 1901, viz., a half-page advertisement in 50,000 copies for £7.

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st day of December, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, and Hayward (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

6—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman at the commencement of the meeting, Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

7—Accounts—Resolved, To pass for payment the Accounts now submitted to the Committee and initialled by the Chairman.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward and Rickerby (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

8—Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co's. Concert—Correspondence was read between Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co. and their London Concert Agent, also a letter from them stating that they must abandon the concert as they were of opinion that having regard to the present state of the building a concert could not be held in the Winter Garden, on the 8th proximo, with any prospect of success. Resolved, That as Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co. have decided to cancel the engagement the Council can only acquiesce in their decision.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Monday, the 10th day of December, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Lenthall, Moles, Preston, H. Waghorne, and J. Waghorne (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1- Winter Garden--Curtains—Resolved, To accept a tender from Cavendish House Co. Limited, to supply two large curtains, as per sample material, at £29 10s. each.

Electric Light Installation—The following tenders for the installation for the temporary electric lighting were received, viz.:—

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Messrs. Steel Bros. .. | £167 10 0 |
| “ R. E. and C. Marshall .. | £115 0 0 |
| Mr. A. G. Sanders .. | £ 97 10 0 |

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Sanders be accepted. A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Cooper, Secretary of the House Decorators' and Painters' Amalgamated Society, calling attention to the fact

that the painters at the Winter Garden in the employ of the Corporation were receiving only 6d. per hour, the town rate being 7d., and that a man was employed to do painting who was not a painter, and expressing a hope that his Society would have no further cause to complain of what they considered was grossly unfair.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Saturday, the 22nd day of December, 1900—

Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Ll. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Preston, and J. Waghorne (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

2—Winter Garden —The Committees met at the Winter Garden. Resolved, That the scheme of decoration now submitted be approved, and that the work be proceeded with in the Concert Room at a cost of £48, being the amount of Messrs. Collins and Godfrey's tender.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of December, 1900—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham ; and Councillor Hayward (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1— Dissolution of the Committee—The Committee having had before them a statement showing the receipts and payments in respect of capital, and income and expenditure in respect of revenue of which the following is an epitome, viz. :

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------------|----------|-----------|
| Donation from the Baron de Ferrieres | 1000 | 0 | 0 |
| Amount raised on Loan .. . | 1500 | 0 | 0 |
| Transferred from the Revenue Account to this Account, pursuant to resolution of this Committee of the 27th April, 1900 .. | <u>211</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>10</u> |
| | 2711 | 1 | 10 |

Payments.

| | | | |
|---|-------------|----------|----------|
| Stamp Duty and Fees re Loan, Purchase Money, Stamp Duties and other expenses re acquisition of Nos. 6, 7 and 8 Chester Walk, and miscellaneous small payments | 870 | 17 | 4 |
| Messrs. A. C. and S. Billings for erection of buildings, &c. .. | <u>1840</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>6</u> |
| | £2711 | 1 | 10 |

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Income.

| | | |
|---|----|------------------|
| Museums Rate for the year ended 31st March, 1900 | .. | £ 500 0 0 |
| The like for the year ending 31st March, 1901, estimated at | .. | £ <u>500 0 0</u> |
| | .. | £1000 0 0 |

Expenditure.

| | | |
|---|----|------------------|
| Expenses of opening, wages, cleaning, electric light installation and fittings, insurance premiums on buildings and pictures, rates and repairs to furniture and fittings, lighting, and miscellaneous small payments | .. | £316 11 7 |
| Interest on and towards repayment of Loan .. | | £ 73 15 0 |
| Transfer to Capital Account as per resolution of 27th April, 1900 | | £211 1 10 |
| Transfer to Public Library Capital Account for compensation for encroachment on Library space, disturbance and new bookshelves, pursuant to resolution of this Committee of the 30th July last .. | | £150 0 0 |
| Transfer to Public Library Revenue Account for rent of site of Art Gallery pursuant to resolution of this Committee of the 30th July last. | | £ 60 0 0 |
| Balance available to provide for expenditure, and interest and repayment of loans, to the 31st March, 1901 | | <u>£188 11 7</u> |
| | | £1000 |

It was Resolved, That this Committee having now with the generous assistance of the Baron de Ferrieres carried out the work of erecting and establishing the Art Gallery, and being in a position to hand it over with its finances in good working order, considers that it has completed the work entrusted to it by the Council, and accordingly desires to be dissolved, and recommends to the Council that the charge of the Gallery in future be undertaken by the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of December, 1900. Present—
The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Davies, Stroud and J. Waghorne. (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 :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street |
| 1900. Nov. 28th | 200 Volts. | 208 Volts. |
| Dec. 5th | 200 " | 207 " |
| | | Average.. 207.5 " |

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

| ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY. | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|---|
| 1900 Nov. 29th.. | 16.37 candles | 1900 | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. |
| | | Nov. 28-29 | 11.44 |
| Dec. 6th .. | 16.21 " | Dec. 5-6 | 13.41 |
| Average | 16.29 " | | |
| | | Average.... | 12.42 |

3—Lighting of Maud's Elm—Resolved, To authorise the Chairman and Councillor Baker, as Chairman of the Street and Highway Committee, to have such additional lighting provided in the vicinity of Maud's Elm as they may deem advisable.

4—Lighting of Naunton Parade--A letter was read from Mr. W. Small, of Porchester, Leckhampton Road, calling attention to the bad lighting of Naunton Parade. Resolved, To authorise the Chairman and Councillor Baker to have such alteration of or addition to the existing lighting at Naunton Parade as they may deem advisable.

5—Report of the Electrical Engineer—This being of a very important character, Resolved, That the same be printed and sent to each member of the Committee previously to a Special Meeting of the Committee to be summoned for the consideration thereof on the and proximo at 4.30 p.m.

6--Bricks for Chimney Shaft at Electric Works—A letter was read from the Cheltenham Brick, Pipe, and Lime Company complaining of the reference in the last resolution of the Committee implying that the Pilford bricks were inferior to the Stonehouse bricks. They expressed a belief that the radiated bricks were ordered and were ready for delivery from the Stonehouse Works before the Minute had come up for confirmation the first time, and if this was so, seeing the publicity given to the statements that their bricks were inferior, and the consequent injury to them, they asked to have the matter brought again before the Council that the true reason might be given why outside bricks were used.

7—Death of Richard Edwards—A letter was read from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby, solicitors for the widow of the deceased, stating that the Electrical Engineer had informed them that the total of the deceased's wages during the three years preceding his death amounted to £273 1s. 4d., and they

therefore claimed that amount as compensation for his death. Resolved, That a copy of this letter be sent to the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation.

8—Charge of Pressure—A letter was read from the Westminster Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, suggesting that the Council should send a letter to the Board of Trade in support of a proposal which had been made by eighteen electric light under-takers in London that Clause 6, Sec. B, of the Board of Trade Regulations, 1896, should be modified so as to provide for the appointment of an Arbitrator by the Board of Trade in case of difference between a consumer and the undertaker as to change of pressure of supply. The Electrical Engineer read the draft of a letter which he had prepared for the Town Clerk to send to the Board of Trade on behalf of this Council in support of the suggestion. Resolved, That the same be approved.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of January, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Dr. Davies, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

9—Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows, viz :—Ordinary lamps, 4.1963 cubic feet, Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 4.842 cubic feet, and Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.539 cubic feet.

10—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished-49 Ordinary (including 17 metered), and 40 Incandescents ; Burning dimly-7 Ordinary (including 2 metered) and 16 Incandescent Gas Lamps.

11—Report of Borough Electrical Engineer—The following Reports from the Borough Electrical Engineer were read and considered:—

December 19th, 1900.

GENTLEMEN,- I have to lay before you to-day estimates for considerable extensions to the Works, which will be required in order to cope with next winter's load; but, before doing so, I must endeavour to make clear to you what the probable load next winter will be and what will be the capacity of our plant after the Electric Tramway is commenced.

First, as to next winter's load: The maximum current from the Works this winter has already been 288 amperes, and will probably be about 300 amperes to-morrow evening. To this there will be added next winter about 35 amperes for arc lamps already authorised, about to for arcs you will probably order to-day, about 13 for the Queen's Hotel and the Winter Garden together, at least 35 for the normal increase in our private supply, and--should you order during the year any considerable number of incandescence lamps for street lighting—about to amperes for these. The probable load next winter will, therefore, be at least 400 amperes ; and, if the " Easy Purchase

Scheme for Wiring " is brought into working order by the summer, the above mentioned total will certainly be considerably exceeded.

Next, as to the capacity of our plant after the Tramway is started: We shall have one 50 ampere and two 100 ampere Siemens machines, capable when working together of giving out 200 amperes, and one Parsons machine of 250 amperes capacity. NOW in no Works is it safe to assume that all the machines may be run simultaneously without risk of temporary failure of one, and—since that one may be the largest and since the improbability of failure is least at periods of heaviest loads—it follows that sufficient reserve plant should be provided to allow of the 250 ampere machine being temporarily out of action.

I recommend, therefore, provision of a second 250 ampere turbo-alternator, together with the necessary boilers, condensers, and accessories for working it--all as per Schedule 1.

The addition of this second turbo-alternator will enable us to supply a maximum current of about 500 amperes, with one 250 ampere machine in reserve; that is to say we shall have a margin, excluding reserve, of about 100 amperes, and it is hardly necessary to remark that to employ our plant to the best advantage a use for this extra current should, if possible, be found.

With this in view I have made estimates of the costs of superseding gas lighting by electric lighting in a good many streets; and, pending the approval of the Board of Trade to the system of electric incandescence street lighting I have designed, I lay before you now estimates for sundry extensions of our arc lighting in main thoroughfares and other streets, in which for various reasons arc lighting is preferable to incandescence lighting, as per Schedule 2.

I have also to lay before you estimates of extensions to our private supply mains, the last of which I do not recommend, as per Schedule 3.

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| SCHEDULE 1. | |
| Works Plant and Feeders | |
| ' | |
| Buildings—Boiler House Extensions, &c... | £3170 |
| 2 Babcock Boilers, erected complete, including Brickwork Settings (above ground) | |
| And Accessories . . . | £1850 |
| 1 Parsons' Turbo-Alternator, with Foundations, erected complete .. | £4500 |
| 1 Korting's Condenser, including extension to Cooling Pond, Pipes, and Accessories, | |
| complete .. | £1100 |
| 1 Motor Feed-Pump with Pipes, Valves, and Accessories, erected complete .. . | £ 500 |
| Switchboard, erected complete .. | £1000 |
| 2 Feeders from Works to Manchester Street Sub-station.. | <u>£1700</u> |
| | 13820 |
| Contingencies 5 per cent. . | <u>691</u> |
| | £14511 |
| Say £14,515. | |
| This estimate assumes that the two feeders will be laid at the same time and in the same trench with, the Tramway feeders from the Works to Manchester Street Sub-station. | |
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| SCHEDULE 2. | | |
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| Are Lighting Extensions :— | Arcs | £ |
| Keynsham Road and Sandford Road | 15 | 1060 |
| Glencairn Park Road .. | 3 | 220 |
| St. Mary's Churchyard | 3 | 250 |
| Queen's Parade (opposite Thomas Bros.) | 1 | 100 |
| Central and East Wards (as under) | 34 | 2550 |
| Prestbury Road to Borough Boundary | 6 | |
| Evesham Road " " | 6 | |
| Wellington Road | 2 | |

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| | Arcs | £ |
|---|------|-------------|
| Pittville Lawn.. | 1 | |
| Clarence Road.. | 2 | |
| North Street .. | 4 | |
| Pittville Circus Road .. | 6 | |
| Hewlett Road.. | 7 | |
| Middle and South Wards (as under) | 64 | £4500 |
| Regent Street to Rodney Road | 6 | |
| Rodney Road and Cambray Place .. | 7 | |
| Oriel Road and Wellington Street .. | 4 | |
| Ormond Place .. | 1 | |
| Imperial Square and Trafalgar Street | 6 | |
| Vittoria Walk and Montpellier Drive .. | 5 | |
| Spa Road, Montpellier Terrace and Parade | 11 | |
| Suffolk Road, Lawn, and Square .. | 11 | |
| Park Place and Tivoli Place.. .. | 13 | |
| London Road (Hale's Road to Borough Boundary) | .. 8 | £600 |
| | | £9280 |
| Contingencies 5 per cent. | | <u>£464</u> |
| | | £9744 |

Say £9,750.

This estimate assumes, as regards the last three items, that the whole scheme will be carried out at one time, the contractors for the cable and pillars having quoted special prices for large quantities ordered at one time.

SCHEDULE 3.

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|--|--------------|
| Private Lighting Extensions :- | £ |
| Chester Walk and St. Mary's Churchyard | 100 |
| Lypiatt Terrace .. | 65 |
| Glencairn Park Road | 180 |
| Eldon Road .. | 85 |
| St. George's Parade .. | 20 |
| College Lawn Sub-station | <u>250</u> |
| | 700 |
| Contingencies 5 per cent. | <u>.. 35</u> |
| | 735 |
| Henrietta Street (including contingencies) | <u>45</u> |
| | £780 |

Say, without Henrietta Street, £735.

In respect to Henrietta Street I have received an application from Messrs. Birchley and Foreshaw for wiring their premises upon our " Easy Purchase System " : as there is a very small probability of our obtaining other customers in Henrietta Street, and as the revenue from Messrs. Birchley and Foreshaw would certainly do little more than pay interest and sinking fund on the main, I recommend that this application be not acceded to at present.

I recommend that the extensions included in Schedules 1, 2, and 3 (except that for Henrietta Street) be carried out, and that the following tenders be accepted, viz :-

| | | | |
|---|------|----|----|
| 1—Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, Ltd.-- | £ | s. | d. |
| 2 Boilers, similar to those last supplied, for .. | 1370 | 0 | 0 |
| 2—Messrs. C. A. Parsons and Co.- | | | |
| 1 Turbo-Alternator, similar to that on order .. | 3820 | 0 | 0 |
| 3— Messrs. Korting Bros.— | | | |
| Condensing Plant, similar to that last supplied, for .. | 860 | 0 | 0 |
| 4—Messrs. Callender's Cable Co., Ltd.- | | | |
| 15,000 yds. Arc Lighting Cable at per 1000 yds. . . . | 112 | 0 | 0 |
| 4,100 yds. (approx.) Feeder Cable at per 1000 yds. . . | 280 | 0 | 0 |
| 5—Messrs. McDowall, Steven and Co., Ltd.- | | | |
| 120 Arc Lamp Pillars, at | 13 | 0 | 0 |

If the orders be given now the whole of the extensions can be completed by October next.

Yours faithfully, HAMILTON KILGOUR.

January 2nd, 1901

GENTLEMEN,-

In accordance with your instructions, I lay before you Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for—

(a.) The 311 Arcs already authorized,

(b.) The 439 Arcs which will be in use if you approve the extensions now before you, viz :--

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| | (a.) | (b.) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Receipts per Arc, per annum | £17 11 5 | £16 16 5 |
| Expenditure “ “ | <u>£17 2 6</u> | <u>£15 17 6</u> |
| Profit | 8s 11d | 18s 11d |

I may add that from the Electric Works point of view it is most desirable that these extensions should be carried out, because it will enable us to set aside two steam alternators exclusively for Street Lighting and to work them constantly at nearly their most efficient loads. This exclusive use of part of our plant, machines and cables, for Street Lighting will also considerably decrease risks of break-down, because the private lighting, the all-night arcs and the half-night arcs will then be all independent of one another except as regards boiler power.

Yours faithfully,

HAMILTON KILGOUR.

Resolved, That the reports and recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted ; that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £25,000 to provide for the works, &c.. mentioned in Schedules 1, 2 and 3, and that all arc lamps in excess of 300 be charged at the reduced price of £14 10s. 0d. each per annum.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th day of December, 1900-Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, M. Davis, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)-

1—Water Engineer's Report—The Water Engineer reported that on the 19th instant, the supply from Hewletts springs was 42 gallons per minute, the average for the last four years being 102 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 3,627,949 gallons.

On the 19th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 7ft. 5in. in depth and the contents 8,261,053 gallons, which gave a total storage of 11,889,002 gallons, or about 14 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs and streams which was then about 562,096 gallons per day.

Although night pumping at Tewkesbury had ceased the Reservoir at Dowdeswell had risen from 4ft. 6in. on the 25th of November to 7ft. 6in. that morning.

The branch delivery pipe, next to the joint which blew out at Tewkesbury Works a month ago, burst on the 17th inst. causing some slight damage to the pump. He was arranging with Messrs. Simpson & Co. for an apparatus which would automatically stop the engine in case of any similar occurrence.

With regard to the supply of coal at Tewkesbury he found that the best apparatus for the purpose of conveying the coal from the boat to the works was the Temperley Transporter. It was coming very largely into use for the purpose of supplying coal to ships, gasworks and other places where the distance is short, and was found to be a most efficient appliance for the purpose. The cost of the apparatus complete with engine for driving same was £490, at the works at Horse Hay, Shropshire.

The timber supports, skips, and fixing would bring the total cost up to about £700 Resolved, That the action of the water Engineer with regard to obtaining the automatic apparatus for stopping the engine in case of burst be approved, and that consideration of the part of the report relating to the apparatus for conveying coal from the river to the works be adjourned.

2- Leakage of Mains in Tewkesbury—The Town Clerk reported that he had made the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury acquainted with the effect of the opinion of Mr. Fitz Gerald and had offered to show him the case and opinion, but that Mr. Badham had not availed himself of the offer but had smitten in reply, that his Council declined to pay for the leakage and as he understood there was no dispute as to the quantity of water lost, viz. : 700,000 gallons, he had deducted £22 12s. 1d. from the account and enclosed a cheque for £4226 6s. 10d., the acceptance of which should not in any way prejudice the rights of the Cheltenham Town Council, and with that intent he had struck out the form of receipt on the cheque and asked for a simple receipt for the amount of the cheque. Resolved, That the cheque be received as a payment on account, and that the Borough Accountant be authorised to give a simple receipt for the amount of it, as suggested by Mr. Badham. Further

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that the Tewkesbury Town Council be asked if they will be willing to abide by the result of a case to be jointly submitted for the opinion of a Counsel to be mutually chosen and the expense of such submission in any event to be borne equally by both parties.

3—Death of I. T. Hamlett—A letter was read from Mrs. Hamlett thanking the Committee for their expression of condolence and for the kindness shown towards her during her husband's illness.

4—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 Friday, the 7th day of December, 1900—Present The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Gurney, M. Davis, Moles, Hayward, Preston, Lenthall, H. Waghorne and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Sale of Goods from Corporation Stores—The letter on this subject from the Borough Auditors was further considered, and Mr. Bence having been heard in explanation and entries relating to sale or loan of goods and materials to Mr. Bence and others from the Central Depot, made in the books kept at the Central Depot and the Municipal Offices, having been examined. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare a statement of the facts and submit same for the approval of the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the last day of December, 1900, Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, Preston, H. Waghorne and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

2.-Hackney Carriage Bye Laws—A deputation was received from the Cheltenham Cab Proprietors' and Drivers' Trade Union consisting of Mr. A. Spreadbury, Mr. W. W. Cooke and Mr. J. Phelps, and were heard with regard to the provisions of the Bye Laws and Police Clauses Act to which the Committee of the Union took exception, and the alterations which they suggested should be made.

3—Hackney Carriage Drivers—The Street Inspector reported that Henry John Tilley and Thomas Roach had been convicted more than once of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye Laws within twelve months.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—Letters were read from Mr. C. T. Arundell, of the Leckhampton Inn and Mews asking for a transfer of his two hackney carriage licences No. 53 and 65 to George Fowles of the firm of Clara Fowles & Sons, to whom he had sold his business, and from Mrs. C. Fowles applying for the transfer to her firm. Resolved, That the request of Mr. Arundell be acceded to.

A letter was read from Mr. W. P. Jones, of Clarence Mews, North Place, applying for permission to work a brougham in place of his hansom cab No. 12 until the end of December, as it would be more suitable for station work. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

5—Census—Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply to the letter from the Registrar General referred to in minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 20th ulto., that none of the Staff at the command of the Council will be able to officiate as Enumerators at the approaching Census.

6—Sale of Goods from Corporation Stores—The draft report of the Committee on this subject was considered, and it was Resolved, To finally settle same for submission to the Council at a special meeting of the Committee.

7 —Underground Telephone Wires —A letter was read from the Provincial Superintendent of the National Telephone Co. asking the Council to reconsider their decision not to grant facilities to the Company for laying their wires underground. A memorial to the same effect from subscribers to the Company's Exchange was laid before the Committee. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for consideration at a special meeting of the Committee.

8—Housing of the Working Classes—A letter was read from Mr. F. J. Truscott, Secretary of the Cheltenham District Trade and Labour Council submitting for consideration of the Committee resolutions of a conference of Delegates, representing the Trade and some of the Friendly Societies to the effect that they approved of the action of the Council in adopting part 3 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, and desired that it should be " pushed forward at the earliest possible moment." That they advocated direct employment of labour and that any portion of the rents over and above the cost of production and maintenance be placed to the credit of the tenant to accumulate until sufficient to allow him to live rent free, and that a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Council or the Committee to more fully explain their views and if necessary to assist them to bring the matter to a successful issue. Resolved, That the deputation be received at a special meeting to be fixed at a later period when more time than at present shall be available for it.

9—Electric Lighting at Municipal Offices—Resolved, To accept a tender from Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall for electric lighting fittings required at the Municipal Offices for £15 10s. 0d.

10—Yeomanry Drill Ground—A letter was read from Mr. Corbett stating that he could not sign the agreement as it stands as he could not let the field on the same terms for any other purpose in any year that the Yeomanry do not come, though he would agree to this for the same time of year as when required for the Yeomanry, and if for a longer period the terms could be arranged. Resolved, That the resolution of the Council be adhered to.

11—Misbehaviour of boys in Leckhampton Road and top of Bath Road--A letter was read from Mr. William Small, of Porchester, Leckhampton Road, calling attention to the unruly behaviour and had language of youths and boys that infest the neighbourhood of Leckhampton Road and top of Bath Road, and suggesting that more protection be given to that part of the town. Resolved, That the letter be sent on to the Chief Constable.

12—Gift of Ancient Stone Weapons and Implements—A letter was read from Mr. S. S. Buckman stating that he had seen this collection which had been presented to the Art Gallery by Mr. Cornelius Cardew, and which he understood had been offered to the town on condition that they should be properly exhibited and displayed for the education and instruction of the public, and urging the Council to observe the condition attached to the gift in order that the collection should not be lost to the town. Resolved, That temporary arrangements be made for the exhibition of the collection in accordance with the terms of the gift, and that enquiry be made by the Mayor as to the provision of suitable wall cases and the space required for the purpose.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st day of December, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Preston and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

13-Christmas Holidays—Resolved, To authorise the head of each department to close same on Monday the 24th inst., if this can be done without inconvenience to the public and interference with necessary work.

14—Sales of Goods from Corporation Stores—The draft of the Committee's report on this subject was finally settled and it was Resolved, That the report as now settled be adopted, and that it be printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council before the next monthly meeting.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1900,—Present Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Davies, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair).

Report of the Borough Surveyor—The Borough Surveyor reported that the receipts from the Alstone and Montpellier Baths for the past month had been as follows:—

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ALSTONE BATHS.

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| Amount reported last month . . . | £209 0 11 |
| Received since up to the 16th inst. | <u>£3 16 5</u> |
| Total. | £212 17 4 |

MONTPELLIER BATHS..

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| Amount reported last month . . . | £59 3 2 |
| Received since up to the 15th inst. | <u>£16 6 8</u> |
| Total. | £75 9 10 |

He further reported that the railing for the East Ward Recreation Ground had been delivered.

2-Football Ground at Naunton Park—Resolved, Not to accede to a request from Mr. F. J. Palmer, Hon. Sec. of the Naunton Park Rugby Football Club to allow a wire fence to be fixed along one side of the piece of ground upon which the Club play football at Naunton Park.

3—Sale of Cheltenham Mineral Waters—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make arrangements for supplying the mineral waters at the Montpellier Baths and Gardens, and that a Sub-Committee consisting of Alderman Drew and Councillors Baker and Lenthall be appointed with the assistance of the Borough Surveyor to bring up a report and recommendation for effecting the sale of the Cheltenham Mineral Waters in bottle and otherwise.

4 —Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground —With regard to the suggested improvements, the Borough Surveyor submitted a sketch skewing the laying out of the piece of ground at the West end of the present ground so as to be available to the elder people who might wish to sit quietly without being disturbed by the children's games.

He recommended that all the swings be removed from the West end and be placed at the East end of the ground, near the belt of large beech trees, providing including those to be removed :—Two

giant's strides and at least six swings for boys, six swings for girls, and six low swings for small children.

That the swings should be of the same character as those erected in the Montpellier Gardens that is, made of old double-headed rails, which were much stronger and more durable than swings of wood.

The roses and clematis to be replanted in the long bed at the West end of the garden and the space now occupied by them to be replanted with limes, sycamores, and purple beech so as to provide shelter at the East end, with some laurel to be planted as under-growth. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted, and that he be instructed to carry them out at once.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 28th day of December, 1900—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cypher, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)-

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2--Burial Act, 1900--A letter was read from the Home Office drawing attention to this Act, which obliges every burial authority to submit to the Secretary of State a table of fees to be received by them in respect of services rendered by any minister of religion or sexton, provided that such fees shall be of the same amounts in respect of burial service in the consecrated and unconsecrated parts of a burial ground. Resolved, To instruct the Clerk to the Board to furnish to each member of the Committee a copy of the Act, together with his observations thereon, and that pending settlement of a new scale of fees pursuant to the Act and approval thereof by the Secretary of State the fees hitherto charged be collected and paid by the Board to the ministers entitled to receive them.

3—Designs— Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:—Memorial stones to Hugh Fowell, Colonel C. J. Ellis, and General Joseph Edwin Thackwell.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of January, 1901—Present : Aldermen Drew and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £14,230, viz., £14,030 at 3 ½ per cent. interest and ½ per cent. commission, and £200 at the same rate without commission.

The Loans which had been sanctioned but not yet raised amounted to £23,315.

The amount to be received from the Public Works Loan Board when required as arranged was £10,247.

He had arranged to borrow from Mr. Charles Henry Whitmore £300 at 3 ½ per cent. interest without commission, subject to the approval of the Committee.

The amount borrowed on debentures then due to Lloyds Bank was £52,485.

Resolved, That the arrangement made by the Borough Accountant with Mr. C. H. Whitmore be approved.

2-- Interim Payments—Having regard to the fluctuation in the amount required for weekly wages when special works are in hand and with a view to avoid as much as possible the issue of unauthorised interim cheques, Resolved, That pending the next meeting of the Committee any three members of the Committee (one of whom if practicable shall be the Chairman) be authorised to draw Orders on the Treasurer to meet any sum required for wages not otherwise provided for.

3—Mortgage of £1,000 on Heyden Farm—A letter from Councillor Bence was read dated, the 25th ultimo giving six months' notice requiring repayment of the £1,000 lent by him upon the security of a Mortgage upon the Heyden Farm.

4—Advance of £6,810 from the Public Works Loan Board for Sewerage Works—Resolved, That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the following documents relating to this advance, viz: The receipt for £6,810 second instalment of Loan of £11,747 secured by Deed of 5th March, 1900, and the Order for delivery of the certificate for the said sum to F. F. Leaver, Esq.

5--Parliamentary 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 190-1901 amounting to £99 6s. 9d. Resolved, That the said account be certified to be due to him and be apportioned between the Parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings as follows, viz.:—
Cheltenham, £87 3s. 6d.; Charlton Kings, £12 3s. 3d.

6—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £6,784 3s. 0d., leaving outstanding £10,740 8s. 5d.

7—Water Rate--The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st instant, on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £4,497 2s. 6d., leaving outstanding £6,902 15s. 10d.

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 £17413 3, 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 27th November last | £23,507 10 9 |
| Paid since that date | <u>£10,563 18 3</u> |
| | £34,071 9 0 |
| Received since the 27th November, including Loans £14,230 | <u>£27,847 8 1</u> |
| Overdrawn | £6,224 0 11 |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure | £2,225 15 3 |
| Electric Lighting and Waterworks Accounts and other Capital, &c | <u>£3,998 5 8 4</u> |
| | £6,224 0 11 |

W. GERALD GURNEY

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1900—Present Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Moles, Preston and Stroud ; The Baron de Ferrieres ; The Rev. J. Evans; and Messrs. Evan Butler, F. G. Carr, Wm. Cresswell and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarians Report—The Librarian reported that £5 8s. 8d. had been received during the past month, and that the Exhibition of Art Books and Art Objects held in the Art Gallery from November 22nd to December 1st was most successful, 1997 having visited it including many from the Artizan class ; and that the following presentations had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.: 103 vols. from the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, comprising 04 vols. of Calendars of State Papers, so vols. of Acts of the Privy Council of Great Britain, 73 vols. of Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland during the Middle Ages, and 5 vols. of Publications of the Record Commissioners ; from Captain Welch, R.N. 21 vols. of Reports of the Historical Manuscripts Commission and Catalogues of the International Exhibitions of 1851, 1862 and 1883 ; from Capt. J. F. Daubeny, Rights and Regulations over Cleeve Common ; from Messrs. Anderson Anderson & Co. The Orient Steamship Guide ; from the Trustees of the British Museum an Index to the Catalogue of printed books and the Catalogue.

2—Typewriter for Library—Resolved, To accept an offer from Messrs. F. Steel & Co. to supply a new Oliver typewriter in exchange for the Yost, which has been for some years in use at the Library, and £4 10s. 0d. in cash.

3 --Leckhampton Branch Library—A letter was read from Mr. W. Mann, Hon. Sec. of the Leckhampton Parish Hall Reading Room Local Committee, calling attention to the fact that a Miss Swift presented a number of books, a chess board and draught board to the Parish Hall for the sole use and benefit of the district ; and that they, as well as some books presented by Dr. Davies all disappeared when the Local Board became defunct, and requesting the Public Library Committee to take such steps as they may think fit to obtain the restoration of the same to the Reading Room.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire of Mr. Witts and Mr. Moorman if they can give any information of what became of the books and articles referred to.

4—Sub-Committee's Report—Resolved, That the following recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, viz:-

That the following books proposed by readers be purchased :—

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| Cook (A. T.) Story of Rouen .. | 4 6 |
| Cox (W.G.) Mythology of the Aryan Nations, two vols. .. | 14 0 |
| Gardner (E.G.) Dante: The Heavens as a Study of the Paradiso | 7 6 |
| Watson Dr. (Ian MacLaren) Doctrine of Grace | 6 0 |

That the "Queen" Newspaper be taken in exchange for " Journal of Gas Lighting; " and, That the wages of R. S. Wicks be increased from 6s to 8s per week.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st day of December, 1900—Present The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Parsonage, Preston and Rickerby (Councillor Preston in the chair.)

1--- Elementary School Accommodation—A deputation from the Managers of the Voluntary Schools consisting of the Rev. Canon Roxby, the Rev. Canon Childe and the Rev. G. Gardner, having been heard on this question and a letter from the Town Clerk to the Board of Education in reply to a letter requesting that the points to which the Committee desired to draw attention with reference to the Board's requirements for the school accommodation to compensate for the closing of the Coltham Fields Infants' School should be stated in writing, having been considered. Resolved. That the Board of Education be requested to receive a joint deputation from the School Attendance Committee of the Borough and the Managers of the Voluntary Schools, in order to confer upon the whole question of Elementary School Accommodation in Cheltenham, in lieu of the deputation previously appointed.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of January, 1901—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Bennett, Parsonage, Preston and Rickerby (Councillor Preston in the chair)—

2 —Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 34 schools, from which 437 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 44 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 7 meetings ; that 14 parents had been prosecuted ; that 8 were fined ; and Attendance Orders were made against Gertrude Bromage, Kate Webb, Maud Safe, James Prater, and Beatrice Taylor.

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. :—Gertrude Chambers, Jane Gould, Maud Ashton, Harold Edwards and Kate Lynch, and That proceedings under Sec. it of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of Thomas Bennett for an Attendance Order and subsequent penalty in case of breach of it.

4—School Accommodation—Canons Roth), and Childe and the Rev. Geo. Gardner being present by invitation, a letter from the Board of Education was read signifying their willingness to receive the deputation as reconstituted not exceeding six in number. Resolved, That the deputation consist of the Chairman, Councillors Bennett and Parsonage and two Managers of Voluntary Schools, and That the Mayor be requested to accompany the deputation to act as introducer.

5 — Local Committees—Letters were read from Mr. A. N. Cole and Mr. J. F. Shirer resigning their positions as members of the North and West Wards Local Committee. Resolved, That this Committee regret that failing health is the cause which necessitates Mr. Shirer's resignation, and desire to express their thanks to him for his long and assiduous service on the Local Committee. Also Resolved, That Mr. J. M. Skarratt be invited to serve on the North and West Wards Local Committee and Mr. A. H. Nott and Mr. Wm. Sawyer on the Central Ward Local Committee, and That Alderman Haddon, having consented thereto, be transferred from the Central to the North and West Wards Local Committee.

6—Duplicate Registers from St. Peter's Schools—A letter from the Rev. Orpen Palmer was read with which he enclosed a note from Miss Pidgeon, the head mistress of St. Peter's girls' school, stating that as the children were attending well she considered it unnecessary to use time in making up returns when no advantage to the school was gained thereby. Resolved, That the School Attendance Officers be instructed to call at the school and make extracts for themselves from the School Registers.

7—Proficiency Certificates—The Town Clerk reported that the results of the Special Examination held on the 24th ulto. were as follows, viz. :—

Boys.—Number Examined 38; Number passed 21; Number failed 17-[total] 38 ;
3 failed in Reading; 6 failed in Writing; 17 failed in Arithmetic.

Girls.—Number Examined : 53 ; Number passed 23, Number failed 30- [total] 53 ;
1 failed in Reading ; 26 failed in Writing ; 23 failed in Arithmetic.

Total Number Examined : 91; Total Number Passed : 44 ; Total Number Failed : 47.

Total Number of failures in one subject : 4 ; Total Number of failures in two subjects : 23 ; Total Number of failures in three subjects 3.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of January, 1901—Present Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Lenthall, Gurney, Parsonage, and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year.

2—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, 6 of Enteric Fever, and 6 of Diphtheria ; that 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Enteric Fever, and 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 11 of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Enteric Fever.

3—Wells at Nos. 6 & 7, Clarence Parade—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 — Defective Sewer at Back of St. Luke's Place and Mitre Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the sewer at the back of St. Luke's Place and Mitre Street was in a very defective condition. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine the sewer and report thereon to the next meeting of this Committee.

5-Annexe to Delancey Hospital—The Medical Officer of Health called attention to the fact that the roof of the Iron Annexe to the Delancey Hospital, which was the property of the Corporation, was defective, and that the bedding, &c., might be spoilt by the rain. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do what is necessary to keep the wet out.

6—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 23, Jersey Street, No. 11, St. Paul's Sired South, No. 10, Francis Street, No. 1, Fossil Cottages, Naunton Crescent, No. 8, Hanover Street, and Nos. 110 & 138, Tewkesbury Road—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---Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Terry Lawn, Portland Street, Nos. 1 and 2, Fossil Cottages, Suffolk House, Suffolk Road, No. 1, St. Luke's Road, No. 4, Crescent Terrace, and Alpha Cottage, Hatherley—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.

8-Insanitary Property at Nos. 127, 128, 129, 130, 133, 134 & 135, Tewkesbury Road, No. 14, Northfield Terrace, No. 10, Francis Street, and Nos. 2 & 3, Gothic Cottages, Francis 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, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health,

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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.

Nos. 67 to 74, Stanhope Street—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 10th December last, a letter was read from Mr. Herbert Stroud, stating that he was instructed by the Mortgagee to inform the Committee that, having regard to such resolution, he would at once proceed to take possession of the above premises under his statutory powers with the intention of putting them into proper order and habitable condition. Resolved, That the Committee consider that the closing order should be obtained in pursuance of the resolution above referred to.

9—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.

10—Rouses 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-Insanitary Urinals—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals at The Wellington Stores, Bath Road, The Brown Jug Inn, Bath Road, and The Midland Commercial Hotel were in such a defective state owing to bad construction and want of proper water supply, as to be nuisances. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of nuisances caused by the defective

condition of the Urinals above mentioned, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the respective owners requiring them to abate the same, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient and proper, water supply for flushing and carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified in the notices.

12—Houses let in Lodgings, viz., Nos. 4, 8, 10, 12, 17, 18 & 19, Rodney Terrace. Resolved, That the Landlords of the above-named houses be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days, to supply the information necessary for the registration of such houses by the Council as houses let in lodgings, as specified in Bye-law No 7 of the Bye-laws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

13—Urinals at Messrs. Dobell's Premises, Fairview Road, Grosvenor Street, and Gloucester Road— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide for the lighting of these Urinals.

14—British Congress on Tuberculosis on 22nd July, 1901 —A letter was read from the Organising Council of this Congress, asking the Corporation to participate in the same by sending delegates.

15 —Slaughter House Licences—Applications were read from Messrs. E. C. Davis, B. Combe, and J. Hastings for renewal of their slaughter house licences. Resolved, That the applications be granted, the licences to expire on the 1st January next.

16—Barn Farm—With reference to Minute No. 31 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 17th ultimo, a letter was read from Mr. John Corbett stating that Mr. Meats had informed him that he told the Farm Bailiff that the chaff-cutting machinery, &c., at the Barn Farm was worth £40 to him, but ready- fixed on the place it was well worth £50. Resolved, That Mr. Corbett be asked what he will take for the platform and chaff-cutter thereon, but that as regards the engine and boiler he is at liberty to remove the same, on making good the roof and any other place or places to which such machinery may be attached.

A letter was read from the Shillingford Engineering Company suggesting that one of their oil engines was very suitable for driving food preparing machinery such as they understood the Council had at the Barn Farm, and asking to be allowed to quote for the provision of such an engine. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Sewage Farms Sub-Committee.

17—Shooting over Sewage Farms—A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons offering on behalf of Mr. Bingham a rent of £7 per annum for the shooting over the Barn Farm, and a further letter withdrawing such offer, but stating that Mr. Bingham would consider any offer the Corporation might make.

A letter was also read from Mr. G. McIlquham stating that he would be willing to continue to rent the shooting over the Hayden Farm at a fair rent if the Corporation intended to let it for next season. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Sewage Farms Sub-Committee.

18-- Sewage Disposal--A letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council calling attention to the alleged great danger to public health caused in the Parishes of Uckington, Staverton, and Boddington by the distribution over fields there of crude sewage in large volumes. The Rural District Council were well aware of the difficulties in dealing with the sewage of a large town like Cheltenham, but they thought that some steps should be taken to effectually treat the

sewage by filtration or other means before distribution over land. With the letter was enclosed an Extract from a Special Report prepared by their Medical Officer of Health with respect to the Parish of Uckington in consequence of an outbreak of diphtheria there, and the letter concluded by expressing the hope that the Rural District Council would be glad to hear that some steps were being taken by the Town Council so as to prevent in future the distribution of sewage in a crude state in the Rural District, it being the desire of the Rural District Council to co-operate in every way with the Town Council in furthering the interests of the public health. Resolved, That the Rural District Council be informed that the matter is receiving the careful attention of the Committee.

19---Hatherley Brook Sewer— A letter was read from Mr. W. C. Prance, Trustee of the Hatherley Court Estate, stating that he should be glad to know what compensation the Corporation proposed to offer him in respect of alleged damage done to the Hatherley Court property through the laying of the Hatherley Brook Sewer through the same, and particularising the damage alleged to have been so caused. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do send a copy of Mr. Prance's letter to Mr.

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Cresswell, the contractor for the sewer, with whom any liability rests, requesting him to inform the Borough Surveyor before the next meeting of this Committee what he proposed to do in the matter of the claim.

20-Ventilation of Sewers-As instructed by the Resolution of this Committee at its meeting on the 10th ultimo, the Borough Surveyor presented his Report on the subject of the Ventilation of the Sewers in the Borough. Resolved, That the same be printed and a copy sent to each member of this Committee.

21-Building Plans-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz. :-

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|----------------|---|
| 1366. | J. E. Bendall. | 4 Semi-detached Houses in Leckhampton Road. |
| 1368. | W. Newman. | Semi-detached House, Hayward's Road. |
| 1370. | John Baker. | 4 Houses in All Saints' Road. |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the plans above mentioned be approved.

22-Sewage Farms Bailiff's Report-The Report of the Sewage Farms Bailiff was laid before the Committee. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Sewage Farms Sub-Committee.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of January, 1901-Present: The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Gurney, Lenthall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

23-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, 3 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 1 of Diphtheria; that 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 2 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 11 of Scarlet Fever and 5 of Enteric Fever.

24-Wells at Nos. 2 & 4, Moorend Parade-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-Cleansing and Limewashing at Jariah Cottage, Fairview Road, No. 9, Hewlett Place, No. 2, Glenfall Street, Nos. 1 to 4 St. Peter's Place, Nos. 42, 43 & 44, Stanhope Street, Nos. 1, 7 & 8 Marsh Terrace, and No. 2, Warwick Buildings-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.

26-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Eamont, Bayshill Road, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 & 8, Queen's Parade, No. 14, Henrietta Street, Central Meat Market, Bath Road, Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4, Painswick Terrace, and No. 2, Walton Terrace-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.

27-Insanitary Property at Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4, St. Peter's Place, No. 1, Glenfall Street, and Cottage at back of No. 21, York 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.

28---Houses let in Lodgings-Resolved, That the Landlords of the following houses, viz., Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8, Queen's Parade, be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

29 --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 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.

30—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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31—Urinals at The Carpenter's Arms, Portland Square, and The Farmer's Arms, Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such a bad condition owing to bad construction and want of water supply as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That Notices under Sec 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners of the said premises to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient continuous water supply to the Urinals for flushing and to carry out such structural amendments as shall be specified.

32—Disused Sewer in Roman Road—Resolved, That the old disused sewer under the houses in the Roman Road be at once removed.

33—Slaughter House at Abattoir let to Messrs. Waghorne Bros.—A letter was read from Mr. Wallace Waghorne on behalf of Waghorne Brothers enclosing a cheque for £25 on account of the £45 due from them on the 25th of December last for the rental of this slaughter house for the past three years without prejudice. The Town Clerk stated that he believed Messrs. Waghorne Bros. claimed abatement of the amount due, as the slaughter house had not been reserved for their exclusive use, but had been used for slaughtering for other butchers. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor M. Davis be requested to enquire into the merits of the claim and report to the Committee.

34--Sewer through Property of Hatherley Court With reference to the letter from Mr. W. C. Prance read at the last meeting of this Committee. Resolved, To inform Mr. Prance that the Borough Surveyor reports that the Contractor, who is the person liable, has agreed to rent the field through which the sewer has been laid for another twelve months, after the expiration of which period the Corporation will be prepared to consider his claim for damage (if any).

35--Smoke Nuisance at Kemble Brewery—A letter was read from Mr. Geo. Wheeler with reference to a notice served upon him to abate a nuisance arising from the issue of black smoke from a chimney at the Brewery, stating that he only brewed on two days in each week, and no complaint had been made by anyone in the immediate vicinity before this. Resolved, To inform Mr. Wheeler that he must abate the nuisance.

36--Farms Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee recommended That the whole of the hedges at the Barn Farm be cut and laid, That a deep ditch on the north side of the Farm House be piped and filled in before cattle are turned into the field, That the large field on the east side be ploughed and planted with wheat in the upper part and with beans in the lower part, and That the advisability of enclosing the main carrier alongside the road leading to Stoke Orchard should be considered. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

37—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1372. | R. R. and W. H. Pearce. | Six Houses on the Alstone Grange Estate. |
| 1373. | H. E. Millard. | Cottage in Charlton Lane. |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the plans above-mentioned be approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of January, 1901—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, M. Davis, Lenthall and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-- Central Depot—The Committee paid a visit of inspection to the Central Depot. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have an old chaff-cutter, bean nibbler, and some old horse collars, &c., offered for sale by auctions at the Cheltenham Market.

2-- Private Improvement Works in Russell Street—A letter was read from John F. Gay, James R. Conn, Elizabeth Daniells, and Francis Griffin, stating that the pathway in Russell Street on the South side ordered to be paved and channelled was gravelled with Bristol chippings about eleven months ago, and was then in good condition, that the channelling was done right through when the street was formed, and they trusted that the Committee would again view before putting them to the expense of paving. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending inspections by the Committee of all the streets off the lower part of the High Street, and that the writers be invited to meet the Committee on the spot soon after two o'clock in the afternoon on the 25th instant.

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3 —Cloddimore Crossing—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Great Western and Midland Railways Joint Committee enquiring whether in the event of the Companies being disposed to entertain the application which had been made to them to provide a footbridge over the railway at Cloddimore the Council would bear a moiety of the expense. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending an interview with Mr. J. Waghorne and any other persons interested on the spot at 3.30 in the afternoon on the 25th instant.

4—Sign at 412, High Street—A letter was read from the Manager of Eastmans Limited applying for permission to replace the present sign at the above premises with a new one of the same size and exactly in the same position as the old one. Resolved, That subject to compliance with the usual conditions the application be acceded to.

5—Sign at Malster's Arms—Letters were read from the Secretary and Manager of Messrs. R. W. Miller and Co. apologising for having put up this sign without the sanction of the Committee, and asking permission to allow it to remain as it is until it requires repainting. Resolved, That as the

projection exceeds the regulation distance of two feet the Council are unable to accede to the request and must compel compliance with the Notice to remove the sign forthwith.

6—Hermitage Street Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. Josiah Barrett objecting to the apportionment of the cost of these works in respect of Nos. 1, 2 & 3, Hermitage Terrace, as he considered the degree of benefit to be derived from the improvements by these premises respectively had not been justly determined. Resolved, That the Council consider there is no ground for making any variation of the apportionment as already settled.

7—Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne and Councillors Baker and Parsonage be appointed to act as a Stores Sub-Committee.

8—Room for Meetings at Depot—Resolved, To refer to the Stores Sub-Committee the letter on this subject from Mr. F. E. Greening.

9—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. |
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| 1366. | J. E. Bendall. | Four semi-detached Houses near St. Philip's Schools, Leckhampton Road. |
| 1367. | Mr. Wall. | Workroom at back of Malvern View. |
| 1368. | Mr. Newman. | Semi-detached House in Hayward's Road. |
| 1369. | W. A. Norman. | Pavement Light to No. 1, Bedford Buildings. |
| 1370. | John Baker. | Four Houses in All Saints' Road. |
| 1371. | The Committee of the Victoria Nursing Home. | Additions and Alterations at the Victoria Home. |

Resolved, That the plans above-mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of January, 1901—Present: Aldermen Haddon & Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

10—Sign at Suffolk Stores—Resolved, Not to accede to an application from the Original Brewery Company, Limited, for permission to erect a sign at the Suffolk Stores in Suffolk Parade according to the design submitted.

11--Harp Hill Improvement—A letter was read from Mr. D. Broom stating that his tenant, Colonel Jervis, of Battledown View, complained of the exposed condition of his garden in consequence of the raising of the Hewlett Road, and requesting the Borough Surveyor to have the fence raised to the proper height and the wall and doors and the road under the doors raised and made good for bringing in coals. &c. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for view.

12—Russell Street Private Improvement Works—Adverting to the letter received from Mr. J. F. Gay and others. Resolved, That the resolution to Minute No. 20 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 24th of September last, that Notices be served upon the Abutting Owners to carry out works of private improvement in the above-named street, be rescinded, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the new channelling on each side of the street.

13-Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending January 25th, 1901, had been as follows, viz. :—

Repaired with Clue Hill Stone—Royal Well Place 1,667 super yards, Lansdown Road 480 super yards, Monson Avenue 648 super yards, and Back of Royal Well Terrace.

Patched with Clue Hill Stone—St. George's Road, Pittville Circus Road, St. James's Square, St. George's Place, Clarence Street, Gloucester Road, Western Road, London Road, Hale's Road, Old Bath Road, Charlton Lane, Queen's Road, Malvern Road, Sherborne Street, St. Margaret's Road, High Street, Promenade, St. Paul's Road, Back Montpellier Terrace, Clarence Road, Queen's Circus, Ambrose Street, Portland Street, Bath Road, Market Street, Oriol Road, Queen's Retreat, Evesham Road, Winchcomb Street, and St. George's Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Mitre Street, Hatherley Street 650 super yards, and Pittville Circus.

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Patched with Wickwar Stone—St. Paul's Lane, College Road, New Street, Synagogue Lane, Union Street, Commercial Street, Townsend Street, St. Paul's Road, Fauconberg Road, Bayshill Road, Larput Place, Gratton Street, Tivoli Street, Lypiatt Street, Western Road, Milsom Street, and St. Paul's Street North.

Repaired with Local Stone—Harp Hill proceeding, Old Bath Road proceeding.

Repairs to Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channel—Gloucester Place, Montpellier Retreat, Prestbury Road, Bath Road, Andover Road, High Street, Belle Vue Place, Townsend Street, Leamington Place, Bayshill Road, Bath Street, St. James's Square, Pittville Circus, Duke Street, Gloucester Road, St. Paul's Road, Tewkesbury Road, Malvern Street, and Beckingsale's Passage.

The Footpath in St. Paul's Road near St. Paul's Church and St. Gregory's Schools had been paved with concrete flags and the kerb and channel were being renewed with concrete blocks.

Trees Pruned—Albion Street and Hewlett Road.

Trees Cut Down-2 in Pittville Lawn. Private Improvement Works—Ewlyn Road proceeding.

Ashes Collection and Disposal--1,055 loads collected, 895 loads consumed at the Destructor, weight 1,037 tons 6 cwts.

14—Townsend Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the roadway in this street re-metalled.

15—Russell Place—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up plan and specification of the works required to be done by the Abutting Owners to pave on each side in front of the houses at the West end from the High Street to the end of the houses, but not in front of the garden land, and to channel the whole length of the street on the West side.

16—Baker Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up plan and specification of the works required to be done by the Abutting Owners to channel and pave the street on both sides.

17 —Stoneville Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works to be done by the Abutting Owners to properly relay the edging and channelling and put the road into condition for dedication as a highway.

18—Swindon Passage and Swindon Place—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works to be done by the Abutting Owners to lay the footpaths with tar macadam and construct sufficient gullies.

19- Great Western Terrace—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up plan and specification of the works to be done by the Abutting Owners to pave, edge, and channel and make the roadway in a proper condition for dedication as a highway.

20—Queen's Road— Resolved, That a crossing be laid in this road near the Nurseries.

21-Palnswick Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have each side of this road channelled and re-gravel the footway on the West side

22--Crossing in High Street—Resolved, That a crossing be laid from near The Fleece to St. George's Place.

23—Marle Hill Road, Great Western Terrace and Stoneville Street—A letter was read from Mr. A. A. Dighton calling attention to the bad state of repair of these roads. Resolved, To inform the writer that the matters referred to by him are receiving attention.

24— Disablement Allowance— A letter was read from Mr. Geo. Curtis, road foreman to the Corporation, asking for a disablement allowance owing to having been incapacitated by illness. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to try and find him some light employment and pay him half wages.

25--Footpath from Deanwood House to Inholmes Cricket Ground, Hewlett Road Resolved, To rescind the resolution to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 29th of January last to serve notices upon the Abutting Owners to carry out works of private improvement in respect of the above-named footpath, and to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have it gravelled.

26—Royal Well Place Private Improvement Works—Resolved, To accede to the application of Mr. Wm. Phelps, and that the sum of £12 13s. 6d. apportioned in respect of the frontage of his property be paid by the Corporation.

27—Oriol Road Private Improvement Works—Resolved, That Mrs. A. E. Stevens be allowed off the sum of £9 18s. 4d., apportioned in respect of her property, the cost of laying the asphalt alongside

her house, the amount thereof to be ascertained by the Borough Surveyor and paid by the Corporation.

28—Hermitage Street Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. H. A. Dutton objecting to pay the amount apportioned to be paid by him in respect of his property of the cost of these works on the ground that he had previously at the request of the Corporation executed the above repairs to their satisfaction, and he held the receipt for the amount which he had then paid. Resolved, To inform Mr. Dutton that until the street is declared a highway the Abutting Owners remain liable for the cost of Private Improvement Works without regard to any that may have been carried out before.

29—Additional Shedding at Depot—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of the additional shedding required at the Central Depot. Resolved, That the same be approved and that tenders for carrying it out be advertised for.

30— Road West Side of St. John's Schools leading to Old Swan Yard—A specification from the Surveyor of the works required to be done to this street was read and approved. And it was Resolved, That the necessary plans, 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 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.

31-Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz.:—

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| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1372. | R. R. and W. H. Pearce. | Six Houses in Alstone Grange Estate. |
| 1373. | H. E. Millard. | Cottage in Charlton Lane. |
| 1374. | C. Daft. | Two Cottages in Granley Road. |

Resolved, That No. 1372 be approved subject to the walls at the backs of the fire places being constructed not less than nine inches in thickness, That No. 1373 be approved as shown, and That No. 1374 be disapproved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of January, 1901—Present Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward, Lenthall, and Rickerby (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1—Winter Garden—Messrs. Dale & Forty's Concert—A letter was read from Messrs. Waterhouse & Co., Solicitors for Mr. Felix Corbett, who they stated was the person who was to have given the Concert, and that Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co. were the local agents, claiming on their behalf £05 as compensation which he estimated he had lost by having to abandon the Concert, which sum he arrived at by adding to the expenses which he would actually have to pay or had paid the net amount of the profits which he estimated he would have made on takings of £125. Resolved, That the Council do not admit any liability to Mr. Corbett.

Resolved, To rescind the third resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 17th December last, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Newton to withdraw the offer made thereby to let him the Concert Hall on the 13th of February next for a concert.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Walker, on behalf of the Root, Grain and Chrysanthemum Society, enquiring what the total charge would be for the Winter Garden for their Show for two days and part of the days before and after, to be held either on the 6th and 7th or 13th and 14th of November next, and stating that they would not be able to pay the charges he had seen published. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

2—Archery Club—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Miss M. Carnegie for the use of the ground in Montpellier Gardens by the Archery Club for this season on the same terms as heretofore from the 1st of April to the 31st of October, subject to the right of the Corporation to make or grant the use of the ground for other purposes on such occasions as the same may be required when the Gardens are being used for entertainments.

3-- Concerts -A letter was read from Mr. Ballard Brown, on behalf of himself and Miss Patricia McCarthy, offering their services as singers for the Corporation Concerts. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter.

4---Corporation Entertainments—The Chairman having reported that Mr. Gilding had informed him that he would be prepared to undertake the organisation and management of the Corporation entertainments, Resolved, That Mr. Gilding be requested to inform the Committee in writing upon what terms he would act as suggested and to submit a scheme of what he proposed and the manner in which he would carry on the Entertainments.

5----Town Band—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to request the leader of this Band to inform the Committee if he proposes to submit any offer of the services of the Band to the Corporation for the ensuing season.

6—Advertising—The Editor of " The Traveller " wrote stating that they would reserve two pages, a page or half a page to be devoted entirely to news, photographs, and articles on Cheltenham, at the rate of £15 per page net.

Resolved, To enquire whether this charge is in respect of each issue or for a period. Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. Gaze and Sons, Limited, to insert a half-page advertisement of the town in all editions for the season of their Winter Resorts Programme for £3 3s. 0d. be accepted.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of January, 1901. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Davies, Stroud and J. Waghorne (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 :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1900 | | |
| Dec. 31st | 200 Volts | 210 Volts. |
| 1901 Jan. 14th | 200 " | 210 " |
| „ 21st | 200 " | 210 " |
| | | Average.. 210 " |

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

| | | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1900 Dec. 31st | 16.24 candles | 1900-01 |
| 1901 | | 31 Dec.-1 Jan. 11.27 |
| Jan. 5th .. | 15.94 " | |
| " 14th | 15.85 " | |
| „ 17th | 16.84 " | Jan. 14-15 10.67 |
| „ 21st | <u>16.50</u> " | " 19-20 <u>12.22</u> |
| | Average 16.27 " | Average.... 11.38 |

3— Gas Inspector's Monthly Report-- The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows, viz :—Ordinary lamps, 4.5783 cubic feet, No. 4 Incandescents 4.966 cubic feet, and No. 3 Incandescents 3.5855 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished—16 metered, 31 unmetered. Burning dimly-4 metered, 3 unmetered. Incandescent Lamps extinguished 24, and 5 burning dimly.

5-- Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that with reference to the tenders received at the end of November for the supply of arc lamp carbons during the current year he had made tests and recommended the acceptance of Messrs. Johnson and Phillips' tender at £3 10s. 1d. per 1,000.

An application had been received for electric supply to East Hayes, which had been purchased by Mr. Horsfall. The extension formed part of an extension already sanctioned by the Council and for which the Local Government Board had sanctioned a loan. Mr. Horsfall required electric supply in five weeks, and the Electrical Engineer proposed to lay the cable for him at the same time as the arc lighting cables sanctioned by the Council at the last meeting.

An application had been received for electric supply to Southwood House, one of the College Boarding Houses, and the cost of that would be £55 0s. 0d., and would have to be included in the next loan.

The Electrical Engineer recommended that the extensions above referred to be carried out.

He also recommended that he be allowed to keep the Neostyle Duplicating Machine he had on approval, the cost of which was £10, of which he understood the Town Clerk's Department would be glad to pay half. The equivalent of 28,100 8 c.p. lamps, corresponding to 477 customers, were then connected, and, excluding the 1,000 required for the Winter Garden, rather more than 1,000 more had then to be connected.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer above mentioned be approved and adopted subject as to the purchase of the Neostyle to half the cost being charged to the General Purposes and Watch Committee in respect of the Town Clerk's department.

6--Cheltenham Electric Light Extension Order, 1900--A letter was received from the Board of Trade with which they forwarded the copy of a letter addressed to them on behalf of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council to the effect that that Council considered, before approving the System of Supply in their district, they ought to have the power of approving or other-wise the situations of any sub-stations which the Undertakers might desire to construct underground. Resolved, That this Council as the Undertakers have no objection to submitting plans of the proposed sub-stations to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council provided that in case of difference any question as to positions or mode of construction shall be settled by the Board of Trade acting as arbitrator.

A Notice was received on behalf of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council that they desired to exercise or discharge all or any part of any of the powers or duties of the Undertakers in relation to the breaking up, filling in, reinstating, or making good any streets, bridges, sewers, drains, tunnels, or other works vested in or under the control of the said Urban District Council which this Council as the Undertakers are empowered to break up for the purposes of the special order.

7—Lighting of Footpath from Malvern Road to Parabola Road—A letter from Councillor Parsonage was read calling attention to the unsatisfactory lighting of this footpath, and suggesting that two lamps should be placed at the positions indicated upon the plan which accompanied his letter. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

8—Lighting of Townsend Street, Russell Place, and Swindon Road—Resolved, To consider the lighting of these streets at the next view meeting of the Committee.

9—Rucker v. London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited—A letter was read from Messrs. Deacon, Gibson, Medcalf and Marriott stating that this litigation had been brought to a final conclusion, that there was a balance of £1,474 18s. 7d. divisible amongst the Contributories to the Fund, the proportion of which due to this Corporation amounted to £4 17s. 6d., for which they enclosed a cheque

10—Extension of Electric Lighting Works—Resolved, To advertise for tenders for required extension of these Works.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of January, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Bennett, M. Davis, Rickerby and Lenthall (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

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

2 —Water Engineer's Report—The Water Engineer reported that on the 23rd instant, the supply from Hewletts springs was 199 gallons, the average for the last three years being 249 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 10,643,511 gallons.

On the 22nd instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32ft. in depth and the contents 100,023,701 gallons, or about 130 days' supply, which, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, was then about 2,570,976 gallons. That did not include the quantity of water costing down from Rossley spring, the guage there having been swept away during the heavy rain.

On the 12th instant he found it necessary to place another man in charge of the filters at Dowdeswell, the attendant King having neglected them to such an extent that they could not be relied upon. An application had been made for an extension of the main along the Burgage at Prestbury of about 150 yards. The cost would be about £25. The extension was required for the purpose of supplying a farmhouse belonging to Mr. Capel, and if decided on should be by meter. He recommended that the main be extended provided Mr. Capel would enter into an agreement to pay a minimum charge of ten shillings per quarter with an allowance of 8,000 gallons and the usual meter rent in addition.

On the 17th inst. a three-inch main in Great Norwood Street was found to be broken, and the escaping water percolated into the basement of Mr. Green's premises at the corner of Suffolk Road, causing some damage. This Mr. Green estimated at £2 10s. 0d.

Having regard to the views expressed by some members of the Committee, he had further considered the question of coal delivery from the river to the boiler house at Tewkesbury, and the

undermentioned idea had suggested itself to him, viz., to deepen a channel already existing to such width and depth as would permit the canal boats to approach within wheeling distance of the boiler house, or in the alternative within the radius of a crane. The cost would not exceed £100, and the lifting gear could be added at any time on very short notice, which could be either a short Temporley Transporter, a small strain crane, or an elevator. A coal bunker could be arranged along the cartway leading to the boiler house, the coal at that level being above the range of any flood. Resolved, That consideration of the subject matter of the report relating to the attendant at Dowdeswell Reservoir be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to report if he can find other employment for Mr. King of a less responsible character.

That the recommendation of the Water Engineer as to the extension of the main along the Burgage at Prestbury be approved and adopted.

That the claim of £2 10s. 0d. made by Mr. Green be paid.

That the scheme for cutting a channel from the river to the boiler house at the Tewkesbury works for coal barges be approved and carried out, and That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for tenders for carrying the scheme into effect, to be considered at a Special Meeting of the Committee to be held on the 13th proximo at the Works at Tewkesbury.

3-Appeals—The Appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of January, 1901—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage, Preston and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Swine Fever—The Superintendent of Police reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on premises at Alma Road, Hatherley in the occupation of Mr. Herbert Dyer. That there were 12 pigs on the place, 9 of which were affected with the disease, 1 had died and 8 had been slaughtered. He subsequently reported that 3 pigs remained alive at the place, which was still in quarantine on the 21st inst.

2—Drivers' Licences—Resolved, To grant a driver's licence to John Williams, of No. 2, Portland Place.

3—Art Gallery Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Art Gallery Sub-Committee consist of the Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham and Councillor Hayward, and that they be requested to invite the Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson to attend their meetings as consulting members.

4--Museum—A letter was read from Dr. Wilson urging the desirability of providing a Museum for the town in which the many objects of interest even then available might be shown. A letter was read from Messrs. Wm. Potter and Sons, of Aldersgate Street, Loudon, offering to send a representative

of their firm to wait upon the Committee with a view of discussing the matter relating to the provision of show cases for a Museum. Resolved, That these two letters be referred to the Art Gallery Sub-Committee to deal with.

5 Borough Surveyor's Salary—Resolved, That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Mayor, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward and Parsonage, be appointed to enquire into the details of the work in the several departments of the Borough Survey or and report to the Committee.

6—Trading at Depot—A letter from General Babbage on this subject was read. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Trade Protection Society with which he forwarded a copy of the following resolution passed by the Committee of that Society, viz.:—"That the Society place on record its approval of the course adopted by the Corporation of Cheltenham on the " 7th inst. in the matter of trading with the Council and its appreciation of the exhaustive and judicial " manner in which the enquiry was conducted."

7—Trees on Folly Lane Allotments—Resolved, To authorise Councillors Baker, Lenthall and Parsonage to deal with a letter received from F. Piff and others requesting the Committee to have some trees on the Allotments cut down.

8—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—Resolved, To appoint Councillor Parsonage on this Sub-Committee in place of Councillor Bence.

9—Naming of Streets—The Borough Surveyor reported that 30 or 40 streets required name plates. Resolved, To instruct him to have name plates put up where necessary, to obtain tenders for supplying same, and That the Mayor and Councillor Baker be empowered to accept a tender.

10 -Petroleum Licences—Application for a Petroleum Licence was received from Mr. D. H. Morgan, of No. 22, Clarence Street, and applications for renewal from John Fisher, 34, Winchcomb Street ; T. W. Harvey, 180 & 181, High Street ; Fraling Brothers, 149, High Street ; Lilian Baughan, 2, Exchange Buildings, Bath Road ; George Tillott, 14, Rodney Terrace ; Maurice Bellamy, 251, High Street ; Albert Lusty, 196, High Street and 7, 8 & 9, Larput Place, Resolved, That the applications be acceded to, provided as to the application from Mr. John Fisher that the premises are made fit for storage to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor before the meeting of the Council.

11—Assistant in Borough Surveyor's Office—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had appointed Mr. W. Henry, at a salary of £120, in place of Mr. Tarrant.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of January, 1901—Present:
Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Davies, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair).

- 1- Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the receipts for the past month had been as follows, viz.:-

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| Amount reported last month .. . | £212 17 4 |
| received since up to the 20th inst. | <u>£2 8 5</u> |
| | £215 5 9 |

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The Borough Surveyor stated that the receipts from the Swimming Bath had been so insignificant that it was a heavy loss to keep it open at this time of year. Resolved, That the Swimming Bath be closed until the 1st of April.

2- Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the receipts for the last month had been as follows, viz.:—

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| Amount reported last month .. | £75 9 10 |
| “ received since up to the 20th inst. | <u>£15 5 7</u> |
| | £90 15 5 |

3—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Committee having paid a visit to this ground and Alderman Winterbotham and Councillor Gurney being present by invitation, Resolved, That the mound in the new piece of ground be removed, that the old swings be removed and replaced by new ones with iron frames on the South side of the ground at the West end of the old part of the ground, that four flower beds be formed along the North side of the old part of the ground, that two new giant strides be provided, that the walks be regravelled, that a six-inch pipe drain with gulleys be provided to carry off the surface water, and that an iron fence on a stone plinth be erected along the frontage of the vacant land in Marle Hill Road.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of January, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis, Moles, Rickerby and Stroud (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Burial Act, 1900—The provisions of this Act with reference to the settlement of a Scale of Fees to be paid to Ministers conducting funeral services in the Cemetery and to the fees payable to the Rector were considered. Resolved, That a Sub-Committee, consisting of The Chairman, Alderman Haddon, and Councillors Baker, Rickerby and Stroud, be appointed to settle and bring up to the Committee for approval a table of fees to be received in respect of services rendered by any minister of religion, to be submitted to the Secretary of State as required by the Act, and to revise the old scale of fees to be paid to the Board (other than such fees as aforesaid) and the Rules and Regulations.

An application was received from Mr. J. Sier, the Parish Clerk, for compensation for the loss of fees sustained by him by the passing of the Burial Act of 1900. He stated that the average of the fees received by him during the past three years amounted to £49 14s. 0d. per annum. Resolved, To refer the matter to the Sub-Committee to consider and bring up a recommendation to this Committee.

2 Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs of Headstones and Monuments, viz. :—To John Alexander Hay, Elizabeth Lawrence, Alexander Smith Bell, Major-General Robert Comyn Lavie, Sarah Frances Wood, Oswald Richard Wilding, Joseph Kemble, Florence Hilda Need, and Robert Laurie Cumming and Eliza Ker Laurie Guthrie.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of January, 1901—Present Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)-

1- Report of the Borough Accountant re Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting £500 had been received from Messrs. Davis and Fussier, £300 from Mr. C. Whitmore, and £6,810 from the Public Works Loan Board. That Mr. C. H. Whitmore had claimed commission on the £200 previously obtained through him from Miss Whitmore, and Mr. Fowler had made a similar claim as regards the £500 above mentioned.

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That of the amounts sanctioned the following sums still remained to be raised, viz., £21,830 on account of the Electric Under-taking, £685 for the Lodge at Whaddon Recreation Ground, and when required from the Public Works Loan Board as arranged £3,437, making a total of £25,952.

That £52,485 still remained owing to Lloyds Bank on Debentures.

That £15,350 3s. 4d. had been expended in anticipation of sanctions from the Local Government Board.

Notices had been received from Mrs. B. Shewell requiring repayment of £3,000 unless the Council would advance the rate of interest above 3 per cent. From the Misses E. and A. J. Badham to repay £2,000 unless the Council would advance the rate of interest above 31 per cent.

That unconditional notice had been received requiring repayment at the expiration of six months from the 18th of October last of sums amounting to £15,000.

That the overdraft on the General Account at the Bank was then £9,724 6s. 0d., upon which he was afraid the Council would shortly have to pay more than 4 per cent. under the existing arrangement with the Bank, and That the interest charged for the last half year upon the overdraft was £457 8s. 11d.

A letter was read from General Shewell giving three months' notice for repayment of the loan of £900 advanced by himself and Mr. Cookson unless the Council would advance the rate of interest above 3 ¼ per cent.

Resolved, That the claim of Mr. Whitmore, but not the claim of Mr. Fowler, for commission as above mentioned be acceded to, and That Mrs. Shewell, the Misses Badham, and General Shewell be offered interest at the rate of 3 ½ per cent. upon their respective loans.

2- Offices of the Borough Accountant—Resolved, To draw the attention of the General Purposes and Watch Committee to the fact that the renovation and fitting up of these offices has not yet been commenced.

3—Municipal Accounts—A letter from General Babbage was read with which he enclosed a pamphlet indicating the way in which he considered the Municipal Accounts should be kept. Resolved, That General Babbage receive the thanks of the Council for his instructive exemplification of these accounts.

4—Hermitage Street Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. A. G. Leslie, of No. 125, Whittington Road, Bowes Park, London, N., on behalf of Mrs. Nicholls, the owner of Nos. 12 & 13, Francis Terrace, from whom the sum of £4 4s. was due in respect of these works, asking relief on account of extreme old age and poverty, her only means of livelihood being the rents received by her from the property she owns in this street. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to accept payment by such instalments with 5 per cent. interest as he may consider will afford the relief asked for.

5—Local Authorities' Officers' Superannuation Bill—A letter was read from the Municipal Officers' Association asking the Council to present a Petition to Parliament in favour of this Bill. Resolved, To accept an offer of Councillor Hayward to bring up a Report with regard to this matter to the Committee, together with a Report and Scheme for Superannuation of all the employees of the Council, for consideration by the Committee, in accordance with the resolution of the Council, and that meanwhile consideration of the above-mentioned letter be adjourned.

6—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th January, 1901, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £11,663 3s. 0d., leaving outstanding £5,861 8s. 5d.

7--Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th January, 1901, on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £7,110 2s. 9d., leaving outstanding £4,302 15s. 0d.

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 £9,868 11s. 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 1st January last | £ 6,224 0 11 |
| Paid since that date | <u>£19,366 3 11</u> |
| | £25,590 4 10 |
| Received since the out January, including Loans £7,610 | <u>£19,674 18 8</u> |
| Overdrawn | £5,915 6 2 |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure Overdrawn | £5,022 4 8 |

Net Balances of other Accounts £ 893 1 6
£5,915 6 2

W. GERALD GURNEY
Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of January, 1901—Present :
Councillors Hayward, Moles, Preston and Stroud ; The Revs. J. Evans, R. G. Fairbairn and A. C.
Turberville; The Baron de Ferrieres and Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler, Wm. Cresswell, F.
Darter, G. H. Palmer and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that £7 13s. 9d. had been received during the past month, and that the following presentations had been made to the Library, viz.:—Two Volumes from the Trustees of the British Museum, and The Journal of Indian Art in 6 parts from Mr. G. H. Bayley.

2-New Books—Resolved, To purchase the new books specified in the list produced.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of January, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Bennett, Moles, Parsonage and Preston (Councillor Preston 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, from which 542 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 29 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 3 meetings ; that 5 parents had been prosecuted ; that 4 were fined ; and an Attendance Order was made against the parent of Edwin Thomas Bennett.

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. :—Nellie McCarthy and Edward Lawrence, and That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parents of James Jackson for an Attendance Order.

Letters were read from Mr. Nott and Mr. Skarratt declining to serve upon a Local Committee, but a letter was read from Mr. William Sawyer consenting to serve upon the Central Ward Local Committee. Resolved, That this Committee desire to express their thanks to Mr. Sawyer.

Resolved, To instruct the Clerk to ask The Revs. R. G. Fairbairn and A. C. Turberville, General Babbage, Mr. J. Playle, Mr. S. Wiltshire and Mr. W. Westcott if they will respectively act on any of the Local Committees.

3-- School Accommodation--A letter was read from the Board of Education stating that the Board had decided that further public Elementary School accommodation was necessary in respect of the Coltham Fields population, but they would suspend for a year the issuing of notices under the Statute provided the Coltham Fields School be reopened without delay for that time, after which the Board would hold themselves free to issue notices without any further local enquiry unless either—

1. Steps are then being taken to provide further permanent accommodation, or
2. Some material change in the circumstances can be shown such as can be held to dispense with the need for such further provision.

This communication had in view only the question raised by the closing of the Coltham Fields School. Should any other local deficiency occur it would be dealt with in due course on its merits. Resolved, To inform the Board that the Managers have promised, as soon as the arrangements can be made, to reopen and carry on the Coltham Fields Schools for at least another year as stipulated.

4----Proceedings for Irregular Attendance—A letter from Mr. G. Bradfield was read with which he forwarded a copy of a letter he had written to the Board of Education with reference to proceedings which had been taken against him under the Bye-Laws as the parent of a child whose attendance at school was irregular. Also other letters on the same subject addressed by him to the Mayor and the Town Clerk and relating to action which had been taken to recover payment of the fine, and stating that the matter was in the hands of a solicitor, who had been instructed to take what steps were necessary.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of February, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Parsonage, M. Davis, Gurney, R. Davies, H. Waghorne and Lenthall (Councillor Parsonage 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, 3 of Enteric Fever, and 4 of Diphtheria ; that 1 case 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 8 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, and 4 of Enteric Fever.

2—Wells at Pear Tree Cottage, Naunton Crescent, and No. 37, 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—Shooting over Bard Farm—With reference to Minute No. 17 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 14th ultimo, a letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons stating that Mr. Bingham was willing to continue the shooting over the Barn Farm if the Corporation would let it to him, Resolved, That the same be referred to the Sewage Farms Sub-Committee for consideration and report

4-House, Requiring Cleansing and Disinfection—The Medical Officer of Health certified under Section 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the cleansing and disinfection of the house or part thereof mentioned and of certain articles in such house likely to retain infection would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. The Committee being of opinion that such disinfection would tend to prevent or check infectious disease Resolved, That Notice be given to the owner or occupier of such house or part thereof requiring him to cleanse and disinfect such house or part thereof and articles within a time to be specified in such Notice.

5-- Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 41, Montpellier Terrace, No. 11, Naunton Crescent, No. 2, Rose and Crown Passage, No. 4, Hanover Parade, No. 9, Bloomsbury Street, and Nos. 4, 9 22, Stoneville Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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.

6 - Nuisance from Drains, &c, at No. 4, Hanover Parade, No. 38, Brunswick Street, No. 3, Pittville Crescent, No. 13, Albert Place, and No. 27, Hanover 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 Sections.

7-Drainage Work at No. 3, Suffolk Parade—With reference to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 9th April, 1900, a letter was read from Mrs. C. Stevens expressing her regret that through illness in her funnily she had been unable to keep up the quarterly payments as promised, but that she would pay an instalment of £2 10s. 4d. and interest a few days after next Quarter day. Resolved, That the additional time asked for be allowed.

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8—Overcrowding at No. 3, Rosehill Terrace—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.

9—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.

10—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer or 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—Sewer at Back of Mayfield, Lansdown Road—A letter was read from Major-General Babbage addressed to the Borough Surveyor on the subject of a sewer at the back of Mayfield, Lansdown Road. Resolved, That the letter does not appear to the Committee to call for any reply from them.

12—Insanitary Property at No. 17, Cleveland Street, No. 2, Walton Terrace, Roman Road, No. 2, Rose and Crown Passage, No. 16, Union Street, Fairview, No. 5, Newent Place, Marsh Lane, Nos. 28 & 35, Stoneville Street, and Stable yard behind Nos. 13 & 14, Lansdown Crescent--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 pipes and spouting, floors, yards, &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---Houses let in Lodgings, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8, Royal Well Terrace. Resolved, That the Landlords of the above-named houses be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days, to supply the information necessary for the registration of such houses by the Council as houses let in lodgings, as specified in Bye-law No. 7 of the Bye-laws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

14—Drain at Alpha Villa, Hatherley —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the drain at Alpha Villa, Hatherley, was blocked and created a nuisance, and that, notwithstanding notice from him, the nuisance still continued. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to compel abatement of the nuisance.

15.--Hatherley Brook Sewer—With reference to the resolutions to Minute No. 34 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, a letter from Mr. W. C. Prance in reply thereto was read, in which he stated that he did not complain of such resolution so long as it was clearly understood that his right to compensation was reserved until after Mr. Cresswell's new tenancy had expired, and pointing out that the Corporation, and not the Contractor, was liable to him to make good any damage and for compensation (if any).

16-Public Health Congress at Eastbourne—A letter was read from the Mayor of Eastbourne informing the Council that the Annual Congress of the Institute of Public Health would be held in Eastbourne from the 25th to the 30th of July next, and inviting the Council to appoint delegates to such Congress. Resolved, That in consequence of the visit of the British Medical Association to

Cheltenham at the end of July next, the Council regret that they will be unrepresented at the Public Health Congress.

17 - Drain in Roman Road—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 32 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, the Inspector of Nuisances reported that the drain passing under No. 2, Walton Terrace, Roman Road, was still in use, it conveying the surface water from a portion of Roman Road and the drainage from the Midland Railway Station. The owner of No. 1, Walton Terrace had made a connection for subsoil drainage with the drains directly underneath his house, which allowed free access to the house of foul air. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice be served on the owner of No. 2, Walton Terrace under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to remove the present connection with the drain under his house and concrete over the surface above the drain inside the house, and that Notice be served under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to carry the subsoil drainage outside the house.

18—Defective Sewer in St. Luke's Place and Mitre Street—With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 14th ultimo, the Borough Surveyor reported on the condition of the present sewer in St. Luke's Place and Mitre Street. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do extend the sewer up St. Luke's Place and Mitre Street and connect the houses where the house drains are in good condition, and where not that notices be served on the owners of the houses requiring them to remedy any defects in their drains.

19-- Sewage Disposal With reference to Minute No. 31 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 19th November last, a further letter from the Local Government Board was read, with which they enclosed copy of a letter received from the Boddington School Board and of an extract from a report presented to the Cheltenham Rural District Council by Dr. Johns having reference to the subject of the disposal of the sewage of Cheltenham, and requesting to be furnished with the observations of the Town Council thereon, as also on the letter from the Rev. G. Bayfield Roberts, a copy of which had been previously forwarded by the Board. A copy of the letter addressed to the Local Government Board by the Boddington School Board was also forwarded to the Council by the Clerk to the School Board.

The Chairman of this Committee read and explained the report of the Committee's inspection of the lands irrigated by Cheltenham sewage. Resolved, That the chairman and Town Clerk be requested to submit to this Committee at the next meeting the drafter proposed reply to the Local Government Board on the letters addressed to the Board.

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20-Slaughter-house at Abattoir let to Messrs. Waghorne Brothers—The Chairman and Councillor M. Davis having reported on this matter. Resolved, That the matter be further adjourned for the Town Clerk to make some enquiries thereon and report to the next meeting.

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

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1375. | C. Barrett. | Semi-detached house, Old Bath Road. |
| 1376. | T. W. Smith. | Semi-detached house, Hayward's Road. |
| 1377 | C. T. Clarke. | Two semi-detached villas, Naunton Park Terrace. |
| 1380 | E. A. Martin. | Two houses, Marle Hill Parade. |
| 1381. | G. Stockwell. | House in Eldorado Road. |

Resolved, That No. 1376 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved so far as the drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Gurney, Lenthall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—.

22—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, case of Scarlet Fever ; that the case 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 6 of Scarlet Fever and 4 of Enteric Fever.

23—Wells at No. 2 Boston Villas, Marle Hill Parade, No. 5, Knowsley Parade, and No. 11, Courtenay 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.

24--Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 44, Fairview Street, No. 1, Bloomsbury Place, and No. 11, Courtenay 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.

25-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 12, Lansdown Terrace, No. 44, Fairview Street, Gabari, Douglas and Hollym, Parabola Road, Fauconberg, Overton Road, and No. 1, Bowden Villas, Marle Hill Parade—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 Sections

26—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 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.

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- Insanitary Property at No. 44, Fairview Street, No 13, Waterloo Street, Nos. 39 & 41, Russell Street, Nos. 28, 45 & 46 Townsend Street, The Royal Foresters' Arms, No. 123, Tewkesbury Road, and No. 1, Clare Villas, Sandfield Road—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, eaves, spouting, floors, 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.

29- Urinal at The Full Moon Hotel, High Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal was a nuisance and injurious to health owing to want of a proper supply of water for flushing purposes. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, he served on the owner to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient continuous supply of water for flushing and execute such structural amendments as may be necessary.

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30—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 10, Francis Street and No. 11, Naunton Crescent The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing and disinfecting of the above-mentioned premises or parts thereof and of articles therein likely to retain infection would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion on the certificate of the Medical Officer of Health that the cleansing and disinfecting above mentioned would tend as aforesaid, Notice under Sec. 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, he served on the owners and occupiers of the said premises to cleanse and disinfect as aforesaid within the time specified in the notice.

31—Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 & 33, Imperial Square, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above mentioned be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

32—Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served to provide ash receptacles and flushing box, close a well, amend defective roof and w.c.

pan, and amend defective drains, which had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

33—Tivoli and Other Private Sewers—Resolved, To approve the draft of a letter which the Town Clerk, pursuant to instructions of the Council, proposed to send to the Local Government Board, which he had read to the Committee.

34 - Sewage Disposal—Resolved, To approve the draft of a letter which the Town Clerk proposed to send to the Local Government Board in reply to their letters with reference to complaints received from the Rev. G. B. Roberts and the Clerk to the Boddington School Board.

35—Delancey Trustees—Resolved, To appoint Councillor Parsonage as a representative of the Council on this body in place of Councillor Bence.

36- -Pigkeeping—A memorial was read from William Clifford and others stating that they had had notice not to keep more than two pigs, the distance being within 150 feet from a dwelling-house contrary to the Bye-Laws, That all their piggeries were kept clean and well drained and did not cause any nuisance, and they requested the Committee to pay a visit of inspection to the premises on the following Monday at 5 o'clock, after which they felt confident that the Council would allow them to go on as before. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

37—Flooding of Basements of Nos. 4 & 5. St. Mark's Emporium—A letter was read from Mr. E. G. Tovey claiming £20 as compensation for depreciation and damage caused to the foundations of the above-mentioned houses from flooding arising from a defective surface drain belonging to the Corporation. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor to prepare a written report to the Committee.

38- Offices of the Medical Officer of Health—Resolved, To refer a letter from the Medical Officer of Health complaining of his office accommodation to the General Purposes Committee, with an expression of this Committee's opinion that the complaint is well founded and should receive attention.

39- Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz. :-

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1383. | C. Daft. | Two cottages in Granley Road, St. Marks. |
| 1384. | Lloyds Bank Limited. | New Bank premises on site of old Assembly Rooms. |
| 1386. | Thomas Jackson. | Twelve semi-detached houses in Leckhampton Lane. |

Resolved, That No. 1383 be disapproved, and that as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the other plans mentioned be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of February, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Lenthall and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

Light Railway in the Borough —Mr. Nevins having informed the Committee that he was unable to obtain delivery of a sufficient quantity of McDougalls bricks to enable him to complete more than about two-thirds of the length of the line within the

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Borough by the 1st of June, on which day he wished to commence running the cars, and having applied for permission to lay the remainder of the length of the line with bricks of another kind. Resolved, That the application be acceded to provided that the bricks to be used other than the McDougalls bricks be of a kind similar to those at the present time laid down in New Street and manufactured by Messrs. George Woolliscroft and Co. and Messrs. Wood and Ivery, and that the portions of the line where these bricks are to be laid shall be determined upon by the Street and Highway Committee in conference with the Borough Surveyor. Mr. Nevins having laid before the Committee the design of the cars he proposed to adopt and having invited the Committee to decide what colour the cars should be painted and as to the lettering to be placed thereon. Resolved, That the design be approved, That the colour of the cars be red and blue, and that the lettering be left to the discretion of Mr. Nevins.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of February, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, Brown and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Central Depot—The Committee paid a visit of inspection to the Central Depot

2-Collum End Road---A Memorial from Mr. E. T. Saunders and other ratepayers and property owners on the North-Eastern side of Collum End Road or Church Road, calling attention to the exceedingly bad condition of the road, especially from the Malvern Inn to the Hall Road, was read. They stated that it was an understood thing with the Corporation and the Borough Surveyor when the houses were built that on each owner giving up land for the widening of the road a footpath should be made and kept in proper order, but this latter had not been done. Resolved, That further consideration of the memorial be adjourned for the Committee to view, the memorialists to be invited to meet the Committee on the spot at 2.45 p.m. on Friday, the 22nd instant.

3- Carriage Way over Footpath at No. 2, Fairfield Villas, Leckhampton Road—A letter was read from Mr. John Hill, of No. 2, Fairfield Villas, objecting to pay the sum of £4 11s. 4d., the cost of providing a crossing or carriage way across the footpath to his premises, and stating that he understood that the County Council paid for making crossings, &c., in Leckhampton. Resolved, That Mr. Hill be informed

that the carriage way was required in pursuance of Section 41 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and that the County Council contribute nothing towards the cost of providing these carriage ways.

4-Whaddon Lane—A letter was read from Messrs. Bubb & Co., solicitors for Mr. Skillicorne, calling attention to alleged damage caused to Whaddon Lane by the hauling of mud and other refuse over the road by the Corporation carts, and asking that the road may be at once repaired, as Mr. Skillicorne's part of it was in perfect repair before the hauling commenced. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Bubb and Co. that the Corporation have a right to use the road for all purposes in respect of the Corporation property abutting thereon.

5-Trees in St. Anne's Road-- A letter was read from Mr. W. T. Pates, of Tudor Lodge, complaining of obstruction of light caused by the trees in St. Anne's Road opposite his house, and asking that they should be removed and some young ones planted. Resolved, That the writer be informed that as the road in question is a private road, the Corporation have no power to comply with his request.

6-Street Projections—A letter was read from Messrs. Steel Brothers asking for permission to put up on the fascia of 137, High Street two brackets, not projecting more than 2 feet nor being less than 8 feet from the pavement. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

7-Cloddimore Level Crossing—With reference to Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 15th ultimo, the letter from the Great Western and Midland Railway Companies' Joint Committee, asking whether the Corporation would contribute half the expense of a footbridge over the railway at Cloddimore if the Companies provided one, was further considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Board of Trade on the subject.

8--Crossing front Queen's Circus to Queen's hotel—A letter was read from Messrs. Farber and Son urging the great necessity which existed for a crossing to be laid from the Queen's Hotel corner of Montpellier to the Queen's Circus corner adjoining their premises. Resolved, That the crossing asked for be laid down, the crossing to be of McDougalls bricks.

9-Disablement Allowance—The resolution to Minute No. 24 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 28th ultimo instructing the Borough Surveyor to pay half wages to Mr. George Curtis, a road foreman in Corporation employ, and now incapacitated by illness, was further considered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to continue to employ him at a wage of 5s. per week until the 31st March next.

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10—Crossing near Crafton Brewery—A letter was read from Mr. P. H. Connelly, of Grafton Brewery, The Park, alleging a great need for a crossing from the Brewery leading to the Bath Road. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

11--Temporary Additional Clerk at Central Depot—The Stores Sub-Committee reported the necessity of additional temporary clerical assistance at the Central Depot in order to clear up arrears of work. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage an additional clerk temporarily for the work mentioned.

12-New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received from persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

| No. on Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|----------------|---|
| 1375. | C. Barrett | Semi-detached house, Old Bath Road. |
| 1376. | T. W. Smith. | Semi-detached house, Hayward's Road. |
| 1377 | C. T. Clarke. | 2 Semi-detached villas, Naunton Park Terrace. |
| 1378. | W. D. Rogers. | Conversion of a wing into separate dwelling-house at Craig-y-don. |
| 1379. | F. Willett. | House. |
| 1380. | E. A. Martin. | Two houses in Marle Hill Parade. |
| 1381. | G. Stockwell. | House in Eldorado Road. |
| 1382. | Mr. Colonetti. | Bay window at Ethelville, Church Road, St. Mark's. |

Resolved, That plans numbered 1376 and 1379 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of February, 1901—Present Aldermen Haddon & Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis, Hayward, Lenthall and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

13—Tramway—Mr. Nevins attended the meeting to inform the Committee that he was unable to obtain delivery of sufficient McDougalls bricks for laying between the lines in less than five months, and as he wished to commence running by the 1st of June he asked the Committee to agree to the use of some other kind of brick for about a third of the length of the track within the Borough, for which he would not be able to obtain delivery of the McDougalls bricks by the time named.

Resolved, That so far as the matter is within the purview of this Committee, the Council consent to the Promoter laying the rails and feeder cables in trenches without disturbing more macadam than necessary. The macadam to be as a temporary measure made good by him where he is not able to complete with McDougalls bricks on condition that such McDougalls bricks as he has from time to time been able to obtain shall be used without delay in laying the portion of the track commencing at the Pittville Gates and continuing as far as possible through the Borough towards the South and West, and that the remainder of the track within the Borough shall be completed with McDougalls bricks as quickly as delivery of them can be obtained.

14—Street Projection—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of an application from Mr. H. Harper for permission to put up a sign over the door of No. 7, Sherborne Street for the Inspector to enquire and report as to the nature of it.

15- Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending February 22nd, 1901, had been as follows, viz. :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Leckhampton Road proceeding.

Patched with Glee Hill Stone—Tewkesbury Road, St. James's Square, St. George's Road, Queen's Road, Hale's Road Gloucester Road, Lansdown Place, Charlton Lane, Wide opening Trafalgar Street, High Street, Oriel Road, Clarence Street, North Street, Albion Street, Hewlett Road, New Street, Prestbury Road, Montpellier Terrace, Bennington Street, Winchcomb Street, Suffolk Road, Clarence Road, Gloucester Place, All Saints' Road, Rodney Road, Cemetery Road, Park Place, The Park, Tivoli Circus, Naunton Lane, Grafton Road, Tivoli Road, Moorend Park Road, Leckhampton Lane, St. Stephen's Road and Bath Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Townsend Street 1665 super yards, Albert Street, St. Peter's, proceeding.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—St. Paul's Road, Tivoli Street, Northfield Terrace, Western Road, St. Paul's Street South, Back of Lansdown Crescent, Synagogue Lane, Albert Road, Bennington Street and Oxford Passage.

Patched with Gore Stone—Wellington Road and High Street. Repairs to Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channel—Manchester Street, High Street, Prestbury Road, St. Paul's Road, Royal Crescent, Post Office Lane, Lansdown Crescent, Pittville Circus, Sandford Street, Albion Street, Christ Church Road, Lansdown Road, Bath Road, Rowanfield Road and Granville Street.

The kerb in Russell Street was being refixed and made good and new channelling of concrete blocks was being laid down.

A McDougall brick crossing had been laid at the end of Leamington Place.

The Cabstand in Imperial Square near the New Club had been laid with patent blue bricks so as to accommodate 8 carriages.

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The Footpaths in Clarence Square, Wellington Square, Gloucester Road and Painswick Road had been repaired with Wickwar gravel, the total area being 3,420 square yards. The trees in Selkirk Street had been pruned, and four Birch trees had been planted in King's Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-1074 loads collected, 783 loads consumed, weight 877 tons 14 ½ cwt.

16—Paving in Montpellier Street—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Ladies' College calling attention to the condition of the path in Montpellier Street between Rotunda Terrace and St. Andrew's Church. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a Specification of the works to be done by the Abutting Owners to pave, &c., the footpath referred to.

17—Footpath South-West Side of London Road—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council calling attention to the bad state of repair of this footpath co-extensive with the nursery land in the occupation of Messrs. Fuller and Maylam. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the asphalt relaid with an edging of blue brick on each side and the margins re-gravelled.

18—Footpath North-East Side of London Road—A letter was read from Mr. T. B. Woodard calling attention to the bad state of this footpath between Hales Road and the Beaufort Arms. Resolved,

That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the same paved where there is at present no paving.

19—Collum End Road--The memorial from Mr. E. T. Saunders and others alleging that it was understood when the houses from Egremont to Pineville were built that on condition the owner of each house gave up a depth of frontage of 8 feet or thereabouts to widen the road, the Corporation would make, pave, channel and kerb the footpath and maintain same in good order, was further considered. Mr. Saunders, the owner of Egremont, and Mr. G. E. Chick, the owner of Pineville, were received and heard by the Committee. Resolved, To further adjourn consideration of the matter for Mr. Chick to produce a letter which he stated had been written by the Borough Surveyor to Mr. H. Webb, from whom he purchased his property, and would support the statement contained in the memorial.

20—Harp Hill—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to comply with the request contained in Mr. Broom's letter to have the fence between the road and Battledown View raised, and to raise the wall and doors and make good the road under the doors for the entrance of vehicles.

21—Crossing from Grafton Brewery—Resolved, To accede to an application to the Council received from Mr. P. H. Connelly to lay a crossing from the Grafton Brewery leading to the Bath Road, and to instruct the Borough Surveyor to execute the work accordingly.

22—Oriel Road Private Improvement Expenses --With regard to the amount apportioned to be paid by the owners in respect of Oriel Lodge, a letter was read from Messrs. Engall, Cox and Co. stating that the owners considered the charge too high and objected thereto, but they would pay the amount if they could have an assurance that they would in so doing free themselves from any future liability for Private Improvement Works in respect of Oriel Lodge. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to give any assurance respecting future action of the Council.

23—Swindon Road Private Improvement Works—Mr. J. J. Lane was received and heard by the Council in support of a contention he wished to raise that as he had been charged as a tenant for the provision of a carriage way across the footpath he should not now be charged as an owner for Private Improvement Works. Resolved, That Mr. Lane be informed that the matters are entirely distinct and that he has been properly charged in each case.

24--Footpath North Side of Selkirk Street-- A memorial was read from the Rev. M. A. Smelt and others submitting that the specification of the work to be done by them to this footpath was unreasonable, and if the surface be reformed with sufficient slope and coated with blue gravel that would be sufficient for such an unimportant walk. Resolved, That the resolution to Minute No. 20 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 22nd day of October last, so far as it refers to the work to be done to this footpath, be rescinded. That the notices served on the abutting owners to execute the work specified be withdrawn, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the suggestion of the memorialists as to the repair of the footpath.

25- -Winstonian Road Private Improvement Works—A memorial was read from the Executors of the late Mr. C. Winstone and other owners of property in this road calling attention to the fact that building operations were still in progress, and requesting postponement of the remaking of the road until such operations are completed, when they would be quite prepared to execute the work, and

that they would in the meantime lay down a temporary crossing from one side of the road to the other. Resolved, To accede to the request conditional upon the offer to lay the crossing being at once carried out, and to suspend the operation of the notices served upon the abutting owners for 12 months, during which the Committee trust all the building operations will have been completed.

26 ---Tenders for Shedding at Depot---The following tenders for the additional shedding required at the Depot were received, viz.:—

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| Messrs. C. H. Channon and Son. | £240 0 0 |
| Mr. Wm. Cresswell | £197 0 0 |
| Messrs. Collins and Godfrey | £177 10 0 |

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins and Godfrey he accepted.

27--- Russell Place, Baker Street, Lower Mill Lane, Windsor and Millbrook Streets—Specifications from the Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above 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.

28—Roadway West Side of Otago Terrace, St. Luke's, Great Western Terrace, and Whitecross Square—Specifications from the Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above streets were read and approved. And it was Resolved, That the necessary

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plans, 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.

29 --Surface Water Drain from Hewletts Road to Whaddon Lane—Resolved, To serve a notice on Mr. Skillicorne to clear out the Wymans Brook where it passes through his property to allow a free passage for the stream and so relieve this drain from the water which at present flows into it from the brook.

30—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz.:—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1384. | Lloyds Bank, Limited. | Bank premises on site of old Assembly Rooms. |
| 1385. | J. D. Bendall. | Store adjoining Brookville, Leckhampton Road. |

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| 1386. | Thomas Jackson. | Twelve semi-detached houses, Leckhampton Lane. |
| 1387. | Mrs. Pearson. | Girls' School, Pittville Circus Road. |
| 1388. | C. Daft. | Two cottages, Granley Road. |
| 1389. | F. Willett. | House in New Street. |
| 1390. | Geo. Stockwell. | Pair of semi-detached houses in Eldorado Road. |
| 1391. | Geo. Loveday. | Pair of cottages at Alstone Croft. |

Resolved, That Nos. 1388 and 1389 be not approved, and that the other plans above specified be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1901—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lenthall, and Rickerby (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1-Manager of the Corporation Entertainments—Letters were read from Mr. Gilding, Mr. A. Newton and Mr. G. H. Williams, offering to undertake the management of the Corporation Entertainments. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned, and to request Mr. Gilding and Mr. Newton to attend a Special Meeting of the Committee to consider this question on the following Monday at 12 o'clock mid-day.

2-Messrs. Dale and Forty's Concert--Letters were read from Messrs. Waterhouse and Co., Solicitors, in which they stated that the contract was made by Messrs. Dale and Forty for Mr. Adlington, the agent for their client Mr. Corbett and asking to be informed whether or not the Corporation admit any liability to which the Town Clerk had replied, that it was intended that they should take the resolution of this Committee of which they had had a copy as an answer, and they could send any writ they desired to serve to him. Resolved. That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

3—Bands—Letters were read from Mr. Hall of the Town Band, asking for an allowance of £3 per week until the season commences to enable him to keep the Town Band up to its present strength and efficiency. He also offered to supply for the use of the Corporation a good band of 54 performers for £20 per week, and £3 per week extra for himself as conductor and for supply of uniforms and music. The condition as to private engagements to be the same as last year except that the band should devote more hours to performances for the Corporation. A letter was read from Mr. C. James of the Rifle Band, offering the services of his band again for the summer concerts to play as they did last year, or in any way that can be mutually arranged.

4-Entertainment at Montpellier Gardens during Cricket Week—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter received from Mr. A. Newton, enquiring on what terms he could have the Montpellier Gardens for next Cricket Week, and stating that he would be pleased to provide the entertainments and share with the Committee on similar lines to last year.

5-Cheltenham Hand Book—A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Burrow offering to the Committee the space on the outside of the cover of his book in course of preparation, for a town advertisement for the sum of £25 which would include a page advertisement of Cheltenham and its attractions in his forthcoming Wye Valley Illustrated and Great Western Illustrated burls of which would be on sale at all the railway bookstalls in the Midlands.

9-- Advertising—Resolved, Not to entertain an offer from the Manager of the "Topical Times" for an advertisement of the town therein.

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A letter was read from the Editor of "The Traveller," stating that the £15 per page was for each weekly issue of the paper, Resolved, That the offer be not entertained.

7—Programme of Local Events—Resolved, To accept with thanks an offer of Messrs. Harvey and Healing of Manchester Street, to send each week as many copies of their Programme of local events as the Committee may request.

8--Photos of the Town in Railway Carriages—A letter was read from the Assistant General Manager of the Midland Railway Company, stating that the stock of photochrom views which had been supplied had been used by placing them in their carriages and in frames for hotels, &c., and they could advantageously dispose of 50 more copies of each view in the same way as before, and suggested they should be supplied as follows :—

Loose copies 20 of each for frames, &c. Mounted copies ready for carriages :-

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| 10728 Cheltenham Pittville Gardens | } | 5 first-class and |
| 10726 " The Promenade | } | 25 third class. |

Resolved, That an order be given to the Photochrom Company to supply the photos as above mentioned to the Railway Company.

9—Corporation Concerts—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of letters from the following persons, offering their services as performers at the Corporation Concerts, viz.: Mr. Ballard Brown and Miss Patricia McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Dickson Moffat, and the Concorde Concert Control re Orchestra Band. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter from Miss Ryall Davis offering to give a Concert by her best vocalists free of all charge but the railway expenses and refreshments, with a view to future engagements.

10—Winter Garden Letting—Root and Grain Show—A letter was read from Mr. R. Walker, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Root, Grain and Chrysanthemum Society enquiring what the inclusive charge would be for the Winter Garden for the Root and Grain Show, to be held either the 6th and 7th or 13th and 14th of November next with part of the days before and after for preparing and clearing out.

A letter was also read from Mr. J. C. Tinne on behalf of the Fox Terrier Club enquiring the terms for the use of the Winter Garden for their show, on the 6th and 7th of November next and time on the 5th and 8th for preparing and clearing out. Resolved, That provided the dates can be arranged so as not to clash, to accept an offer made by the Mayor to arrange the charges with Mr. Walker and Mr.

Tinne, having regard to the courtesy of the Society and the Club in so readily accepting the use of the Pittville Pump Room instead of the Winter Garden on the occasion of the last shows.

11--Entertainment Sub-Committee— Resolved, To appoint Alderman Winterbotham and Councillors Baker, Lenthall and Rickerby as the members to form this Sub-Committee.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of February, 1901—Present : Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward and Lenthall (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

12- -Corporation Entertainments—Mr. Gilding and Mr. Newton having been received by the Committee, and the Committee having heard what each proposed to do if appointed as Manager of the Entertainments and upon what terms they would under-take the duty. Resolved, That for the purpose of the appointment of a Manager of these Entertainments it is assumed that there will be no Sunday Concerts this Season, and that Mr. Gilding be offered the appointment of Musical Director and Manager of the Corporation Entertainments at a salary of £3 per week during the period for which the Season shall be fixed, on the following conditions, viz.:—

That he is to be entirely under the direction of the Entertainment Sub-Committee.

That he will be responsible for the printing, advertising, seating, collection of admission, fees, &c., and otherwise take entire conduct and management of the Entertainments, subject to the direction of the Entertainment Sub-Committee, and That the engagement be for the ensuing Season only.

Further Resolved, That the duration of the period of the Season be fixed by the Committee at a subsequent meeting.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1901—Present ; The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage, Preston Rickerby and J. Waghorne (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1- -Winter Garden Loan—A letter from the Local Government Board was read with which they enclosed their sanction to the borrowing by the Council of the sum of £9650.

2--Loan for Town Hall—A letter from the Local Government Board was read pointing out that their consent under Sec. 93 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889 appeared to be required to the proposed use of part of the Winter Garden as the site of the Town Hall, and, that as regarded the

scheme itself it appeared to the Board to be doubtful whether the proposal was within the powers of the Corporation under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and with a view to removing that doubt they suggested that the Council should apply to them under Sec. 33 of the Local Government Act of 1894 for the powers of a Parish Council under Sec. 8 (1) (a) and (1) of that Act, to provide a building for meetings. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their consent under Sec. 93 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act of 1889 to the appropriation and use of the proposed site on the Winter Garden for the purpose of erecting the Town Hall.

Also Resolved, That in accordance with the suggestion contained in the letter from the Local Government Board, application be made to the Board under Sec. 33 of the Local Government Act, 1894, to make an order conferring on the Cheltenham Town Council the powers of a Parish Council specified in Sec. 8 (1) (a) and (i) of that Act.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1901. Present—
The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Davies and J. Waghorne (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 —

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street |
| 1901 | | |
| Feb. 9th | 200 Volts. | 210 Volts. |
| " 16th .. | 200 " | <u>210 "</u> |
| | | Average.. 210 " |

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

| ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY. | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1901 | | 1901 | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. |
| Feb. 9th | 15.81 candles | Feb 9-10th.. | 12.28 |
| " 16th | 17.35 " | "16-17th.. | 12.17 |
| Average | 16.58 " | Average.... | 12.22 |

3— Gas Inspector's Monthly Report— The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows, viz :—Ordinary lamps, 4.0643 cubic feet, No. 4 Incandescents 4.690 cubic feet, and No. 3 Incandescents 3.6615 cubic feet.

4- Lamp Book—The Gas Inspector reported as follows :-8 meter, 17 ordinary, and 18 incandescent lamps out. 1 meter, 4 ordinary and to incandescent lamps burning dimly.

5—Lighting of Oriel Villas Road — Resolved, To adjourn consideration of an application from Mr. J. Quinn for an extra lamp in front of his house, No. 3, Oriel Villas, for view.

6—Accidents to Employees on the Electric Undertaking—A letter from the General Manager of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Limited was read with reference to the terms upon which the Company would allow compensation for all accidents to the Employees arising out of their employment, whether the Corporation shall be legally liable for the same or not ; stating that he would cover the additional risk for a premium of 4s per cent. on the wage expenditure during the period of insurance. Resolved, That these terms be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to have the additional risk covered by the Company forthwith.

7—Edwards deceased—A letter from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby, Solicitors for the widow, was read, stating that they agreed with the Insurance Company that their client had no legal claim but appealing on behalf of the widow and her three children that some gratuity be awarded by the Corporation, not as a matter of right but as a matter of common humanity. The Mayor reported that since the accident weekly payments had been made by the Electric Light Department to the widow. Resolved, That these payments be approved and that for the present a payment of 20s per week be continued to the widow, dating from the 1st instant.

8---Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that the current Coal Contract would expire on the 10th pros., and that six tenders had been received for the supply of small coal under a new contract, viz. :-

| | Bernard Edwards & Brown | Gwinnell H. A | Pates and Co. | Nott A. H. | Webb Bros., Ltd. | Fowler T. | Bernard Edwards & Brown | Gwinnell H. A | Pates and Co. | Nott A. H. | Webb Bros., Ltd. | Fowler T. | Bernard Edwards & Brown | Gwinnell H. A | Pates and Co. | Nott A. H. | Webb Bros., Ltd. | Fowler T. |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------------|-----------|
| Valley | - | 13s 7d | - | 13s | 13s 10 | - | - | 13s 4d | - | - | - | - | - | 13s 11d | - | 12s 6d | 13s 4d | - |
| Wallsall Pen Nuts | - | 15s 3d | - | - | - | - | - | 15s 3d | - | - | - | - | - | 15s 3d | - | - | - | - |
| Gwann Cab Gurwen | - | - | - | - | 13s | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nixon's Navigation | - | - | - | - | 14s 9d | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stanton (60 %, Lump) | - | - | - | - | 14s 9d | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 14s 9d | - |
| Hockley | - | - | - | - | - | 12s - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kingsbury Slack | - | 11s 7d | - | 11s 6d | - | - | - | 11s 7d | - | 11s 6d | - | - | - | 11s 7d | - | 11s 6d | - | - |
| Holly Bank | - | - | 11s 9d | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Donisthorpe, &c. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Waterloo (High Delf) | 10s 3d | - | - | - | - | - | 9s 9d | - | - | - | - | - | 9s 9d | - | - | - | - | - |
| New Bowson | - | 12s 11d | - | 10s 6d | 13s 5d | - | - | 12s 8d | - | 10s - | 13s 2d | - | - | 12s 5d | - | 10s - | 12s 11d | - |
| Lydney and Crump | - | 10s 5d | - | - | - | - | - | 10s 5d | - | - | - | - | - | 10s 5d | - | - | - | - |
| " Special | - | 12s 5d | - | - | - | - | - | 12s 5d | - | - | - | - | - | 12s 5d | - | - | - | - |
| Lydbrook | - | 10s 5d | - | 10s 6d | 10s 8d | - | - | 10s 5d | - | 10s - | 10s 2d | - | - | 10s 5d | - | 10s - | 10s 2d | - |
| Speech House | - | 11s 5d | - | - | - | - | - | 11s 5d | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Park End | - | 15s 2d | - | - | - | - | - | 15s 2d | - | - | - | - | - | 15s 2d | - | - | - | - |
| " (thro and thro) | - | 14s 2d | - | - | - | - | - | 14s 2d | - | - | - | - | - | 14s 2d | - | - | - | - |
| Princess Royal | - | 14s 8d | - | - | 14s 1d | - | - | 14s 8d | - | - | 14s 11d | - | - | 14s 8d | - | - | 14s 11d | - |
| Foxes Bridge | - | 10s 7d | - | 10s 6d | 10s 10d | - | - | 10s 7d | - | - | 10s 10d | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Trafalgar | - | 10s 5d | 13s | - | - | - | - | 10s 5d | - | - | - | - | - | 10s 5d | - | - | - | - |
| Whateley Slack | - | 10s 7d | 12s | 11s 6d | - | 10s 6d | - | 10s 7d | - | 11s 6d | - | - | - | 10s 7d | - | 11s 6d | - | - |
| Park Iron | - | - | - | - | 14s 11d | - | - | - | - | - | 14s 8d | - | - | - | - | - | 14s 5d | - |

The Electrical Engineer recommended as follows, viz :—

That, having regard to the results of numerous trials made at the Works on various Forest and other coals from time to time, Mr. A. H. Nott's Tender for the supply of New Bowson small coal at 10s per ton for a period of twelve months be accepted.

That a small extension in Imperial Lane for private supply be carried out at a cost of £25.

That the tenders of Messrs. Callender at £430 and £65 respectively per 1000 yards for between 8200 and 8400 yards of feeder cable and 2100 yards of pilot wire for the Electric Tramway be accepted.

Resolved, That the recommendations above-mentioned be approved and adopted.

9-Lighting of Montpellier Street—A letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' College was read, stating that he was instructed to call attention to the need of improved lighting at the lower part of this street. Resolved, That consideration of this matter be adjourned for view

10-Change of Voltage—A letter from the Board of Trade was read, stating that they proposed to hold a Public Inquiry with reference to the application which had been made for an alteration in the proviso to No. B. (6) of the Regulations relating to this matter, at the Town Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster, on Friday, March 1st, at 11 a.m.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of February, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, M. Davis, Lenthall, Rickerby and Preston (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Lenthall was appointed Chairman at this meeting. -Report of the Water Works Engineer—The Water Works Engineer reported that on the 19th instant, the supply from Hewletts springs was 174 gallons, the average for the last three years being 262 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts was 16,298,246 gallons.

On the 19th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31ft.1 ½ in. in depth and the contents 95,414,593 gallons, or about 124 days' supply, which was exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, then about 839,908 gallons.

At the last meeting an appeal was made to revise the charge for water at Boyne House and to increase same from £21 3s. 0d. to £27 5s. 6d. per annum. There were two or three appeals pending, one from Mr. J. F. Tarrant, in respect of Farnley Lodge for the Ladies' College. The conditions of the Boarding House supplies were somewhat peculiar. They are large houses, occupied by a considerable number of persons, in some instances from 80 to 100. They have several baths, special fittings for urinals and closet accommodation, special flushing apparatus for drainage, all using large quantities of water. At the same time the occupiers contend that having paid the rate on the gross value of very large premises, they should not be further charged because some of the occupiers happen to be boarders and not members of one family.

After giving the matter very careful attention he recommended that the supply be by meter to all boarding houses where there were ten or more boarders ; the dead rent being fixed at a sum equivalent to five per cent on the gross value. The questions of special fittings which were constantly arising would then be avoided.

The Health Department had made an order on the owner of Prospect House, St. Paul's Road to lay on a supply of water. This should involve an extension of the main. There were two mains in the Swindon Road with an interval of 250 yards, and he recommended that they be connected by a four-inch main which would enable the supply to be given as desired, and at the same time very considerably improve the condition of affairs with regard to the circulation in that district.

In Painswick Parade, he recommended that an extension of 60 yards he made which was required to give a supply of water at present to one house but there were some four or five houses which it would supply when required, and would do away with two dead ends and improve the circulation.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Water Engineer above mentioned be approved and adopted, but, That the account for the water supply by meter to the boarding houses be rendered quarterly as to the dead rent, and the excess used for the whole year be charged for and the charge collected at the end of each year.

3-Leakage of Mains in Tewkesbury—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 20th of December last, a letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read, stating that he. was instructed to reply that although his Council would in some instances readily agree to a proposal to refer matters in difference to the opinion of Counsel it was felt in this case the subject was of too great importance to be decided in such a summary manner, and they would not therefore be justified in accepting the proposal that the two Corporations should agree to abide by the result of a case to be jointly submitted to Counsel.

Resolved, That having regard to this reply the Town Clerk be instructed to take steps to have the matter in difference settled by Arbitration as prescribed by Sec. 85 of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Act of 1878, and that he be instructed to suggest to the Tewkesbury Corporation that the two Corporations should agree to the appointment of a single Arbitrator.

4--Cheltenham Waterworks Company and the Devises of the late T. P. Butt—The Town Clerk reported that a summons had been served on him to attend the Judge in Chambers, at the Law Courts, London, on the 28th inst., on the hearing of an application by the Trustees of a Settlement made on the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. A. Butt, that a sum of £379 6s. 7d. Consols in Court should be transferred to them. That the dividends thereon should be paid as therein mentioned, and that the Cheltenham Water Works Company should be ordered to pay the taxed costs of the application. The Town Clerk stated that the sum referred to was paid into Court in the year 1846, and was compensation money which the Company had to pay for the compulsory acquisition of rights in connection with Ante Mill, and in cases of compulsory purchase where the purchase money was paid into Court by the purchasers owing to the disability of the Vendors or otherwise, the cost of obtaining payment out to the parties ultimately entitled was made an obligation on the parties who had for their own protection paid it in. Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Town Clerk.

5-- Appeals—The Appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of February, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage, Preston and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1--Swine Fever—Superintendent Hopkins reported that an outbreak of Swine Fever had occurred at Ark Gardens, Tewkesbury Road, in the occupation of Thomas Dovey. There were 13 pigs on the premises ; 3 had died, but the remaining 10 appeared healthy and were being kept in quarantine. He had served the necessary notices, reported the case to the Board of Agriculture, and would see the Swine Fever Order strictly carried out.

2—Driver's Licence—Resolved, To grant an application received from Arthur John Mansell, of the Old Swan Hotel, for a driver's licence.

3—Drivers More Than Once Convicted—The Street Inspector reported that Frederick Paul had been three times, and Henry John Tilley and Albert Williams had been four times convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within twelve months. Resolved, To instruct the Street Inspector to give notice to the drivers above mentioned to appear before the Committee at their next monthly meeting to show cause why their Licences should not be revoked.

4--Direction to Cab Stands - Resolved, That direction plates be affixed to electric lamp standards and, with the consent of the Gas Company, to gas lamp pillars in the vicinity of Cab Stands to indicate their positions.

5-- Wheelchair Licence—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. J. C. Hearne for the transfer to him of the Wheelchair Licence No. 14 sent in by Mr. T. Mantell.

6-Offices of the Medical Officer of Health—A letter was read from Dr. Garrett complaining of his offices and requesting that suit-able accommodation should be provided for him. Resolved, That while acknowledging the inconvenience, the Committee regret they are unable at present to increase the existing accommodation.

7—Re-numbering of Millbrook Street Resolved, To comply with a request received from Alderman Holliday to have this street re-numbered.

8—Municipal Telephone Sub-Committee--Resolved, That this Sub-Committee do now consist of Councillors Baker, Gurney, Hayward, Parsonage, Preston and J. Waghorne.

9—National Telephone Company's Application for Underground Wayleave--Resolved, To further adjourn the consideration of this application pending a report of the Sub-Committee relating to the establishment of a Municipal Telephone Exchange, which they be requested to bring up, if possible, at the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

10- Museum- A letter was read from Messrs. Cornelius and Boulter offering to sell to the Council for use as a Museum the Imperial Rooms, with the shops in Imperial Buildings, for £5,000, or the owner

would be prepared to name a rent for such portion as would be used for a museum. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

11—Salary of Borough Surveyor's Assistant—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. B. Nation for an augmentation of his salary, and to increase the same to £104 per annum from the 1st instant.

12-Art Gallery—The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting held on the myth instant there were present-- The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillor Hayward, The Baron de Ferrieres, and Dr. E. T. Wilson. That they resolved to appoint Alderman Haddon Chairman at that meeting, and Alderman Winterbotham as the permanent Chairman.

The Curator reported that there had been 2,858 visits to the Gallery since the last meeting, That the Baron de Ferrieres had added two pictures to the De Ferrieres Gallery, viz., (1) Gerard Dow, Portrait of Himself, (2) Van Vliet, Portrait of a Nun reading, and that they had been insured for £700 and £300 respectively, and That Mr. J. Hancock, of Charlton Kings, had presented three Roman Coins for the Museum.

A letter had been received from the Board of Education at South Kensington stating that the objects then on loan would shortly be exchanged, and the Board would be glad to know what class of objects was specially desired for the new collection, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the Chairman and the Curator be authorised to go to the Museum at South Kensington to make a selection.

The Sub-Committee recommended that the Council be asked to pay £12 towards the cost of heating in respect of their user of the large room for meetings of the Council.

Also that the amount to be contributed by the Art Gallery be one-tenth of the whole cost of heating.

Letters were read from Dr. E. T. Wilson as to the advisability of establishing a Museum and Mr. S. S. Buckman and Messrs. Potter and Son re plate glass show cases. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

Further Resolved, To accede to the application of the Public Library Committee to grant the use of the Art Gallery from March 8th to the 23rd inclusive for the purpose of holding an Exhibition of Gloucestershire Literature, Antiquities, &c.

13—Borough Surveyor's Salary Sub-Committee -Resolved, To appoint Councillor H. Waghorne on this Sub-Committee.

14—Housing of the Working Classes—The following members of the Trades and Labour Council, viz., Messrs. J. W. Betteridge, G. Davy, C. Fisher, J. T. James and W. H. Reay, having been received in compliance with their request that they might attend at the meeting to urge the Council to exercise the powers conferred by Part III. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act of 1890, which had been adopted by the Council, and the amending Act of 1900. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for consideration at an early date and that the Deputation be thanked for their attendance.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1901—Present: Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Davies, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair).

1-Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last meeting £1 11s. 10d. had been received, making with the amount reported last month a total of £216 17s. 7d. for the season.

2—Montpellier Baths--The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last meeting £12 7s. 10d. had been received, including fees for tuition and sales of refreshments and books of tickets, making with the amount reported last month a total of £103 3s. 3d. received since the opening of the Baths. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Accountant to present at the next monthly meeting of the Committee a Statement showing the total income and expenditure in respect of the Montpellier Baths up to date, and That at each monthly meeting thereafter a statement of such income and expenditure during the month then past be furnished.

3--Shop at Corner of Oriel and Bath Roads—A letter was read from Mr. Scrivens, the occupier of this shop, suggesting that as the Montpellier Baths were being painted outside it would be well to paint the outside of his shop at the same time. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this suggestion carried out.

4—Caretaker at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter received from Mr. H. Woollett, of No. 1, Exmouth Cottages, Sydney Street, asking for information as to applying for the Caretaker's berth at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground.

5—Rates on House Occupied by Caretaker of Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, That these rates be paid by the Council.

6—House and Conveniences at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground---The following tenders were received for executing the work required as above mentioned, viz.: -

| | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------|-----|----|-----|
| Messrs. A. C. and S. Billings | 750 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Wm. Cresswell | 757 | 12 | 3 ½ |
| Messrs. Collins and Godfrey | 765 | 0 | 0 |
| “ C. H. Channon and Son .. | 855 | 0 | 0 |
| “ C. Malvern and Son | 971 | 0 | 0 |

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. A. C. and S. Billings be accepted.

7—Mineral Waters Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Davies and Hayward be added to this Sub-Committee, and That the Sub-Committee be requested to meet at an early date.

8—Visiting Members—Resolved, To continue the same visiting members as during the past month.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1901—Present ; The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, R. Davies, Hayward and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

9— Mineral Waters Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that they had held two meetings ; That Councillor R. Davies was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee ; That at the first electing there were present—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, R. Davies and Hayward ; and it was resolved to recommend that the necessary fittings be provided and arrangements made for dispensing the mineral water at Montpellier Baths and Spa, the Pittville Pump Room, and at Essex Lodge.

That at the second meeting there were present—Alderman Drew, Councillors Baker, R. Davies and Hayward. Mr. Mans-bridge, Manager for Messrs. Nathaniel Smith & Co., was also present by invitation to afford the Sub-Committee the benefit of his experience, and he produced one of the original bottles in which the Salts were retailed bearing the original labels, and it was Resolved to recommend as follows. viz. :—

1. That the old shape of bottle for the Salts with original labels be adhered to.
2. That if proper arrangements can be made the water be also bottled in suitable bottles for retail and exportation.
3. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the evaporating apparatus at the Montpellier Baths restored, and
4. That the Salts be also manufactured in a granular effervescent form to be retailed in a different kind of bottle to that in which the plain salts are contained.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

10— Mineral Waters Committee—Resolved, To recommend to the Council that a Special Committee be formed consisting of Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bennett, R. Davies, Hayward, Lenthall and Parsonage, to be called the Mineral Waters Committee, to take in hand the revival of the Cheltenham Mineral Waters and manufacture of the Salts and the bottling and exportation thereof. Also, That Dr. Garrett be asked to advise and assist that Committee in their work.

A letter was read from Councillor Bennett stating that Dr. Cripps Laurence was to read a paper on the Cheltenham Waters on the occasion of the visit of the British Medical Association, and suggesting that he might be allowed to attend the meetings of the Committee as an outside member. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Mineral Waters Committee if the recommendation above mentioned is adopted by the Council.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd day of February, 1901, Present; The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Davis, Moles and Rickerby (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1---Trees at Cemetery—A letter was read from Mr. C. Webb, the tenant of the land adjoining the Cemetery, requesting the Board to have the Lime trees situated at the north-west corner of the Cemetery cut back as they overhung the land he rented from the Board. Resolved, That the matter be left to the Chairman, Alderman Haddon and Councillor Baker to deal with.

2 - Rector's Fees--With reference to a letter received from the Borough Accountant on this matter Resolved, That until it is definitely settled as to whether the agreement made with the Rector, on the 11th January, 1896, is or is not still in force ; the arrangement hereby initiated be continued and adjustment be hereafter made with the Rector if it should be decided that the agreement ceased on the coming into force of the Burial Act of 1900.

3 --Designs —Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz. :—Headstones to Joseph Obey, Thomas Arkcoll, George and Ann Mead, Margaret Jessop, and Nathaniel Gosling.

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)-

1-Report of the Borough Accountant—The Borough Accountant reported that an offer had been made through Lloyds Bank from Mr. Gardner, of Prestwich Lodge, to lend the Corporation £800 at 3 ½ per Cent. with commission at ½ per cent. payable to the Bank.

The sanctions for loans not then raised amounted to £35,002.

That the Assistant Overseer had applied for an approximate estimate of the amount expected to be required from the Overseers for the next year.

That Mr. Morgan, his second clerk, had obtained the post of Lay Clerk at Eton College Chapel, and would be leaving on the 31st of March, and the Borough Accountant recommended that he be authorised to engage a clerk to fill Mr. Morgan's place at a salary of £80 per annum, and to engage an additional clerk used to dissecting departmental accounts at a salary of £70 per annum.

Resolved, To instruct the Borough Accountant to communicate to the Chairman of each Committee the particulars of the expenditure in excess of the amounts for which sanctions to borrow have been obtained in respect of matters within the purview of such Committee, with a view to instructions being given for an application to be made for sanction to the borrowing of the amounts of such expenditure.

Resolved, That a special meeting of the Committee be held before the next meeting of the Council at the Art Gallery to estimate approximately the amount required from the Overseers during the year ending 31st March, 1902, in aid of the Borough Fund, and That the recommendations of the Borough Accountant as regards the appointment of clerks be approved and adopted.

2 -Loans—A letter from General Shewell was read accepting on behalf of himself and his co-trustee the offer of interest at the rate of 3 ½ per cent. per annum upon the £900 lent by them, to commence at the expiration of three months from the 22nd of January last.

3—Superannuation—A precis of the Local Authorities' Officers' Superannuation Bill prepared by Councillor Hayward was read. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee, and that in the meantime the same be printed and a copy sent to each member of the Committee together with a print of the Bill and of the memorandum on the subject issued by the Municipal Officers' Association.

4--General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th instant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £15,803 3s. 0d., leaving outstanding £1,721 8s. 5d.

5—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th instant on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £9,683 18s. 3d., leaving outstanding £1,794 10s. 7d.

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 £17,460 0s. 10d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Batik were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement :—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| Overdrawn on the 29th January last | 5,915 | 6 | 2 |
| Paid since that date | <u>8,674</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>8</u> |
| | 14,589 | 12 | 10 |
| Received since that date | <u>11,832</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>5</u> |
| Overdrawn | £2,756 | 19 | 5 |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure | £1,102 | 16 | 11 |
| Net Balances of other Accounts | <u>£1,654</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>6</u> |
| | £2,756 | 19 | 5 |

W. GERALD GURNEY Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of February, 1901-Present :
 Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Preston and Stroud ; The Baron de Ferrieres:
 The Rev. F. Evans ; and Messrs. Carr, Cresswell, Palmer and Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)-

1-Librarian's Report--The Librarian reported that the receipts at the Library since the date of the last meeting amounted to £5 7s. 8d.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended that an application be made to the Art Gallery Sub-Committee for loan of the Art Gallery from March 18th to the 23rd inclusive for holding an Exhibition on Gloucester-shire Literature, Antiquities, &c. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3-Resignation of the Rev. J. Mugliston—A letter was read from the Rev. J. Mugliston resigning his positions as member of the Public Library Committee and the Sub-Committee. Resolved, That this Committee have received the resignation of the Rev. John Mugliston, M.A., consequent upon his leaving the town, with great regret, and they desire to express their appreciation of the valuable service he has rendered to the Library since its formation, both as a member of the General Committee and of the Sub-Committee, and they heartily wish him happiness and prosperity in the new sphere of work which he is undertaking.

Also Resolved, That the Rev. J. Evans be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Mugliston's resignation.

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4—Mr. Solomon's Bequest—A letter was read from Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh and Brydges stating that Counsel advised that the Trustees of the late Mr. Solomon's will properly paid the duty on the pecuniary legacies to the individuals as apart from the charities in full, but he was of opinion that the Specific Legatees were not entitled to have the duty on their legacies paid in full out of the estate, but they dispute this, and, if pressed to pay any part of the duties themselves, will require the Trustees to take the opinion of the Court, and as the costs of going to the Court would come out of the estate and such costs would exceed the amount which if Counsel should be right the Specific Legatees would have to refund, they (the writers) advised all the charities for whom they act to accept the Trustees' Accounts, and they stated that the solicitors for Nazareth Home concurred in this. Resolved, That the Public Library Committee concur in the advice of Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh and Brydges.

5—" Journal of Gas Lighting "—A memorial was read from Mr. J. S. Garrard and 76 tradesmen of the town applying to the Committee to restore the " Journal of Gas Lighting" to the list of publications in the reading room. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of February, 1901—Present: Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Bennett, Moles, Parsonage, Preston and Rickerby (Councillor Preston 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 41 schools, from which 805

names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 70 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 8 meetings ; that 3 parents had been prosecuted ; and that 3 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. :—Albert Pettaway and Esparto Hopkins.

Letters were read from General Babbage and the Rev. A. C. Turberville stating that they were unable to act on any Local Committee, the former because he was not in favour of compulsory education and it would take more of his time than he was willing to give, and the latter because of his duties and extra work he had undertaken this year.

Letters were read from Mr. S. Wiltshire, the Rev. R. G. Fairbairn, Mr J. Playle, and Mr. W. Westcott consenting to act on a Local Committee. Resolved, That Mr. Wiltshire, the Rev R. G. Fairbairn, and Mr. Westcott be appointed as members of the North and West Local Committee, That Mr. Playle be appointed subject to his consent as a member of the Central Ward Local Committee, and That Alderman Haddon with his consent be re-transferred to the last-mentioned Committee.

Further Resolved, on the recommendation of the Local Committee of the South and Middle Wards, to invite Mr. F. F. Handley, of Eslington House, to serve on that Committee.

3—Bye-Laws —A letter was read from the Board of Education with which they forwarded the new bye-laws approved by the Board of Education and sealed with their seal. Resolved, That copies of the same be printed for distribution.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 1st day of April, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, Lenthall, H. Waghorne and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—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 1 of Diphtheria ; that 1 case 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 3 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Enteric Fever.

2- Wells at Yew Tree Cottage, Lower Alstone, and No. 10, Grosvenor Place South—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-Destruction of Diseased Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported that a calf slaughtered at the Abattoir on the 19th ultimo was found to be diseased and was seized, condemned by a magistrate, and destroyed.

4--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.

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, 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----Urinal at public bar, No. 8, Suffolk Parade—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal was in such a foul state owing to defective construction and want of a proper water supply as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That Notice under Sec 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to lay on a proper water supply for flushing purposes and execute such structural amendments as may be necessary.

7—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 27 and 28, Naunton Crescent, Nos. 1 & 2, Cox's Cottages, Nos. 21 & 21 ½, York Street, Pembroke House, St. James' Place, and No. 10 ½, Grove Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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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8--Nuisance from Drains, &c, at No. 56, Winchcomb Street, No. 41, Rosehill Street, No. 19, Bath Parade, No. 15, Gloucester Place, No. 14, Montpellier Villas, Nos. 8 & 23, Suffolk Parade, and No. 10, Grosvenor Place South—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 40 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.

9—Abattoir—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. J. C. Green, butcher, wished to hire a slaughter-house at the Abattoir at a fixed annual rent, to be paid monthly or quarterly. Resolved, That the consideration of the application be adjourned to the next meeting of this Committee. Further Resolved, That the plans for additions to and extension of the Abattoir be laid before this

Committee for consideration at its next meeting, together with the specification and estimate referred to in the resolution of this Committee of date the 26th of September last.

10—Houses let in Lodgings, viz., Nos. 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 & 11, Bayshill Terrace. Resolved, That the Landlords of the above-named houses be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days, to supply the information necessary for the registration of such houses by the Council as houses let in lodgings, as specified in Bye-law No 7 of the Bye-laws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

11--Salary of Clerk in Health Department—The Clerk in the Health Department (Mr. H. J. Morgan) having applied for an increase in his salary, at present 17s 6d per week, the Medical Officer of Health recommended that his salary be increased to per week, and that he be given the status of an Assistant Inspector of Nuisances. Resolved, That Mr. Morgan's salary be increased to £1 1s per week, and that he be appointed an Assistant Inspector of Nuisances as recommended.

12- Insanitary Property at No. 1, Glenfall Street, No. 21 ½, York Street, Nos. 10 & 10 ½, Grove Street, Nos. 3a, 10, 15 & 40, Queen Street, No. 12, Russell Street, and Nos. 15 & 16, 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, walls, pipes, yards, &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—Defective Drains, &c., at No. 1, St. Mark's Emporium—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a notice served on the owner of No. 5, St. Mark's Emporium requiring alterations to drainage had not been complied with, although the owner's attention had again been called to the matter, and that the nuisance still existed. Resolved. That the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to compel compliance with the notice.

14-Flooding of Basements of Nos. 4 & 5, St. Mark's Emporium—With reference to Minute No. 37 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. C. J. Willis, chemist, the occupier of No. 5, St. Mark's Emporium, claiming the sum of £8 2s. 9d. for goods which had to be thrown away through the damage caused to them by the flooding of the drain and sewer in Gloucester Road.

The Borough Surveyor presented a report to the Committee on the subject.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the claims of the owner (Mr Tovey) and the occupier (Mr. Willis) be adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to ascertain all the facts of the case and report to the Committee at its next meeting.

15—Drain or Sewer at No. 47, Lansdown Crescent—A letter was read from Mr. J. Rohde, of No. 47, Lansdown Crescent, stating that he had been ill ever since the drains were commenced by his house, and his servants constantly complained of the bad smell outside his back door ever since, and asking that the matter should be looked into at once. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor and the Inspector of Nuisances do examine and report to the Committee on the matter.

16-Alleged Nuisance from Sewage Flooding - A letter was read from Mr. C. Daft, of the Woodlands, Gloucester Road, complaining of the flooding of his land caused by the sewage forcing its way through the manhole and pipes on his land, which had been the case for the last four years, during which time he had had an acre of land almost constantly under water, and trusting that the Corporation would recognise the serious damage he was sustaining. Resolved, That Mr. Daft be informed that the Committee have the subject of his complaint under consideration.

17-Report of Sewage Farms Sub-Committee —The Sewage Farms Sub-Committee presented a report of their proceedings. They recommended that the offer of Mr. Bingham to rent the Barn Farm shooting at per annum be accepted, and Mr. G. McIlquham's offer to rent the Haydon Farms shooting for £3 3s per annum be also accepted, for the current year in each case. Also that it would be advisable to let the orchard adjoining the Gloucester Road, the tenant of land adjoining (Mr. Ursell) having expressed a desire to rent it. Resolved, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved and the recommendations therein adopted, except that the shooting over the Farms be advertised and tenders invited, and that this Committee be empowered to accept a tender, the orchard to be let to Mr. Ursell at £4 per annum as from the 2nd ultimo, the rent to be paid half-yearly.

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

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|----------------|--|
| 1387. | Mrs. Pearson. | School in Pittville Circus. |
| 1388. | C. Daft. | Two Cottages, Granley Road. |
| 1389. | F. Willett. | House in New Street. |
| 1390. | G. Stockwell. | Pair of Semi-detached Houses, Eldorado Road. |
| 1391 | G. Loveday. | Pair of Cottages, Alstone Croft. |
| 1392. | J. D. Bendall. | Villa in Old Bath Road. |
| 1393. | T. W. Smith. | Semi-detached house. Hayward's Road. |
| 1394. | W. Cresswell. | 8 Semi-detached Houses, Winstonian Road. |

Resolved, That the plans be approved so far as the drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of March, 1901-Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Lenthall, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

19-Zymiotic Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 2 cases of Diphtheria ; and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 3 of Scarlet Fever.

20-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 6, Trinity Terrace and Nos. 1 & 2, Eaton Place, Bath 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

21 - House Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., a Cottage at back of 21 ½, York 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 under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain an Order for it to be closed.

22-Insanitary Property at Nos. 5, 10, 11, 18 & 40, Worcester Street, Nos. 8, 10 & 38, Waterloo Street, Nos. 1, 2 & 78 to 81, Stanhope Street, Nos 16 & 27, Sun Street, Paragon Dairy and Paragon House, Bath Road, and The Royal Foresters' Arms, Townsend 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 leaky roofs, defective water pipes, &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.

23-Seizure of Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcass and organs of a calf slaughtered at the Abattoir were found to be diseased, and being condemned by a magistrate, were destroyed on March 15th.

24-Well at Caretakers' Apartments in Royal Well Chapel-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the well 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 this well to be closed.

25--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 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.

26-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.

27-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 9, Gloucester Place, No. 11, Great Western Terrace, No. 3, Witcomb Place, No. 4, Bubb's Cottages, and No. 239, High 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.

28-Houses let in Lodgings --The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 2, 9, 19, 22, 25, 27, 28 & 43, Lansdown Crescent, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above mentioned be served with Notices duly signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings.

29-Urinals at The Little Crown Inn, Commercial Street, and The Lamb and Flag, Bath Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were so foul for want of water supply and from structural defects 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 owners of the premises requiring them, to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on sufficient and proper continuous supplies of water to the urinals for flushing and carry out such structural alterations and amendments as shall be specified.

30-Notices not Complied with-Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with a list of Notices handed in by the Medical Officer of Health to carry out sanitary requirements of this Committee which had not been complied with.

31-Sewage Disposal at Haydon-A letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council with which he enclosed a copy of a letter from the Rev. R. H. W. Purnell complaining that a nuisance was caused by the sewage at Haydon, that the ditches had been full of it, and he attributed to this a recent case of diphtheria from which a child had died.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had ascertained the child had died in a cottage situated in the Tewkesbury Union. That, so far as he could ascertain, this was the sole case that occurred, and he could not hear of sore throat or similar illness in the immediate locality. In his opinion, there was nothing pointing to the likelihood that the case was caused by the sewage, which is, however, applied to land immediately adjoining the cottage garden. The ditches in the locality were not full, nor had been full of sewage, as averred by Mr. Purnell, so far as he knew. There was no sewage in the ditches at the time of his visit on March 9th, but only stagnant water derived from the neighbouring gardens, &c., one ditch being badly polluted by the slop-water from the cottages. A case of diphtheria was as likely to occur at Haydon

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as anywhere else quite apart from the sewage, and it was absurd to credit the sewage with every case of infectious or other disease that might occur there. Resolved, To inform the Rural District Council that the matter is receiving careful consideration from the Committee.

32- Sewerage Works in Lansdown Crescent—Resolved, To thank Mr. J. Rohde, of No. 47, Lansdown Crescent, for suggestions contained in a letter received from him as to the removal of clay and broken bricks from the trench, prohibition of screening broken bricks, and burning of disinfectant on the watchmen's fires, and to inform him that they shall receive attention.

33 Drain in Roman Road from Midland Railway Station—Resolved, To give notice to the Midland Railway Company requiring them to put this drain into a proper state of repair.

34- Pig-keeping in Marsh Lane--A letter was read from William Clifford and the others who had applied for permission to keep more than two pigs within 150 feet of a dwelling-house, stating that they would be satisfied with permission to keep the pigs from four to six weeks after farrowing, and promising they would keep them clean and otherwise comply with the Bye-Laws. Resolved, To grant the permission now asked for on condition that Messrs. Clifford and Bullock will be responsible for the cleanliness of the styes, that the permission be for this occasion only, and be confined to the particular pigs now in farrow, and that the applicants be informed that the Bye-Laws will be strictly enforced after the expiration of three months from this date.

35--Tripe Cleaning, &c., at Abattoir—A memorial was read from James Lane and thirteen other butchers protesting against the erection of buildings at the Abattoir for tripe cleaning and boiling, as they considered such a trade carried on close to the slaughter-houses would, by causing steam and moisture, be very detrimental to the meat hanging there, and they very much questioned the need of such a place at all, as so few butchers clean their own tripe. Resolved, To inform the memorialists that their memorial shall receive attention when the alterations at the Abattoir are being considered.

36-Unsanctioned Capital Expenditure---The Borough Accountant reported that the expenditure in anticipation of authority from the Local Government Board was as follows, viz.:—

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|---|-----------|
| Underground Conveniences in St. George's Square | £46 2 6 |
| Slaughter-house Compensation | £624 4 6 |
| Hatherley Brook Sewer | £386 12 6 |
| Corpus Street Sewers .. | £100 13 9 |
| Sewer in Oriel Terrace | £ 10 0 0 |

Resolved, That the first-mentioned item be referred to the Lighting Committee to deal with, and that the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor be requested to bring up a recommendation as to the method of dealing with the other items of expenditure referred to.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Brown and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Wood Paving in Colonnade—A memorial from Messrs. Martin & Co. and 16 other tradesmen, owners and occupiers of premises in the Colonnade, was read, expressing regret that experiments had been made in laying the wood blocks in the Colonnade and that the systems experimented with had resulted unsatisfactorily, and submitting that before the existing defects are remedied enquiries

should be at once made in London and elsewhere in order to find out the best method of laying the wood paving, such method to be adopted and carried out under an expert accustomed to such work.

A letter in support of the memorial was also read from Messrs. N. W. Olive and A. W. Bryant.

A letter was read from Mr. Kenworthy, of Swindon Hall, calling attention to the greasy state of the road in the Colonnade, and stating that one of his horses fell down there in consequence.

Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

2-Suffolk Road Improvement-A letter from the Mayor was read, stating that after much correspondence and two visits to London he had arrived at a settlement with regard to the rounding off of the Roderic House corner. He had agreed to pay to the owners £125, all the work to be carried out by the Corporation. Mi. Draper, the lessee, had not required any money payment, and he had had no difficulty in complying with her conditions as to the carrying out of the work.

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Resolved, That the work be carried out forthwith on the terms arranged by the Mayor, and that an order on the Borough Treasurer be signed for £125 accordingly, to be paid when required by the owners. Also Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to the Mayor for his invaluable services in successfully arranging for the carrying out of this Improvement.

3—Suffolk Parade Railings —Resolved, That the Committee pay a visit of inspection with a view to the setting back of the railings in Suffolk Parade.

4—Steam Pipe in Montpellier Street—With reference to a complaint which had been made with respect to the nuisance caused by the emission of steam over the pavement in Montpellier Street from a pipe at the Montpellier branch of the National Provincial Bank, the Street Inspector reported that the pipe had nose been altered and the nuisance no longer existed.

5—Street Projections—An application was received from Mr. R. Organ for leave to erect two electric lamps and brackets outside 91, Winchcomb Street, in substitution for a gas rail until recently there. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the usual conditions.

A letter was read from Messrs. S. B. Dix & Co., applying for leave to put up a small sign as an advertisement for bicycles at the end of their window in North Street, 8 ½ feet from the ground. Resolved, That the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

An application from Lt.-Colonel Burrowes, Recruiting Staff Officer, Royal Marines, Bristol, asking for permission to put up a V shaped sign over the door of No. 2, Swindon Road, with the following thereon Recruiting Office : Royal Navy and Royal Marines," was read. Resolved, That the permission asked for be given, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

6— St. George's Place and Royal Well Place Private Improvement Expenses---A letter was read from Mr. J. L. Robertson stating that he did not consider the Corporation had any claim on him whatever, as St. George's Place was taken to as a highway years ago, but that he would pay the amount claimed from him under protest if he could be informed that the call was final. Resolved, That Mr.

Robertson be informed that he will not be again called upon to pay for any repairs to the footpath in question.

7 —Central Depot —The Committee paid a visit of Inspection to the Central Depot. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do carry out the suggested small repairs, make the alterations in the arrangement and deposit of materials at the Depot, and have the old materials, &c., pointed out to him sold forthwith.

Also Resolved, That the floor of the cement store be cross-boarded and an electric lamp be put in such store ; that the attention of the Lighting Committee be called to the deposit of electric lighting department stores at the Depot and the necessity for better arrangement in the future ; and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost and arrangements for installing a small gas engine with a saw and chaff-cutter in connection therewith at the Depot.

8-Shoeing Corporation Horses--Resolved, That the shoeing of the Corporation horses for the next twelve months be done by Mr. Bryer.

9- Ash Destructor—An application was received from the men employed at the Ash Destructor for an increase in their wages, at present 24s per week of six 8 hour shifts. Resolved, That the wages of the applicants be increased from 6d. to 6 ½ d. per hour.

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

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| 1388 | C. Daft | Two cottages, Granley Road. |
| 1389 | F. Willett | House in New Street. |
| 1392 | J. D. Bendall | Villa in Old Bath Road. |
| 1393 | T. W. Smith | Semi-detached house, Hayward's Road. |
| 1394 | W. Creswell | Eight semi-detached houses, Winstonian Road. |

Resolved, That the same be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of March, 1901-Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Hayward, Lenthall, M. Davis and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

11—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

12--Street Projections-With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 14 of this Committee's proceedings at its meeting of date the 25th ult., the Street Inspector reported that the sign intended to be put up by Mr. Harper at No. 7, Sherborne Street was a V shaped sign about feet deep and projecting 2 feet with a 2-foot brush standing thereon. Resolved, That the application of Mr. Harper be not acceded to.

Resolved, Not to accede to the application of Messrs. S. B. Dix and Co. for permission to put up a small sign at their North Street premises.

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13-Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from February 23rd to March 22nd, 1901, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—High Street from Cambray to Bath Road, 1130 square yards ; Promenade front of long garden, 834 square yards ; Leckhampton Road and Hale's Road proceeding.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—St. George's Place, Roman Road, Suffolk Square, Winchcomb Street, Lansdown Road, Gloucester Road, Queen's Road, back of Montpellier Terrace, Fairview Road, Bath Road, Millbrook Street, Croft Lane, Alstone, Grosvenor Street, Leckhampton Lane, Cleeve Road, Hatherley Road, North Street, Clarence Street, Marle Hill Parade, St. James's Square, Hall Road, Suffolk Parade, Naunton Lane, Shurdington Road, by Gordon Lamp, Great Norwood Street, and Painswick Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Albert Street, St. Peter's, 931 square yards ; Dunalley Street, Imo square yards ; and Royal Well Lane, 2256 square yards.

Patching—Shelburne Road, All Saints' Road, Pittville Circus, Lansdown Road, Hale's Road, St. Ann's Terrace, Henrietta Street, Thirlestaine Road, Knapp Road, Evesham Road, Naunton Lane, Keynsham Road, Granville Street, Swindon Road, Synagogue Lane, Burton Street, Imperial Square, Exmouth Street, and Fairview Street.

The footpath leading to Coltham Fields had been repaired with asphalt.

Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channelling —Grafton Road, Colonnade, Painswick Lawn, Alexandra Street, St. Paul's Street North, Burton Street, Promenade, Fairview Road, Grosvenor Street, Pittville Circus Road, Rose and Crown Passage, St. George's Place, High Street, Imperial Square, Larput Place, Bath Road, Granville Street, back of Montpellier Terrace, Cambray. and Nailsworth Terrace.

McDougall patent brick crossings had been laid in High Street near Fleece Hotel, Queen's Circus from Queen's Hotel to Messrs. Furber's premises, Grafton Road, Queen's Road, and Gloucester road near the Midland Railway bridge.

The paving, kerb and channel in Russell Street had been renewed throughout, and the work was then finished.

The cabstand opposite Montpellier Gardens was being paved with Wood and Ivery's special paving bricks.

New earthenware gullies had been fixed to replace defective brick gullies in the Promenade, Charlton Lane, and Montpellier Walk for the new cabstand.

Trees Planted—Nine in Pittville Lawn, 13 in Albert Road, 3 in London Road, 2 in Oriel Road, 4 in Imperial Square, 4 in the Promenade, and 3 on Harp Hill. Two seats had been fixed at the junction of Ashley Road with Harp Hill.

Private Improvements—Evelyn Road proceeding.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—1035 loads collected, 780 loads consumed, weight 924 tons 1 cwt.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the owner of the land opposite the new seats on Harp Hill at the end of Ashley Road with a view to the substitution of a proper gate for the existing stile opposite such seats.

14-Montpellier Street—A Specification Irons the Surveyor, of date the 25th day of March instant, of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. And it was Resolved, That notice be given under Sec. 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.

15- Stoneville Street and Swindon Passage and Place—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 25th day of March instant, of the Works required to be done to the above streets, were read and approved. And it was Resolved, That the necessary plans, Sections, and Estimates be prepared, and notice 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 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.

16-Report of Stores Sub-Committee—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they had met on the 19st instant at the depot, when there were present ; The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker and Parsonage, Councillor Baker being appointed Chairman. They had resolved to invite offers from local dealers for the purchase of the old iron at the Depot. They recommended that an electric motor engine be purchased with saw benches, belting, &c., complete, at an estimated cost of £200. They had arranged for the accommodations required by the Employees' Benefit Society meetings. They also recommended that additional seats should be purchased for the use of the public in the streets.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that the Borough Surveyor do further report to this Committee on the question of the purchase of an electric motor, &c.; and that the Borough Surveyor obtain six seats, each of a different pattern, for inspection by this Committee.

17-Colonnade Wood Paving—With reference to the memorial and letters on this subject read at the last meeting of this Committee, Resolved, That the writers be informed that the Committee have carefully inspected the roadway, and are of opinions that with the exception of a few blocks which were loose and would be put right at the contractor's cost, there was not much cause for complaint.

18-Tree opposite Vanstone, College Road—A letter was read from Mr. J. V. Moles calling attention to a very urge sycamore tree in front of his house, and asking that the same should be removed, as

nothing would grow in the gardens because of it, and the paint on the railings required renewal frequently. Resolved, That the tree be cut down and another planted in its place at the proper time.

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19-Land at back of Harley Lodge, Tivoli—The Committee having inspected the piece of land recently acquired by the Council at Tivoli, Resolved, That the same be thrown into the roadway, and that the Lighting Committee be requested to place a lamp there in a suitable position.

20-Unauthorised Capital Expenditure—A letter was read from the Borough Accountant, informing the Committee that the following amounts had been spent on the works mentioned in excess of the amounts sanctioned by the Local Government Board, and in anticipation of sanction to a loan, and suggesting that as the amount overspent was riot large it should be paid out of the current rate so that the account might be closed :—

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| Henrietta Street, Sherborne Street, Rosehill Street and Upper Park Street Improvements (loan sanctioned) | Excess Expenditure. £89 12s. 6d. |
| Promenade Improvement (No 2) (No loan sanctioned) | Expended. £17 1s. 5d. |

Resolved, That this Committee is of opinion that the Finance Committee is the proper Committee to deal with this question.

21-Buildings 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. |
|-------------|--------------------|--|
| 1395 | Mrs. Willmore | Laundry at rear of 62 Waterloo Street. |
| 1396 | Harvey and Healing | Alteration to premises in Manchester Street. |
| 1397 | J. R. Claridge | Additions to Cleaveland, Tivoli Road. |
| 1398 | C. Giles | Two houses in Moorend Crescent. |

Resolved, That all the plans be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 2nd day of March, 1901—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker and Rickerby (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)

1-Pittville Park—Essex Lodge— Resolved, That it is desirable that Essex Lodge be pulled down. That necessary accommodation be provided near the entrance gate to No. 2 Garden, and with that view,

that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan with estimate of the cost of a suitable building.

Back road between Clarence Square and Pittville Parade—Resolved, That this road be laid with tar macadam.

Frontage from Bridge to St. Arvans— Resolved, That an unclimbable iron fence be erected along this frontage to the Evesham Road.

Pump Room Building—The Committee having inspected this building, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have certain works of repair to the structure requiring immediate attention carried out.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Winterbotham and Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward and Lenthall (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

2-Winter Garden—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. to of this Committee's proceedings of date the 18th ultimo, a letter was read from the lion. Sec. of the Cheltenham Root, Grain, and Chrysanthemum Society stating that the Society had decided to hold their show at the Winter Garden on the 6th and 7th of November next, a portion of the day before and the day after those dates to be allowed them for getting in and out, and that they would pay £10, and cost of lighting in addition.

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A letter was also read from the Hon. Sec. of the Fox Terrier Club stating that they would be glad to have the use of the Winter Garden for their show on the 6th and 7th of November, the payment and other terms to be the same as on previous occasions of use by his Club of the building.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Tinne, asking whether other dates will suit him in view of the desire of the Root and Grain Society to hold their show on the dates named.

A letter was read from Mr. W. E. Kimber, Secretary of the Roseleigh Cricket Club, asking for the use of the part of the Winter Garden used for a meeting on Saturday last, on Wednesday evening next for an exhibition of animated photographs in aid of the club funds. Resolved, That Mr. Kimber be informed that he can have the use of the part of the building required by him for kw, inclusive of the cost of lighting.

The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. A. Matthews had applied for the use of the Winter Garden on the 13th and 14th days of May next, the first day for a rehearsal and the second day for the concert. Resolved, That Mr. Matthews be charged the sum of 17 guineas, exclusive of lighting, for such user.

Entrance—Resolved, That a draught-proof door be put in on the west side of the Winter Garden building, similar to the one on the East side, and that doors be substituted for the windows on the west side, with a verandah outside to protect the entrances.

3-Use of Montpellier Gardens for Horticultural Show—A letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of the Horticultural Society asking whether the use of the Montpellier Gardens would be granted to the Society on Saturday, the 25th, and Whit-Monday, the 27th of May next, for a show, and on the latter date a firework display, free of charge, if the Society decided at its annual meeting to hold a show. Resolved, That the Committee regret that the arrangements of the Corporation for the use of the Gardens will not permit of their granting the use of the Gardens to the Society for Whit-Monday, but the Society can have the Gardens on the previous Thursday (23rd May) free of charge.

4-Cheltenham Handbook -With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings at its unerring of date the 18th ultimo. a letter was read from Mr. E. J. Burrow accepting the offer of £20 for an advertisement of Cheltenham on the back of the cover of his handbook. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do draw up such advertisement.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of March, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Alderman: Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lenthall and Rickerby (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

5-Electric Light Installation at Winter Garden—Resolved, To pass extras to the contract amounting to £20 2s. 5d., and that Mr. Sanders be now paid in accordance with the terms of his contract, 95 per cent. of the amount thereof, viz. : £97 10s. 0d., plus the amount of extras aforesaid.

6-Alterations to Winter Garden—Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. S. B. Dix for the use of the room at his premises, placed by him at the disposal of the assistants of the Borough Surveyor for preparing the plans, &c., of these alterations.

7 Entertainments Sub-Committee—This Committee reported that at a meeting held on Friday, the 8th of March, there were present : The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Lenthall and Rickerby.

That it was Resolved, To appoint Councillor Lenthall Chairman of the Sub-Committee. 'That the Season be deemed to have commenced on Monday, the 4th instant.

That the first Concert be held on Wednesday the 27th instant, and that the Mayoress and the members of the Corporation be invited to attend, and

That a Sacred Concert be held at the Winter Garden on Good Friday.

That at a meeting held on the 15th day of March, there were present : The Mayor and Councillors Lenthall and Rickerby, That they recommended engagement of the Town Band, consisting of 12 performers, at £10 10s. 0d. per week to play three mornings each week from 11.30 to 1 o'clock, and

three evenings each week for two hours, the fixtures to be left to the Director to arrange from time to time.

That the Band be paid £2 2s. 0d. for extra engagements for each performance, except on the 27th of March, when the remuneration be £3 3s. 0d.

That 1,000 chairs be purchased for use at the concerts—500 for the Winter Garden and 500 for Montpellier Gardens.

That the prices for admission to the Concert on Good Friday be 3d. admission, and an additional 3d. for a reserved seat. That an offer from Mr. McCrea, of Gloucester, to supply the Blue Hungarian Band for the 10th of June for 60 per cent. of the takings, be accepted, and that the Director be authorised, if able, to make the engagement for the whole week on the same terms. Resolved, That, with the exception of the recommendation as to the purchase of chairs, the resolutions and recommendations of the Sub-Committee above mentioned be approved and adopted.

That the Band engagement be from the 20th of May to the 20th of September inclusive.

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That the permanent price for admission to the concerts be 2d., and 2d. extra for a chair—and that before approving the recommendation of the Sub-Committee the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain the cost of the chairs, both of iron and wood

8- Horticultural Show—The Horticultural Society having been informed that the Montpellier Gardens could not be let to them for a show on Whit-Monday, a letter was read requesting the use of the Gardens for a show on Wednesday, the 26th of June, which would be more suitable for their arrangements than Thursday, the 23rd of May, which had been offered them. Resolved, That this request be acceded to, provided the Society pay for the whole of the lighting of the Gardens in the evening and admit subscribers free after six o'clock, and subject to restriction against any display of fireworks.

9-- Charge to Athletic Society for alteration of level of Tennis Court —A letter was read from Mr. F. Wilks, the Hon. Sec. of the Society, objecting to pay an annual charge of £1 13s. 0d made in respect of permanent loss occasioned by banking a corner of the cycle track and consequent alteration of the level of part of a tennis court. Resolved, That the charge be not pressed, but that Mr. Wilks be informed that if not paid the Council will consider themselves at liberty to restore the tennis court to its original level.

10—Promenade Improvement (No. 2)—Resolved, To accept an offer from Messrs. Prothero and Phillott to make a general design for bringing out the frontages of Nos. 1 to 13 Promenade, in accordance with the scheme of the Corporation, for a fee of ten guineas.

11— Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co's. Concert—A letter from Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co. on this subject was read. Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Mayor to effect a friendly settlement if possible.

12 — Advertising—Letters on this subject were read from the Manager of the Daily Mail, Editor of Health Resorts of Europe, Central Press Agency Company, Limited, and Cassell and Company, Limited.

13-Unauthorized Capital Expenditure—The Borough Accountant reported that the amounts of this expenditure were as follows, viz :—Pittville Park, £1,329 16s. 3d., and Montpellier Gardens, £1,381 7s. 3d.

14—Pittville Park—Resolved, To continue the charge to subscribers at 2s 6d per head, which will confer the right to admission except during such time as there shall be any skating.

15---Land in Albert Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the land recently purchased in Albert Road thrown into the road.

16— Fencing round Pittville Gardens Resolved, to instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain 150 more iron hurdles to make good the fences.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of March, 1901. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Brown, R. Davies, Stroud and J. Waghorne (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 follow,—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1901 Feb. 23rd | 200 Volts. | 210 Volts |
| Mch. 2nd | 200 " | 210 " |
| " 9 th | 200 " | <u>210 "</u> |
| | | Average 210 " |

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1901 | |
| Feb. 23rd.. | 15.42 candles |
| Mch. 2nd.. | 15.79 " |
| " 9th | 15.31 " |
| " 14th | <u>15.93 "</u> |
| | Average 15.61 " |
| 13.37 | 12.88 13.12 |

PURITY.

| | |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1901 | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. |
| Mch. 2-3 | 13.37 |
| " 14-15 | <u>12.88</u> |
| | Average..13.12 |

3—Gas Inspector's Monthly Report--The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows, viz :—Lamps with ordinary burners, 4.0803 cubic feet; lamps with incandescent barriers No. 4, 4.937 cubic feet ; lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, 3.728 cubic feet.

4- Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined, from which it appeared that 18 meter and 18 un-metered ordinary and 15 incandescent lamps had been reported out, and 1 metered ordinary and 4 incandescent lamps had been reported as burning dimly.

5 -Loans of £6000 and £150—A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that an Inquiry would be held on the subject of the application made by the Council for sanction to borrow £6,000 for the purpose of Electric Lighting, and requesting to be furnished with a copy of a resolution directing application for sanction to borrow the additional sum of £150 referred to when the application relating to the £6,000 was made. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the additional sum of £150 required for the cost of foundations consequent upon alterations to two of the Belliss engines, the cost of which formed part of the sum of £6,000.

6—Report of the Electrical Engineer- The Electrical Engineer reported that he had been in further communication with Mr. T. A. Nevins, and recommended that Energy supplied in bulk to the Tramway Company be charged at 1.9 pence per unit for a minimum quantity of 200,000 units per annum, 1 penny per unit for additional quantities up to a total of 300,000 units per annum, and three-farthings per unit for energy in excess of 300,000 units per annum.

The conditions of supply be as follows :—

1. The Corporation to provide

(a) All necessary plant at the Electric Works.

(b) One line and one return feeder, each of 0.6 square inches cross-sectional area, together with the necessary pilot wire and telephone wire between the Electric Works and Manchester Street Sub-station.

(c) A suitable sub-station chamber at the Manchester Street Sub-station.

(d) A suitable meter, or pair of meters, in the sub-station for measuring the quantity of electrical energy supplied by the Corporation to the Tramway Company.

2. The Tramway Company to provide, in addition to its track, overhead line, rolling stock, car barns, &c., the following plant, cables, &c., viz.:

(a) The complete equipment, including negative boosters when these become necessary in order to comply with Condition 3, of the sub-station chamber--excepting only the meters hereinbefore specified.

(b) The earth connections, required by the Board of Trade, to the sub-station chamber.

(c) Line feeders, and return feeders when these become necessary to comply with Condition 3, from the sub-station chamber to the track.

3. The pressure at no point on the rails within a radius of one mile from the Manchester Street Sub-station is to exceed the sub-station chamber earth pressure by more than one volt at any time.

6. The maximum demand for power by the Tramway Company, except on special days—such as Bank Holidays—and with notice, is not to exceed 150 kilowatts, and it is to be clearly understood that one steam dynamo alone is to be kept running, except on the said special occasions, for supplying the Tramway Company.

5. The proposed scale of charges to be subject to revision if desired by either the Corporation or the Tramway Company at the end of the current year.

The Electrical Engineer further reported as follows, viz :—

That he had tested the first turbo-alternator with very good results, and that its erection at the Works had nearly been completed.

That he had obtained a quotation from Messrs. S. Z. de Ferranti for the Switchboard, included in his estimates of December last, at £1,032 less 2 ½ per cent., and that he recommended acceptance of this tender.

That application had been received for electric supply to No. 2, Segrave Place, and Glynthorpe, Libertus Road, and that the cost of these extensions would be £40 and £800 respectively. He recommended that the former should be carried out, but that the latter should be included in the next application to the Local Government Board and the carrying out of it delayed for the present.

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That he begged to submit an application from Mr. Soper for an increase of salary from £182 to £200 a year, which he most cordially supported.

Resolved, That the Report and Recommendations of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

7—Chimney Stack at Electric Works—The following tenders were received for the completion of this stack, viz., Mr. William Cresswell £750, and Messrs. C. H. Channon and Son £725. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Channon and Son be accepted.

8—Boiler gouge at Electric Works—The following tenders were received for the construction of a boiler house at the Electric Works, viz., Messrs. C. H. Channon and Son £1,855, Messrs. Collins and Godfrey £1,870, and Mr. William Cresswell £1,993. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Channon and Son be accepted.

9—Salary of Chief Assistant Electrical Engineer—Resolved, To accede to an application from Mr. H. E. Soper for an increase of his salary from £182 to £200 per annum.

10- Underground Conveniences. St. George's Square—Resolved, To pay the sum of £46 2s. 6d. which the Borough Accountant reported to the Public Health Committee had been expended in excess of

amount of loan sanctioned for the above mentioned conveniences as being a credit due to same from this Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1901—Present : Councillors Baker, Bennett, M. Davis, Preston, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1 - Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 19th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 259 gallons, the average for the last three years being 221 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts was 27,007,603 gallons.

On the 19th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31ft. 7in. in depth, and the contents was 97,995,554 gallons, or about 102 days' supply, which was exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, then about 736,272 gallons. The daily yield of the springs continued sufficient to enable the supply to be given to the whole water area, including Tewkesbury, without drawing from storage.

2—Expenditure in Excess of Loans Sanctioned—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount of capital expenditure in excess of loans sanctioned amounted to the suns of £6,829 4s. 9d.

He reminded the Committee that under the Provisional Order of and April, 1898, the Council were authorised, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, to raise £30,000, of which it appeared the £2,117 sanctioned for works at Tewkesbury on the 7th August, 1900, formed part, leaving £27,883 still raisable.

Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan of £6,829 4s. 9d. to pay the capital expenditure incurred, and a loan of £3,170 15s. 3d. to provide for capital expenditure for projected works and extensions of mains.

3—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 19th day of March, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, Parsonage, Preston and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Swine Fever—Superintendent Hopkins reported that with reference to the outbreaks of swine fever at Herbert Dyer's, Alma Road, and Thomas E. Dovey's, Tewkesbury Road, that both premises still remained infected places, but no further outbreak had occurred in the Borough.

2-Hackney Carriage Drivers—The Inspector reported that Thomas Roach had been more than once convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within twelve months. The drivers similarly reported at the last meeting, viz., Frederick Paul, Henry John Tilley, and Albert Williams were present to show cause why their licences should not be revoked, and were cautioned. Resolved, as regards Williams, that the Inspector be instructed to report again as to his future conduct before licensing day.

3-Hackney Carriage Licences—Letters were read from Mr. A. Spreadbury stating that he had agreed to sell his licensed carriage No. 52 to Job Taylor if the Council would transfer the licence with it, as he wished to assist him as he had to support an afflicted wife, and from Job Taylor applying for the transfer. Resolved, That having regard to the circumstances, the application be acceded to.

A letter was read from C. W. Trinder stating that Mr. Gibbard was about to part with his pony carriage licence, and he hoped that his application for a licence would be granted. Resolved, To inform Mr. Trinder that Mr. Gibbard's licence had not been sent in and no other licence was in hand.

4—Pawnbroker's Certificate --Resolved, To grant an application received from Mr. Harry Higgins, of No. 326, High Street, for renewal of his pawnbroker's certificate.

5— Payments for Extras to Contracts—A letter was read from the Borough Auditors with regard to payments made for extras to contracts. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed in future to report in all cases where the contract price is exceeded, stating reasons for the excess.

6—Census—The Town Clerk reported that the Registrar of Births and Deaths would be glad if the Council would assist him in the examination of the Census papers by allowing him the use of the Rate Books and the help of an assistant in checking the papers. That the Rate Collector would allow his chief clerk, Mr. Bennett, the necessary time of about two weeks for the work, and Mr. Bennett would undertake the work if the Council would allow him a remuneration at the rate of £2 per week. Resolved, That Mr. Round be allowed the use of the Rate Books, and that Mr. Bennett be paid at the rate of £2 per week for the assistance Mr. Round requires.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of March, 1901-Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, R. Davies, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)-

1-Alstone Baths-- Resolved, To advertise for applications by man and wife for the post of Superintendents at the Alstone Baths, the man to be competent as part of his duty to take entire management of the boiler, and both to be able to swim. The joint salary to be £60 per annum, with house, fuel, and light, to increase £5 every two years up to a maximum of £90 ; and to adjourn consideration of an application from E. Hall for this post.

Resolved, That an intimation be sent to the Elementary Schools in the Borough that the Swimming Bath will on Friday in each week be reserved for the use of girls attending the Schools if desired.

Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. H. Edwards on behalf of the Charlton Kings School Board for permission for boys attending the Lyefield Schools at Charlton Kings, in parties of not less than 30 in number in charge of a toaster, to use the Swimming Bath for a payment of 1d. per head each time.

Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have a dressing shelter erected at the open air swimming bath before the 1st of May.

2-Unauthorized Capital Expenditure The Borough Accountant reported that this expenditure was as follows, viz., Alstone Baths £47 18s. 8d., Montpellier Baths £2,295 2s. 5d., and Whaddon Recreation Ground £65.

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3- Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the balance of expenditure over receipts, excluding £339 11s. 0d. for interest and repayment of loan, amounted to £346 16s. 4d.

4-Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. W. Hall, of Leckhampton Road, for a gift of shrubs and plants.

5-Caretaker at Whaddon Recreation Ground—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of applications received from D. Godwin, F. E. Brown, and H. Woollett for this post.

6-Coal for Baths—Resolved, To accept an offer from Mr. A. H. Nott to supply New Bowson Engine Coal, delivered to Montpellier and Alstone Baths, at the same price as to the Electric Works, the contracts to run concurrently.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of March, 1901--Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, R. Davies, Hayward end Parsonage (Councillor R. Davies in the chair)—

1-Chairman-Resolved, That Councillor R. Davies be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2 --Mineral Waters—Dr. Garrett consented, at the request of the Committee, to give his services and advice. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the surface water pumped out of one of the magnesium and one of the saline wells, to be selected by Dr. Garrett, for the purpose of taking samples and preparatory to supplying the water on draught, and That Dr. Garrett be requested to bring up a Report and Recommendation as to the bottling of the waters for sale and export, and That he be authorised to arrange with Mr. Mansbridge, of Messrs. Nathaniel Smith and Co., for temporarily undertaking the bottling for the Corporation.

R. DAVIES, Chairman

BURIAL BOARD.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of March, 1901--Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cypher. M. Davis and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1--Rector's Fees—A letter was read from the Rector agreeing to the terms of the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting.

2--Heating of Chapels—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the leaky state of the boiler no heating had been possible in the Chapels during the past few days, that as it was not possible to repair the boiler and as he deemed it an urgent matter he had ordered a new one, which would be fixed by the end of the week. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved and confirmed.

3 --Designs---Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz.:—Headstones to Lucy Eliza Smith, James Hanman, Maria Wilson, Major W. S. Henderson, Sarah Smith, George Cremer, and John Roberts ; Monument to Mary Ridley ; Kerbing to grave space of Alice Katherine Straw.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1901—Present ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Borough Rate—In compliance with a request from the Assistant Overseer, Resolved, To inform him that the Committee will probably require the same sum as last year, viz., £10,500, from the Overseers in respect of the Borough Rate for the year ending the 31st of March, 1902,

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

2-Loans-The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had arranged for a loan of £1,650, at 3 ½ per cent., from G. M. Jackson, Esq., of Sandford Lodge, Thirlestaine Road, with ½ per cent. commission payable to Lloyds Bank, the amount to be repaid at six months' notice on either side.

The total of amounts authorised but not yet raised was then £33,152.

It would be necessary to borrow £15,000 for repayment of existing loans by the 19th proximo.

3—Swindon Road Private Improvement Works A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Lane asking to be allowed to pay the sum of £6 4s. 3d. due from him by instalments of £1 per month. Resolved, To accede to the application, subject to payment forthwith of the costs of the proceedings taken to recover the amount and to payment of interest at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum upon the amount due from time to time

4—General District and Water Rate--Resolved, To empower the Borough Accountant to deal with an application received from Mr. B. J. Hack for allowance in respect of excess paid by him for the General District Rate. Resolved, On account of poverty to excuse Mrs. Doubleday from payment of £1 5s. 1d. and 15s due from her for General District and Water Rates respectively and the costs of proceedings taken for recovery of same.

5-Salary of Clerk in Borough Accountant's Office—Resolved, To grant an increase of the salary of Mr. L. Hayward, a clerk in the Borough Accountant's office, from 8s to 12s per week.

6—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th instant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £16,660 3s. 0d., leaving outstanding £864 8s. 5d.

7— Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th instant on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £10,384 0s. 3d., leaving outstanding £1,126 2s. 10d.

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 £30,498 6s. 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 :—

| | £ | s. | d. | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Overdrawn on the 26th February last | 2,756 | 19 | 5 | |
| Paid since that date | <u>11,503</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>10</u> | |
| | 14,260 | 2 | 3 | |
| Received since that date | <u>6,104</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>4</u> | |
| Overdrawn | £8,155 | 5 | 11 | |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure | | | | £3,756 2 5 |
| Electric Lighting, Water and other Capital Accounts | | | | <u>£4,399 3 6</u> |
| | | | | £8155 5 11 |

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of March, 1901—Present, Alderman Skillicorne; Councillor Preston; The Revs. F. Evans and A. C. Turberville; and Messrs. Evan Butler, Cresswell and Palmer (Councillor Preston in the chair)—

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

2-Librarians Report—The Librarian reported that the receipts at the Library since the date of the last meeting amounted to £5 11s. 1d., and that the following presentation had been made to the Library, viz., from Mr. W. Barnfield, 6 Volumes and 27 Pamphlets,

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of March, 1901 — Present ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Bennett, Cypher, Parsonage and Preston (Councillor Preston 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 815 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 8 meetings; that 2 parents had been prosecuted; and 2 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. :—Gertrude Eldridge, Ida Smith, Annie Poytress, Florence Hill, Violet Hopkins, Thomas Flynn, Fanny Tartaglio, Maud Smith, Annie Hayes, and Harry Turberfield ; and That proceedings under Sec. 12 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parents of Walter Hill for breach of an Attendance Order.

3-Coltham Fields School—A letter from the Board of Education was read reminding the Committee that the Board had consented riot to issue notices requiring the provision of further accommodation provided the School mentioned was reopened with-out delay, and that it was obvious a proposal for the rebuilding of the School, if adopted, would defeat the object in view, which was to provide immediate accommodation for the urgent needs of the locality. The Board would expect the school to be reopened at the latest immediately after the Easter holidays, and no structural alterations should be made, but merely such minor improvements as might be necessary for the temporary occupation for one year.

A letter was read from the Rev. Denwood Harrison, a copy of which had been sent to the Board of Education, stating that the school would be reopened in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Education after the Easter holidays.

4-Local Committees--Resolved, To express the thanks of this Committee to Mr. F. F. Handley and Mr. J. Playle, from whom letters were received consenting to act on the South and Middle and the Central Ward Local Committees respectively.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th day of April, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, Davies and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1-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, 2 of Erysipelas, and 3 of Diphtheria; that 4 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 3 of Scarlet Fever and 5 of Diphtheria.

2— Nuisance from Drains, &c, at Nos. 22 & 30, Imperial Square and No. 10, Stoneville 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.

3-- Wells at No. 1, Moorend Parade and No. 11, St. Philip'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.

4—Insanitary Property at No. 39, Bloomsbury Street, Llewellyn Cottages, back of Sherborne Terrace, No. 32, Naunton Crescent, No. 56, Winchcomb Street, No. 15, Rutland Street, No. 7, Prospect Terrace, No. 17, Princes Street, and No. 1, St. Paul's Street North—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, eaves, spouting, &c., &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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--Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 22, Gloucester Place, Alpha Villa, Gloucester Place, No. 17, Sherborne Place, Nos. 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14 & 18, Lansdown Place, and Gloucester House, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-law No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

6—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.

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—Cleansing and Limewashing at Llewellyn Cottages, back of Sherborne Terrace, No. 11, Hereford Place, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7, Prospect Terrace, Fairview Street, No. 11, St. Philip's Street, No. 1, Jersey Cottages, Leighton Road, No. 17, Princes Street, and No. 21, Leighton Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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.

9—House or Dwelling without W.C.—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that rooms over the stables behind No. 13, Lansdown Crescent were occupied as a dwelling and were without any water closet accommodation at all. Resolved, That Notice be served on the owner of the said premises under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring him within a reason-able time to be specified therein to provide a sufficient water closet for such premises.

10--Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health--The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report and read extracts therefrom to the Committee. Resolved, That 250 copies of the Report be printed for distribution, and that Dr. Garrett be authorised to obtain tenders from three or four printers and accept one of them.

11-Quarterly Returns of Infectious Disease—A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that they had had under consideration a suggestion that the Registrar-General should include in his Quarterly Returns of Births and Deaths information as to the number of cases of infectious disease notified in 99 large towns in England and Wales in respect of which he already published detailed statistics of deaths, and that the Registrar-General was willing to arrange for the inclusion of the additional information in his Quarterly Returns if he was furnished promptly with the necessary particulars from the local authorities. It appeared to the Board that the proposed arrangement would afford local authorities valuable information in carrying out their duties under the Public Health Acts, and they proposed to carry the same into effect if the local authorities of the several towns would co-operate, and they asked to be informed before the end of March whether the Town Council would acquiesce in the proposal. The Town Clerk reported that after consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, he had replied that it was not clear to the latter what advantage would accrue, as he already received a printed weekly list of infectious cases notified in the principal towns,

and a quarterly list would be of no further use. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

12—Private Sewers—A letter was read from the Local Government Board informing the Council that the Board would not be prepared to entertain a proposal for a Provisional Order to amend the Cheltenham Improvement Act on the lines of Clause 16 of the Cheltenham Improvement Bill, 1900.

13- Open Sewage Carriers on Haydon Sewage Farm A letter was read from the Clerk to the Boddington School Board calling attention to the fact that one of the children attending the Board School who had daily to pass the open carrier on the Haydon Sewage Farm on her way to school, had died of diphtheria, and the Board respectfully urged the Town Council to close as soon as possible all the open carriers on the farm. Resolved, That the writer be informed that the Medical Officer of Health had carefully inquired into the matter, and reported that in his opinion there was nothing to show that it was likely that the fatal illness of the child referred to was caused by the sewage, and that a case of diphtheria was as likely to occur, apart from the sewage, at Haydon as anywhere else.

14-Abattoir—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held at the Abattoir on Tuesday next at 3 p.m. to consider the plans, &c., for additions to and extension of the Abattoir.

15-Unauthorised Application of Sewage—The Farm Bailiff having reported that Mr J. L. Brookes, of Uckington, had applied the sewage water to a field in his occupation without the knowledge or sanction of the former, and that Mr. Brookes was aware that the application to the field in question had been prohibited, a letter was read from Mr. Brookes in reply to one from the Town Clerk, that the water was turned on from Mr. Wood's land the same as hitherto, and that he was not aware that no more sewage was to be supplied to the field referred to. A letter was read from Mr. Berkley, the Farm Bailiff, stating that he might have been in error in saying that Mr Brookes " was aware" that supply was prohibited, but that it was an understood and generally observed rule that no one was allowed to turn the sewage on to any field without first making application to him.

16- - Sewage Farms Sub-Committee's Report—The Sewage Farms Sub-Committee reported that on the and instant they visited the Farms, and that Mr. Corbett had not yet removed the boiler and steam engine as requested, nor had he informed the Committee what he would take for the platform and chaff-cutter. They recommended that certain small repairs should be at once carried out, and that it was highly desirable that steps should soon be taken to ensure a sufficient flow of sewage to the upper part of the large field at the Barn Farm under cultivation. The Sub-Committee also laid before the Committee a valuation of the crops, stock, machinery, &c., at the Farms. Resolved, That the report and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, That the Town Clerk do write Mr. Corbett requesting an immediate reply to this Committee's resolution as to the platform and chaff-cutter, and That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to what is necessary to be done to properly supply with sewage the upper part of the field at the Barn Farm mentioned by the Sub-Committee.

A Report from the Sewage Farms Bailiff was read. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Sub-Committee to deal with.

The Farm Bailiff attended personally before the Committee, and several matters relating to the management of the Farms and water were discussed.

17--Ventilation of Sewers—Resolved, That the consideration of the Borough Surveyor's report on the subject of the ventilation of the sewers be further adjourned.

18-- Compensation for Damage alleged to be Caused by Obstructed Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a claim for £5 from Mr. George Tillott as compensation for the expense he had been put to in consequence of the deposit in the sewer in Queen Street having closed the outlet of the drain from Mr. Tillott's property. The Borough Surveyor having also reported as to the facts, Resolved, That Mr. Tillott be informed that the Council do not admit any liability.

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

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| 1398. | C. Giles. | Two houses corner of Moorend Road and Crescent. |
| 1399. | Mr. Slatter. | New w.c. at No. 22, Malvern Street. |
| 1400. | G. Moore. | Two semi-detached houses, Glencairn Park Estate. |
| 1401. | Mr. Thompson. | Eight cottages in Roman Road, St. Mark's. |

Resolved, That the plans be approved so far as the drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th day of April, 1901, at the Abattoir—
Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Gurney and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

20—Extensions and Alterations at the Abattoir - The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plans which he had prepared of extensions to the building, and a plan of fencing for Separating Pens. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit amended plans upon the line: now suggested to him.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors R. Davies, M. Davis, Gurney, Parsonage, and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

21 --Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, case of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 1 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 5 of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria.

22-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 15 & 16, Lower Park Street and Exeter Laws, Grosvenor 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.

23 -Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1 & 2, Gloucester Cottages, No. 3, Old Millbrook Terrace, No. 2, Millbrook Terrace, No. 4, Lower Park Street, No. 48, St. James's Street, and No. 3, Bubb's Cottages, Sherborne 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-Public House Urinals—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the urinals at The Gladstone Arms and Portland Inn, Sherborne Street, and The Exmouth Arms, Bath Road, were so foul or in such a condition as to be a nuisance owing to defects in construction and want of sufficient seater supply for flushing. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the respective premises requiring them to abate the nuisances which the Committee deem to exist from the defects referred to, and for that purpose to lay on sufficient continuous supplies of water to the urinals for flushing and execute such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

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25—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 11, Naunton Crescent—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing and disinfecting of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner and occupier requiring them to cleanse and disinfect such house or part thereof within the time specified in the notice.

26—Houses let in Lodgings, viz., Nos. 16, 19, 20, 21, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 44 & 45, Montpellier Terrace. Resolved, That the Landlords of the above-named houses be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them each within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of such houses by the Council as houses let in lodgings, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

27—Overcrowded Workshop—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a workshop in the occupation of Mrs. Gilmore, Marlborough House, had been found to be overcrowded on three different occasions after measurement of the room and a plain statement made to Mrs. Gilmore of the number that could be permitted to work there. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied, pursuant to Sec. 1 (1) of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1895, and Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act,

1875, of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring her to abate the same forthwith.

28—Insanitary Property at Nos. 141 & 142, Tewkesbury Road, Nos. 1 & 2, Millbrook Terrace, Nos. 5 & 7, Lower Park Street, and No. 2, Victoria Parade—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 leaky roofs and defective 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.

29--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 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.

30—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.

31--Notices not Complied With—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of notices which had been served on owners and occupiers to provide ash receptacles and execute other sanitary requirements which had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the Notices.

32-Salary of the Medical Officer of Health--Resolved, That the salary of the Medical Officer of Health be increased from £500 to £600 per annum, dating from the 25th of March last, and that the resolution of the Council of date the 5th December, 1898, be altered accordingly.

33—Delancey Hospital--A statement received from the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital was read in which they asked the Corporation to increase the annual grant made by the Corporation to at least £400 per annum, and that for treatment of cases of enteric and diphtheria the charge be a minimum of £5 per case without reference to the duration of the stay in hospital. Resolved, That the Corporation offer to increase their annual grant to £500 per annum, the fees for all diseases to remain the same as heretofore.

34 - Housing of the Working Classes—A letter from the Local Government Board was read requesting replies to questions formulated by them relating to the Housing of the Working Classes in the borough under the provisions of the Act of 1890. Resolved, That the replies as now settled be forwarded to the Board.

A letter was read from Mr. W. G. Towler, hon. sec. to the promoters of a Bill in Parliament to extend the period for the repayment of loans raised for the provision of workmen's dwellings and to confer further borrowing powers on local authorities, suggesting that if the Corporation approve of the

proposals and terms of the Bill they should petition Parliament in support of it. Resolved, To inform Mr. Towler that if he will send a form of the petition the Corporation will carry out his suggestion.

35--Slaughter House at back of Beulah House--A letter from Mr. Jas. Page was read stating that he did not claim the Lairage at the side of the slaughter house as included in the cartilage of the registered premises, and this being the case he re-quested to be informed if he could let the Coinage with the rest of the premises, except the slaughter house itself, for other purposes than for slaughtering, without prejudice to his right at any future time to reopen the slaughter house itself for slaughtering purposes. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to give any reply to the question, which they suggest is one upon which Mr. Page should obtain independent legal advice.

36-- Damage to Garden in St. George's Road from Sewerage Works—A letter from Mr. John Goodwin was read claiming compensation for damage caused to his garden in St. George's Road from sewerage works. Resolved. To offer £5 5s in settlement of the claim.

37-Chaff-cutter at Barn Farm—A letter was read fronts Mr. J. N. Corbett asking to see the Committee with reference to his offer to sell his chaff-cutter, &c., at the Barn Farm to the Corporation. Resolved, To request the Farms Sub-Committee to see Mr. Corbett on behalf of the Committee.

38--New Street A letter was read from Mr. Thos. Page, of the Crispin Inn, stating that it was his intention to send in a claim for loss of trade owing, as he alleged, to the unnecessary length of time taken to put in a few pipes. Resolved, That the Council repudiate any liability.

39-Nuisance in Passage from County Court Road to High Street—A letter was read from the General Manager of George's Limited complaining of the intolerable nuisance so long endured by the use of their gateway in the passage as a urinal and w.c.

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by frequenters of the neighbouring drinking vaults at night, and the common use by the same class of people during the daytime of the urinal and w.c. in their private yard, and requesting the Council to take prompt measures to prevent the constant annoyance by providing suitable public accommodation. Resolved, That if George's Limited and the other owners of the soil of the passage will offer facilities, the Council will be pleased to construct the public accommodation as suggested in the passage.

40—Footbridge in Church Path, Hayden —Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mr. Henry Arkell, of Butler's Court, calling attention to the unsafe condition of the footbridge over the stream which runs from the Corporation Sewage Farm, which bridge forms part of a church path.

41—Flooding of Fields and Footpaths at Staverton—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council with which he forwarded a copy of a letter received from the Clerk to the Staverton Parish Council with reference to the inconvenience caused to people attending church on Sunday, the 31st ulto., owing to the distribution of sewage on fields known as Calves Close and Filter Beds, and stating that it appeared to the Rural District Council that the paths across those fields should be raised by a layer of gravel or stones so as to allow the people using them to do so with dry feet. Resolved, To inform the Rural District Council that instructions have been given to

carry out measures which will obviate the recurrence of the flooding, which was caused entirely by the unusual rainfall.

42—Shooting at Farms—The following tenders were received in reply to the advertisement inviting offers for the shooting rights over the Farms, viz.:—

From Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons on behalf of Mr. W. A. Baring Bingham, offering £7 for the shooting over the Barn Farm, Elmstone Hardwicke, or alternatively £12 for the shooting over the Barn Farm, Elmstone Hardwicke, and the Haydon and Haydon Knoll Farms, Staverton and Boddington, and

From Mr. Gilbert McIlquaham, offering £5 for the shooting over the Haydon and Haydon Knoll Farms, Staverton and Boddington. Resolved, That the offer on behalf of Mr. Bingham be accepted for the shooting over the Barn Farm, Elmstone Hardwicke, and that the offer of Mr. McIlquaham be accepted for the shooting over the Haydon and Haydon Knoll Farms, Staverton and Boddington.

43—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz.:—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| 1402. | F. W. Sumner. | Additions to Blandford Villa. |
| 1403. | James Harris. | Wing to No. 2, Brook Villa, Hatherley. |
| 1404. | W. R. Grubb. | Wing and Bath-room to No. 9, Pittville Parade. |

Resolved, As regards drainage and other sanitary matters, that No. 1402 be approved as shown, that No. 1403 be approved as altered by the Chairman of the Committee, and that No. 1404 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th day of April, 1901 — Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, Brown, Hayward and Parsonage (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1-Chairman--In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2- Central Depot—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to replace the trees recently cut down in consequence of the construction of the new sewer with birch trees as soon as possible. -Light Railway—A letter was read from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, solicitors for the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, enclosing tracings of the following drawings already forwarded to the Board of Trade

1. Section of rail and plan and elevation of same, with particulars as to weight, &c., &c.

2. Plan of cross and longitudinal sections of permanent way and substructure of the Railway within the borough.
3. Plan of points proposed to be employed as single line passing places and junctions.
4. A Plan showing the proposed positions of the Railway in the road.

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With the letter was enclosed a notice to the effect that any objections or representations which the Corporation wished to make with respect to the drawings might be brought before the Board of Trade within ten days from the date thereof (the 3rd instant), but the letter stated that the writers would be obliged if the approval of the Town Council could be at once conveyed to the Board of Trade, as the plans, &c., had been prepared in conference by the Borough Surveyor and with his approval.

The letter also contained seven days' notice to the Council of the intention of the Company to break up the roads referred to in the plans, commencing from the Prestbury parish boundary.

Resolved, That the Committee do pay a visit of inspection to the railway with reference to a suggestion of Mr. Nevins that the blue bricks between the rails should be laid length-wise and not across the track.

4—Shoeing of Corporation Horses—With reference to Minute No. 8 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. Wyndham Bryer in reply stating that he had disposed of his practice to Mr. T. J. Brain, M.R.C.V.S., and asking the Council to allow the latter to be his successor as regards the shoeing of the Corporation horses for this year. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

5—Great Western Terrace Private Improvement Works—A memorial from Mr. G. H. Wynn and others was read with reference to the notices served upon them as owners of property abutting upon Great Western Terrace, respectfully declining to execute the works to the road and footpath mentioned in the notices, because some years ago similar works had been carried out there at their own expense by the Corporation, and that it was unjust to impose a further charge. The memorialists suggested that as Great Western Road would be closed when the new Great Western line was constructed and the whole of the traffic would then pass down Great Western Terrace, the Corporation should carry out the necessary repairs to the latter out of the compensation to be received from the Railway Company. Resolved, That in view of the alterations contemplated by the Great Western Railway Company the Council do not for the present proceed with the works.

6-Bin in Promenade— A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Lamb, solicitor for Mrs. Holborow, the owner and occupier of No. 2, Promenade, calling attention to an obstruction in front of her premises which was both unsightly and inconvenient to her and her customers, and asking that the same might be removed. The obstruction complained of was a bin or receptacle for the chippings used on the Colonnade wood paving. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

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. |
|--------------|---------------|---|
| 1399. | Mr. Slatter. | New w.c. at 22, Malvern Street. |
| 1400. | G. Moore. | Two semi-detached houses, Glencairn Park Estate. |
| 1401. | Mr. Thompson. | Eight cottages, Roman Road, St. Mark's. |
| 1402. | T. J. Powell. | Wing and enlargement of porch at Fairlight, Tivoli. |

Resolved, That the same be approved as shown.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of April, 1901—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Parsonage, and Hayward (Councillor Baker in the chair).

8—Street Projections—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Messrs. Dicks and Sons for permission to allow two electric lamps fixed outside their window at No. 173, High Street, in place of the gas lamps previously used, to remain.

9—Stores Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee recommended that an electric motor engine with saw benches and belting be purchased at an estimated cost, with the necessary shafting, of £220.

That additional seats be purchased for the use of the public in the streets.

That the thorough Surveyor be instructed to give effect to a scheme submitted by Councillor Baker for paying the workmen employed by the Corporation in sections at centres specified in the scheme.

The Borough Surveyor having submitted a plan of the shafting for the sawing machinery, Resolved, That the same be approved. That the shafting be purchased and fixed accordingly, and that the recommendations of the Stores Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

10—Alterations to Offices and Stores at the Central Depot.—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of these proposed alterations, which he estimated would cost £250. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the plan carried out by the Corporation workmen.

11 -Private Improvement Works In All Saints' Villas Road—A letter was read from Mr. J. Page with reference to the notice served on the abutting owners to put the footpath in this road in order, stating that the path was in a perfect state, the kerbing and asphaltting being as good now as when done two years ago.

The Borough Surveyor having reported that the asphalt was in good condition, Resolved, That for the present the asphalted portion of the footpaths be excluded from the operation of the notices.

12—Hedge on Harp Hill opposite Glenrise—A letter was read from Col. Farwell calling attention to the fact that this hedge overhung the footpath and caused much annoyance. Resolved, To inform

Col. Farwell that notices have already been served on the owners of the property to cut back the hedge.

13—Report of the Borough Surveyor's re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from March 23rd to April 26th, 1901, both inclusive, had been as follows :-

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Hale's Road 4,950 super yards, Promenade 3,333 super yards, Regent Street and Leckhampton Road proceeding.

Patching—Bath Road, Clarence Street, Queen's Road, Suffolk Road, Painswick Lawn, Gloucester Road, St. George's Place,

Hewlett Road, Clarence Parade, Grove Street, Pittville Circus, Charlton Lane, St. George's Road, Lansdown Place, North

Place, High Street, Portland Street, Suffolk Square, Fairview Road, Oriel Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Ormond Place 400 super yards, Depot Yard, St. George's Road (opposite Ladies' College) proceeding,

Patching—Lansdown Place, Back of St. George's Place, Montpellier Walk, Pittville Circus Road, Lansdown Crescent, Parabola Road, Queen's Road, Back of Royal Well Terrace, Painswick Terrace, New Street, Shelburne Road, Imperial Square, Crescent Terrace.

Local Stone—Harp Hill proceeding.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing, Channelling —Dunalley Parade and Street, Marle Hill Parade, Leamington Place, St. George's Street and Road, Harp Hill, Wellington Passage, Montpellier Walk and Street, All Saints' Road, Promenade, Lansdown Crescent and Road, Segrave Place, Hewlett Road, Royal Well Place, Berkeley Street, College Road, Queen' Parade, Clarence Street, Albion Street, Bath Road, Fairview Road, Churchyard, Hale's Road, Thirlestaine Road, Leckhampton Road, Cleaveland Street, Royal Crescent, Pittville Circus, Sherborne Street, High Street, King's Road, Winchcomb Street, Parabola Road, Cambray, St. Luke's Place, Townsend Street, Gloucester Road, Bayshill Road.

The cabstand opposite Montpellier Gardens was finished.

The work of taking down and resetting the wall at Roderic House was proceeding.

Private Improvements—Evelyn Road and Hatherley Road were proceeding.

Trees Pruned—At back of Pittville Pump Room, Gloucester Road, and Bayshill Road. One cut down in College Road.

A McDougall's brick crossing had been put in at the north end of Pittville Street.

The improvement at Tivoli Circus was proceeding.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-1,241 loads collected, 933 loads consumed, weight 1,049 tons 14 cwts. 2 qrs.

14—Woodpaving in Colonnade—A letter was read from Mr. N. W. Olive and Mr. A. W. Bryant renewing their complaint as to the defects of the woodpaving in the Colonnade, and requesting the Council to take immediate steps to have a permanent job made of the road under the guidance of a successful expert. Resolved, To inform Mr. Olive and Mr. Bryant that the subject matter of their letter has received further careful consideration as requested therein,

15—High Street Improvement—A letter was read from Mrs. Maule reminding the Committee that thirteen years had elapsed since her premises (Nos. 314, 315, and 316, High Street) were built on ground purchased from the Corporation with the distinct understanding that the adjoining premises owned by the Corporation should be set back to the new building line.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to institute the necessary steps to comply with the understanding referred to, and that, if necessary, he be authorised to give the tenants of No. 313, High Street notice to determine the tenancy.

16--Grit Bin opposite Gloucestershire Dairy—With reference to the letter from Mr. A. Lamb, solicitor for Mrs. Holborrow, the owner and occupier of No. 2, Promenade, on this subject, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have it removed.

17—Carriage Way to Avalon, St. George's Road—A letter was read from Mrs. Oman, occupier of this house, complaining that she was unable to get a carriage up to the door as no ramp slope had been made across the pavement. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Oman that the owner or occupier of the house if desirous of forming a communication for vehicles across the footway to afford access thereto from the street must before permitting the use of such communication construct a sufficient crossing over the footway to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and the Committee suggest that if she is not the owner and is not prepared to do this herself as occupier she should apply to the owner to do it for her.

18—Footpath in Grafton Terrace—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to form and remake this footpath of the same width as the path on the same side of the road in Andover Road.

19—Terminal Charges of G.W.R. Company—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to communicate with the G.W.R. Company with a view to obtaining allowance to the Council of terminal charges in respect of the use made by the Council of their own siding.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of April, 1901 — Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Al. Davis and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Light Railway—A letter was read from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, solicitors for the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, forwarding tracings of the following drawings which had been sent to the Board of Trade as required by the Light Railway Orders :—

1. Drawing of section of proposed rail and elevation of same, with particulars of bonding, joint, weight, &c., and a statement thereon that the Railway would be worked by electric power.
2. Plan to scale of cross section and longitudinal section of permanent tray and substructure within the borough, with a statement thereon that the paving would be as arranged with the Town Council.
3. Plan of the points proposed to be employed as single line passing places and junctions.
4. A Plan showing the proposed position of the Railway in the road.

With the letter was also sent a notice to the effect that objections to the plans might be sent to the Board of Trade within ten days from the date of the notice and letter, the 3rd instant, but as the plans, sections, &c., had all been prepared after conference with the Borough Surveyor and had been approved by him, the letter suggested that the Board of Trade should be at once written to conveying the approval of the Council without waiting for the expiration of the time mentioned in the notice. Notice also accompanied the letter, &c., that the Company intended to break up the roads referred to in the plans, commencing at the Prestbury Road within the borough. Resolved, That the plans be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to at once write to the Board of Trade informing them of such approval.

2 — Sub. Station Chamber--The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of a sub-station chamber to be erected for the purposes of the Light Railway supply behind the Manchester Street sub-station, at an estimated cost of about £100. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain tenders for the erection of the building from local builders in time for consideration at a meeting of this Committee to be called for Monday next at 4 p.m., and that Mr. Nevins be invited to attend such meeting.

JOHN WAGHORNE,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th day of April, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Hayward, Lenthall and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)-

3—Sub-Station at Manchester Street—The following tenders for the sub-station chamber for the Tramway Company were received, viz.:—

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| Messrs. C. Malvern and Son | £62 15 0 |
| “ A. C. and S. Billings | £65 0 0 |
| “ Collins and Godfrey | £73 0 0 |
| “ C. H. Channon and Son .. | £82 0 0 |

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Malvern and Son be accepted.

4--Agreement for Supply of Energy—The draft agreement for the supply of electric energy to the Company, revisable at the request of either party at the end of six months, was read and approved by the Committee and by Mr. T. A. Nevins on behalf of the Company.

JOHN WAGHORNE,
Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of April, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward, Lenthall and Rickerby (Alderman Winterbotham and Councillor Lenthall in the chair)

1—Entertainment Sub-Committee—The Entertainment Sub-Committee reported that they had had seven meetings since the 7th of March, That Councillor Lenthall had been appointed their Chairman, That they had decided to meet every Friday, That they had fixed the commencement of the Season as on the 4th of March, That the opening concert was held on the 27th of March, That the Town Band had been engaged from the 25th of May to the 20th of September, both dates inclusive, at ten guineas per week, with remuneration for extra engagements at the rate of two guineas each, and that the remuneration for their services at the concert held on the 27th of March should be three guineas.

That they recommended the purchase of 1,000 more chairs.

That the Blue Hungarian Band had been engaged for the 10th of June at 60 per cent. of the takings, and the Director had been instructed to engage the Band for the remainder of the week upon the same terms if he could so arrange.

That Mr. T. Hailing had been given the contract for printing at the same prices as last year.

That the Borough Surveyor was instructed to send to each member of the Council a season ticket for Montpellier and Pittville Gardens, such ticket to admit to all the Corporation entertainments.

That the Strolling Players had been engaged for August Bank Holiday week at 60 per cent. of the takings.

That the White Viennese Band had been engaged for two performances on the 31st of July at 30 guineas.

That the Scots Guards' Band had been engaged for evening concerts on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of July, at 50 per cent. of the takings.

That it was resolved to close the Montpellier Gardens to subscribers on the evening of the 31st of July.

That the Irish Guards' Band had been engaged to give two concerts on the 19th of August, and the and Life Guards' Band two concerts on the 4th of July, at 60 per cent. of the takings, and

That the free use of the Winter Garden be granted on the evening of the 1st of May for a Lecture by the Hon. Dr. Johnston, of Jamaica, a few seats to be reserved at 1s each to help to defray the expenses.

Resolved, That the proceedings and resolutions of the Entertainment Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, also That the Sub-Committee, concurrently with the Borough Surveyor, be empowered to enter into engagements for the letting of the Winter Garden and Montpellier Gardens.

2-Chairman-Alderman Winterbotham having to leave, Resolved, That Councillor Lenthall be appointed Chairman for the remainder of this meeting.

3--Horticultural Show—Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to accede to a request of the Horticultural Society to withdraw the condition that the subscribers to the Gardens shall be admitted free in the evening to a concert which the Society intend to hold instead of fireworks, as the Council are only able themselves to exclude the subscribers to their own entertainments on a very limited number of occasions.

4-Band Concerts on Sunday--Resolved, Not to accede to an application received from Mr. C. James for permission for the Rifle Band to give two Sacred Concerts at Pittville or Montpellier Gardens on the afternoons of the Yeomanry and Whit Sundays and to hold collecting boxes at the gates.

5 —Military Tournament at Montpellier Gardens-- Resolved, To accede to an application received from Quarter-Master R. C. Bastin for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on the 21st of May for a Military Tournament, upon the following terms, viz., a payment of 12 guineas, no cameras or other screen to be erected to hide the view of the Gardens from the roads, and observance of the conditions with the necessary variation of dates specified in the agreement entered into by Quarter-Master Bastin dated the 17th of April, 1899.

6-Lodge at Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That this Lodge be forthwith repaired and re-decorated.

7-Winter Garden--Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. G. A. Peake, on behalf of the Museum Committee of the annual meeting of the British Medical Association, for the use of the Winter Garden on payment of the cost of lighting, commencing Monday, July the 22nd, at 8 a.m., to Monday, August the 5th, vacant possession to be given as early as possible on the last-mentioned day.

8—Advertising Boards—Resolved, In future to prohibit the exhibition of advertising boards or posters on the railings of the Winter Garden or on the premises except the exhibition of two boards at the entrance subject to the approval of the Borough Surveyor. Further, that no advertising boards or posters be permitted anywhere in the Promenade or in the vicinity of the Fountain.

9.—Advertising—Resolved, Not to accede to an application for an order for an advertisement of the town in the "Financial News" Holiday Number.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairmen.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1901—Present
: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Gurney, Hayward, Parsonage, Preston and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of Alderman Winterbotham, Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2—Pittville Pump Room—Resolved, That in pursuance of the resolution of the Council of the 2nd of July last, the Borough Surveyor be directed to prepare a specification and obtain tenders for such repairs as are absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the building, renovation of the paving of the portico, opening of two of the blank windows in the large room, and the general restoration, decoration, and lighting of the interior of the building.

3 —Essex Lodge —Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a Plan for a Lodge in place of Essex Lodge, to be erected near the central entrance to the Gardens.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of April, 1901. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Brown and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that he had received the following tenders for the Tramway switchboard, viz :—

s. d.

| | £ | s d |
|---|-----|------|
| Crompton and Co., Limited | 275 | 0 0 |
| R.W. Blackwell and Co., Limited .. | 308 | 14 0 |
| S.Z. de Ferranti and Co., Limited .. | 352 | 0 0 |
| Witting Brothers, Limited .. | 390 | 0 0 |
| The British Thomson Houston Co., Limited | 390 | 5 0 |
| And he recommended acceptance of Messrs. Crompton's tender. | | |

Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs. Collins and Godfrey, with reference to their delay in completing their contract for the condensing chamber at the Works, to inform them that the Council will hold them responsible for any damages which they may incur or be liable to owing to the delay.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1901. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Brown, R. Davies, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

2— Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month as follows :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1901 | 200 Volts | |
| March. 30th | | 210 Volts |
| April 13th | | 210 " |
| " 20th | | 210 " |
| | | Average.. 210 " |

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|---------|------------------------|---|
| 1901 March. 30th | 15.58 | candles | 1901 April 20-21 | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. 13.03 |
| April 13th | 15.77 | candles | | |
| " 20th.. | 15.74 | Candles | | |
| Average | 15.70 | candles | | |

4--Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas in the street lamps during the past month had been as follows, viz :—Lamps with ordinary burners, 4.1256 cubic feet ; lamps with No. 4 incandescent burners 5.850 cubic feet ; lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, 3.964 cubic feet. He also reported that 9 metered and 15 unmetered ordinary lamps had been out and 6 burning dimly, and that 13 incandescent lamps had been out and 6 burning dimly.

5—Lighting of Swindon Road, North Street, Churchyard at corner of Chester Walk, and the Knapp Road—Resolved, to adjourn for view the consideration of memorials received from W. J. Cypher and others, J. Pilley and Son and others, and the questions of improving the lighting of the Chester Walk corner of the Churchyard and the Knapp Road. 6 - Electrical Engineer's Report--The Electrical Engineer reported that he had received the following quotations for the required cooling pond extension, viz.:—

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|-------------------------------|------|
| Messrs. Collins and Godfrey - | £135 |
| “ Malvern and Son | £150 |
| “ Channon and Son .. | £165 |

With schedule prices for extra work as under, viz.:—

| | Price per Cubic Yard. | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| | Excavation. Clinker Concrete. | |
| Messrs. Collins and Godfrey | 1s 6d | 12s |
| “ Malvern and Son .. | 1s | 8s |
| “ Channon and Son .. | 1s | 15s |

And that he recommended acceptance of Messrs. Collins and Godfrey's tender.

That the following small extensions to private supply mains were required, viz.:--

| | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Lypiatt Terrace Back Lane .. | £35 |
| Glencairn Park Road .. | £25 |

That the feed water purifiers on the second pair of Babcock boilers had worked very satisfactorily, and that he recommended provision of a pair of similar purifiers for the first pair of these boilers at a cost of £250.

That there were 499 customers, with the equivalent of 30,900 8-candle-power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, and 263 arc and 19 incandescent lamps in use for street lighting.

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins and Godfrey for the extension of the Cooling Pond be accepted, provided that they will undertake to complete the work within five weeks of the order to commence being given, and in this respect time to be of the essence of the contract, and to render themselves liable to pay as liquidated damages £1 per day for every day after the expiration of the five weeks that the work shall remain uncompleted to the satisfaction of the Electrical Engineer.

Further Resolved, that the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer as to the extensions referred to in his Report and the acquisition of the feed water purifiers be approved and adopted.

7---R. Edwards, deceased--Resolved, That the temporary payments to the widow be reduced to 15s per week, and that the Mayor with the Town Clerk and Electrical Engineer be requested to bring up a recommendation at the next meeting of the Committee with a view to final settlement.

8-Accounts for Electric Supply in Arrears—Resolved, That notices be issued to customers whose accounts shall remain unpaid after four weeks from the date of invoice, informing them that electric supply may be cut off without further notice if payments are not made within an additional two weeks, and that authority be given to the Electrical Engineer to act accordingly.

9-Convention of the Municipal Electrical Association---A letter was read from the Secretary of the Association, stating that the Glasgow Convention had been fixed for June 19th, 20th, and 21st next, and the Executive Council trusted that it might be convenient for the Chairman or other member to attend on behalf of this Committee.

10—Condensing Chamber at the Electric Works—In reply to a letter from the Town Clerk, dated the 4th instant, written by instruction of the Committee, reminding Messrs. Collins and Godfrey that they had given an unqualified undertaking to complete their contract for this work by the 15th of September last, and that it was only upon this that their tender was accepted, but that the contract was then still uncompleted, a letter from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey, of the 6th instant, was read, stating that the floor of the condensing chamber had been finished, and expressing regret at the delay. The Borough Surveyor reported that notwithstanding this reply he was not even then able to certify that the work was satisfactory. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Collins and Godfrey that in addition to the serious inconvenience caused by the delay substantial damage may be sustained, for which the Council will undoubtedly hold them responsible, and the Council must insist upon the satisfactory completion of the contract without any further delay.

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11—Land at the back of Harley Lodge, Tivoli—Resolved, To accede to the request of the Street and Highway Committee to place a lamp on this piece of land.

12—Gas Stock—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, with which they forwarded a notice of the intention of the Company to sell by public auction at Cheltenham, on the 9th May next, £5,000 Consolidated Ordinary Stock of the Company, bearing a maximum dividend of 5 per cent. per annum.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of April, 1901—Present: Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, M. Davis, Preston, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1-Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 25th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 277 gallons per minute, the average for the last three years being 136 gallons, the quantity of water in store at Hewletts being 29,436,890 gallons.

On the 24th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31ft. 11in. in depth, and the contents 99,584,739 gallons, or about 135 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then about 789,436 gallons.

Owing to a rainfall of 3 inches for the first half of the month, the water coming in from the springs and streams had been maintained at a high rate.

He had received a tender from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey for forming the Canal at Tewkesbury for £173.

He had received a letter from Miss Raisher, the tenant of the Corporation farm at Dowdeswell, stating her intention to give up the land, and that Mr. William Edwards (son of Mr. Edwards, of No.

421, High Street) was trilling to take the land off her hands, and asking if the Corporation would accept him as a tenant.

He had also received enquiries from Mr. F. R. Franklin, butcher, of Charlton Kings, and Mr. John Wilson, of the Reservoir Inn, as to terms upon which the Corporation would let the farm.

Mr. J. D. Bendall, builder, Leckhampton Road, had made an application for an extension of the water main in Charlton Lane. As the Water Engineer had reason to believe other houses besides those on which Mr. Bendall was then engaged would shortly be erected there, he recommended that a 8in. main be placed along the road.

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins and Godfrey be accepted.

That Mr. William Edwards be accepted as tenant from year to year of Salts Farm, from the 29th of September next, upon the same terms and conditions as now subsist under the existing tenancy of Miss Raisher, an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk ; and

That the recommendation of the Water Engineer, as to the extension of the main along Charlton Lane, be approved and adopted.

2—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 23rd day of April, 1901 — Present The Mayor; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, Moles, Parsonage, Preston and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Fire Brigade---The Superintendent of the Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out to fires during the past month at follows, viz.:—

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March 23rd, at No. 7, King Street Gardens—expense incurred, £2 14s. 0d.

March 26th, at Clarence Chambers, Clarence Parade—expense incurred, £2 3s. 6d.

April 2nd, at Laurel Lodge, Wellington Square—expense incurred, £2 14s. 0d.

All the above properties were insured, and the particulars with accounts of expenses he had furnished to the Borough Accountant.

Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they had had a meeting on the 6th inst., when there were present—The Mayor and Councillor Baker (Chairman), and it was Resolved, To ask the General Purposes and Watch Committee to approve the following recommendations, viz.:—

1. To order of the best quality 300 yards of canvas hose, with 6 leather straps with clips copper riveted.
2. Provide new, or shunt old (if good enough), iron tiers to No. 1 Fire Engine, wheels of No. 1 Hose to be re-varnished.
3. Provide 12 surgical bandages for ambulance work.
4. Provide one more lamp in yard, and lay on the electric light to the Fire Station at once.
5. Provide a new ash-bin.
6. Clean off and re-paper kitchen ceiling.

The Sub-Committee also reported that they were pleased with the turn-out of the officers and men of the Brigade.

The extinguishing appliances (with the exception of several lengths of hose) were in good order. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2-- Swine Fever—The Superintendent of Police reported that an outbreak of swine fever had occurred at premises in Granley Road in the occupation of Mr. A. H. Daft. There were 27 pigs on the premises, and 12 were attacked by the disease. Two died, and is were slaughtered and buried by order of the Board of Agriculture. The necessary notices had been served, and he would see that the Swine Fever Order was properly carried out.

3—Street Betting—The Superintendent of Police having called attention to the prevalence of betting in the streets, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to draft for the approval of the Council a Bye-Law to prevent it.

4—Street Obstruction---Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor J. Waghorne, with the Town Clerk, be requested to draw up directions to the constables, pursuant to Sec. 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, for approval by this Committee and the Council, for keeping order and preventing any obstruction of the streets in the neighbourhood of theatres and other places of public resort in the borough.

5—Wheel-Chair Licence—Resolved, To grant a wheel-chair licence to Mr. Josiah Lewis, of No. 5, Courtenay Villas, St. Paul's, subject to approval of the vehicle by the Mayor.

6- Hackney Carriage Licence—Resolved, To grant an application for transfer of pony carriage licence No. 120 from W. P. Jones to John Williams, of No. 2, St. James's Parade, as purchaser of the carriage from Jones, subject to the existing licence being first sent in to be cancelled and approval of the vehicle by the Mayor.

7 - Inspection of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, To hold the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground at 9 o'clock on the 31st proximo, and that the Inspection of the Omnibuses and Wheel Chairs be delegated to The Mayor and Councillors Baker and Lenthall.

8-Annual Licensing Meeting—Resolved, That this meeting be held on the 7th of June at the Winter Garden at 11 o'clock.

9—Direction Plates to Cab Stands on Gas Lamp Pillars—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 granting the permission asked for, provided the Council undertake to have the direction plates removed within three months after request by the Company so to do. Resolved, That the Council undertake accordingly, and that the Directors be thanked for acceding to the request of the Council.

10- Municipal Telephone Exchange—The Sub-Committee reported that they held a meeting on the 11th of April, at which there were present, The Mayor, Councillors Hayward, Gurney, Parsonage, and J. Waghorne, and they Resolved as follows, viz.:—

That Councillor Hayward be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

That the Town Clerk be requested to ascertain in what tow. the National Telephone Company have been granted under-ground way-leaves, and upon what terms, and that pending receipt of this information consideration of the application from the Company to lay wires underground in the streets of this borough be adjourned, and

That for the present the Sub-Committee do not consider they are able to recommend the Council to establish a Municipal Telephone Exchange with the information then available.

11-Borough Surveyor's Salary and Department Sub-Committee -- The Sub-Committee presented their Report on this subject. Resolved, That copies of this Report be sent to each member of the Committee, and that in the meantime consideration of it be adjourned for a special meeting of the Committee.

12-Stationery Stores- -Resolved, That these stores be under the charge of Mr. Harris, the Borough Surveyor's head clerk.

13--Art Gallery Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that they had held two meetings, viz., on the 22nd of March, when there were present, Alderman Winterbotham (Chairman) and Alderman Haddon, Councillor Hayward, The Baron de Ferrieres, and Dr. E. T. Wilson, and on the 19th of April, when there were present, The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham (Chairman), Councillor Hayward, and The Baron de Ferrieres.

That at the first meeting the Curator reported that there had been 1,937 visits to the Gallery since the last meeting.

He placed before the Committee the following pictures which were offered for their acceptance for the Gallery From Mr. E. Rogerson, Roadlands, Charlton Kings--Two small Oil Paintings of Still Life (Italians work), by Nigris ; one small Oil Painting, Tavern Scene, by Terriers.

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From Mr. G. H. Bayley, Selkirk House—One small Chalk and Water Colour Portrait, by J. Downman, R.A., signed and dated 1792.

Resolved, That the best thanks of the Committee be sent to the donors for their gifts.

Councillor Hayward and the Curator reported upon their visit to the South Kensington Museum re Loans, and it was Resolved, That application be made to the Museum for loans of examples of Embroidery, Wood Carving, Iron and Brass Work ; also for a Collection of Colour Drawings of Paintings from Pompeii, and the Water Colour Landscape Collection for the autumn, together with Lantern Slides on the subjects of Architecture, Ironwork, Woodwork, &c., for the purposes of lectures and exhibitions of books, &c., upon these subjects to be given next winter.

It was further Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to have the picture by Teniers carefully cleaned, and a room in the basement of the building made available for the reception and safe-keeping of pictures, objects, &c., at a cost of £3 5s.

That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to report upon the electroliers in the Gallery, and

That the Curator be paid a salary of £25, to commence from the formation of this Committee.

At the second of the Meetings before mentioned, the Curator reported that there had been 1,668 visits made to the Gallery since the last meeting.

At the Exhibition of Books and Plates, &c., relating to Gloucestershire, held from March 18th to 23rd, considerable interest was shown in the exhibits, and it was visited by 1,119 people.

The Lectures, with limelight views, given in illustration of the above were much appreciated and well attended.

All the pictures in the De Ferrieres Gallery had received his personal attention in the way of cleaning and renovation.

Several of the local prints and engravings out of the Library portfolios had been cleaned and mounted by the staff, and were now in the hands of Mr. Whitcombe for framing. A few had been returned and hung on the screen in the large Gallery.

A commencement had been made with the cleaning and arranging of the flint and stone implements lately presented by Mr. Cornelius Cardew.

The electroliers had been examined and made right by Messrs. Marshall.

A letter had been received from the Secretary of the South Kensington Museum stating that the Board would meet the wishes, as far as possible, of the Art Gallery Committee in respect to the selection of objects on the subjects suggested by them.

Resolved, That this Sub-Committee do defray half the cost (not exceeding £5) of framing the local prints and engravings, about 60 in number, the other moiety to be borne by the Public Library Committee.

Also Resolved, To instruct the Curator to proceed as quickly as possible with the cleaning and arranging of the flint and stone implements, &c., and report and obtain estimates and particulars as to the cases he requires for the same.

Custodian of Art Gallery—The letter from the Baron de Ferrieres read at the March meeting of the Council, expressing the wish of himself and the Baroness that Mr. Young's appointment as custodian

should be made permanent, as they considered him in every way admirably suited for the position, was considered. Resolved, That the present appointment of Mr. R. W. Young as custodian of the Art Gallery be made permanent, at the same salary as hitherto, subject to one month's notice on either side.

Annual Report—Councillor Hayward having suggested the inclusions with the Public Library Report of a short report on the Art Gallery for the past year. Resolved, That the Curator be requested to draw up such a report and submit the same to the Chairman of this Sub-Committee for his approval, and that in addition to the same being printed with the Public Library Report, 200 copies be ordered separately.

Resolved, That the Reports of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the recommendations and resolutions therein mentioned be adopted.

14 -Public Library—Resolved, To accede to the application of the Public Library Committee to this Committee to have the out-side woodwork at the Library painted, grained and varnished, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this resolution carried into effect.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of April, [1901]. Present: Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, R. Davies, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)

1- Alstone Baths—Resolved, That these Baths be forthwith thoroughly washed down and cleansed, and that they be so kept in future.

Resolved, To adjourn consideration of an applications received from G. H. Martin for appointment as Superintendent at the Alston. Baths, and to instruct the Borough Surveyor to make temporary arrangements.

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2 —Report re Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of the Baths from the 1st to the 21st of April had been as follows :—

| Receipts. | | Payments. | |
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| Montpellier. | Alstone. | Montpellier. | Alstone. |
| £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 15 14 4 | 5 3 6 | 16 12 3 | 9 3 5 |

3—Charges at Montpellier Baths---Resolved, That the rates to be charged at the Montpellier Baths be varied as follows, viz.:—First Class Baths .. 1s. 6d. Second Class Baths 9d.

And that books of not less than twelve tickets he charged for as follows, viz., First Class Baths 15s, and Second Class 7s 6d, and that the resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 15th May last approved by the Council be varied accordingly.

4—Superintendent at Montpellier Baths—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. Braint for a fortnight's leave of absence.

5—Swimming Lessons—Resolved, Not to accede to an application from Mrs. E. F. Palmer for return of £3 3s paid for tickets for swimming lessons for her children (less 7s 6d for one lesson to each) on account of the children not being strong enough to take the lessons until the slimmer and intending to leave Cheltenham at the end of the month, as the tickets will be available for use at any future time

6—Land next to Beachwood, Marle Hill Road—Resolved, That the Council are not prepared to consider an offer from Mr. J. Hooper to purchase or rent a strip of the land belonging to the Corporation next to his house to form a back way.

7—Land adjoining Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground— A letter was read from Mr. Lusty with which he had forwarded a cheque for £10 15s, part of the sum of £12 due from him for rent of this land, he having deducted £1 5s for repairing the fence. Resolved, That Mr. Lusty be called upon to pay the balance of £1 5s, and to inform him that any claim he desires to make for repairing the fence will then receive due consideration.

8— Old Cemetery—Resolved, To grant the usual contribution of £10 for keeping open the Old Cemetery for the use of the residents in the locality, but to suggest to Mr. Marshall that more attention should be given to the comfort of the old people.

9--Fencing at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The following tenders were received, viz.:

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| Messrs. Bayliss, Jones and Bayliss | £218 19 8 |
| " Hill and Smith | £147 6 8 |

A tender was also received from Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall, but not being on the prescribed form could not be considered or compared with the others. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Hill and Smith be accepted.

10- -Visitors—Resolved, That Councillors R. Davies and Bennett be appointed visitors for the month for the Naunton Park Recreation Ground and Montpellier Baths, and Councillors Baker and Hayward for the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground and Alstone Baths.

11—Encroachments on Land added to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That notice be given to the tenants of the allotments on the South side of the addition to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground to remove all erections and enclosures which the Borough Surveyor reported encroached upon the land of the Corporation.

12- Mineral Waters at Montpellier Baths--Resolved, To authorise an expenditure not exceeding £10 10s. for the arrangements for the dispensing of the mineral waters at the Montpellier Baths, and

that the selection of a suitable design for the fountain be left to the Chairman and Councillors R. Davies and Hayward.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman

MINERAL WATERS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of April, 1901—Present :
Councillors Baker, R. Davies, Hayward and Parsonage (Councillor R. Davies in the chair).—

1-Name of this Committee-Resolved, That the name of this Committee be altered to The Mineral Waters and Medical Baths Committee, and that the resolution of the Council at their meeting of date the 4th of March last appointing this Committee be varied accordingly.

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2—Report of Dr. Garrett— Dr. Garrett read a report upon the mineral waters stating that he had made some experiments upon their physiological action and therapeutic value, and considered that two varieties of the waters should be provided for sale. He considered that a Massage Room was absolutely necessary for the proper equipment of the Montpellier Baths as Medical Baths, and recommended that such a room should be at once provided. He also recommended that a place be settled upon for evaporating, aerating, and bottling the waters. He called the attention of the Committee to a special edition of a book advertising Cheltenham and the mineral waters, and recommended that 1,000 copies should be purchased for distribution outside the town at a cost of £37 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the recommendations above mentioned be approved and adopted. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Plan and estimate of the cost (a) of the Factory to be erected on part of the Barretts Mill site, (b) of converting one of the deep immersion baths at the Montpellier Baths into a Massage Room, and (c) for enlarging the ticket office at the entrance to the Winter Garden to provide a central Lodge for dispensing the mineral waters.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of May, 1901—Present:
Councillors Baker, Bennett, Parsonage and Hayward (Councillor Bennett in the chair)—

3-- Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Bennett was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

4-- Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of the proposed Factory to be erected on the Barretts Mill site. Resolved, That consideration thereof be adjourned for further particulars and detailed estimate of the cost.

5-Massage Room at Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for converting one of the deep immersion baths at the Montpellier Baths into a Massage Room. Resolved, That it is undesirable to make internal alterations to the Baths, which have been so recently completed, but that the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee be asked to take into consideration the desirability, having regard to the great demand, of extending the Third Class Baths upon the dis-used

portion of the property, and to permit this Committee to incorporate therewith accommodation for massage and other medical treatment as suggested by Dr. Garrett in his Report.

BURIAL BOARD.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of April, 1901,— Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Moles, M. Davis, and Cypher (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the new boiler for the Cemetery Chapels had been fixed, that he required two new scythes, two pairs of garden shears, and a new grindstone, and that one of the Cemetery trucks required repairing. He called attention to the immediate necessity that the new ground should be ready for sale and burials.

Resolved, That the thorough Surveyor be instructed to order the tools required by the Superintendent and to have the truck repaired, and that with regard to the new ground the Committee do pay a visit of inspection to the Cemetery on Tuesday next, leaving the Municipal Offices at 9.30 a.m.

2 -Wages of Cemetery Employees—The Superintendent submitted an application from the workmen at the Cemetery for an increase of 2s per week in their wages, at present 18s per week, so that they might be in the same position as regards pay as other employees of the Council. He strongly recommended the application to the Committee's approval.

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Resolved, That the application be acceded to, and that the resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings, of date the 23rd July last, approved by the Council, be altered accordingly.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs for headstones and monuments be approved, viz :—To Frank Crump, John Price Holborow, Jesse Sollors, Benjamin Frank Evans, Mary Ann Cheshire, Annie Maria Lane, Edwin Mortimer, Winifred Marian Thomson, Walter Macdonnell Grimley, Herbert Russell Manners, William Henry Grimley.

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of April, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Report of the Borough Accountant re Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received from the Executors of the late Mr. J. M. Cook an offer to lend £750 at 3 ½ per cent. secured by Debenture, the principal to be repaid on six months' notice by either party. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

2-- Loan of £1,000 from Mrs. Lawrence and Others—A notice was received from Mr. R. McLaren, solicitor for Mrs. F. E. Lawrence, Miss M. Lawrence, and Mr. G. Norman, requiring repayment, at the

expiration of three months from the :9th inst. (the date of the notice), of the sum of £1,000 lent by them to the Corporation.

3--Local Authorities' Officers' Superannuation Bill—Resolved, That the seal of the Council be affixed to a petition in support of this Bill, and that the Member for the Borough be requested to present it.

4—Staff of the Borough Accountant—The Borough Accountant reported that pursuant to the authority given to him to employ two new clerks in his office, he had engaged Mr. Deacon, from Leicester, and Mr. Wiltshire, from Leamington.

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 amounting to £9,468 1s. 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 26th March last | £8,055 5 11 |
| Paid since that date (including £13,000, Loans temporarily paid off to be reborrowed) | <u>£38,679 9 3</u> |
| | £46,834 15 2 |
| Received since that date | <u>£ 2,348 15 5</u> |
| Overdrawn | £44,485 19 9 |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure | £ 8,698 6 9 |
| Electric Lighting, Water and other Capital Accounts | <u>£35,787 13 0</u> |
| | £44,485 19 9 |

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of April, 1901—Present Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Hayward, Moles, Preston, Stroud ; The Revs. J. Evans ; and Messrs. F. G. Carr and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-Sub Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that the Exhibition of Books held in the Art Gallery from March 18th to 23rd was attended by 1,119 people In illustration of the Exhibition four lectures were given as follows:—March 18th, "On the Excavations at Hailes Abbey," by the Rev. W. Bazeley, M.A., Rector of Matson, and Hon. Secretary to the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society ; March 19th, " Earliest Men around Cheltenham," by Mr. John Sawyer, Member of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club ; March 21st, " Gloucestershire Folk Speech," by Mr. S. S. Buckman, Hon. Secretary Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club ; March sand, " Dawn of Cheltenham History," by Mr. John Sawyer. The attendance at the lectures was very satisfactory, all the seats being occupied.

The Sub-Committee recommended :—

That the wages of S. G. Ball be advanced from 8s to 19s per week.

That 500 copies of the Annual Report be printed, at a cost of £2 15s. 0d.

That the list of new and second hand books, prepared by the Librarian, be passed, and the books purchased at a cost of about £30 out of the bequest of the late Mr. J. Solomon.

That the following sums be allowed for extra services in connection with the two Exhibitions of Books, &c., held in the Art Gallery in November and March last, namely :—

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| F. W. Cooper .. | £1 1 0 |
| F. W. Turner . | £0 5 0 |
| W. Addis | £0 10 6 |

Resolved, That the recommendations above mentioned be approved and adopted, except that the books of fiction in the list of new books to be purchased be paid for out of the General Fund, and not out of the Solomon Bequest.

2-Gifts to Leckhampton Branch Reading Room—A letter was read from Mr. G. H. Palmer stating that he had made arrangements with the Local Committee for the delivery of the "Illustrated London News " and " Looker On " during his absence from Cheltenham until the autumn.

The Chairman read a letter he had received from Mr. W. Mann, on behalf of the Local Committee of the Reading Room, acquainting him that they recently purchased and had fixed in the Room a clock, and requesting the Chairman to accept same as a gift for the benefit of those using the room, and to signify such acceptance to Mr. Palmer.

The Chairman stated that he had written to Mr. Palmer to thank him for the gifts referred to in the letters. Resolved, That the action of the Chairman be approved.

3 — Renovation of Library—Resolved, to request the General Purposes and Watch Committee to recommend the Council to have the outside woodwork at the Library painted, grained, and varnished.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of May, 1901 - Present :
Councillors Bennett, Parsonage, Preston and Moles (Councillor Preston 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 41 schools, from which 552 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; and 12 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. — George Jenkins, Frederick Mitchell, Walter Lewis, Fred Scrivens, Winifred Tibbles, May Bishop and George Smith, Clarisse Davis, Sidney Toms and Daisy Ames; and That proceedings under Sec. 12 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parents of James Lloyd and Charles Dix for breach of Attendance Orders.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of June, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th day of May, 1901-Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Lenthall, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

1-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, 1 of Erysipelas, and 3 of Diphtheria ; that the case of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and 2 cases of Diphtheria were treated in Hospital, and that the number of Corporation cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 2 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

2--Dairies. Cowsheds, and Mill shops Order-Resolved, To accede to an application by John Haines, of the Marlborough Arms, Duke Street, to be registered as a cowkeeper on land adjoining Battledown Lodge, Hales Road, subject to compliance with notices served on him to amend defective drainage and lay down paving, &c.

3- Insanitary Property at Nos. 21, 25, 49 & 51, Sherborne Street, House behind No. 47, Sherborne Street, Butts Court, Sherborne Street, Nos. 7, 15, 34, 36 & 36 ½, York Street, No. 43, Jersey Street, No. 12, Columbia Street, Nos. 12, 14 & 28, Union Street, Fairview, and No. 20, Fairview 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, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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-Houses let in Lodgings-The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, via., Hos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12 & 14, Spa Buildings, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-law No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

5-Cleansing acid Limewashing at Nos. 9, 10, 16, 35, 37, 45, 47 & 49, St. James's Street, Nos. 52, 53 & 54, Rutland Street, Nos. 21 & 31, Sherborne Street, Two Houses at back of No. 47, Sherborne Street, Butts Cottages, Sherborne Street, Nos. 1 & 3, Bubb's Cottages, York Street, Nos. 5, 7 & 19, York Street, House at back of No. 5, York Street, No. 3, York Cottages, Nos. 4, 27 & 30, Jersey Street, Not 12 & 16, Columbia Street, Not. 12, 14 & 19, Union Street, and Nos. 12 & 20, Fairview Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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.

6-Nuisance from Drains, &c, at Nos. 35 & 37 St. James's Street, No. 45, Sherborne Street, No. 29, Columbia Street, and Nos. 7, 8, 9, & 10, Devonshire Street--The inspector of Nuisances having math, written application under Section 45 of the

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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.

7- Overcrowding at No. 4, Jersey Street, Nos. 18, 24 & 29, Columbia Street, Nos. 19, 42 & 44, Union Street, No. 18. York Street, and No. 2, Attewell's Court—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.

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—Destruction of Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a bullock at Haydon Farm fell into a pond and was suffocated. On discovery it was stuck and dressed, but the meat was affected by the mode of death and was judged to be unfit for food of man and was destroyed.

11—Sewer behind Gratton House and Wesleyan Chapel, Great Norwood Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that this sewer had twice been blocked within a short time, creating a nuisance, which was due to the manner in which the house drains were connected to the sewer by means of brick shafts, the pipes being brought into a shaft and dropping into a junction laid on its back. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a report relating to this matter.

12—Conveyance for Disinfected Clothes— Resolved, To give an order to Mr. Mills to repair the wagon used to convey home dis-infected clothes, and to provide a new cover for same.

13—Sanitary Work at No 5, Suffolk Parade—Resolved, To accede to an application from Mrs. C. A. Stevens to be allowed until the 26th June to pay the balance of £1 10s. 4d. of the quarter's instalment due from her for sanitary work at No. 5, Suffolk Parade.

14— Sewerage Works in New Street—A letter was read from Mr. J. Stevens, complaining of the obstruction caused by these works opposite his premises. Resolved, That the Committee regret the inconvenience caused by the works, which have now been completed.

15—Closing of Houses in Grove Street—A letter was read from Mr. P. P. Taylor requesting the Committee to reconsider their decision to obtain an Order for the closing of his property in Grove Street, and offering to carry out the requirements and to convert the two cottages in rear into one. Resolved, To inform Mr. Taylor that the Committee most adhere to the course decided upon, but that the order will not prevent him carrying out what is necessary to render the houses habitable and fit for re-occupation.

16— No 56, Worcester Street—A letter was read from Mr. R. E. Steel, solicitor for Mr. J. Bradbury, with reference to a notice served upon him by the Corporation to carry out repairs to this cottage. That he attributed the cause for the repairs to the demolition by the Corporation of the old house on the south side. That he considered, he should not be asked to remedy anything not caused by his own act or default, and he would be glad if the Committee would inspect the premises and he would attend and point out what he contended to be the facts. Resolved, That the Council do not admit any liability-, and to inform Mr. Bradbury that he must comply with the requirements of the notice.

17—Delancey Hospital--A letter was read from Dr. Wilson stating that the Trustees of the Hospital had resolved to accept the offer of the Town Council specified in Minute No. 33 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, with thanks for their courtesy in falling in with the wishes of the Trustees.

18—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz.:—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|------------------|--|
| 1405 | The Misses Birch | Extension of Workroom at No 28, Selkirk Street. |
| 1406 | J. H. Evans | Villa in Hatherley Road. |
| 1407 | Sharpe and Sons | Addition of room over front portion of leather warehouse in County Court Road. |
| 1408 | Mrs. Dighton | Bathrooms at Hillsborough Lawn and Elm Lodge. |
| 1409 | Miss Kenny | Herbert Villa on Glencairn Park Estate. |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters No. 1405 be disapproved, and that the other plans above referred to be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of May, 1901—Present ; The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

19 -Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Enteric Fever and 1 of Diphtheria ; that the case of Diphtheria was notified front the General Hospital, and the case of Enteric Fever was being treated at home; and that the number of Corporation cases then in the Delancey Hospital was 2 of Scarlet Fever.

20—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 3, Charlton Place, Nos. 1 & 13, Glenfall Street, No. 6, Gannet's Court, Nos. 30 & 40, Fairview Road, No. 2, Attewell's Court, Fairview Road, No. 2, Jersey Street, and House in Leighton's Row, New 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-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 6 & 16, Glenfall Street, Nos. 35, 37 & 39, St. James's Street, No. 8, Royal Well Terrace, No. 9, Lansdown Place, and No. 29, Montpelier Terrace—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

22-Insanitary Property at No. 52, Rutland Street, No .5, Prospect Terrace, No. 54, Fairview Road, No. 3, Charlton Place, and No. 31, 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 defective house roofs, rain water pipes, walls, ceilings, 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.

23—Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 2, Spa Place, Nos. 1, 2 & 3, Suffolk Place, and Nos. 8 & 9, Suffolk Square, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-named be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

24-- Overcrowding at Nos. 9 & 24, St. James's 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.

25-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 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.

26—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.

27-- Urinals at The Gladstone Arms, The Portland Inn, The Robin Hood Inn, The Wheatsheaf Inn, The Malster's Arms, and The George Hotel—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were so foul and in such a state owing to defects of structure and want of water supply as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances from these urinals, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the respective premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient supply of water to the urinals for flushing purposes and carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified therein

28 -Notices not Complied With--Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the Notices, a list of which was handed in by the Medical Officer of Health, to carry out sanitary requirements which had not been complied with.

29- Sewer in Queen Street—With reference to the resolution to Minute No 18 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 9th ulto., that the Council do not admit any liability to compensate Mr.

Tillott for the expense occasioned by his drain having been closed up owing to the deposit in this sewer, a letter from Mr. Tillott was read asking the Committee to re-consider their decision, having regard to the fact that the expense incurred by him was due not to any fault with his drain but to the blocking up of the sewer. Resolved, To inform Mr. Tillott that the Committee do not in any way vary their resolution above referred to, but as his case appears to be a somewhat hard and exceptional one the Council without prejudice offers him the sum of £3 in settlement of his claim.

30—Drain from Midland Railway Station under Roman Road—A letter was read from Mr. Wm. Taylor, of the Midland Railway Co., stating that he was instructed to ask a representative of the Council to meet him on the ground and point out where the drain in question was defective. The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had met Mr. Taylor and had fully explained the matter to him.

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31—Sewer in New Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report with reference to a claim received from Mr. Herbert Hawkins, of Piffs Cottage, Little's Court, New Street, for compensation for damage caused by laying of sewer pipes through part of the garden he occupied at the above address.

32—St. George's Road Sewer—A letter was read from Mr. J. Goodwin accepting the offer of £5 5s. 0d. for damage caused to his garden in St. George's Road from the sewerage works.

33--Report of Sewage Farms Sub-Committee—The Sewage Farms Sub-Committee reported that they recommended an offer of £12 be made to Mr. Corbett for the purchase of the chaff cutter and platform in the barn at the Barn Farm, but that the purchase of the boiler and engine be not entertained, and that Mr. Corbett be requested to remove the boiler and engine and make good the roof of the barn after such removal.

Also that they had resolved to take cattle on tack from Mr. James Wood, of Arle, into Bradley's, Clayley, and Lock's hay fields up to Christmas next for the sum of £100, inclusive of sewage water supply and use of part of the large double shed if needed, and that a field of cabbage be sold to Mr. Rock for £25. Resolved, That the recommendations and resolutions of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

35—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz.:—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------|--|
| 1410 | W. R. Grubb | Wing and Bathroom at No. 9, Pittville Parade. |
| 1411 | A. Hill | Pair of semi-detached villas, Glencairn Park Estate. |
| 1412 | J Carter | Alteration of outhouse at No. 21, St. Paul's Street North. |
| 1413 | J. Moore | Pair of semi-detached villas at Glencairn Park Estate. |

Resolved, That, as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, the plans above mentioned be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 1901 — Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Parish Churchyard Railings- -A letter was read from Mr. Charles Marshall, Churchwarden, asking whether the Town Council could see their way to have the railings of the Parish Churchyard painted, as the paths through the same were public, and the Parish Church was one of the objects of interest for visitors to the town. Resolved, That the Council regret they have no power to accede to Mr. Marshall's request.

2—High Street Improvement—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter was read from Messrs. Sadler and Son, the tenants of 313, High Street, expressing the hope that the Corporation would give them the opportunity of continuing as tenants after the proposed setting back and alteration of the premises, as they had been in business there nearly twenty years. They would be prepared to enter into a fresh lease if the Corporation met them in the matter of building. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to prepare a plan of the premises showing the necessary setting back and rebuilding so that the Committee may negotiate with Messrs. Sadler and Son as to the carrying out of the work and the terms of a lease of the premises.

3-Windsor Street Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. E. Pates stating that about thirty-five years ago the late Improvement commissioners carried out alterations and improvements in Windsor Street at a cost of £60, that it was then understood that the road was made a public highway repairable by the Corporation, and that therefore he did not consider himself liable to do the work in respect of which he had received notice from the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, That the writer be informed that the Council will regravell the footpath for the present, but as it had not been paved at the time mentioned by Mr. Pates the Council reserve the right to call upon him or his successors to do so. Also Resolved, That the resolution to Minute No. 27 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 25th February last be accordingly rescinded so far as regards Windsor Street.

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4-Trees in the Park—Resolved, To inspect the trees in the Park at the next View Meeting.

5-New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received from persons intending to erect new buildings, viz:-

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------------|--|
| 1405 | The Misses Birch. | Proposed extension of workroom, 28, Selkirk Street |
| 1406 | J. H. Evans. | Detached villa, Hatherley Road |
| 1407 | Sharpe and Sons. | Room over warehouse, County Court Road. |
| 1408 | Mrs. Dighton. | New bath rooms, Hillsborough Lawn and Elm Lodge |

Resolved, That No. 1405 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of May, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Skillicorne. Councillors M. Davis, Hayward and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

6—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

7- Cloddimore Crossing—A letter from the Board of Trade was read, with which was enclosed a letter from the Great Western and Midland Railways Joint Committee, in reply to a communication addressed to them from the Railway Department of the Board on the subject, stating that the Companies did not consider there were any special features applicable to this crossing which render a bridge or subway necessary, neither was the user of the crossing so extensive as to call for the provision of such accommodation. As, however, it was unfortunately the fact that several accidents had occurred on the spot the companies were not indisposed to consider the advisability of constructing a footbridge, provided the Local Authorities were prepared to contribute towards the cost of the work. Resolved, That a copy of the correspondence be forwarded to the correspondent for the memorialists with a request that he will inform the Council what amount the memorialists are prepared to contribute towards the expense of a footbridge over the railway.

8—Trees in the Park—The Committee having viewed the trees round the Park, Resolved, That they are of opinion that it would be a great improvement to the neighbourhood to remove the trees on the inner side of the footpath of the road between Fernihurst and Redesdale House inclusive, and recommend that the owners be communicated with in order to obtain their assent to the removal of the trees referred to.

9— Private Improvement Works in All Saints' Terrace—A letter was read from Mr. C. J. Bromley, of Bradley Villa, Hewlett Road. stating that he had been informed that after the works ordered are carried out the Corporation would not take over and declare the road a highway, and he appealed on his own behalf and that of the other abutting owners that if put to the expense of having the road paved and channelled in accordance with the specification they should be relieved of any future expense. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bromley that on completion of the works as specified, and after payment of all the private improvement expenses in respect thereof, the Council will be prepared to favourably consider an application from the abutting owners and the owner or owners of the road to declare the street a highway.

10- Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done in the Highways Department during the past month had been as follows, viz. :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Regent Street, 460 super yards, Leckhampton Road proceeding.

Patched with Cite Hill Stone— Lansdown Parade, Hales Road, and Winchcombe Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Shelburne Road, 800 super yards, Sherborne Street, 240 super yards. Patched with Wickwar Stone—Lansdown Crescent, King's Road, Sandford Street, Crescent Terrace, Selkirk Street. Poet, Road, Christ Church Road, Imperial Square, Queen's Road, Back of Promenade Fountain.

Repaired with Local Stone— Harp Hill, 2,200 super yards.

Repaired with Asphalt —St. George's Place (from St. James's Square to Public Library).

Repairs to Paving, Kerb, Crossing, and Channel—Prestbury Road, Trinity School Lane, St. George's Road, St. George's Parade, Manchester Street, High Street, Crescent Terrace, Clarence Street, Gloucester Road, Montpellier Street. and North Street.

Crossings had been made up to tramway with McDougall's patent bricks as follows: —Winchcombe Street one. Albion Street two, North Street one, High Street one.

The garden wall of Roderic House at the corner of Suffolk Road and Suffolk Parade had been taken down and rebuilt along the new line.

The improvement at Tivoli Place had been finished.

Private Improvement Works-Ewlyn Road finished, Hatherley Road, St. Paul's Lane, and All Saints' Terrace proceeding

Ashes Collection and Disposal- 748 loads collected, 619 loads consumed (weight 601 tons 3 cwts.)

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11—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------------|---|
| 1409 | Miss Kenny Herbert. | Detached villa, Glencairn Park Estate. |
| 1414 | W. Hall. | Pair of semi-detached villas, St. Cloud Estate, Leckhampton Road. |

Resolved, That as regards construction No. 1409 be approved as shown, and that No. 1414 be approved subject to the wall at the back of the kitchen and bedroom fire grates being 9 instead of 4 ½ inches in thickness.

E. H. PARSONAGE,
Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 1901 — Present The Mayor Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Lenthall and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

1--Standards--Letters were read from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, solicitors to the Company, with which they enclosed plans sheaving the position of all posts and standards to be erected by the Company within the borough, and a design of their construction, and, if approved, requesting the Committee to intimate such approval to the Board of Trade. The Committee having inspected a deviation made from the plans of the positions of the standards in the Gloucester Road, Resolved, That the plans as deviated from as aforesaid be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to signify such approval to the Board of Trade.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of May, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward, Lawrence, Lenthall and Rickerby (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)--

1-Entertainments--Resolved, To approve and adopt the following resolutions and recommendations of the Entertainment Sub-Committee, viz. :—

That the subscribers to the Montpellier Gardens be admitted free to the Military Band Concerts arranged for, and that those exercising the right of free entrance be paid for by the Corporation at half-price.

That the Concert Director be authorised to enter into contracts in accordance with the minutes of the Sub-Committee.

That the Brescian Family be engaged from the 22nd to the 28th May inclusive at 60 per cent. of the takings, the printing to be done by them, and to concede to them the sale of the programmes. Subscribers to be admitted free.

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That tenders for 500 chairs of the pattern made by Winch, of Ipswich, be advertised for, and that the Suit-Committee be authorised to accept a tender.

That Mr. James' Rifle Volunteer Band be engaged to play once a week, alternately at the Naunton Park and Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds, during the months of June, July, August and September at 30s. per week, and

That on the day on which the Active Service Section of the Volunteers arrives in Cheltenham all Volunteers in uniform be allowed free entrance to the entertainments at Montpellier Gardens, the charges so remitted to be paid by the Corporation.

2-Horticultural Show--A letter was read from Mr R. H. Smith, Secretary of the Horticultural Society, agreeing to the terms upon which the Council offered the Society the use of Montpellier Gardens for their show on the 26th proximo.

3—Military Tournament—A letter was read from Quarter-Master R. C. Bastin applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on the 20th of June instead of on the 21st of May for the Tournament of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, owing to the training having been fixed to take place at Badminton instead of Cheltenham. Resolved, That the application be acceded to upon the same terms as quoted for the use of the Gardens for the same purpose on the 21st inst, except that subscribers to the Gardens shall be admitted to the Tournament free of charge.

4—Sunday Band Concerts at Pittville—A memorial was received from 171 ratepayers petitioning the Council to allow Bands to play sacred music on Sunday afternoons at Pittville Park as heretofore. Resolved, That any offer to supply a Band in Pittville Park on Sundays without cost to the Corporation will be favourably entertained by the Committee.

5—Advertising—Resolved, To adjourn for further information an offer from the Daily Telegraph stating that similar notices of Cheltenham to that appearing in the issue of the 15th inst. would appear every Wednesday, and they were prepared to accept advertisements to follow same at the rate of 7s 6d per line each insertion.

Resolved, Not to accede to applications from the Advertising Managers of Vanity Fair and Country Life for orders for insertion in those publications of advertisements of the town.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th day of May, 1901. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday; Councillors Brown, R. Davies, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)-

1- Electric Supply Offices and Stores—The Town Clerk submitted for approval the draft of an agreement with Mrs. A. F. Skarratt for the tenancy from year to year by the Electric Department of No. 335 High Street, from the 11th inst., at a rental of £80 per annum with option of purchase at £1,750, and the same having been amended. Resolved, That as now settled the draft be approved.

2-Wayleave for Electric Cables under Roads on the Battledown Estate—The Town Clerk having submitted the form of an undertaking which the Trustees of the Battledown Estate desired him to give on behalf of the Corporation as to repair of the roads, die., before giving their consent to the laying of cables, &c., thereunder. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign same on behalf of the Council.

3-Insurance of Employees of the Electrical Department—The Town Clerk submitted the Policy of Insurance which had been issued by the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Limited insuring certain of the employees against accident arising from their employment without reference to the legal liability of the Council and indemnifying the Council against claims for compensation by other of the employees. Resolved, That the same in the form now produced be approved and that the premium due thereon be paid.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of May, 1901. Present--The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, R. Davies, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)

4--Electrical Inspector's Report— The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month as follows :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1901 May 15th | 200 Volts. | 210 Volts. |
| “ 21st | | <u>208 “</u> |
| | Average. | 209 “ |

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

| ILLUMINATING POWER. | | PURITY. | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1901 | | 1901 | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. |
| May 14th | 16.47 candles | May 14-15 | 12.32 |
| “ 21st | <u>16.53 “</u> | | |
| | Average 16.50 “ | | |

6—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per ordinary lamp during the previous month had been 4.2356 cubic feet ; 5.330 cubic feet for No. 4 Incandescents ; and 4.0345 cubic feet for No. 3 Incandescents.

7—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished, 12 metered, 18 unmetered; burning dimly, 9 unmetered ; 18 incandescent lamps out and 23 burning dimly.

8--Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the 7th inst. he tested the first steam dynamo for traction purposes and the results were satisfactory. This set had been delivered at the works and was being erected, and on receipt of a pipe on order could be run.

All the cables for the tramway had been delivered and a good start made with the laying of them, and he hoped to complete the laying in a fortnight.

Two small extensions were required to supply new customers, viz :—

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Lansdown Place-70 yards of main | £30 |
| Paragon Parade-70 “ “ | £30 |

The former of which he had carried out as the intended customer had removed his gas fittings.

Resolved, That the extensions referred to be approved, and that when application shall next be made to the Local Government Board for sanction for another loan the £60 required for the extensions above mentioned be included in that application.

9- Lighting at Junction of Hewlett and Stanley Roads, Battledown—A letter was read from Messrs. Engall Cos and Co., on behalf of owners of lots on the Battledown Estate, expressing a wish for a lamp near the two new seats and steps at the junction of Hewlett and Stanley Roads. Resolved, That Messrs. Engall, Cos and Co. be informed that the Council consider the benefit which would be derived would not be sufficient to justify such a distant extension of the main.

10- Change of Pressure—A letter was read from the Beard of Trade stating that they had made further regulations amending the principal regulations to enable undertakers to change the pressure of the supply of electric energy, notwithstanding a consumer withholds his consent, with the consent of the Board of Trade.

11-Electric lighting loan of £6,000—A letter from the Local Government Board was read asking for certain information, and stating that the action of the Council in carrying out works in anticipation of loan sanctions was irregular, and requesting that in future the Council will be careful to obtain the Board's sanction to the necessary loan before carrying out the works, to which the Town Clerk reported that he had replied, giving the information required and calling the Board's attention to the fact that the application for sanction was made on the 5th October last and the inquiry was not held until the 4th ulto., and unless the undertaking is to come to a standstill it is well-nigh impossible that works shall not be carried out in anticipation of the Board's sanction. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

12—Tenancy of No. 335, High Street—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. H. A. Thomas, the solicitor for the owner, had practically restored the draft tenancy agreement to its original form and would not agree to the amendments therein made by the Committee. Resolved, That the Committee would not object to the deletion of the clauses relating to the option of the Council to purchase, but with this exception they most insist upon the draft remaining as altered by the Town Clerk by the instructions of the Committee, otherwise the matter must be dropped.

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13---Lighting of Passage from high Street to Grosvenor Place South--Resolved, To authorise the Chairman and Councillor Baker to deal with an application made by Mr. A. G. Sanders for a lamp to be placed so as to light this passage.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 1901—Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Stroud and J. Waghorne The Mayor in the chair).—

14---Electric Supply Offices and Stores—Tourney of No. 335, High Street—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Thomas had agreed to the draft of the tenancy agreement as approved by the Committee at their meeting of date the 13th inst., except that the Council should pay the fire insurance premium in excess of 2s. 6d. per cent. Resolved, That this be agreed to, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the engrossment of the draft as settled at the meeting above referred to as now varied.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of April, 1901—Present:
Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, M. Davis and Preston (Councillor Bennett in the chair)—

1-Chairman--In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Bennett was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 184 gallons per minute, the average for the last three years being 145 gallons, the quantity of water in store at Hewletts being 29,033,660 gallons.

On the same instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 30ft. 11in. in depth, and the contents 94,327,440 gallons, or about 80 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 334,191 gallons.

Owing to the dry weather he had recommended supplying Tewkesbury from the Severn. The whole district including Tewkesbury had been supplied from the hills since the 1st of January last.

He had received a letter from Mr. Edwards whose offer to rent Salts Farm was accepted at the last meeting requesting the Council to insert two bay windows in the front rooms.

Owing to the growth of vegetation in No.4 Reservoir at Hewletts the water was rapidly becoming unfit for use and he recommended that it should not be used until the growth shall have died out in the Autumn.

During the past two years there had been a serious falling-off in the quality of the lead pipe supplied for use in connection with the water supply, and he recommended that he be authorised to consult a specialist Chemist and Metallurgist on the matter.

Resolved. That the request of Mr. Edwards be not acceded to, and that the recommendations of the Water Engineer be approved and adopted.

3Leakage of Maults in Tewkesbury—A letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read stating that his Committee considered that the matter in dispute was of too great importance to be left to arbitration, especially as it was a question of law and not of fact, and if the Cheltenham Town Council insists upon their claim his Committee felt the only course would be for the matter to be fought out in a friendly action.

The Town Clerk having reminded the Committee that Counsel had advised that this was a matter of difference arising under sec. 85 of the Corporation Water Act of 1878, by which section it was expressly provided such matters should be referred to arbitration under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, Resolved, That an Arbitrator be appointed under sec. 179 of the Public Health Act by the Cheltenham Corporation, that the selection of the Arbitrator be left to the Town Clerk, and that the Town Clerk be instructed, after the appointments has been made, to give notice of such appointment under sec. 180 s.s. (4) of the said Act to the Corporation of Tewkesbury.

4-Purity of Tewkesbury Water Supply—A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, with which he enclosed an extract from a letter received from one of the ratepayers of that borough, purporting to be the result of an analysis " of severn water made by Wyles, Limited, in December last," and requesting that it might be handed to the Medical Officer of Health for his remarks thereon. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to reply that this Council respectfully decline to consider an analysis of a sample of water taken in the absence of anyone to represent them and of any information as to when, where and how it was obtained, and made by persons of whose competency this Council has no knowledge.

5-Cheltenham Waterworks Company and the Devises of the late T. P. Butt—The Town Clerk reported that the costs of the applicants in this matter had been taxed and allowed at £45 5s. 2d., which had to be paid by the Corporation.

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

F. J. BENNETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of May, 1901—Present. The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, Lenthall, Parsonage, Preston and y. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Swine Fever—Inspector Parker, for Superintendent Hopkins, reported that with reference to outbreaks of swine fever at the Corporation allotment of Charles Alfred Jackson; premises of Albert Henry Daft, Granley Road, George Cox, Sunnyville, Hatherley Road, and Arthur Dale, Daisybank, Leckhampton Road, that the premises above mentioned remained infected places, but no further outbreak had occurred in the borough.

A letter from the Board of Agriculture was read stating that in consequence of the outbreaks the Board had passed an Order applying the provisions of the Swine Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1896 to the area in the district in which the outbreaks have occurred.

2 –Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts—Resolved, In place of Mr. Bryer, who has retired from practice, to appoint Mr: F. W. Taylor as Veterinary Inspector for the borough under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

3-Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that during the past month the Brigade had been called out as follows:—

On April 27th, to a fire at Emily Place, Charlton Kings, which caused damage estimated at £100. The extinction expenses amounted to £6 7s. 0d., and a claim for same had been made against the Company in which the property was insured.

On the 13th inst., to a fire at Cambray Villa, which caused damage estimated at £50. The expenses amounted to £2 17s. 6d., a claim for which would be made in due course against the owner or, if insured, against the Insurance Company.

4—Drivers' Licences—Resolved, To grant the following applications for drivers' licences, viz.:—Prom William Lewis, 4, Mitre Street ; Charles E. Bourne, Knapp Cottage, Charlton Kings; Alfred Peart, 1, Sandford street; Charles Arter, 17, Lansdown Place Stables ; Walter Robins, 5, Northfield Terrace ; Charles Howard Hunt, 2, Brookway Cottages ; William Gough, 20, Hermitage Street ; Thomas Carless, 3, St. George's Street ; W. Newcombe, 6, Berkeley Avenue ; Tom Jackson, 17, Northfield Place ; William James Frederick Cecil Paul, Pittville House Stables; and Edward Butler, 11, Gratton Street.

The Inspector reported that Albert Bullingham and Walter Teale had twice or more been convicted of non-observance of the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within twelve months.

5-Hackney Carriage Licences—The Inspector having reported that Licence No. 47 for a pony carriage had become vacant, Resolved, To grant same to Charles William Trinder.

Resolved, Not to accede to an application for the transfer of a licence from F. Hall to A. Fryer, as there does not appear to have been any bona-fide sale and purchase of the licensed vehicle or transfer of business.

Resolved, To accede to an application for the transfer of Licence No. from Josiah Jones to F. Jones, the latter having intimated that he was about to rent the yard and premises known as Clarence Metes from the former and to purchase the licensed vehicle.

6 -Wheel Chair Licence—Resolved, To accede to an application for the transfer of Wheel Chair Licence No. 8 from George Musk, deceased, to William Joseph Buckingham.

7-Borough Extension Inquiry----The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had certified the amount of the cost incurred in relation to the Inquiry by the Inspector at £23 15s. 3d., which, in reply to a letter he had written to the Board on the subject. they had explained included the personal and travelling expenses of the Inspector and a charge in respect of his salary during the period occupied in travelling and reporting to the Board as well as in holding the actual Inquiry.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of May, 1901—Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, R. Davies, Hayward and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1-Montpellier Baths—The receipts during the past month had been £32 3s. 8d., and the total up to the 19 of May £58 10s. 7d., and the payments during the past month £25 0s. 8d., and the total £66 12s. 11d.

Resolved, That this Committee concurs with the Mineral Waters and Medical Baths Committee in the use of the part of the Montpellier Baths for the purposes mentioned in the Minutes of the proceedings of that Committee of date the 17th inst., and that application he made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan of £2,607 15s. 0d. to provide the £300 required for the Medical Baths and evaporation of the mineral waters, and £2,307 15s. 0d. to pay off the amount over-drawn for capital expenditure.

Further Resolved, That the Swimming Bath be opened at 6.30 in the morning during the summer months.

That the charge for the Third Class Baths be raised from 4d. to 6d., and the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 15th day of May, 1900 be varied accordingly, and that the back entrance be closed altogether.

2—Alstone Baths—The receipts during the past month had been £23 1s. 1d., and the total up to the 19th inst. £37 15s. 6d., and the payments during the past month £26 1s. 4d. and the total £35 4s. 9d.

In reply to a letter from Mr. Brewer, of the Holy Apostles' Schools, Resolved. To inform him that the Council cannot accede to his application to permit children attending his school resident outside the borough to use the Swimming Bath free of charge.

Resolved, To inform Miss Folley, of the Holy Apostles' Schools, that girls attending her school resident within the borough) may use the Swimming Bath at Alstone free of charge at times to be arranged when the bath is reserved for the use of females, and that notices be given to the Guardians and the Head Mistresses of all the Elementary Girls' Schools in the town that the girls at the Workhouse and attending such schools resident within the borough will be allowed a similar privilege.

Caretaker—Subject to the Caretaker now at the Alstone Baths being married, and he and his wife complying with all the conditions specified in the advertisement for applications for the appointment, Resolved, That his appointment be made a permanent one upon the terms and salary specified in the advertisement referred to.

3--Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club--A letter was read from the Hon. Secs. of this Club applying for the use of the Baths for their aquatic displays for this season, of which they would probably be holding four, and suggesting that they should be held alternately at the Alstone and the Montpellier Baths, and that the charge should be a fixed sum, say one guinea for the Alstone Bath, and enquiring what it would be for the Montpellier Bath. Resolved, That the use of the Alstone Baths be granted for the purpose mentioned at a charge of £1 1s on each occasion, the Club to pay all expenses other than for lighting and heating, but that the application to use the Montpellier Swimming Bath for water polo be not acceded to.

4-- Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Caretaker's House—Resolved, In lieu of the usual surety to accept an offer made by Messrs. Billings to deposit title deeds of property valued at more than the amount of their contract.

Fencing—A letter from Mr. A. B. Wall was read complaining of the damage which he had sustained owing to his garden not being fenced off, as he alleged had been promised, with an unclimbable iron

fence, and requesting the Council to give instructions for the protection of his property in that way. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

5-Naunton Park Rugby Football Club—A letter was read from the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Sec. of this Club asking for permission to use the Naunton Park Recreation Ground for football next season as in the past season. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

6-- Old Cemetery- -A letter from Mr. Marshall was read thanking the Council for the grant of 4to, but stating that the funds at present were not sufficient to meet necessary demands, and without more money the extra comfort for the old people suggested by the Committee could not be provided.

7- Monthly Meetings --Resolved, That the monthly meetings of this Committee be held in future at 2.30 p.m. instead of 3 p.m.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bennett, Brown, Hayward and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

8-Alstone Baths --Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain tenders for two gross of towels, as per sample, from Mr. R. E. Stranger, Messrs. Dicks & Son, Limited, Messrs. Drake & Co., Mr. E. J. Couzens, Mr. Rees Jones, Cavendish House Company, Limited, and Messrs. Lance & Co., and to authorise the Chairman to accept a tender.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of May, 1901,— Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors M. Davis, Rickerby and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2- Report of the Superintendent of the Cemetery --The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that the work upon the new ground was nearly completed, and upon receipt of the plan would be ready for burials.

That Mr. Minett, of Prestbury, was willing to have the grass at the Cemetery on the same terms as last year.

That he would be glad to have some plants for bedding out as heretofore, and

That he had had an application from Miss Carmichael, of Rossmond Lawn, who had a vault in the Cemetery No. 3880 T, in which an interment of a relative had been made last month, to rent an adjoining space of ground to prevent its being sold to anyone else during her lifetime.

A letter was read from Mr. Wm. Wood, of Lower Mill, Prestbury, offering £6 10s. 0d. for the season's grass in the Cemetery. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to provide the plan required for burials in the new ground. That Mr. Minett's offer for the grass be accepted. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply £4 worth of bedding out plants for the Cemetery, and That Miss Carmichael be informed that the space referred to will be reserved during her lifetime so long as she shall pay £1 per annum in advance each year.

3— Burial Act, 1900—A letter was read from the Assistant Under-Secretary of State stating that he was directed by the Secretary of State to inform the Board that he had no authority to decide questions of law, but that in his opinion that portion of the payment made to the Incumbent of Cheltenham in commutation of burial fees other than for services rendered was not affected by the Burial Act of 1900.

It did not, however, appear to the Secretary of State to be equitable that the fees to be fixed under Sec. 3 (1) of the Act should be paid to the Incumbent in addition to the other portion of the annual payment which represented such fees. He suggested that the Board and the Incumbent should come to an agreement as to how the division of the commuted sum is to be made and in what manner and to what extent the fees for services rendered should be handed to the Incumbent.

The Town Clerk reported that he had written on the subject to Canon Roxby, together with a copy of the correspondence with the Home Office, but he had not been able to have a personal interview with him, as he was away for a holiday under medical advice. Resolved, That there being no urgency, further consideration of the matter be adjourned until after Canon Roxby's return.

4—Compensation to the Parish Clerk—A letter from the Home Office was read stating that the Secretary of State was not "yet" in a position to say more than appeared in the directions as to proceedings under the Act issued by him with regard to compensation to Parish Clerks, which merely specified the particulars he would require it reference to him should become necessary in default of agreement. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

5—Up-keep of Miss Browne-Clayton's Grave Spaces—A letter was read from Messrs. W. Hopwood and Sons stating that they understood the Board had undertaken to keep these grave spaces in order for the future, and requesting that they might be allowed to continue to do the work at 30s as hitherto. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Hopwood and Son that as yet no agreement for the up-keep of the grave spaces has been entered into by the Board.

6—Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz., Headstones to Sarah Blease, Sydney Alfred Weaver, Mary White, Alfred Green, and Kate Clark, and Monument to Colonel Robert Cadell.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of May, 1901-Present Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Hayward and Lawrence (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair)-

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Skillicorne was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Loans---A letter was read from the Rev. W. Clifford Aston, H. J. Dale and Robert Walker, Esqrs., giving six months' notice to the Corporation to repay the £100 secured to them upon debenture.

A letter was read from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners stating that they were prepared to receive applications from Local Authorities for advances upon the security of the rates for any term not less than 10 years and not exceeding 50 years, at a rate of interest at the present time of not less than £3 12s. 6d. per cent.

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3-Expenditure by Committees—With reference to the Minute and Resolution No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18 inst., Resolved, That after each account therein referred to has been laid before the Committee to which the same relates, the Chairman of that Committee be requested, if correct, to sign it, and that the said account so signed be laid before this Committee at each monthly meeting.

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 £11,326 7s. 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 30th April last | .. | £44,485 19 9 |
| Paid since that date | .. | <u>£ 9,020 3 6</u> |
| | | £53,506 3 3 |
| Received since that date | .. | £ 3,618 2 10 |
| Overdrawn | .. | £49,888 0 5 |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure | .. | £10,605 16 3 |
| Electric Lighting, Water and other Capital Accounts | | <u>£39,282 4 2</u> |
| | | £49,888 0 5 |

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 16th day of May, 1901—Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Bennett, M. Davis, R. Davies, Hayward and Preston (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1—Grammar School—A letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Centre of the Free Lance Literary and Debating Society with which was forwarded a copy of the following minute,

viz.:—"At the weekly meeting of the Free Lances the members unanimously agreed that it is undesirable and detrimental to the best interests of the town of Cheltenham that Science should be eliminated from the curriculum of the Grammar School, and considered that as the School now receives technical education grants belonging to the public, reports of the meetings of the Governors and the annual accounts should be given in the public Press."

Resolved, That this Committee concurs in the expression of opinion contained in the minute above mentioned, and that a copy of this minute and resolution be forwarded to the Governors of the Grammar School.

2—Gloucestershire School of Domestic Science- -A letter was read from Mr. F. Hannam-Clarke, solicitor, Gloucester, Hon. Sec. to the Trustees of this School, stating that in addition to the Mayor as an ex-officio trustee the Council were entitled to nominate a representative trustee to serve on the body of General Trustees of the School. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to nominate Councillor M. Davis, Chairman of this Committee, as the representative trustee above mentioned.

3—St. Peter's Evening Continuation Classes—A letter was read from Mr. A. H. Nott, correspondent for the managers of these Classes. stating that technical instruction, consisting of shorthand, designing, plans and elevations, vocal music, elementary commercial subjects, and ambulance, was given at these Classes. That owing to the serious financial condition the work in all probability would cease unless supported, and the Managers hoped for the consideration of this Committee in the matter, since all conditions were fulfilled that were necessary to obtain a grant from the Technical Committee. Resolved, To forward the letter to the Governors of the Grammar School with an expression of hope from this Committee that it would be favourably considered, and that the Governors would, if possible, allocate a sum of not less than £20 from the Technical Grant in support of these Classes.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of May, 1901—Present ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Preston, and Rickerby ; the Baron de Ferrieres ; Messrs. Evan Butler and W. Cresswell (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that the receipts at the Library since the date of the last meeting amounted to £5 14s. 8d., and that the following presentation had been made to the Library, viz. :—

The Council of the Cheltenham Library 3 volumes

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 1901 — Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Parsonage, and Preston (Councillor Preston 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 445 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 68 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 6 meetings ; that 12 parents had been prosecuted ; and 11 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. — Thomas Rivers, Samuel Morgan, Elsie Phillips, Dora Barnett, Winifred Pickford, Annie Davis, Ellen Harris, Lilian and Ivy Johnson, Rose Kesterton, Annie Lewellyn, Sarah and Charles Shellam, Robert Cousins, Alice Clifford, Thomas Gill, and Beatrice Cook.

A letter from Mr. George Bradfield was read with reference to a notice he had received from the Town Clerk to attend before the Local Committee of the Central Ward to show cause for neglecting to send his child, Beatrice Cook, to school.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 1st day of July, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of June, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Gurney, and Lenthall (Alderman Holliday in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Holliday was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—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 2 of Diphtheria ; that 5 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 5 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

3—Nuisance from Drains, &c, at Nos. 19 & 20, Mitre Street, and No. 6, St. Luke's Place--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.

4—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.

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, 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 Nos. 16, & 22, St. Philip's Street, No. 13, Russell Street, Nos. 14 & 16, Hereford Place, Nos. 5, 6 & 11, King Street, Nos. 11 and 13, Grove Street, No. 23, Bath Terrace, and Nos. 91 and 93, Tewkesbury Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mary Friend, of No. 63, High Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk.

8- Insanitary Property at Nos. 16 & 20, St. Philip's Street, Nos. 23, 25 & 27, Bath Terrace, Nos. 8, 11, 13 & 20, Grove Street, Nos. 2 & 6, Queen's Retreat, and House at back of Nos. 23 & 24, Burton 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 house roofs, rain water pipe, ceilings, 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.

9—Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, Nos. 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19 & 20, Royal Parade should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-law No 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

10—Urinals at The Royal Hotel Vaults., The Crispin Inn, New Street, and The Mitre Inn--The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were in such a state owing to faults of construction and want of water supply 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 respective owners requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a proper and sufficient continuous supply of water for flushing the urinals and execute such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

11—Holidays in Health Department—Resolved, To authorise the Medical Officer of Health to make the usual arrangements for the annual holidays of the staff in his Department.

12—Wages of Sewage Tank Workmen—Resolved, To adjourn until the next Monthly Meeting for a report from the Borough Surveyor consideration of an application received from G. Morgan, T. Morris, and A. H. Morgan, applying for an increase of their wages, and requesting that the same should date from the 2nd of March last, when the increase of wages to the other Corporation workmen took effect.

13—Sanitary Works at No. 5, Suffolk Parade—Resolved, To accede to an application from Mrs. C. Stevens for permission to pay the amount due from her by instalments of £2 instead of £2 5s. 0d. per quarter.

14—Private Sewers—A letter was read from General Babbage with reference to the reconstruction of the sewer at the back of his house.

15--Sewer in New Street—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to make such compensation as he may deem reasonable for damage caused by laying of sewer pipes through the garden of Puffs Cottage, Little's Court, New Street, occupied by Mr. Herbert Hawkins.

16—Sanitary Works at No 23, Suffolk Parade --In reply to a letter from the Town Clerk threatening proceedings for non-compliance with a notice served upon her to carry out Sanitary Works at the above premises, a letter from Madame Viret was read, stating that she was not in a position to have done what was required, and she considered the requirements quite un-necessary. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings forthwith to compel compliance with the notice.

17.--Sewer behind Gratton House and the Wesleyan Chapel —The Borough Surveyor reported that the chamber or shaft near the back of Grafton House was at the head of the nester and had never been properly constructed, the sewer was formed of 9 inch socket pipes with clay joints and with very little fall. He recommended that a flushing tank be built at the head of the sewer at a cost of about £15. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

18—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1405 | The Misses Birch | Extension of Workroom at No 28, Selkirk Street. |
| 1414 | W. Hall | Pair of semi-detached villas, St. Cloud Estate, Leckhampton Road, |
| 1415 | F. W. Strange | Pair of villas, Kensington Avenue, Lansdown. |
| 1416 | A. H. Whitcombe | Additions to rear of shop premises, |

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| 1418 | J. Higgins | Cottage in Granley Road, St. Mark's. |
| 1419 | G. Davis and | G. Sims Two villas, Kensington Avenue, Queen's Road. |

Resolved, That with the exception of No. 1418 the plans above-mentioned be approved so far as regards drainage and other sanitary matters

C. S. HOLLIDAY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of June, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Lenthall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

19--Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been no case of Zymotic Disease notified since the last meeting of the Committee, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 5 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

20—Wells at Alpha Cottage and Sunnymead, Hatherley—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the seater 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 the wells to be closed.

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21-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 20 and 30, Lower Park Street, Nos. 2, 4, 7, 9, 18, 22, 25, 26, 30, 41, 44, 49 and 53, Burton Street, and No. 1 Garden Cottages, London Road-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-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Alpha Cottage and Sunnymead, Hatherley-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.

23-Houses unfit for Human Habitation, viz.-Nos, 45 and 46, Sun Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified that these houses were so dangerous as to be 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.

24- Insanitary Property at Nos. 30 and 31, Lower Park Street, Nos. 1, 2, 7, 14, 41, 42, 44, 49 and 53, Burton Street, and No. 1, Garden Cottage, London Road-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, spouting, 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.

25- Houses let in Lodgings--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 8, 14, 19, 28, 32 and 37, Montpellier Villas, No. 7, Oriel Place, No. 1, Oriel Villas, Oxford House, Bath. Road, No 3, Oxford Buildings, and Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Priory Buildings, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-named be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven day's to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

26--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 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.

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-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order-Resolved, To accede to an application received from T. E. Whittaker and Co., Lansdown Castle, to be registered as purveyors of milk.

29-- Urinals at The Compasses Inn, New Street, The Dove and Rainbow, Burton Street, The Cross keys Inn, Townsend Place, The White Swan Inn, Burton Street, and The Welsh Harp Inn, New Street--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 structural defects and want of flushing Resolved, That Notices under Sec 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises, requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient and proper continuous supply of water for flushing and carry out such structural works of amendment as strati be specified.

30-Attorney General and Mr. E. Hartland v. The Corporation-With reference to Minute No. 14 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 10th day of December last, the Town Clerk reported that the Statement of Claim had been delivered, and that the Statement of Defence, settled in consultation with the Leader and junior Counsel, and the reply thereto had been filed. He further reported that she Mayor and he had had several interviews and much correspondence with the solicitors to the Relator with a view to the settlement of the action upon equitable terms, and that they had arrived at a settlement on the following terms and conditions, viz. :-

1. The Corporation to pay the Relator the sum of £90, in discharge of his claims for costs and damages.
2. That the Corporation will see that the Moat is filled with water within a reasonable time, not later than the first week in September.
3. That during the existence of the Relator's interest in the property, the Corporation will supply to the Moat, from the Tewkesbury main, 200,000 gallons of water in each year, such quantity to be measured by meter, and to be given at such time or times, within the months of June, July, August and September, and in such quantities as the Corporation in their reasonable discretion shall think fit, and to be delivered at or near to the south-east corner of the Moat. This arrangement as to water supply to be without prejudice to whatever right of supply (if any) the Relator may have from the River Chelt. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the settlement of the action upon the foregoing terms and conditions

31- No. 287, High Street-With reference to the letter from Mr. A. Lamb, on behalf of Mr. J. P. Taylor, calling attention to the damage done to these premises owing to excavations made in Elmstone Street for sewerage works, and demanding compensation for the injury sustained by his client. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to forthwith carry out such works as may be necessary to render the building safe for occupation, and that consideration of the occupier's claim for compensation be adjourned pending completion thereof.

32-Sewer in Queen street -With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 29 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 20th of May last, a letter was read from Mr. Tillott, accepting the offer of £3 in settlement of his claim.

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33-Wages of Sewage Tank Workmen-Resolved, To increase the wages of the undermentioned workmen engaged at the Sewage 3 Tanks as follows :-G. Morgan to 3s. 8d. per day and 1s. for Sunday work, and A. H. Morgan and T. Morris to 3s. 4d. per day, such increased wages to take effect from the 28th inst.

34-Building plans-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Plan No. 1420, for Mr. W. Hall, of four villas on the St. Cloud Estate, Leckhampton. Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, the plan be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th day of June, 1901-Present: Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Brown, M. Davis, and Hayward (Alderman Haddon in the chair)-

1-Chairman-In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Terminal Charges of the Great Western Railway Co.--With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 19 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 29th April last, a letter was read in reply thereto

from the Chief Goods Manager Great Western Railway, stating that under the agreement relating to the Siding at the Central Depot the cost of the Siding on the Company's land had been repaid to the Corporation by the Company by a rebate allowance of 5 per cent., and, that having been done, the rebate had now ceased to be made, and the question could not now be reopened. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do call the Company's attention to a case recently decided by the Railway and Canal Commission on the question of whether an allowance should be made to owners of private sidings in respect of the delivery, &c., of goods to them over such sidings.

3-Tree opposite Boldre Villa, Selkirk Street-Resolved, That the dead tree opposite Boldre Villa, Selkirk Street, be at once removed by the Borough Surveyor.

4-Crossing in Montpellier Terrace across end of Suffolk Parade-Resolved, That this crossing be relaid with McDougall's patent bricks

5--No. 15, Ambrose Street-A letter was read from Mr. James Hooper, of No. 9, Dagmar Terrace, Tivoli, stating that he understood that the shop and premises No. 15, Ambrose Street, the property of the Corporation, could be acquired for about £300, and enquiring if this was so. Resolved, That the writer be informed that the Corporation are willing to sell the property for £425.

6-Public Seats-The Borough Surveyor reported that he had, as directed by the Committee, obtained 6 seats, each of a different pattern. Resolved, That the same be placed in the Promenade and inspected by the Committee at its next View Meeting with a view to the purchase of four dozen of the patterns then selected by the Committee, and that the Borough Surveyor do in the meantime obtain prices for the supply of that number of the seats.

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. |
|--------------|----------------------|--|
| 1415 | F. W. Strange | Pair of villas, Kensington Avenue. |
| 1416 | A. H. Whitcombe | Additions to rear of shop premises, Nos. 11 and 12, Clarence Street. |
| 1417 | Dr. Duke | New loft over Tidmington Stables, Pittville. |
| 1418 | J. Higgins | Detached cottage, Granley Road. |
| 1419 | G. Davis and G. Sims | Two villas, Kensington Avenue. |

Resolved, That the same be approved.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday the 24th day of June, 1901—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis and Hayward (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

8—Eldorado Road—Letters were read from Mrs. Longridge, Miss Wakefield, Mr. G. Pemberton, Madame Elischer, Mr. G. S. Watson and Mrs. Hichens, complaining of the bad state of the road and the want of street watering. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification of the works to be carried out by the abutting owners to put the road into repair.

9—Postal Pillar Box in the Park—Resolved, Subject to the same being fixed to the approval of the Borough Surveyor, to accede to an application from Mr. P. Chandler, the Postmaster at Cheltenham, for permission to place a postal pillar box near the entrance to Greenfields in the Park.

10—Public Seats—The Committee having inspected the six pattern seats which the Borough Surveyor had procured and placed in the Promenade, Resolved, To approve the pattern seat from Messrs. Boulton and Paul (No. 60) at 27s each, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to order from them the four dozen which at the last meeting it was decided to purchase.

11—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending June 20th, inst. had been as follows

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Leckhampton Road, proceeding ; Promenade, in front of long garden.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Andover Road, Painswick Road, Lansdown Parade, Ambrose Street, Montpellier Walk, North Street, Clarence Street (side of tramway), Bayshill Road, Albion Street, High Street, Suffolk Road, Montpellier Terrace, St. George's Road, Queen's Parade, Winchcomb Street, Norwood Road, Montpellier Street, Bath Road, and Leamington Place.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Malvern Road, 3,120 super yards.

Patching—Parabola Road, Suffolk Parade, Lansdown Parade.

Local Stone—Leckhampton Road (sides).

Private Improvements—Marle Hill Road and All Saints' Terrace, proceeding; Hatherley Road and St. Paul's Lane, finished.

Repairs to Paving, Kerb, Crossing, and Channelling—Albion Street, Clarence Street, Winchcomb Street, Prestbury Road, Suffolk Road, Gloucester Road, Imperial Lane, Rodney Road, Montpellier Walk, Montpellier Terrace (cab stand), Imperial Square, Bayshill Road, New Street, Jersey Street, Hatherley Street, North Street, St. Paul's Lane, St. George's Road, St. George's Place, Ambrose Street, High Street, St. James's Square, Sandfield Road, Bath Parade, and Tivoli Road.

Two McDougall brick crossings had been fixed in Montpellier Terrace and at the carriage entrance at Avalon, St. George's Road.

Gully Repairs—One, Roman Road ; one, earthenware, fixed at the back of No. 47, Lansdown Crescent.

Trees Pruned—Depot (5) Leamington Place, Pittville Circus, All Saints' Road, College Road, Upper High Street. Keynsham Road, Rodney House, Trafalgar Street, Vittoria Walk, Leverton, near St. John's Church, Prestbury Road, Malvern Villa, Portland House, Albion Street, General Hospital, Battledown Lawn, Hewlett Road, Fauconberg Terrace, Hale's Road.

Ashes Collection anti Disposal—909 loads collected, 845 loads consumed.

12-Building Plans--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz :—

| No. of Plan | Name. | Description. |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1421 | Mrs. Keighley | Wing and Bath Room at Arlington |
| 1422 | Miss A. Maisey | Four Cottages in Malvern Street. |

Resolved, That No. 1421 be approved, and that No. 1422 be disapproved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of June, 1801—Present The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward, Lawrence, Lenthall and Rickerby (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1-Entertainments---The Entertainment Sub-Committee reported that since the last monthly meeting of the Committee the Sub-Committee had had three meetings, viz., on the 28th of May, when there were present Councillors Lenthall and Rickerby ;

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on the 31st of May, when there were present Councillors Baker, Lenthall and Rickerby ; and on the 4th of June, when there were present the Mayor, Councillors Baker and Lenthall.

That they had accepted a tender of Mr. F. J. Wright for 500 chairs at 3s. 5d. each.

That they had resolved that the entertainments be credited with half the amount received during the year from subscribers to the Montpellier Gardens.

That they had authorised the Borough Surveyor to grant the use of the Winter Garden to a Mr. Crocker for an exhibition of performing horses in November or in December previously to the 20th of the month, if terms could be arranged.

That they had resolved that the Town Band be paid a fee of three guineas for the Concerts on the 5th and 7th of April. That Mr. James's Band do play on alternate Tuesdays at Naunton Park, and on alternate Thursdays at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

That the Director had reported that the number of subscribers admitted to the Montpellier Gardens during the engagement of the Brescians was 3,408. That the total receipts had been £84 8s. 4d., the share of the Corporation being £33 15s. 4d. gross, and

That it was resolved that the Montpellier Gardens be closed in the afternoons and evenings to subscribers on the occasions of the visits of the Irish and Life Guards Bands, and that no other

engagements be made this season other than those for which charges of 2d. for admission and rd. for a chair can be agreed upon. Resolved, That the proceedings and resolutions of the Entertainments Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Performing Horses at Winter Garden—Resolved, To offer Mr. Crocker the use of the whole building for two weeks, commencing on November 25th, for £30, to include heating, but exclusive of light, on condition that the performances shall take place in the skating rink or south end of the building only, and that the horses shall not be allowed to pass over or upon the floor of any other part of the building.

3—Pittville Gardens--Resolved, To offer Messrs. Baring Brothers, on behalf of Mr. F. R. Benson's Shakespeare Company, the use of the Gardens north of the Lake and south of the Pump Room for two pastoral plays on Saturday, the 13th prox., for the sum of £3 3s., subject to the right of free admittance for the holders of gate keys, and that notice be given for the closing of that part of the Gardens to subscribers if the offer is accepted.

4—Advertisement in "Daily Telegraph"—Resolved, To insert a one-line advertisement at a cost of 7s. 6d. on each occasion in each Wednesday's issue of the Daily Telegraph, to follow the paragraph therein relating to the town, for the next ten weeks, and that the offer of the Mayor to write and send the same each week be accepted with the thanks of the Council.

5—Advertisements in British Programme, &c. Resolved, Not to entertain offers for advertising received from Messrs. Gaze & Sons, Limited, and Mr. G. W. May.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of June, 1901. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday; Councillors R. Davies, and J. Waghorne (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 follow, --

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| Date | Legal Standard | Test at Manchester Street |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| June 10 th 1901 | 200 Volts | 206 Volts |

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1901 June 10th | 16.40 candles |
| " 17th | <u>16.50</u> " |
| Average 16.45 " | |

PURITY.

| | |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1901 | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. |
| June 8-9 | 13.42 |

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows, viz.:—Ordinary lamps, 4.3033 cubic feet ; incandescent with No. 4 burners, 5.475 cubic feet ; and incandescent with No. 3 burners, 4.1666 cubic feet

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished, 6 metered and 3 unmetered ; and 55 incandescent and 6 lamps burning dimly.

5— Electric Lighting Loan of £25,000—A letter from the Local Government Board was read asking for additional plans, and a notice was also read stating that a Local Inquiry would be held on the 25th inst.

6—Condensing Chamber—A letter from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey was read explaining the reason for the great delay in completing their contract for the extensions at the Electric Works, and expressing a hope that the Corporation would exonerate them.

7—Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that the first steam dynamo was ready for use, that the feeders to Mr. Nevins' sub-station had been laid, and that, by aid of the temporary switchboard received, electric supply could be given to the tramway at any time after the end of that week.

Good progress had also been made with other work in hand the new lighting feeders had been laid ; the erection of the new Ferranti switchboard was nearly completed; the cooling pond and new condensing plants were also nearly complete, and the motor pumps for the same had been delivered.

He recommended that sub-stations for electric supply be built at the south end of College Lawn and at the junction of Battledown and the Oakley Road. In view of the new houses between Battledown and the Leasowe, it would be well to lay down a low pressure main, and not to supply by means of house transformers. The cost of these sub-stations, equipped complete, and of the low pressure main, would be £450.

On completion of the extensions at the Works, and in view of the higher steam pressure necessary for the traction generators, and on other grounds, Le recommended that the two 100 K.W. alternators, one 30 N.W. alternator, three Galloway boilers, and one small economiser be disposed of.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted, and that he and the Chairman be authorised to dispose of the alternators, boilers, and economiser for the best prices they can obtain.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th day of June, 1901-Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Davis, Lenthall, Preston and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)-

1- Report of the Water Engineer----The Water Engineer reported that on the 18th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 125 gallons per minute, the average for the past three years being 99 gallons, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 26,357,615 gallons.

On the 19th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 28ft. 1½ in. in depth, and the contents 80,297,268 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then 257,040 gallons, which gave a total storage of 106,654,883 gallons, or about 84 days' supply.

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A new street was being laid out at Charlton Kings, leading from the Cirencester Road. It would be necessary to extend the main for the supply of the houses to be built abutting upon it. The cost would be about £9, but as the formation of the street was about to be commenced he recommended that the extension be made immediately. Resolved, That the recommendation above mentioned be approved and adopted.

2—Agricultural Show—Resolved, To accede to an application from the Hon. Secs. of the Cheltenham Agricultural Show that a supply of water should be laid on to the Show Yard at Charlton Park on the same conditions as before, the supply to be available a week before the commencement of the Show on the 23rd proximo.

3—Water Leakage at Tewkesbury—A letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read stating that owing to illness he had been ordered by his doctor to go away for at least a month, and under the circumstances he would esteem it a favour if this Committee would allow the arbitration proceedings to rest until his return. The Town Clerk reported that he had replied acceding to Mr. Badham's request. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

4—Loan of £10,000—A letter from the Local Government Board was read requesting to be furnished with a statement in detail showing how the sum of £6,829 4s. 9d. had been expended, with illustrative plans, and with plans and detailed estimates of the cost of the works projected, and a map of the Borough showing the mains already laid and those proposed to be laid under the present scheme. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Board to explain the extraordinary amount of work and expense involved by the Board's somewhat exacting requirements, and to request them to consider whether they could not be waived or modified.

5—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 18th day of June, 1901—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, Moles, Preston and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1- Swine Fever--Inspector Parker reported an outbreak of swine fever upon premises at No. 5, Granley Villas, Granley Road, St. Mark's, in the occupation of William Price.

There were 13 pigs ; one died of the disease and the remaining 52 were slaughtered and buried by order of the Board of Agriculture.

He had served the necessary notices and reported the case to the Board of Agriculture, and would see that the Swine Fever Order was properly carried out.

2- Fire Brigade—A letter from Mr. G. W. Sadler was read protesting against having to pay the sum of £2 14s. 0d. for expenses of the Fire Brigade in attending a chimney on fire at No. 7, King Street Gardens on the 23rd of March last, as the services of the Brigade were not required, and he ought not to have to pay for the silly act of some indiscreet person in summoning the Brigade when it was quite unnecessary. Resolved, That the claim be not pressed.

3--Drivers' Licences—Resolved, To accede to applications from Harry Dunn, of No. 36, Duke Street, and Tom Cook, of No. 2, Woodbine Cottages, Malt House Lane, for drivers' licences.

The Street Inspector reported that Henry George Cobb had been twice convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye Laws within twelve months.

4-Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, To accede to applications received from A. Fryer, of Park Mews, and F. E. Bishop, of Portland Mews, Pittville, for landau licences, and from Alfred Young, of Hafod Cottage, Great Norwood Street, for a hansom cab licence, subject in each case to approval of the vehicles by the Mayor, and that Albert Townley, of Nestleton, Tivoli, and Lansdown Crescent Stables, be informed that his application for a landau licence has been entered in the Application Book.

5-Report of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee--The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting held on the 14th of June there were present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham, and Councillor Hayward (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair). That it was Rewired To accept with thanks an offer from Mr. R. Thorne Waite to lend a picture called " The Deal and Dover Road " in exchange for the one then hanging in the Gallery.

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Not to accept an offer of purchase of the late Dr. Smithe's Collection of Mollusca and Brachiopoda for £170. To have the outside of the roof of the De Ferrieres Gallery whitewashed.

A letter was read from Mr. Cornelius Cardew with reference to the terms of the gift of his collection of pre-historic stone implements.

The Curator reported that there had been 2,257 visits made to the Gallery since the last meeting. That the 77 Local Prints, Views, Portraits, &c., that were ordered to be framed had been placed on screens in the Large Gallery. Many visits had been made, and considerable interest shown in the exhibits. That the Rev. W. H. Isaacs had kindly lent seven pictures to the Gallery by the following artists, for three months (June, July and August), viz. :—Turner, Bonington, Copley Fielding, Creswick, Constable, De Wint, and Poussin. That glass had been placed in front of eight of the small pictures in the De Ferrieres Gallery for protection, and that Mr. G. H. Bayley had lent a small oil painting by J. Westall.

Resolved, That the proceedings and resolutions of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

6-Whaddon Lane Allotments— Resolved, Not to accede to an application received from Mr. H. Meadows, the occupier of Allotment No. 4, for allowance of a half year's rent, owing to the ground being overgrown with couch.

7--Clock in Inspector's Room—Resolved, To accept a tender from Mr. W. Holder to provide new parts and thoroughly repair the clock in the Inspector's Room for 15s.

8—Licences to Deal in Came—Resolved, To grant the following applications for renewal of licences to deal in game, viz.:—From W. Wilks, H. J. Woore, L. A. Morris, N. W. Olive, B. Steptoe, W. Hall & Sons, T. B. Woodard, and C. Barnett, and that the licence in the name of E. H. Harris be renewed in the name of Edward Thomas Lea.

9—Time of Meeting of Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, To accede to an application from the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee to fix the time for their monthly meetings at 2.30 instead of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that the resolution to Minute No. 16 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 28th November last be altered accordingly.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of June, 1901—Present :
Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Davies, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Report of the Borough Accountant re Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of the Baths up to the 16th of June had been as follows:—

| | Receipts. | | Payments. | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| Montpellier Baths | 163 | 4 6 | 109 | 12 9 |
| Alstone | “ | 100 18 10 | 92 | 17 0 |

2- Staff at Montpellier Baths--Resolved, To accede to an application from Miss Wright, cash-taker at these Baths, for an increase of salary, and to raise same from 8s. to 10s. per week.

3 -Alstone Swimming Bath—Resolved, To inform Mr. Horace Edwards, on behalf of the Charlton Kings School Board, the Managers of the Elementary Schools in the Borough, and the Workhouse Authorities, that as the demand for the use of the Alstone Swimming Bath by girls is so slight it cannot any longer be reserved for their use, and that the second Resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings at their meeting of date the 20th ultimo be rescinded accordingly.

In reply to a letter from the Rev. H. W. Blott, Resolved. To inform hint that the Committee are unable to grant the free use of the Alstone Swimming Bath for the children attending the Royal Well Chapel Sunday School.

4- Montpellier Swimming Bath—A letter was read from Mr. T. J. F. Haskoll complaining that this Bath had not been reserved for the pupils at Miss James's School at a time arranged by him with the Superintendent, but he admitted that Miss James had not stated when she wanted to begin to use the Bath. Resolved, To inform Mr. Haskoll that as Miss James had not made any definite engagement, the Committee consider the Superintendent acted properly in not reserving the use of the Bath for Miss James's pupils.

5----Montpellier Baths' Capital Expenditure —The Town Clerk reported that he had not made the application to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan of £2,307 15s. 0d. as instructed at the last meeting of the Council, as he had been informed that £300 had already been paid to the contractors in addition, and that further payments would have to be made to them. Resolved, That the application be postponed until the amount to be applied for has been definitely ascertained.

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6-West Ward Recreation Ground—In reply to a letter from Messrs. R. R. and W. H. Pearce, offering for sale to the Corporation the remaining land on the Alstone Grange Estate for a recreation ground, Resolved, To inform them that at present the Corporation have no intention of providing a recreation ground in the West Ward.

7—Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, To accede to an application from St. Paul's United Football Club for the use of the same ground in the added portion for football next season, as used by the Club at the end of last season.

8—Football at Naunton Park—Resolved, To accede to the application to allow the Naunton Park Football Club to use the same portion of the ground for football next season as used by them last season.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th day of June, 1901, at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Present : Councillors Baker, Bennett, Davies and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

9-Fencing at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—With reference to Mr. Wall's application to the Council to fence off his garden, as promised, with unclimbable iron fencing, Resolved, To inform Mr. Wall that the Council do not admit having given any such promise, as the fencing which the Council undertook to erect was shown on the plans produced to the Inspector of the Local Government Board at the Inquiry, and no such fencing is shown thereon along the frontage of his garden, but without admitting any liability, the Council will accede to his application if he will enter into an agreement to pay half the cost.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS & MEDICAL BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of June, 1901—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Baker, R. Davies, Hayward, and Parsonage (Councillor R. Davies in the chair)—

1-Medical Baths and Mineral Waters— Resolved, That this Committee recommend the Council to withdraw the application made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £300 for provision of a massage room and evaporating apparatus at the Montpellier Baths, it being practically impossible to make the proposed alterations in time for the visit of the British Medical Association next month, and that this Committee be instructed to take into consideration what other arrangements can be made for Medical Baths and the preparation for sale of the Mineral Waters, and that the resolution of this Committee of date the 24th May last, approved by the Council on the 24th May last, be rescinded accordingly.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st day of June, 1901,—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Davis, Moles, Rickerby and Stroud (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1—Grave spaces of Mrs. C. J. and Miss E. J. Browne-Clayton—A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons was read, explaining the delay in completing the agreement for the maintenance by the Board of these spaces in good order, as Miss Browne-Clayton wished to erect a memorial cross and they considered it would be better for the matter to remain in abeyance until this had been done. Resolved, That the Board agrees to this provided that when the agreement comes into force the graves shall be then in good condition.

2—Designs—Resolved, To approve of the following designs, viz Headstones to Ann Hill, Mary Jane Beadnell, Eliza Fielder, George Reginald Williams, Ann Birch, Francis Hutchinson ; Tombstone to John William Ormond Howes.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of June, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Heyward and Lawrence (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1--Salary of Borough Accountant—With reference to Minute No. 9 of this Committee's proceedings at its meeting on the 25th September last, further adjourning consideration of an application from the Borough Accountant for an increase in his salary, Resolved, That in view of the increase of work in the Borough Accountant's Department during the last five years, and the fact that the Lighting

Committee have resolved to contribute the sum of £25 per annum in respect of the keeping of the loan and other capital accounts of the Electric Lighting Department, Mr. Minett's salary be increased from £450 to £500 per annum from the 1st prox., and that the resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 27th April, 1897, approved by the Council, be altered accordingly.

2-Municipal Accountants and Treasurers' Institute—Resolved, To authorise the Chairman and the Borough Accountant to attend a meeting of the Institute of Municipal Accountants and Treasurers, to be held at Kensington on the 27th and 28th July, 1901.

3- -Central District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 25th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £378 8s. 4d., leaving outstanding £19,383 4s. 5d.

4-- Water Rate--The Report of the borough Accountant of date the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received, £1,189 17s. 1d., leaving outstanding £9,347 2s. 0d.

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 amounting to £17,669 16s. 9d. (including repayment of £1,000, part of the Electric Lighting Loan and to be re-borrowed), 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 28th May last | £49,888 0 5 | |
| Paid since that date | <u>£11,087 8 4</u> | |
| | £60,975 8 9 | |
| Received since that date | <u>£ 4,833 19 9</u> | |
| Overdrawn | £56,141 9 0 | |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure | | £ 9,400 14 6 |
| Electric Lighting, Water, and other Capital Accounts | | <u>£46,740 14 6</u> |
| | | £56,141 9 0 |

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th day of June, 1901—Present Councillors Hayward and Preston; the Rev. F. Evans and Messrs. Evan Butler and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report The Librarian reported that £4 17s. 11d. had been received during the past month, and that the following presentations had been made to the Library, viz. :—

From Capt. Welch, R.N., 6 volumes ; Trustees of the British Museum, 1 volume ; and St. Clair Baddeley, Esq., 3 volumes.

2—Sub-Committees Report--The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended :—

That the Reference and Lending Departments be closed on Saturday next, June 22nd, in order that the Staff may attend the Corporation Outing.

That a selection from the list of Worn-Out Books submitted be made, and purchased at the cost of about £10.

That the list of New Books be purchased at a cost of about £4 10s.

That the Tender of Messrs. Westley and Co. for the supply of New Literature, Magazines and Periodicals be accepted.

That the Tender of Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co. for the Binding of Books be accepted.

That the Librarian be authorised to have the interior walls and woodwork cleaned.

That the Book "A Pilgrimage to Italy " on approval be purchased for 8s 6d.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of June, 1901—Present Aldermen Skillicorne and Haddon ; Councillors Parsonage, and Preston (Councillor Preston in the chair).

1—Special Examination-- The Town Clerk reported the results at a Special Examination for Proficiency Certificates, held on the 25th ultimo, as follows :—

Boys.— Number examined, 31 ; number passed, 6; number failed, 25- [total] 31.

Four failed in reading, 14 failed in writing, 21 failed in arithmetic.

Girls.—Number examined, 35 ; number passed, 13 ; number failed, 22-[total] 35.

None failed in reading, 6 failed in writing, 22 failed in arithmetic.

Total number examined, 66; total number passed, 19; total number failed, 47.

Total number of failures in one subject, 31 ; total number of failures in two subjects, 12 ; total number of failures in three subjects, 4.

2—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, from which 529 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported

that the parents of 61 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 5 meetings ; that 16 parents had been prosecuted and 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. :— Elsie Eden, Pollie Turner, Charles Richardson, Bessie Carter, and Nora Harding.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 15th day of July, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th day of July, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors Davies, Gurney, Lenthall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—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, 1 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Puerperal Fever, and 1 of Erysipelas ; and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 2 cases of Scarlet Fever.

2—Nuisance from Drains, &c, at No. 2, Marle Hill Parade, Sandford Inn, Sandford Street, Nos. 22 and 24, Victoria Place, Fairview, Nos. 56 to 71, Upper Park Street, No. 6, Rodney Terrace, and Nos. 10 and 11, Upper Park 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.

3- Overcrowding at 3, Andover Retreat—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.

4—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 Ovate: 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, 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- Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order--Applications to be registered as Purveyors of Milk were read from Mrs. Jane Cox, of No. 3, Milsom Street, and the Committee of Management of the Tivoli Coffee Tavern. Resolved, That further consideration of Mrs. Cox's application be adjourned for enquiries and that the other applicants be registered.

7-Insanitary Property at Nos. 20 & 21, Edward Street, Nos. 20, 53, 56 & 65, Upper Park Street, No. 5, York Cottages, No. 11 York Street, Nos. 1 & 2, Kear's Cottages, High Street, and Nos. 218, 219 & 220, High Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, ceilings, walls, &c., &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices strider 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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8-Houses let in Lodgings--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 9, 17, 14 and 39, Clarence Square, Nos. 15 and 16, Pittville Parade, No. 5, Pittville Terrace, Nos. 10, 15, 18, and 20, Cambray, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-law No 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

9 —Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 65, 58, 53, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 20 and 24, Upper Park Street—The Medical Officer of Health - having certified under Section 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.

10—Closing of School—The Medical Officer of Health reported that in consequence of the occurrence of an epidemic of mumps among the children attending St. James's School the whole school was closed by his order on the 3rd inst, and the action taken duly reported to the Local Government Board.

11—Pollution of Wyman's Brook near end of Folly Lane— The Medical Officer of Health reported that the culvert leading from the St Paul's district to the Wyman's Brook discharged after heavy rain much sewage matter into the brook. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a report and recommendation on the matter at the next meeting of this Committee.

12-Insufficient Water Closet Accommodation—The Medical Officer of Health reported that further water closet accommodation was required at the Steam Laundry, St. George's Street. Resolved, That notice be served on the owner of the said premises under Sec. 35 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1895, requiring the provision of sufficient and suitable accommodation in the way of sanitary conveniences as shall be specified in such notice.

13- Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, Part I.—The Medical Officer of Health presented the following official representation to the Committee under Sec. 4 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, viz.:-

" To the Sanitary Authority of the Borough of Cheltenham.

Gentlemen,-

I beg to make an official representation in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, in regard to the below mentioned small areas, in which the narrowness, closeness, and bad arrangement, and bad condition of the groups of houses within these areas, and the want of light, air, ventilation, and other Sanitary defects, are dangerous and injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the houses within these areas, and to the health of those who live in adjoining buildings, the said areas being in my opinion unhealthy areas.

The several areas above alluded to are as follows

1. Gunnell's Court situated off Fairview Road and comprising 5 cottages.
2. Attewell's Court situated off Fairview Road and comprising 3 cottages.
3. Gardener's Court situated off Sherborne Street and comprising 3 cottages.
4. Bubb's Court situated off Sherborne Street and comprising 3 cottages.

(The houses fronting the main street off which these Courts lie, and which stand in front of the Courts might, or might not, have to be included in any scheme for demolition of the houses of the Courts, and some other adjacent properties might be affected.)

5. Pantile Row situated off New Street, together with two houses fronting into New Street numbered 30 and 31 New Street, and comprising altogether 12 houses numbered in Pantile Row (or Elmstone Street) and 2 houses numbered in New Street.

The houses comprised in this representation constitute some of the poorest and most closely built property in the town. Several of the houses are occupied by prostitutes of a very low class and the more respectable neighbours complain of the language and bad behaviour to which they and their children are subjected. The smallness and closeness of the houses prevent remedial measures being applied to convert them into respectable dwellings. The houses in the Courts, particularly those off Sherborne Street, are so surrounded by other buildings as to render efficient ventilation impossible. The lighting and ventilation of the adjacent houses is obstructed by the houses of these Courts. Each Court is approached up a narrow alley, imperfectly paved. The pitching of the small confined yards is defective, as are in some instances the wall, of the houses. The w.c. accommodation is insufficient, and there is not sufficient space to build proper conveniences. In the majority of houses there is no

possibility of through ventilation With regard to Pantile Row and the adjacent two houses in New Street, these houses have been a constant source of nuisance for many years, and although repairs have frequently been executed they are far from being satisfactory dwellings. The houses are exceedingly small, and have constantly been found overcrowded. The ventilation of the upstairs rooms is bad, and the lighting deficient. Although the outside walls are thicker and more substantial than usual in such very small property, the floors, staircases, &c., are in a bad condition. These small insanitary houses stand in the way, of a possible through street being opened up from New Street to High Street, a portion of one side of such a new street having already been built, and bearing the name of Station Street at the present time. The houses and their inhabitants in Station Street are unfavourably affected by the existence of Pantile Row.

The number of inhabitants in the 14 houses of the four first-mentioned counts is at the present time approximately 39.

The number in the 14 houses of Pantile Row, including the two houses numbered into New Street, is approximately 30.

I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant, J. H. GARRETT."

Resolved, 'That consideration of the representation be adjourned.

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14-Farms sub-committee—This Sub-Committee reported that they had had a meeting on the 2nd inst., when Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis and Parsonage were present. That they had visited Hayden, Hayden Knoll, and the Barn Farms. That directions were given as to the future positions of hayricks, and they recommended that the insurances of the Stock, on the Farms should be revised. They recommended that the division of Hayden Ground into two fields by an iron fence should be proceeded with as soon as possible, and the sub-division of the large field held nearest the Tewkesbury Road at the Barn Farm should be dealt with.

Owing to the repeated occasions on which cattle from Fiddlers Green Farm had trespassed upon Hayden Knoll Farm, they recommended that the Town Clerk be instructed to call upon the owner to make good and maintain the fence between the two properties. Resolved, That consideration of the recommendation to divide the field referred to at the Barn Farm be adjourned, That the other recommendations be approved and adopted, and That the Farming Stock, &c., upon the Barn Farm be insured for £250.

15-Flooding of Basements of Nos. 4 & 5, St. Mark's Emporium—With regard to the claims of Messrs. Tovey and Willis, the owner and occupier of these premises, for damage alleged to have been caused by flooding from the sewer in the Gloucester Road, the Town Clerk reported that there was no legal liability on the Council to pay compensation. Resolved, That Messrs. Tovey and Willis be informed that the Council do not admit any liability.

16-Sewage Outfall—The action of the Attorney-General and Hartland v. The Corporation having been settled, the Town Clerk called attention to the desirability of taking action with as little delay as possible to remedy the defects of the sewerage outfall, and to deal with the sewage at the tanks

either by some preliminary means of purifying the sewage or enlarging the outfall sewers to the Farms.

Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to survey and prepare Plans of the Farms and the sewerage system thereat, and showing the condition of the surface of each field in regard to the treatment of sewage. Also to report as to the cause of the inflow of surface water into the main sewers.

Further that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report at the next meeting what towns it would be desirable the Committee or a Sub-Committee should visit to ascertain and inspect their methods of sewage farming and treatment.

17-Urinal in Arched Buildings Passage--A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Mellersh, solicitor for Mrs. George, stating that she would consent to the erection of a urinal against the wall of her premises in a position to be agreed upon, on the understanding that one large enough for both Messrs. Dobell's premises and the Waterloo Bar is erected, so that Mrs. George may not be required to erect one inside or outside the Waterloo Bar. She also stipulated that she should not be put to any expense, that she should have power to have the erection removed and the premises reinstated at any time if required, and she required a nominal rent of 6d. per annum to be paid. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor to report thereon.

18--Sewer through Brooklyn, Great Western Road--A letter was read from Mr. George Ballinger claiming £20 for damage to land, fruit trees, grass, &c., caused by sewerage works on his property. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange such terms of settlement as may appear to him to be reasonable.

19--Conference of Sanitary Inspectors' Association--Resolved, To authorise the chief Inspector of Nuisances to attend the Autumn Conference of this Association in London on the 20th, 30th, and 31st proximo.

20 --Building Plans--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz.:--

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1422 | Miss A. Maisey .. | Four Cottages in Malvern Street. |
| 1423 | Rev. A. Armitage .. | Pair of Cottages, Rosehill Street. |
| 1425 | J. D. Kendall | Two Houses in Evelyn Road. |
| 1426 | Council of the Ladies' College .. | Alterations and Additions to the Ladies' College Sanatorium. |
| 1427 | H. J. & A. Bradshaw | Two Houses in Naunton Park Terrace |

Resolved, That consideration of No. 1423 be adjourned for enquiry as to the nature of the ground on which it is proposed to erect the cottages. That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, Nos. 1422, 1425, and 1426 be approved as shown, and that No. 1427 be approved as now altered by the Chairman.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th day of July, 1901--Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, Brown and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)--

1--Street Projections—A letter was read from Messrs Moody Bell & Son asking for permission to put a small metal frame outside No. 15, Colonnade. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to, and that as the Committee understand that the frame has already been put up, the applicants be informed that the projection must be removed forthwith.

A letter was read from Messrs. George's Limited, asking permission to suspend from an existing bracket at No. 367, High Street, a copper shield. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

2—Old Bath Road Improvement—A letter was read from Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors for Mr. Jordan, owner of the Rainbow Estate, asking whether the matter of the Old Bath Road Improvement was still receiving the attention of the Committee. Resolved, That the writers be informed that the improvement has not been lost sight of by the Committee, and that Mr. Holliday, the other owner concerned, be invited to meet the Committee at the place of the proposed improvement, on the day of the next View Meeting, the 26th instant.

3—Seat in Leckhampton Road opposite Lowmandale----A letter was read from Mr. John Fletcher, of Brenta, Leckhampton Road, asking, for himself and others, that the seat near the railings of the Railway Station in Leckhampton Road and directly opposite Lowmandale be removed, as it was a source of annoyance to the householders in its immediate neighbourhood. Resolved, That Mr. Fletcher be informed that the Committee see no sufficient reason to depart from their previous resolutions on this subject not to remove the seat.

4--No. 15, Ambrose Street—A letter was read from Mr. J. N. Bellamy, the tenant of No. 15, Ambrose Street, offering the sum of £365 for the property. Resolved, That Mr. Bellamy be referred to this Committee's resolution on this subject approved by the Council at its last meeting.

5--Street Scavenging— A letter from Mr. C. Barnard, of No. 219, High Street, on the subject of the collection of horse manure, &c., in the streets, was read.

6-Roads in the Park--With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 31st of December last, a letter from Captain Shakespear, R.N., of Foreland, The Park, was read, calling attention to the fact that the promised scheme for the better drainage of the surface water from the roads in The Park had not yet been carried out. Resolved, That Captain Shakespear be informed that the matter will be dealt with and the improvement effected during the coming winter.

7-No. 5, Ambrose Street - A letter from Mr. S. J. Davies, the tenant of No. 5, Ambrose Street, was read, giving notice of his intention to cease his tenancy on the 30th instant. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Lighting Committee.

8---Eldorado Road—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 8 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. R. R. Skemp, the owner of several houses

in Eldorado Road, expressing, the hope that as he should be building more houses there the road repairs would be allowed to stand over until after such building had been finished. Letters were also read from the Rev A. Anderson and Mr. E. Pearce, occupiers of houses in this road, hoping that the unsatisfactory condition of the road would soon be remedied. Resolved, To inform Mr. Skemp that the Committee see no reason to delay the issue of notices for the repair of this road.

9--Hackney Carriage Stand in Clarence Street— A letter was read from Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co., stating that they had been considerably inconvenienced for some time past owing to the Hackney Carriage Drivers having ceased to occupy the stand provided for them in the middle of Clarence Street, and used the roadway directly in front of their offices. Resolved, That the complaint be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee with a recommendation from this Committee that the use of the stand provided should be insisted on.

10-Light Railway --Resolved, To call the attention of Mr Nevins to the unsatisfactory condition in which several of the roads and footpaths in the Borough have been left after the laying of the cable for the Light Railway, and also to the public inconvenience caused by the materials and rubbish heaps left in several places, and to request that Mr. Nevins will have the same remedied and removed as soon as possible.

11—Road Scarifier—The thorough, Surveyor reported that he had had on hire for a week past a Road Scarifier, at a cost of £1 10s per day for the swain roller to which the same was attached and 3s per hour for the Scarifier ; that the same had been used in Queen's Road, and the cost of the work done by it was one-sixth of the cost of the same work not so well done by hand.

The cost of a Scarifier was about £100. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and that he be requested to enquire and report as to the best unmake of Scarifier obtainable

12-New Buildings--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, via.

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1422 | Miss A. Maisey | Four Cottages in Malvern Street. |
| 1423 | Rev. A. Armitage | Pair of Cottages, Rosehill Street. |
| 1424 | Mrs. Clibborn. | Alterations to Roof, &c. at Roseleigh East, Thirlestaine Road. |
| 1425 | J. D. Kendall | Two Houses in Evelyn Road. |
| 1426 | Ladies' College Council | Alterations and Additions to the Ladies' College Sanatorium. |
| 1427 | H. J. & A. Bradshaw | Two Houses in Naunton Park Terrace. |

Resolved, That Plan Nod. 1423 be not approved, and that the other Plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting this Committee, held on Friday, the 5th day of July, 1901—Present Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward, Lawrence and Lenthall (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1-Report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee-- The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had had a meeting on the 3rd inst., when there were present—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Lenthall and Rickerby, and that the minutes of their proceedings were as follows :—

Band at Recreation Grounds—Resolved, To accede to a Memorial signed by about 500 householders in the vicinity of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground praying that Mr. James's Band be directed to play every Tuesday instead of every alternate Tuesday at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground ; and also that the Band be directed to play every Thursday instead of every alternate Thursday at Naunton Park.

Entertainments during Medical Association Week—Resolved, That members of the Association and other holders of complimentary tickets be admitted without charge to all the Corporation entertainments at the Gardens during the visit of the Association.

Concerts at Pittville--Resolved, To hold three concerts during this season at Pittville, two in the Pump Room Garden and one in the Annexe, on such days to be hereafter determined upon as shall not clash with any Corporation entertainment elsewhere or the Band Concerts in either of the Recreation Grounds.

Special Trains on the Midland & South-Western Junction Railway—Resolved, To accept an offer from the General Manager of the Midland and South-Western Junction Railway to run special trains for the Corporation Entertainments, all the advertising along their line to be carried out by the Company, and holders of their special train tickets to be admitted at half-price on production of the return halves, and to accept an offer of Councillor Rickerby to arrange for the first of these special trains to be run on next August Bank Holiday.

Closing of Montpellier Gardens to Subscribers on 5th prox.—Resolved, That the Montpellier Gardens be closed to subscribers on August Bank Holiday.

Resolved. That the Resolutions above mentioned be approved and adopted with the following variation, viz., that the engagement of Mr. James's Band to play the additional days at each of the Recreation Grounds referred to be for six weeks only.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of July, 1901—Present The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, Preston, Parsonage, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)--

1--Borough Surveyor's Department and Salary—The Resolution of the Council of date the 7th January last, referring it to this Committee – “To enquire and report whether any and, if so, what re-arrangement of the duties and salary of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor is advisable," and the report and recommendations of the Sub-Committee appointed by this Committee thereunder were considered. Resolved, That this Committee report and recommend to the Council as follows:

(1) That the duties of the Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer have become so numerous and of such an onerous character that it is absolutely necessary for him to have more adequate assistance in carrying out the details of the work in his Department

(2) That with a view to this the Borough Surveyor should appoint as his chief assistant a man who, amongst other qualifications, must have a special knowledge of roadmaking and maintenance, and be thoroughly competent to superintend the work of the Highway Department, the salary of such assistant to commence at £200 per annum, with annual increments of £10 up to a maximum of £250 per annum.

(3) That the Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer should be relieved of the necessity of attending Committee meetings, except the second meetings each month of the Street and Highway and Public Health Committees respectively and the meetings of the Water Committee, unless specially requested by any other Committee, thus affording him more time for outdoor supervision.

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(4) That the preparation of plans, which are often abortive, and take up much valuable time in the Borough Surveyor's office, should not be insisted upon except in cases of real necessity.

(5) That the Borough Surveyor be requested to see that there is more expedition in transacting the office work at the Central Depot. Promptitude in dealing with each month's accounts by the clerks there should be strictly insisted on, so that complete and accurate information can be furnished each month to the Borough Accountant, in order that he may place before Committees a monthly financial statement as required by order of the Council.

(6) That the salary of the Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer be £700 per annum as from the 1st August next, and that the Resolution of this Committee of date the 24th July, 1900, increasing the salary of the Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer to £750 per annum, and the Resolution of the Council of date the 7th August, 1900, approving that Resolution, be altered or varied accordingly.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of August, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of July, 1901-Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors R. Davies, Gurney, and H. Waghorne (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair)-

1-Chairman-In the absence of the Chairman. Alderman Skillicorne was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-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, 1 of Erysipelas, and 1 of Diphtheria ; that the case 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 3 of Scarlet Fever.

3-Nuisance from Drains, &c, at Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 53, Upper Park Street, Heathfield Lodge, Pittville Circus, Hanover Inn, Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, Hanover Street, Nos. 7, 8, and 9, Devonshire Street, No. 287, High Street, and No. 4, Beaufort Place-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.

4-Overcrowding at No. 8, Devonshire 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.

5-Cleansing and Limewashing at Plough Cottage, St. Paul's, No. 15, Hungerford Street, Hanover Cottage, St. Paul's, and Nos. 3 and 5, Hanover Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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.

6-Insanitary Property at No. 15, Great Western Terrace, No. 21, Hanover Street, No. 27, York Street, and Nos. 4, 5 and 6, White Hart Str. et-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defects in structure. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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.

7- Houses let in Lodgings--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, Promenade Terrace, should be required to give the necessary information for registration.

Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-law No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

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— Returns of Births to the Medical Officer of Health—On the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, To request the Registrar of Births to make returns to the Medical of Health of births in the Borough, and that he be paid the same fee as he is entitled to charge for making similar returns of the deaths.

11—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order--Resolved, To accede to applications from Eleanor Cannock, of No. 32, Tivoli Street, and J. W. Curl, of No. 288, High Street (Imperial Temperance Hotel) to be registered as Purveyors of Milk.

12—Urinals at The Queen's Hotel Tap and Yard, The Suffolk Arms, Suffolk Road, and The Crown Inn, Upper Park Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that these urinals were in such a condition owing to want of a proper supply of water for flushing and to structural defects 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 respective owners requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a continuous and sufficient supply of water for flushing the urinals and to carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

13—Notices under Bye-Laws not complied with-- The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. J. Jenkins, of No. 5, Painswick Parade. had failed to comply with notice to make his manure receptacle accord with the requirements of the Bye-Laws. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve Mr. Jenkins with a final notice, and to take proceedings to compel compliance with it if necessary.

14— Report of the Farms Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that on the 17th inst. Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis and Parsonage, with the Borough Surveyor, visited Hayden and Hayden Knoll Farms to enquire into the circumstances attending the outbreak of rick fire on the preceding day. The fire originated in a portion of a new rick which had become over-heated, and a new rick adjoining on the south side had also taken fire and was partially destroyed.

It was resolved to recommend that the stock of last year's hay at Hayden Knoll Farm be sold by tender to be invited by advertisement in the Birmingham Daily Gazette, The Hereford Times and The Western Mail, Cardiff.

The position of the fence, &c., to divide the Hayden ground was decided upon, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to proceed with its erection. Also to submit to the next meeting of the Committee a scheme for dividing the large field at Barn Farm.

That instructions had been given to make a claim upon the Norwich Union Fire Office, in which the agricultural produce on the Hayden and Hayden Knoll Farms was insured for £500. They also recommended that the insurance or insurances upon the whole of the farming stock and produce be at once revised. Resolved, That the report and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

A letter was read from Messrs. Nichols, Howes, Young & Co., of Bristol, Valuers for the Norwich Union Fire Office, stating that their Mr. Young had been to inspect the damage to the ricks, and found that the agricultural produce at the farms was very much under-insured, and that consequently the loss would have to be averaged in calculating the amount payable under the policy in respect of the damaged rick.

Resolved, To leave it to the Borough Surveyor to arrange a settlement with the Insurance Company.

Resolved, To further adjourn consideration of a report of the Farms Sub-Committee of date the 30th of May last until the meeting of the Committee on the 9th of September next.

15—Condition of the Chelt—A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council stating that that Council had considered complaints which had been received from the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Rural District Councils and the Staverton Parish Council with reference to the sewage of Cheltenham, and he forwarded copies of the complaints, of which he had, as instructed, also sent copies to the Local Government Board.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Treasure, solicitor, Gloucester, claiming compensation for loss and expenses incurred by Mr. E. W. Cook, of Boddington, relative to the nuisance and damage occasioned him and his family and workmen in consequence of the sewage from the borough of Cheltenham being turned into the Chelt, owing to which he was compelled to stop the working of his mill and to cease using the water in the brook for his milking cows. He also stated that he was instructed to ask for an assurance that the nuisance should be abated forthwith. Resolved, To inform Mr. Treasure that the Council do not admit the allegation or any liability.

16-Sewage Disposal—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to arrange with Colonel Jones, V.C., in charge of the Government Sewage Farm at Aldershot, to advise the Council as to the method if any) of improving the sewage disposal on the Corporation Farms.

17-Pollution of Wymans Brook—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had ascertained that owing to two courses of brickwork having been washed away the overflow acted at a very low level, and he had had the wall repaired.

18 —Division of large Field at Barn Farm—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan for dividing this field with wire fencing. Resolved, That the same be approved.

19—Connecting Drainage of Avenue Lodge, Up Hatherley, with the Sewer—Resolved, To allow this connection on the same terms as agreed to with respect to the drainage of the Rectory.

20-Building Plans - The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz.:—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------|---|
| 1428 | W. Hall | Pair of villas St. Cloud Estate. |
| 1.429 | Geo. Baylis | Alterations and additions to house in Charlton Lane. |
| 1430 | Andrew Page | Pair of villas Gloucester Road. |
| 1432 | Mrs. Turner | W.C., bath room, workshops and ladder sheds at No. 15, Norwood Terrace. |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the plans above mentioned be approved.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of July, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; and Councillor Brown (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-- Street Projections—The Inspector reported that Messrs. Moody Bell had removed the projection at No. 15, Colonnade, but that Messrs. Georges Limited had not complied with the notice served on them to remove the shield-shaped sign which they had suspended in front of Nos. 366 and 367, High Street, about 20 feet above the pavement. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notice

3—Montpellier Street—Resolved, In reply to a letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' College, to inform him that the work of repairing the footpath in Montpellier Street is proceeding.

4—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending 25th July, 1901, had been as follows

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Lansdown Place 3,380 super yards, Queen's Road 3,634 super yards, Leckhampton Road and Prestbury Road proceeding.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Montpellier Walk, Promenade, Lower High Street, North Street, St. James's Square, Bath Road, Gloucester Road, Clarence Street, St. George's Place, Chapel Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Queen's Road (sides) 3,861 super yards, Lansdown Place (sides) 4,694 super yards, Hatherley Road proceeding, St. George's Road 216 super yards.

Private Improvements—Marle Hill Road and All Saints' Terrace finished, Gas Lane proceeding, Road side of Swan Inn finished.

Repairs to Kerb, Crossing, Paving, and Channel—Leckhampton Road, Bath Road, Northfield Terrace, Hale's Road, Albion Street, Clarence Street, North Street, North Place, Winchcomb Street, Leamington Place, Prestbury Road, Knapp Road, New Street, St. George's Place, St. George's Road, Warwick Place, High Street, Monson Avenue, Dunalley Street, Selkirk Street, Queen's Road, Lansdown Place, Pittville Circus, Lansdown Parade, Bayshill Road, Manchester Street, Montpellier Street, Marle Hill Parade, Queen Street, Bloomsbury Street, Gloucester Road, Gloucester Place, Fairview Road, Royal Well Place, Sandford Road, St. Ann's Terrace, Church Street, Oriel Road, Crescent Terrace.

The footpath in Sandfield Road had been made good with asphalt.

The crossing in Promenade to the New Club had been relaid with McDougall's patent bricks.

Trees had been Pruned in Pittville Circus, Hale's Road, Bath Road, Oriel Road, Naunton Park Terrace, Roderic House, Evesham Road, Lansdown Parade, Bayshill Road, Parabola Road, Overton Road, Fauconberg Road. One dead elm tree had been removed in Selkirk Street.

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The hedge on the north side of Harp Hill had been pruned.

New earthenware gullies had been fixed in New Street and Knapp Road to replace those destroyed by the improvement at the corner.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-1,299 loads collected, 5,204 loads consumed, weight 872 tons 2 qrs.

5—College Road Private Improvement Works—At the request of the Rev. P. Hattersley-Smith and Messrs. E. A. Bennett, G. G. Pruen, and H. G. Bennett, Resolved, To amend the specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in the College Road by limiting such works to channelling only, and that the resolution to Minute No. 20 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 24th September, 1900, approving the specification then submitted, be varied accordingly.

6—Surface Drains in Grafton Road—In reply to a letter from General Cox, complaining that these drains were neglected, Resolved, To inform him that the surface water drainage in this road will be attended to at the approach of winter.

7—Fencing in Shelburne Road—A letter from Mr. Ley Wood, as a member of the Committee of Dean Close School, was read, complaining that the Corporation had not yet erected the iron fencing, as promised. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report as to the cost, with a view to the work being carried out and paid for by means of a loan.

8—Land side of No. 1, Hatherley Place—A letter was read from Mr. C. Haward, of Tatchley House, Prestbury, applying for per-mission to enclose this piece of land with iron fencing similar to that in

front of the other houses in Hatherley Place, the inside to be planted with shrubs and laid with grass. Resolved, To accede to the application subject to Mr. Haward undertaking to round off the corner of Hatherley and Tivoli Place and furnishing a plan showing same, also on his agreeing to pay the cost of relaying the paving and the edging and channelling along the improved line of the footway.

9—No. 5, Ambrose Street—Resolved, Not to accept an offer from Mr. James Hooper, of No. 9, Dagmar Terrace, of £200 for the purchase of this house.

10—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|------------------|---|
| 1428 | W. Hill | Pair of villas, St. Cloud Estate. |
| 1429 | George Baylis | Alterations and additions to house in Charlton Lane. |
| 1430 | Andrew Page | Pair of villas in Gloucester Road. |
| 1431 | E. Pearce. | Extension to bay window at Lagarie, Eldorado Road. |
| 1432 | Mrs. Turner | W.C., bath-room, workshops and ladder sheds at No. 15, Norwood Terrace. |
| 1433 | Charles Giles | Wing, forming kitchen, bedroom, and scullery, Angelus Cottage, Moorend Road. |
| 1434 | Young & Gilling | Addition of first floor to rear part of existing building, 5 ½, Promenade Villas. |
| 1435 | C. D. Baynes | Detached villa adjoining Kennington, Leckhampton Road. |
| 1436 | H. T. Carrington | Addition to wing, Sidney Lodge. |

Resolved, That, with the exception of No. 1430, which is disapproved, the plans above specified be approved as shown as regards structure and position.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd day of July 1901-Present: The Mayor; Alderman Rogers and Winterbotham; Councillors Bence and Lawrence (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)-

1-Winter Garden—Resolved, To refer to the Borough Surveyor, for him to reply to, a letter from Mr. F. Toller Bond, of No. 28, Aliens Road, Southsea, enquiring if the Winter Garden was vacant for Saturday, October 5th, the charge for hiring same lot one afternoon and one evening concert, and the amount of accommodation, usual charges, &c.

2—Pittville Gardens Resolved, Not to accede to an application from Mr. C. Pincott, on behalf of the Bromsgrove P.S.A., to allow them free entrance to the Pittville Gardens on the 12th proximo, but to offer to admit them at a charge of 1d. for each of the party.

3—Horticultural Show—Resolved, Not to accede to an application of the Horticultural Society for the use of the Montpellier Gardens for their Floral Fete on Saturday, May 17th, and Whit Monday, May 19th, next, without restriction as to the admittance of subscribers or holding firework displays, &c., but to offer the use of the Gardens for the same purpose on the previous Wednesday and Thursday for 15 guineas, or one of these days for 10 guineas, to allow the Gardens to be closed to subscribers on one day, but not to allow any firework display.

4—Advertising—Resolved, Not to entertain an offer from Messrs. Dumbell and Co. for the insertion of an advertisement of the town by means of the interleaf advertiser in The Graphic, Illustrated London News, Judy, Fun, and Punch.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of July, 1901. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Brown and Stroud (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 :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1901 | | |
| July 17th | 200 Volts. | 208 Volts. |

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

| 1901 | | 1901 July | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. |
|------------|---------------|--------------|---|
| July 2nd | 15.63 candles | 1st & 2nd | 12.12 |
| "18th | 16.30 " | 17th & 18th | 14.21 |
| Average .. | 15.96 " | Average | 13.16 |

3---Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows, Lamps with ordinary burners, 4.290 cubic feet; with No. 4 incandescent burners, 5.302 cubic feet ; with No. 3 incandescent burners, 4'5395 cubic feet.

4- Lame Book—This book was produced, and on examination showed that 8 metered and 6 unmetered ordinary and 12 incandescent gas lamps had been out, and that 4 unmetered ordinary gas lamps had been burning dimly.

5--Electric Supply—Letters from the Board of Trade were read, with which they forwarded an amended description of the system of electric supply and further regulations.

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6—Lighting of Montpellier Street—A letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' College was read calling attention to the fact that he had had no reply to the letter written by him in February last as to the condition of a part of the footpath in Montpellier Street and the lighting of the lower portion of the same street. Resolved, To inform Mr. Tarrant that the lighting will receive attention before the winter.

7—Lighting of Cambray—A letter from Dr. J. Wilson was read complaining that the street lamps in Cambray were not lighted until 10 p.m. Resolved, To inform Dr. Wilson that the street gas lamps are lit by the Gas Company throughout the Borough at scheduled hours according to the time of year, with time allowance for completion of the lighting up, and that the Cambray lamps are probably some of the last on a lighter's circuit.

8—No. 5, Ambrose Street—A letter, dated the 29th ultimo, from Mr. S. J. Davies was read giving one month's notice of his intention to quit and deliver up possession of No. 5, Ambrose Street, occupied by him as tenant of the Corporation.

9—Loan of £25,000—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, with which they enclosed sanction to the borrowing of £25,000 for purposes of electric supply, the repayment to be spread over a period of 25 years.

10—Lighting of Portland Street—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of the question of improving the lighting of Portland Street near the corner of Warwick House.

1—Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that, in accordance with instructions and with the approval of the Chairman, he had sold the three Galloway boilers as follows, viz.:—

Nos. 1 and 2, to Messrs. Jones and Gilman, of Smethwick, for

No. 3, on seat, to the Frank Ripplingille Stove Company, of Birmingham, for £200, and he recommended that one 24ft. by 7ft. Galloway boiler be immediately ordered from Messrs. Galloway at a cost of £675, less to per cent. and 2 ½ per cent. If ordered at once Messrs. Galloway would give delivery in eight weeks.

He had riot been able to obtain a quotation for adding a superheater to the proposed new boiler, but would do so and lay the same before the Committee as early as possible. Messrs. Galloway do not themselves make superheaters, but, if room could possibly be made for one, it would be advisable to put one in.

Applications for electric supply had been made by Mr. Webb for his house in Sydenham Road South and by Mr. Channon for some new houses in the London Road just above Hayward's Road. The costs of these extensions would be £25 and respectively, but the latter would involve carrying out work already authorised but riot done between Hale's Road and Hayward's Road to the value of £570. A third extension had been necessary in Battledown Approach to enable electric supply to be given to

Mr. Sawyer without the necessity of a special sub-station. The cost of this extension was £50, whereas the cost of a sub-station would be over £150 He recommended that these extensions be approved subject as regarded that for Mr. Channon to his guaranteeing to wire at least three houses, which, with the Holy Apostles' Church, would make it worthwhile to do the work.

Resolved, That the report of the Electrical Engineer be approved and his recommendations therein contained adopted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of July, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bennett, Brown, Preston, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair).—

1 —Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 23rd instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 91 gallons per minute, the average for the past three years being 80 gallons, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 20,377,701 gallons.

On the 23rd instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 24ft. 5in. in depth, and the contents 63,478,615 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then 175,996 gallons, which gave a total storage of 83,856,316 gallons, or about 64 ½ days' supply.

On the 19th inst he gave instructions to pump water from Tewkesbury during the whole 24 hours into the mains at Cheltenham, and this had since been done.

With reference to the supply to the Cattle Trough on the Cleeve Road near Rose Hill, he recommended that the iron main from the present end in Cleeve Road be continued to join the main in New Barn Lane, at a cost of about £40, which would give a better circulation in that district, to the advantage of the customers, and do away with two dead ends. Resolved, That the report and recommendation therein contained be approved and adopted.

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2—Loan of £10,000—A letter from the Local Government Board was read stating that for the present it would suffice if the Board - were furnished with plans and a detailed statement of the cost of the works for which the loan is required.

Also that the Board should be informed why expenditure to the amount of £6,829 4s. 9d. was incurred before their sanction was obtained, and whether this sum had been included in accounts which had been closed and audited. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to supply as soon as possible the plans and statement required, and to leave it to the Town Clerk to reply to the questions contained in the latter part of the Board's letter.

3-Injury to Mr. T. Court—Letters were read from Mr. T. Court, of No. 16, Sidney Street, and Mr. A. H. Smith, solicitor, on his behalf, asking for compensation for injury sustained to his eyesight from a

chip of steel or iron flying up into his eye when crossing Winchcomb Street on the 4th ultimo from the cutting of an iron pipe by an employee of the Water Department of the Corporation. Resolved, That the Council do not admit any liability, but, having regard to special circumstances in this case, the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor be authorised, without prejudice, to offer such an amount as they may deem reasonable as an ex gratin payment.

4—Water Supply to Aston, Pamington, Walton Cardiff, and Teddington—Resolved, To thank the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council for a copy of the following resolution of that Council, and to inform him that it will receive attention when and if the question of laying the additional main shall in the future be under consideration, viz.:—" That in the event of the Cheltenham Corporation laying down a second water main from Tewkesbury to Cheltenham, the Tewkesbury Rural District Council suggest that if the second main could be taken within a reasonable distance of the hamlets of Aston, Pamington, Walton Cardiff, and Teddington it might be of advantage, as those districts are in great need of a better water supply."

5—Larceny of Water—The Committee had before them a report of Constable Goulder, relating to an alleged theft of seater from a pipe laid on to supply water for buildings in course of construction, which was supplied to the builder by a meter, through which the water had passed before it reached the tap on the pipe from which the water was taken. The Town Clerk reported that the Council had a Statutory power to prosecute, although the seater was the property of the builder, for which he would be charged ; but it had been decided that this did not prevent the theft being larceny at Common Law, for which the builder, as owner, could himself prosecute if he thought fit. Resolved, That the Council, as the water undertakers, take no action in the matter, but leave it to the builder to prosecute or not, as he thinks fit.

6--Appeals—The cases 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 23rd day of July, 1901—Present ; The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Preston and H. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Swine Fever —Inspector Parker reported that the premises in Sandford Gardens, Old Bath Road, where an outbreak of Swine Fever had occurred, were still an infected place, but no further outbreak had occurred in the borough.

2-Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 16th inst. the Brigade was called out to extinguish stacks of hay on fire at the Corporation Sewage Farms, and the expense incurred amounted to £13 11s. 0d.

He reported that the Escape could not be used without danger owing to the Tramway overhead wire. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a recommendation as to what pattern of new Escape should be acquired which would pass under the wire.

3—Drivers' Licences— Resolved, To grant Drivers' Licences to Torn Jackson, Robert Church, Edward Pearson, W. Parker, Daniel Lapper, Edward Turner, and Jesse Jackson.

The Inspector reported that Henry George Cobb, Frederick Lewis, and Arthur John Mansell had been more than once convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within twelve months.

4—Wheel Chair Licence—Resolved, To grant a Wheel Chair Licence to Charles Rogers, Fern Villa, Queen's Road, subject to approval of the vehicle by the Mayor.

5-Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, To accede to applications for the following transfers of Hackney Carriage Licences, viz.: No. 79 from G. H. Fowles to Albert Werrett, No. 2 (Hansom) from F. Williams to Charles H. Painter, and No. 4 (Hansom) from G. H. Fowles to W. T. Smith, subject, as to the two first above mentioned, to the old licences being first sent in to be cancelled.

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6--Carriage Stand in Clarence Street—A letter from Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co. was read objecting to the use of the roadway in front of their premises as a stand for hackney carriages. Resolved, That the Council are unable to fix the position of the stand elsewhere unless it is proved by experience that the existing stand near the lamp is not rendered untenable for the purpose owing to the Electric Tramway.

7—Indemnity against Claims for Accidents by the Corporation Employees—The following quotations were received from the Royal Exchange and Employers Liability Assurance Companies for the issue of policies of insurance to indemnify the Corporation against claims for accidents by their employees, giving the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Act irrespective of legal liability of the employers :

| | Royal Exchange | Employers Liability |
|--|----------------|---------------------|
| Per £100 of wages paid to the employees engaged on the Electric undertaking. | 10s | 12s |
| Other employment | 6s | 7s |
| Managerial and clerical staff .. | 3s | 3s |

Resolved, That the quotation of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company be accepted. That the insurance with that Company be effected with respect to the whole of the employees of the Corporation, according to the classes of risk above specified, as soon as possible, except in the case of the employees on the Electric undertaking, the insurance of which with the Royal Exchange will not take effect until the existing policy with the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation has expired.

8—Mace Bearer's Livery--Resolved, To approve the action of the Mayor in having ordered new livery for the Mace Bearer from Cavendish House Company, Limited.

9—Pittville Terrace—In reply to a letter from Miss Peacey, Resolved, To inform her that the rendering of the name of this terrace conspicuous to the public is a matter for the owners or occupiers of the houses, as the rose only forms a small portion of the street.

10—Fair Tolls at The Market—In reply to an application from Mr. W. Symonds, Resolved, To let to him the sole rights for Fairs at the Cattle Market for this year upon the same terms as before.

11—Pate's Charity—A notice from the Charity Commissioners was received stating that the Trustees of this Charity proposed to grant a lease of Nos. 419 and 420, High Street, Cheltenham, for 40 years from April last at an annual rent of £100 (the lessee agreeing to expend £200 on the property), and that objections or suggestions relative thereto may be transmitted within 21 days.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of July, 1901—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Rogers ; Councillors Bennett, Brown and R. Davies (Councillor Bennett in the chair)—

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

2—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that up to the 5th inst. the receipts had been £315 2s. 0d. and the payments £197 11s. 9d. Resolved, That these Baths be opened for two hours on Sunday mornings, from 7 to 9, up to the end of September.

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that up to the 5th inst. the receipts had been £185 18s. 6d. and the payments £149 1s. 2d.

A letter was read from the Clerk to the Guardians expressing the regret of the Board that the Council had found it necessary to rescind their resolution reserving the use of the swimming bath at Alstone for girls attending the Elementary Schools in the borough, and stating that the Guardians hoped to have the privilege of again sending the girls from the Workhouse to the Baths free of charge at some future time.

A letter was read from Mr. John Davis, Head Master of Christ Church Higher Grade School, calling attention to the apparently contradictory terms upon which the use of the Alstone Swimming Bath was allowed to various schools. He stated that Wednesday afternoon had always been reserved for the use of the boys from the various schools on the payment of one penny each. That the Committee resolved to grant the use of the Bath some other day than Wednesday to any school which purchased not less than 60 dozen tickets at 2d. each. That under that resolution the boys from his school had used

the Swimming Bath on Thursdays between 4 and 5 p.m. for three years. That during the present season the Custodian had received instructions under which boys from the Holy Apostles' Schools are to have the use of the bath from 4 to 5 on Thursdays upon payment of one penny. That another batch were admitted free at the same time, as to which he was informed the reason for their exemption from payment was that the boys last referred to live in the borough but go to school

outside. As he considered his school had not received the privileges which had been promised for the boys from his school for which the payment of 2d. per head had been charged, he returned the account for £6 for 720 tickets to be reduced by one half. Resolved, To inform Mr. Davis that the free admittance of children attending Elementary Schools and resident within the borough and the admittance of those residing outside the borough at a charge of 1d. each is to the open air swimming bath only. That he is misinformed as to the free admittance of children residing outside the borough, and That he is not entitled to the reduction claimed by him on behalf of his school for the 720 tickets supplied.

4—Mr. Wall's Frontage to East Ward Recreation Ground—A letter from Mr. A. B. Wall with reference to the offer of the Council to pay half the cost of erecting iron fencing along the frontage of his property on the East side of this ground was read stating that he intended to protect himself as soon as he could afford to do so from the ravages of the boys using the ground.

F. J. BENNETT,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of July, 1901,— Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Brown, Rickerby and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)--

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2—Cemetery—Resolved, to instruct the Borough Surveyor to supply a cask of weed killer, and That the Superintendent be allowed three or four days' leave of absence.

3- Grave Space 3879 T— With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 24th of May last that Miss Carmichael be informed this space will be reserved during her lifetime so long as she shall pay £1 per annum in advance each year, a letter from her was read asking if she paid £1 per annum for four years could she at the end of that time by paying a lump sum of £4 10s. become the owner of the space without further payment. Resolved, That Miss Carmichael be informed that the Committee cannot agree to her suggestion, but that she can of course purchase the grave space in question at any time while the space is reserved by the payment of £1 annually on payment of £8 10s.

4 —Burial Act, 1900—The Sub-Committee presented their report as to the effect of this Act on the agreement with the Rector under Sec. 37 of the Act of 1852, in which they made recommendations as to the contention which the Board should adopt, the scale of fees which should be submitted for the approval of the Secretary of State under Sec. 3 (1) of the Act of 1900, and the compensation which should be offered to the Parish Clerk under the same Act for the pecuniary loss caused to him by the provisions of sub-sec. (5). Resolved, That consideration of the whole report stand adjourned pending an interview by Councillors Rickerby and Stroud and the Town Clerk or his Deputy with the Rector.

5—Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz : Headstones to Elizabeth Thompson, Agnes Boyd Stevenson, Elizabeth Sheppard, Joseph Vizard Bendall, Stephen and Eliza Day, and Sarah Boswell Davies and Lydia Annie Davies, and Curbing to graves of Elizabeth Salisbury and Lillian Wild.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of July, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Rogers and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Lawrence and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1.—Accounts at the Depot—These accounts were examined.

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of July, 1901—Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence and Gurney (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

2—Report of the Borough Accountant—The Borough Accountant reported that an offer had been received from Isabel Tallack, of Gordon House, Stackpool Road, Bristol, to lend £400 at 3 ½ per cent., subject to six months' notice on either side. That he had received notices from the undermentioned persons, requiring repayment of loans or increased rate of interest, as follows, viz. :— Amount of Loan.

| Amount of Loan. | Names of Lenders. | Present Rate of Interest. |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| £5000 | Mrs. M. A. Midgley and others | 3 ½ per cent. |
| £700 | W. Nash Skillicorne and another | 3 “ |
| £450 | C. H. Whitmore | 3 “ |
| £400 | Miss H. E. Whitmore | 3 “ |

The loans then required to be raised to replace sums paid off amounted to £16,000, and the loans for which sanction had been obtained, but which had not been raised, amounted to £38,552. That the amount then owing on Debentures to Lloyds Bank, in addition to an overdraft on the current account, amounted to £52,485, and that claims had been made for Income Tax on the Sewage Farms under Schedule B, but as there were no tenants' profits it did not seem clear to him that the Council ought to pay under that Schedule.

Resolved, To accept the offer of £400 from Mrs. Tallack, that 35 per cent. be paid on the loans from Mrs. Midgley and others, W. N. Skillicorne and another, C. H. Whitmore, and Miss H. E. Whitmore, the increased rate of interest to commence from the expiration of the notices for repayment, and

that the Town Clerk be instructed to report as to the liability of the Council to pay Income Tax under Schedule B in respect of the Sewage Farms.

3--Interest on Overdraft--A letter from Mr. F. F. Leaver, Manager of the Local Branch of Lloyds Bank, Limited, was read stating that he gathered from a letter he had received from his General Manager that the Directors were inclined to make some concession as regarded the charges upon the Corporation loan and overdraft, and possibly they would agree to such terms as Bank Rate, with a minimum of 3 ½ per cent. and a maximum of 4 ½ per cent. Resolved, To agree to this proposal.

4—General District Rate Appeals—The Appeals intended to be entered in the General District Rate Appeal Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted.

5—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th July, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected, £8,198 7s. 1d., leaving outstanding £11,563 5s. 8d.

6—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th July, on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received, £4,965 9s. 10d., leaving outstanding £6,390 18s. 2d.

7—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 £11,617 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 25th June last | 56,141 | 9 | 0 |
| Paid since that date (including Loan £1,000 temporarily repaid) | <u>18,329</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | 74,470 | 11 | 0 |
| Received since the 25th June | <u>16,847</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>8</u> |
| Overdrawn | £57,623 | 6 | 4 |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure | £6,110 | 0 | 7 |
| Electric Lighting, Water, and other Capital Accounts | £ <u>51,513</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>9</u> |
| | £ 57,623 | 6 | 48 |

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of July, 1901—Present Councillors Bennett, Preston and Stroud ; the Revs. A. C. Turberville and J. Evans, and Messrs. Evan Butler, A. Beckingsale and T. Whittard (Councillor Preston in the chair)—

1--Chairman---In the absence through illness of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Preston be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2—Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £5 16s. 10d. Presentations

| | Vols. | Pamphlet. |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| The Baron de Ferrieres | 6 | 1 |
| Trustees of the British Museum. | 11 | |
| University Correspondence College. | 1 | |

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended that H. Godwin be appointed as junior assistant at 6s per week, in the place of R. S. Wicks, resigned. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the list day of July, 1901—Present :
Councillors Bennett, Preston and Rickerby (Councillor Preston 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 842 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 103 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 9 meetings ; that 4 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 under the Bye-Laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. James Dadge, Thomas and George Pontin, Elsie Tovey, Beatrice Trigg, Annie and Maggie Ward, Elsie Brown, Harry Lane, Emily Lewis, Alice Maxey, Alice Ballinger, Adelaide Bunwood, Caroline Page, Lily Venn, James Flynn, Carrie Hopkins, Ben Williams, Margaret Morrison, Dorothy and Miriam Costigan, Albert Dix, Cyril Pinchin, Florence Cann, Dora Barnett, and Ellen Court.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of August, 1901-Present : The Mayor: Alderman Holliday ; Councillors M. Davis, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage 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 2 of Enteric Fever ; that the 2 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 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Enteric Fever.

2-Nuisance from Drains, &c, at No. 29, Upper Park Street, No. 23, Montpellier Walk, No. 1, Christ Church Villas, and No. 2, Wellington Grove-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.

3-Overcrowding at No. 1, Lamb's Retreat, Commercial 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.

4-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 3, Hinckley Cottages, No. 39, Upper Park Street, No. 2, Cooper's Cottages, Tivoli, Nos. 1 and 2, Lamb's Retreat, Nos. 7, 8½, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28 and 29, White Hart Street, and No. 15, Regent Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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-Disinfecting at No. 43, Worcester Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing and disinfecting of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That, the Council being of this opinion, notice be served upon the owner and occupier to cleanse and disinfect the house within a time specified in such notice.

6-Insanitary Property at No. 27, York Street, No. 44, Upper Park Street, No. 17, Commercial Street, Nos. 18, 19, 26, 28, 30 and 31, White Hart Street, No. 5, York Cottages, No. 11, York Street, and No. 15, Regent Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective walls, ceilings, floors, rain water pipes, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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.

7-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.

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, 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.

9-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Mill shops order. Resolved, Not to accede to the application of Mrs. Jane Cox to be registered as a purveyor of milk at No. 3, Milsom Street.

10- Urinals at Messrs. Gillot & Furze, Wine and Spirit Vaults, 23, Montpellier Walk, and the Imperial Temperance Hotel, High Street-The Medical Officer of Health having reported that them- urinals were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health for want of proper water supply for flushing rind owing to faulty construction, Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a proper and continuous supply of water for flushing the urinals and carry out such structural amendments thereto as shall be specified.

11-Dirty House-The Medical Officer of Health having reported that No. 3, York Cottages, York Street, was kept by the occupier in such a filthy condition as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance owing to the filthy condition of the house Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupier to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to thoroughly cleanse the house and keep it so.

12- Smoke Nuisance at Georg, Limited, High Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that dense black smoke was observed to be issuing from the chimney stack of the bake house at Georges Limited for 8 minutes on Friday night, August the 9th, and the smoke beat down into the Colonnade and caused a nuisance. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Company requiring them to abate the nuisance and take sufficient measures to prevent a recurrence of it.

13--Sewer at back of Paragon Buildings-A letter was read front Mr. J. C. Salter, of No 4, Paragon Buildings, complaining of rats working up out of this sewer, which was defective. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a report and recommendation as to what should be done to remedy the cause of complaint.

14- Flooding of Royal Well Villa-In reply to a letter received from Mr. G. H. Holliday-, claiming compensation for damage caused by flooding of the basement of this house from the overflow of storm water from the sewer, Resolved, That the Council while regretting the occurrence are unable to admit any liability.

15- Pig Cooling House at Abattoir--With reference to a letter received from Mr. A. Smith, Pork Butcher, of No. 280, High Street, complaining of the bad condition of the pigs killed for him at the Abattoir owing to want of better accommodation for cooling, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to provide an iron gate which can be used in place of the door at the North side of the pig slaughter house.

16-Sewage Farms--The Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting held on the 31st of July there were present Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis and Parsonage. That the farms at Hayden and Hayden Knoll and the Barn Farm were visited. That the Bailiff was instructed to purchase straw and have the ricks of new hay thatched without delay.

They recommended that the crops of fruit on all the farms be sold.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make arrangements for the sale of the fruit as soon as possible in three lots, viz., Lot 1-Fruit in orchard at Hayden Knoll ; Lot 2 -Fruit in fields adjoining Hayden Knoll House ; and Lot 3-Fruit at the Barn Farm.

17 -Damages from Rick Fire at Hayden Knoll--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had settled the claim against the Insurance Company with their Representative as follows, viz.:-

| | |
|---|------|
| The proportion of risk covered by Insurance | £500 |
| Total value at risk | £766 |
| Total damage | £ 72 |
| Covered by Insurance $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of the whole | £ 54 |
| Corporation loss | £ 58 |

Resolved, That this settlement be approved.

18-Insurance of Farm Stock-A letter was read from Mr. James Villar, Local Agent to the Norwich Union Fire Office, stating that he would be glad of the opportunity of effecting any extra insurances that the Corporation desire. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor to report as to what additional risk should be covered by insurance and as to the revision of the existing policies.

19-Flooding of Nos. 19 and 20, Great Norwood Street Resolved, To thank Mr. R. A. Palmer for the moderation of a complaint received from him relating to the flooding of the basement of his premises, and to inform him that the matter shall be taken in hand and whatever can be done be done to prevent a recurrence of the cause of complaint.

20-- Sewage Disposal-The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged with Col. Jones to make an inspection of and report on the Sewage Farms for 30 guineas and expenses. Resolved, That this arrangement be approved.

21-Building Plans The Borough surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz.:-

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------------|---|
| 1433 | Chas. Giles | Wing forming kitchen, bedroom, and scullery, Angulas Cottage, Moorend Road. |
| 1434 | Young and Gilling | Addition of first floor to rear part of No 5, Promenade Villas. |
| 1435 | Miss C. D. Baynes | Detached Villa adjoining Kennington, Leckhampton Road. |
| 1436 | H. T. Carrington | Addition to wing Sidney Lodge. |
| 1437 | Mrs. Gard | Workroom with bedroom over at rear of No. 37, Winchcombe Street. |
| 1438 | J. T. Ireland | Smoking room and bath room at side of Gloucester House. |
| 1439 | T. W. Smith | Pair of semi-detached villas, Hayward's Road. |
| 1440 | Rev. A. Armitage | Pair of houses Rosehill Street. |

Resolved, That Nos. 1439 and 1440 be not approved, and that the other plans be approved as shown.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of August, 1901--Present: Councillor Parsonage.

There not being a sufficient number of Members present to form a quorum no business could be transacted, and the Chairman requested the Town Clerk to call another meeting for to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, at 11 o'clock.

E. T. BRYDGES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of August, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Davies, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

22—Zymotic Disease—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 case of Eysipelas; that 2 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 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Enteric Fever.

23—Insanitary Property at No. 44, Fairview Street, No. 5, Benhall Cottages, No. 30, Tivoli Street, Nos 15, 16 and 17 Russell Place, and 17, Sherborne 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 walls, floors, ceilings, pipes, &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—Houses let in lodgings—The Inspector of Nuisances recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 26 and 31, All Saints' Road, Belleville, Hewlett Road, and

No. 17, Sherborne Place, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-named be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

25- Overcrowding at No 3, Portland Cottages, Portland 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 owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

26-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 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.

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27-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.

28-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—An application was read from Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of the Star Coffee Tavern, Tewkesbury Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

29--Urinals at The Royal Oak Hotel, High Street, and Angle Stores, Great Norwood Street— The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these urinals were in such a condition, owing to want of a proper water supply for flushing purposes and to structural defects, as to be a nuisance Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the respective owners, requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a continuous and sufficient supply of water for flushing the urinals, and carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified in such Notices,

30—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 17, Sherborne Place, No. 20, Fairview Street, No 5, Benhall Cottages, and Lansdown Mews—The Deputy Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Cocks-Johnston) 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.

31—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 3, Southampton Place, No. 4, St. George's Street, No. 16, North Place, Angle Stores, Great Norwood Street, No. 1, Hungerford Cottages, and Lansdown 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.

32—Notices not Complied With—The Inspector of Nuisances handed in a list of Notices ordered to be served by this Committee which had not been complied with within the times specified in such Notices. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance.

33—Slaughtering on Unlicensed and Unregistered Premises—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that on the 16th inst. he visited Sandford Mill Farm, Old Bath Road, in the occupation of Mr. J. Waghorne. Butcher, and ascertained that slaughtering was and had been taking place in a cowshed there, the premises not being licensed or registered. Mr. Waghorne had been cautioned as far back as December, 1893, (when a similar report was made) that any such offence would be followed by proceedings against him for the penalties he had incurred. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Mr. Waghorne for recovery of the penalty.

34-No. 287, High Street-- With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 31 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 17th June last, a letter was read from Mr. A. Lamb. the Solicitor for the occupier of No. 287, High Street, claiming £120 and his Solicitor's costs for loss and damage sustained by him.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had completed the repairs to the property necessary to render the same safe for occupation. Resolved, That Mr. Lamb be requested to furnish the Town Clerk with a detailed statement of the expenses actually incurred by his client's temporary removal and the cost of the alleged removal of his stock and rent of store rooms.

35--Offensive Trade, Millbrook Street---A Letter was read from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby stating that they were instructed by Mrs. Perrins, of Alstone Lawn, Millbrook Street, to apply to the Corporation for permission to carry on the business of a Fellmonger on premises belonging to her situate in Millbrook Street. The premises had belonged to their client's family for very many years, and for over a hundred years a Fellmonger's business had been carried on there and, as far as they were aware, without nuisance to or complaint from the public. Business on the premises ceased about three years ago, but an offer had now been made by Messrs. Granville and Rawlinson, Colonial Wool and Leather Manufacturers, of Waltham Cross, to rent the premises, and they enclosed a letter from that firm on the subject. Both the latter and Mrs. Perrins were most anxious to carry out and observe the Byelaws and other requirements of the Corporation scrupulously, and Mrs. Perrins had pointed out to her prospective tenants that no nuisance to the neighbours must be occasioned. Resolved, That the Council are not prepared to give consent to the re-establishment of a Fellmonger's business on the premises referred to.

36- Sewage Disposal—With reference to Minute No. 16 of this Committee's proceedings at its meeting of date the 23rd ult. a report from Col. Jones on his inspection of and the Management of

the Corporation Sewage Farms, was read. Resolved, That the same be printed and a copy sent to each member of the Committee

37—Sewage Farms—A Letter was read from Mr. W. T. Smith, of Montpellier Mews, asking whether he could rent a field (about 3 to 10 acres) at the Sewage Farms, for the purpose of putting horses there, and, if not, how much per head would the Corporation charge for tacking them. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to let any part of the Farms for the purpose mentioned by Mr. Smith, nor can they take his horses at tack.

38---Building Plans —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|----------------|--|
| 1442 | Mr. Rogers | Additions to Waltham House, Suffolk Road |
| 1444 | C. S. Holliday | Additions to Providence Room, Naunton Parade |

Resolved, That the same be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th day of August, 1901—Present: Councillors Baker and M. Davis. The number of members present not being sufficient to form a quorum, no business was transacted.

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of August, 1901—Present ; The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Hayward, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1--Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending August 23rd, 1901, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—High Street from Grammar School to Clarence Street 1560 super yards, Prestbury Road 1222 super yards, Sandfield Road 210 super yards, Leckhampton Road proceeding.

Patching—Lansdown Place, Shurdington Road, High Street, Bath Road, Tivoli Circus Road, Hale's Road, Gloucester Road, Albion Street, and Roman Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Knapp Road 223 square yards, Bayshill Road 2350 square yards, Bloomsbury Street 870 square yards, New Street 889 square yards.

Patching—Francis Street.

Private Improvements—Lower Mill Lane finished.

Trees Pruned—Christ Church Road, Lansdown Road and Place, Gloucester Road, Promenade, Oriel Road, Imperial Square, Montpellier Drive, Spa Road, Keynsham Road, Hale's Road, Upper High Street.

Dead Trees Removed—Priory Street 5, Upper High Street 1, Albert Road 1, Oriel Road 2, Montpellier Street 1, Overton Park 1, St. George's Road 1, Leckhampton Road 3, The Park 1, Gloucester Road 2, Montpellier Terrace 1.

Kerb, Crossing, Channel, and Paving —Queen's Road, Bloomsbury Street, College Road, Victoria Place, Rodney Road, Hale's Road, St. Anne's Terrace, Hewlett Street, St. George's Place and Road, Sydenham Road, Hatherley Road, Lansdown Place and Road, Albion Street, Grosvenor Street, Selkirk Parade, St. James's Square, High Street, Gloucester Road, New Street, Suffolk Road, Bath Road, North Place and Street, Clarence Street, St. Margaret's Road, Townsend Street, Lansdown Crescent, Sherborne Place, Winchcomb Street.

Queen's Road path at side of paving had been made good with local gravel and asphalt.

Gullies and Drains—One new earthenware gully had been fixed in Lansdown Crescent to replace defective one.

The additions to the Stores and Office were proceeding.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-827 loads collected, 748 loads consumed, 679 tons 14 cwts. 2 qrs.

2--Trafalgar Street (Footpaths)—A specification from the Surveyor, of date the 26th day of August inst, 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 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.

3—Eldorado Road (Roadway)—A specification from the Surveyor, of date the 26th day of August inst., of the Works required to be done to the above Street, was read and approved. And it was Resolved, That the necessary Plans, 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 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.

4—Public Seats—The Chairman reported that the Committee, at its View Meeting on Friday last, decided to fix Seats in the following positions opposite Battledown Priors, in Battledown Approach ; 2 near entrance to Grammar School Play-ground, Battledown Approach 3 near entrance to Hewlett

Reservoir ; a about half-way down Harp Hill; 1 at bottom, near junction with Cemetery Road, Harp Hill ; 4 along verge, Cemetery Road ; 3 in Cleeve Path Drive ; 1 at North end of Albert Road on East verge ; 1 at corner Pittville Crescent, Albert Road ; 1 near Pates and Sharpe's Nursery, Albert Road ; 1 by Sundown Lawn Garden, Albert Road ; 4 in Leckhampton Road ; 1 opposite Orchard, Leckhampton Road ; near Lansdown Road in Christ Church Road ; 4 between Christ Church Road and Lansdown Castle in Lansdown Road;

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4 opposite Messrs. Cypher's Nursery in Queen's Road ; 6 between Lansdown Castle and Arle Court, Gloucester Road ; 3 in Hester's Way ; 4 in Arle Road. Total 47 Seats. Resolved, That the proposal be approved. A letter was read from Mr. E. Parker, of Montpellier, suggesting that two extra seats should be placed round the sweep in the Promenade, exactly opposite the Queen's Hotel, and two also in Fauconberg Road, near St. Andrew's Church. Resolved, To inform Mr. Parker that his suggestion as to the two seats in the Promenade will be carried out.

5—Street Objections—With reference to the application from George's Ltd. to be allowed to suspend a copper shield from an existing bracket at No. 367, High Street, which permission had been refused by the Council, and to the Resolution of this Committee at its meeting of date the 29th inst., instructing the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel removal, referred back by the Council for re-consideration, Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to alter their previous decision.

6—Moorend Park Road—A letter was read from Mrs. Tuttle, complaining of the want of paving or asphalt to the footpaths in Moorend Park Road, and asking that the deficiency shall be supplied. Resolved, That the writer be informed that the Borough Surveyor will give the matter his attention.

7—Kerb opposite Gate of Sligo House, Pittville—A letter was read from Dr. Duke, asking that something should be done with the kerb at the gate of his house, as it projected too far in front of the gateway. Resolved, That Dr. Duke be informed that his complaint has been attended to as far as can be, having regard to the public safety.

8—Resignation of Clerk at Central Depot---A letter was read from Councillor Stroud bringing to the notice of the Committee the statements made by Mr. Greening, until recently a Clerk at the Depot, as to the circumstances attending his resignation of the position he had held. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to interfere with the discretion vested in the Borough Surveyor.

9—Footpath opposite " Henleaze," Lansdown Road—A Letter was read from Lt.-Col. Berkeley Calcott, drawing attention to the fact that a part of the footpath opposite " Henleaze," Lansdown Road, had been broken up by carts passing over it and in rainy weather the condition of it was very bad. The Borough Surveyor reported that the footpath had been put right. Resolved, That Col. Calcott be so informed.

10—Use of Clinker for Making of Bricks and Paving Slabs—A Letter from Mr. A. Kahl, of Hamburg, on the subject of the manufacture of bricks and paving slabs from clinker, was read.

11—Hermitage Street---A Letter was read from Mr. Thomas Bendall, an owner of property in Hermitage Street, stating that he had been asked by several owners of property there to enquire if there was any reason why the street named should not be declared a public highway, repairable by

the inhabitants at large. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bendall that Hermitage Street will be taken over by the Corporation as soon as all the expenses incurred by them for private improvement works have been repaid by the abutting owners.

12—Private Improvement Works—Hatherley Road and Ewlyn Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of executing the private improvement work: in Hatherley Road and Ewlyn Road had amounted to £99 16s. 6d. and £330 17s. 3d. respectively, which amounts he had apportioned amongst the several abutting owners according to their respective frontages. Resolved. That the apportionments be approved and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the owners referred to.

13—Land at side of No. 1, Hatherley Place—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 8 of this Committee's proceedings, at its meeting of date the 29th ult., a Letter was read from Mr. James Villar, on behalf of Mr. Haward, enclosing a plan showing the enclosure of land in Hatherley Place with the corner rounded off to a line marked by the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, That the plan be approved.

14—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. |
|--------------|----------------|---|
| 1442 | Mr. Rogers | Additions to Waltham House, Suffolk Road. |
| 1443 | G. H. Watts | Additions to Workshop, Grafton Road. |
| 1444 | C. S. Holliday | Additions to Providence Room, Naunton Parade. |

Resolved, That the plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of August, 1901—Present ;
Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Baker, Bence, and Rickerby (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2— Montpelier Gardens— Resolved, To close these Gardens to Subscribers on Tuesday, the 13st inst.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of August, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

3--Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Rickerby was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

4- Report of the Entertainment Sub-Committee—The Entertainment Sub-Committee reported that they had had a meeting on the 16th inst., when there were present Councillors Baker and Rickerby. That Councillor Rickerby, who was in the chair, reported that special trains had been run on the Midland and South Western Junction Railway to Cheltenham on August Bank Holiday and on the 8th inst., and that he had arranged for two more to be run on the same terms and conditions, one on the occasion of the Irish Guards Band Concert and the other on the 23rd September, when the White Viennese Band would be here. That in compliance with numerous requests it was resolved that the weekly Concerts by James' Rifle Band at each Recreation Ground be continued until the end of September ; and to approve the action of the Chairman in engaging the White Viennese Band for two Concerts on the 23rd September next, the Corporation to have 40 per cent. of the takings and to do all the printing, advertising, &c., the receipts from sale of programmes to be equally divided.

A memorial was received signed by 750 residents and visitors to the Agg-Gardner and Naunton Park Recreation Grounds, applying to the Council to allow the Rifle Band to play every week until the end of the Season, as the increasing numbers present showed how highly they appreciated it.

Resolved, That the resolutions and proceedings of the Sub-Committee above-mentioned be approved and adopted, and that the thanks of the Council be given to Councillor Rickerby for having arranged for the special excursion trains for the Corporation Entertainments.

5—Burrow's Illustrated Guide Book to Cheltenham—A letter was read from Mr. D. Thomas, Station Master at the Great Western Railway Station, Cheltenham, suggesting that application should be made for permission to send one or two copies of this Guide to the principal Stations on the Great Western Railway to be placed in the Waiting Rooms. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make the application as suggested, and also to the Midland Railway Co. and the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Co.

6—Advertising Resolved, To adjourn for consideration, when the facilities for the supply of the mineral waters are more advanced, a letter from the Publisher of the " Chemist and Druggist," suggesting that an advertisement should be inserted in his publication urging Chemists to recommend their customers to use the Cheltenham Waters. Resolved, Not to entertain a proposal to advertise in Longley's Holiday Guides.

7-New Lodge at Essex Lodge Entrance at Pittville--Resolved, That plans now submitted to the Committee by the Borough Surveyor for the erection of a new Lodge at the Essex Lodge entrance at Pittville Gardens be approved, the same to be carried out at a cost not exceeding £350, and that application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan for the amount required.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of August, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Brown and Stroud (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 :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1902 July 26th | 200 Volts. | 208 Volts. |
| August 20th | " | <u>208 Volts.</u> |
| | | Average 208 Volts. |

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

| ILLUMINATING POWER. | | PURITY. | |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1901 July 26th | 15.62 candles | 1901 | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. |
| Aug. 20th | <u>16.43 "</u> | July 26th & 27 th | 10.86 |
| Average | 16.02 " | | |

3-Gas Inspector's Report--The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per ordinary lamp during the previous month had been 4:367 cubic feet. Guildhall lamps with No. 4 incandescent burners, 5.228 cubic feet ; ordinary lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners. 4.008 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished, 5 metered, incandescent lamps extinguished 12, burning dimly 2.

5—Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had progressed satisfactorily during the past month.

The traction plant had been set to work and had run exceedingly well under somewhat trying conditions, which are being gradually mitigated. Some small damage was done to the traction switchboard and the dynamo on one occasion by a very heavy short circuit, but not sufficient to stop the rim for more than a few minutes.

The turbo-alternator had been run, in parallel with another machine, on the day load, but, as the condensing plant was not quite ready, he had decided not to use it on load for a few days.

The Ferranti switchboard was nearly complete and he hoped to be able to transfer the circuits to it, which would simplify control at the Works, within 3 weeks.

Applications had been received for electric supply to three houses in the Eldorado Road, to Waldon House in the Lansdown Road, to two houses in the College Road, and Mr. Holder had written pressing for supply to his house in Libertus Road.

The Eldorado Road extension would cost £105 and necessitate carrying out an already authorized extension in Queen's Road of the value of £330: the Queen's Road extension would carry them within 50 yards of the Midland Hotel, which had applied for supply to the equivalent of 49.8 candle power lamps, and the necessary extension to supply that hotel and Mr. Holder would cost £450.

A complete extension to supply the whole of the West side of the Gloucester Road from Queen's Road to the Lansdown Castle would cost £800.

The Lansdown Road extension would cost £75.

The College Road extension had been already authorized, but the present demand was for supply to 36.8 candle power lamps only.

He recommended that the necessary extensions for giving supply to Eldorado Road and Lansdown Road be authorized, that the inclusion of the complete Gloucester Road extension in the next application to the Local Government Board be also authorized, and that the carrying out of both the Gloucester Road and the College Road extensions be deferred for the present.

He had estimated the cost, in accordance with the Committee's instructions, of lighting Montpellier Street from St. George's Road to Queen's Parade by arcs and found that 7 lamps would be required at an average distance of about 70 to 75 yards apart, the cost being £560. About £225 had been already authorized for the lighting of the street by incandescence lamps candle power and, if it was decided to substitute arc lighting, the extra cost would, therefore, be £335, this amount to be included in the next loan.

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Resolved, That the arc lighting be substituted for the proposed incandescent lighting in Montpellier Street, and that the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

6-Lighting of Montpellier Exchange and Ormond Villas—A memorial from Mr. William Thomas and seven other owners or occupiers of premises in Montpellier Exchange and Ormond Villas was read, calling attention to the need for better lighting there since the gas lamps at each end of the opening had been removed. Resolved, That the Committee pay a visit of inspection at its next View Meeting.

7-Lighting of Harp Hill—A letter was read from Mr. A. S. Bartholomew, applying to the Committee to put a lamp or lamps somewhere between the end of Oakley Road on Harp Hill and his house, Craigmont, which house is in Charlton Kings. Resolved, That Mr. Bartholomew be informed that the Committee are not prepared to comply with the request at present.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

, At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of August 1901-Present :
Councillors Baker, Brown, Preston, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)-

1—Borough Engineer's Report --The Borough Engineer reported that on the 21st instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 75 gallons per minute, the average for the last three years being 67 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 19,215,710 gallons.

On the 20th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 21ft. 2in. in depth, and the contents 53,455,942 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then 131,760 gallons, giving a total storage of 72,671,652 gallons, or about 63 days' supply.

In compliance with instructions he had had a thorough analysis and investigation made of a sample of lead pipe which had caused so much trouble during the last two years. Practically, all the defective lead piping had been supplied by Messrs. Rowe Bros., of Bristol, some to the Corporation and other defective lengths to several builders in the town.

The defective pipe when supplied had appeared to be sound and perfect in every respect, one bad example he had seen after it was laid and before covering in showed no sign of defect or leakage, and would have no weight over it. It would be necessary to adopt some measures to prevent similar pipe being used in the future.

He submitted reports and analysis by Messrs- Vaughan, Hughes and Warmington, Public Analysts, Assayers, and Metallurgists, Birmingham, on the subject.

Resolved, That a copy of the reports and analysis be sent to Messrs. Rowe Bros. with a request for an explanation, and an assurance that the defects will be remedied in future, otherwise the Corporation will be compelled to interdict the use for the purpose of water supply of pipes supplied by them.

2—Use of Hose for Gardens without Payment— With reference to a report from the Boroughs Engineer at the last meeting of the Committee, a letter was read from Mr. A. Barnfield, of 41, Duke Street, in reply to one from the Town Clerk, giving information as to the gardens on which he had used a hose. Resolved, That the persons liable be charged for a hose.

3—Water Rate on No. 1, Sydenham Grove—A letter was read from Major Moody, stating that no water had been used at No. 1, Sydenham Grove since the 30th May last, and that the house would not be occupied until the 29th proximo, and asking that some reduction should be made in the Water Rate under those circumstances. Resolved, That the writer be informed that in the absence of proper notice the rate demanded must be paid.

4-Sandford Pumping Station—A letter was read from Mr. James Pates, appealing to the Committee against a week's notice for discontinuance of his employment he had received from the Borough Engineer in consequence of his refusal to do certain outdoor work. Resolved, That Mr. Pates be informed that the Committee see no reason to interfere with the discretion and management of the Borough Engineer.

4-Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of August, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, and Preston (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Disease amongst Animals —Superintendent Hopkins reported that there had been no further outbreak of Swine Fever in the Borough. The Board of Agriculture forwarded a copy of an Order made by the Board revoking the Order applying the Swine Fever Infected Areas Order, 1896, to a district including the Borough of Cheltenham. The Town Clerk reported that public notice had been given by him of the revocation.

2—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Resolved, To accede to an application from Henry Kirkland, of No. 6, St. James's Place, for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

3—Fire Brigade—The Borough Surveyor, as instructed at the last meeting of this Committee, submitted particulars of fire escapes which would pass under the Tramway wires. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee to report on.

4—Drivers more than once Convicted—The Street Inspector reported that Frederick Paul, Frederick Lewis, Edward Poulton, and Albert Henry Winters, licensed Hackney Carriage Drivers, had been more than once convicted of offences relating to Hackney Carriages within 12 months.

5—Wheel Chair Licence—Resolved, That a Wheel Chair Licence be granted to John Evans, of No. 2. Dagmar Villas, Tivoli, subject to the approval of the vehicle by the Mayor.

6--Market Tolls during Mops and Fairs—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 10 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. W. Symonds agreeing to rent the Market Tolls during the Mops and Fairs this year on the same terms and conditions as last year.

7—Municipal Offices—The Mayor having reported that the option given to him of the purchase of Lloyds Bank premises for the purpose of Municipal Offices at the sum of £8,000 would expire on the 30th proximo, Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held at an early date to consider the matter.

8—Nuisance and Annoyance from Snows, &c., at Athletic Ground. Albion Street— A letter was read from Mrs. E. Dowrick, of Emlyn Lodge, St. John's, complaining of the great nuisance and annoyance to which the residents in the vicinity of the Athletic Ground, Albion Street, were subjected during the holding of shows, &c., there. Resolved, That Mrs. Dowrick be in-formed that Byelaws recently made by the Council provide that persons who in any street or public place within the Borough, or on land

adjacent thereto, manage or use or cause to be used any organ or other musical instrument worked by steam or other motive power so as to cause annoyance to residents or passengers are liable to a penalty of 40s for every such offence, and that the police will commence proceedings against any such offenders if residents or passengers will come forward and give evidence in support, and that the attention of the police has been called to the street nuisances of which Mrs. Dowrick complains.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of August, 1901—Present :
Alderman Col. Rogers ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, R. Davies and Hayward (Councillor Hayward in the chair)-

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Hayward was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-lighting at Recreation Grounds for Band Concerts—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to provide sufficient lighting for these Concerts.

3—Montpellier Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that up to the end of July the receipts and payments had been as follows, viz. : —Receipts £344 13s. 9d., Payments £249 3s. 1d.

4-Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that up to the end of July the receipts and payments had been as follows, viz.:—Receipts £204 5s. 8d., Payments £207 6s. ad.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting if this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of August, 1901- Present: The Mayor;
Councillors Baker, Brown, Rickerby arid Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair)-

1-Chairman --In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor linker was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Superintendent's Report-The Superintendent reported that the stone floor in the Established Church side of the Cemetery Chapel was very badly stained and required scraping or a few new stones, and that the front entrance road was in a very had state of repair. He required two new shovels.

Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor do have the Chapel floor renewed where necessary and the entrance road repaired and rolled; also that two new shovels be ordered.

3-Burial Act, 1900 - A letter was read from the Rector, stating that he could meet the members appointed at the last meeting any day after the 7th proximo.

4-Designs - -The following designs were examined and approved :-Headstone to George Roberts; Kerb to Arthur Ward.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of August 1901-Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Gurney, Hayward and Parsonage (Councillor Gurney in the chair)-

1-Loans-The Borough Accountant reported that he had received an offer of £400 with interest at 3 ½ per cent., repayment to be subject to six months' notice ; but in view of the present arrangement with Lloyds Bank, he did not think it advisable to take such small sums subject to six months' notice at the same rate as that paid to the Bank (3 ½ per cent.) and pay stamp duty.

He had received from Mrs. Tallack £400 on loan, as arranged at the last meeting.

Resolved, That the offer mentioned in the report be declined.

2-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, £15,002 16s. 3d., leaving outstanding £4,758 16s. 6d. The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted

3--Water Rate--The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received, £7,872 12s. 4d., leaving outstanding £3,552 3s. 3d.

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 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 July last | £57,623 6 4 | |
| Paid since that date | <u>£10,506 5 11</u> | |
| | £68,129 12 3 | |
| Received since the 30th July | <u>£14,226 5 0</u> | |
| Overdrawn | £53,903 7 3 | |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure | | £ 2,677 11 5 |
| Electric Lighting, Water, and other Capital Accounts | | <u>£51,225 15 10</u> |
| | | £53,903 7 3 |

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of August, 1901—Present : Councillors Hayward, Preston, and Stroud ; Rev. J. Evans ; Messrs. Evan Butler, W. Cresswell, A. Beckingsale and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £4 11s. 10d. Presentations:—

| | Vol. |
|--------------------|------|
| M. A. Brewster | 1 |
| Board of Education | 1 |

2—New Books Resolved, That the list of new books now submitted by the Librarian be approved, and the books purchased.

3—Conference of Librarians—Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Librarians' Conference to be held at Plymouth from the 26th to the 30th instant.

4—Cleaning of and Repairs to Boiler, &c.—The Librarian reported that he had directed Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall to make their usual annual examination of the boiler at the Library, and that the necessary cleaning and small repairs were then being done by them He also reported that owing to defective pipe jointing there was a leakage from the School of Science Laboratory floor through the ceiling of the Newsroom. Resolved, That the action of the Librarian in regard to the boiler be approved, and that he be instructed to get the defect in the Laboratory stopped.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 7th day of October, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of September, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage 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 Enteric Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Erysipelas ; that 1 of the Enteric Fever cases and the 2 cases 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 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

2—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Miss Maria Brint to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk at No. 13a, Portland Street.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 2, Oxford Passage, Nos. 12, 18, 20, 21, 23, 0.. 40, Commercial Street, No. 11, Tivoli Street, and Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 & 10, St. Mark's Place—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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.

4—Nuisance from Drains, &c, at The Crown Dan, Upper Park Street, and No. 10, Sydenham Villas—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.

5—Insanitary Property at No, 17 & 19, Sherborne Place, Kington Cottages, St. Paul's, Nos. 11 & 18, Commercial Street, Nos. 22 and 23, Queen's Retreat, and No. 15, Chapel 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 eaves, spoutings, &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, he 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.

6--Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 3 & 9, Oriel Place, No. 2, Buckingham Villas, Emlyn Lodge, Albion Street, No. 11, Tivoli Street and No. 11, Commercial Street, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-named be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of occupants and the names of lessees.

7-Overcrowded Workshops--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Laundry in the occupation of Mr. D. Coates, Toronto Cottage, Pilley, had been found to be overcrowded on two occasions, although the occupier had been previously informed of the number of persons that could be allowed to work there. Resolved, That the Committee, being satisfied, pursuant to Sec. 1 (1) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1895, and Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner and occupier thereof, requiring them to abate the nuisance forthwith.

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—Urinals at The Nag's Head Inn, High Street, and The Salisbury Arms, Rotunda Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were so foul for want of proper flushing and structural amendments as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances caused by the foul condition of these Urinals, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises to abate the nuisances forthwith, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient and continuous supply of water to the Urinals for properly flushing them, and carry out such structural amendments as shall be specified.

11—Sewage Farms Sub-Committee -- At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, preceding the meeting of the Committee, there were present :—Alderman Skillicorne and Councillors M. Davis and Parsonage, and it was resolved to adjourn consideration of a tender received for purchase of the hay at the Farms for enquiry by Mr. Parsonage as to the extent of the offer.

12—Flooding of Cottage at Arle—A letter was read from the Rev. W. Butt, complaining that since the stopping up of an overflow connected with the sewer, the cellar of one of his cottages had been flooded with sewage. The Chairman reported that he had given instructions for the overflow referred to be opened up again temporarily. Resolved, That the action of the Chairman be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be requested to give immediate attention to the matter on his return.

13—Sanitary Requirements at No. 5, St. James's Terrace—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 16 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 14th of February, 1898, by which Mrs. Stevens, the owner of this property, was allowed to pay for the cost of this work by instalments of per quarter with 5 per cent. interest, a letter was read from Mrs. Stevens stating that of the balance due of £13 19s. 8d. she was then only able to pay £1. Resolved, That the sum of £13 19s. 8d. now due be declared Private Improvement Expenses.

14—Slaughtering on Unlicensed Premises—A letter was read from Mr. J. Waghorne, expressing regret for having unlawfully used his premises at Sandford Mill for slaughtering, and promising not to repeat the offence. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to suspend the operation of the Resolution to Minute No. 33 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, but to inform Mr. Waghorne that if he should repeat the offence at Sandford Mill or elsewhere it will be at once put in force.

15—Sewage Irrigation of King's Meadow—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter received from Mr. J. Wood, of Arle Farm, applying for sewage irrigation of King's Meadow.

16—Condition of Click at Slate Mills, Coombe letter from Mr. E. W. Cooke, of the Slate Mills, was read, stating that on the 6th inst. the condition of the water in the Chelt was so bad that he had to have the mill stopped. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Cooke to inform him that, owing to the periodical cleansing of the stream into which the effluent flows above the Mill, a temporary inconvenience may have been caused, and to direct his attention to the fact that sources of pollution of the mill darn already exist on the property in his own occupation adjoining it.

17— Chaff Cutter, &c., at Barn Farm—Resolved, To accept an offer received from Mr. J. N. Corbett to sell to the Corporation the staging and chaff cutter fixed on the same and the roofing, lights, and sides belonging to him at the Barn Farm for £16.

18—Building Plans—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of plans received of proposed new buildings.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of September, 1901--Present: Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

19--Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas and 3 of Diphtheria; that the 6 cases of Scarlet Fever and the case 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 7 cases of Scarlet Fever. 2 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Enteric Fever.

20-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Resolved, T. accede to an application received from Mr. Percy J. Wilkins to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk at No. 36, Hanover Street.

21---House unfit for Human Habitation, viz.--Cottage adjoining Rosetta Cottage, Alstone—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 under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain an Order for it to be closed.

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22-Insanitary Property at No. 15, Chapel Street, and Nos. 3, 10, 23, 38, 41, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 53 and 65, Rutland 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 rain water pipes, paving, and other structural defects. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under 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.

23-Houses let in Lodgings--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 8, 11, 12 and 13, York Terrace, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-

mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-law No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

24-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 15, Chapel Street, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 14, 17, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 29 and 31, Rutland Street, and Nos. 1 and 3, Dutton's 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.

25-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 16, North Place, and The Cleeve, Hewlett 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.

26-Urinal at The Plasterer's Arms, Rutland Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that this urinal was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health owing to structural defects and want of proper water supply. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance caused by the insanitary condition of this urinal, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner or owners requiring him or them to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to carry out such structural amendments as shall be specified, and lay on a sufficient and continuous water supply to the urinal for properly flushing it.

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 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-Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 19th inst. the carcase of a pig was condemned and destroyed by voluntary agreement of the butcher.

30-Representation of the Medical Officer of Health under the Housing of the Working Classes Act-The Town Clerk having made some observations with regard to this matter, Resolved, To request him to embody the same in a written report and to ascertain upon what terms and for what period of repayment loans could be raised for carrying out the objects of the Act.

31-Division of Field at the Barn Farm -The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of dividing the Great Hay Furlong into four parts, and a short length of fence in Further Long Hill, would be about £90. Resolved, That the same be carried into effect subject to the gates being of oak instead of iron.

32-Insurance of Farm Stock -Resolved, To insure the Farming Stock at the three farms, in one policy, in the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Office as follows, viz.-

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| Ricks of Hay, Corn and Straw for .. | £1,200 |
| Implements, Carts, Waggons and Machinery .. | £ 300 |

33-Sewage Irrigation to King's Meadow-Having regard to the resolution of the Council, Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to an application from Mr. Jas. Wood, of Arle Farm, for a supply of sewage water to King's Meadow.

34-Sewer at back of Paragon Buildings-Tire Borough Surveyor reported that this sewer was in an extremely defective condition, and it was necessary that it should be entirely reconstructed at a cost of about £200. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the sewer reconstructed without delay as part of a probable general reconstruction of the sewerage system in the neighbourhood, and that the cost be charged in the meantime to a suspense account.

35-Storm Water Overflows With reference to the letter of the Town Clerk on this subject, and the report of Col. Jones dealing with the sewage disposal, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare and bring up as soon as possible a plan and estimate of the cost of a Schedule for carrying off the Sewage Outfall from the Hatherley and Arle Tanks to the Farms and a Report and Plans for dealing with the sewage and effluents at the Farms.

36-Tenders for Hay-The following tenders were received for the purchase of the hay at Hayden Knoll Farm, viz.:

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| Wm. Wallis, Tewkesbury-Ricks in orchard and yard | £230 |
| Part rick in field | £ 32 |
| Henry Williams, Cheltenham-Rick in orchard, | £ 60 |
| Part rick in field | £ 20 |
| Ride & Co., Cheltenham-Ricks in orchard and yard. | £275 |

Resolved, To accept the tender of Mr. Wm. Wallis for the part rick in field, and of Messrs. Ride & Co. for the rick in orchard and the rick in yard, and to allow same to remain at their risk until the 1st of next June as requested.

37-Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz.:—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1441 | Trustees of the Children's Hospital | New Hospital at Harp Hill |
| 1445 | Maj.-Genl. Rainey | Wing for w.c. and lavatory at Trowscoed Lodge, Leckhampton Road |
| 1446 | J. T. Ireland | Wing for smoke room, &c., at Gloucester House, Lansdown Place |
| 1447 | T. W. Smith | Two semi-detached Villas, Hayward's Road |
| 1448 | Andrew Page | Two semi-detached houses in Gloucester Road. |
| 1451 | Col. N. P. Fowell | Additions to Pendower, Fairmount Road, St. Mark's |
| 1452 | W. F. Gibbon | Pair of semi-detached Villas, Eldorado Road |
| 1453 | J. Collenette | Villa, Fairmount Road, St. Mark's |
| 1454 | J. M. Bellamy and J. D. Bendall | Five semi-detached Villas, Naunton Lane |
| 1455 | Hawling and Richards | Pair of semi-detached Villas, Montpellier Drive. |
| 1458 | E. T. Brydges | House on land in Sandford Mill Road at back of Sycamore House, Old Bath Road |

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the following plans above referred to be approved, viz., Nos. 1446, 1447, 1448, 1452, 1455 and 1458, as shown, No. 1451 subject to the drain under the china pantry being of iron pipe with lead joints, No. 1453 subject to the drain pipe to coal cellar being 4 inches and of iron pipe with lead joints under cellar, and that Nos. 1441, 1445, and 1454 be not approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of September, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Davis, Hayward, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1--Street Projections Resolved, To adjourn for view an application from Messrs. Revell & Co. for permission to have used two outside Electric Light Reflectors at No. 20, Promenade Villas, 8ft. from the pavement.

2—Roadways at Lansdown Crescent and Place—A letter was read from Mr. G. W. Newman, of No. 5, Malvern Place, complaining of the condition of the road at Lansdown Crescent. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this complaint for the Committee to inspect the condition of the roadways both at Lansdown Crescent and Lansdown Place.

3—Seat near Oakleigh, Lansdown Road—Resolved, To adjourn, pending a visit of inspection, consideration of a letter received from Mrs. Birkett, objecting to the placing of a seat for the public against the fence by the front gate of her house.

4--Land at back of Central Depot —With reference to the Resolutions of the Council to Minutes Nos. 14 & 28 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 25th day of November, 1890, and the 29th day of March, 1897, respectively, by which the owner of Portmore Lodge was then permitted to retain the use of this piece of land and to obtain access thereto by means of a bridge across the Chelt until the Corporation should require its removal, Resolved, That, as the Corporation now require possession of the land, notice be given to Mr. Forty, the present occupier of Portmore Lodge, to remove the bridge and vacate possession of the land within one month.

5—Scavenging—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report as to the best mode of clearing the dust and manure from the streets.

6—Tramway—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to arrange with the Chairman of the Tramways Committee for an early meeting of that Committee. Building Plans—Resolved, To approve the following plan of proposed new building, viz.:—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1449 | Messrs. Beetham & Clark | Shop front at No. 22, Promenade Villas. |

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At a meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 30th day of September, 1901- Present ; The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis, Hayward and Parsonage, (Councillor Baker in the chair).

8—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the sign outside the shop of Georges Limited, at Nos. 366 & 367, High Street, had been removed.

A letter was read from Georges Limited, stating that they intended to make use of the iron arm projecting from the front of their premises and formerly used for an electric arc lamp, for an electrically lighted sign, and that they desired to hang up the beaten copper one for which permission was refused by the Council, but which they were prepared to have surrounded by electric incandescent lamps. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Georges Limited that the Council cannot permit Olen, to hang up the sign referred to, but no objection would be made to an electric advertising lamp if kept lit till ten o'clock at night.

A letter was read from Messrs. Revell & Co., of No. 20, Promenade Villas, applying for permission to have fixed two outside electric light reflectors to the above premises, the size being 15 inches by 13 ½ inches, at a height of 8 feet from the pavement. 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. Joseph Ayres, applying for permission to put up a barber's pole outside No. 6, Bennington Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height and projection,

A letter was read from Messrs. Gough & Edwards, of No. 404 & 405, High Street, applying for permission to hang outside the front of their premises about six large electric lamps similar to others in use in the town, and to conform to the regulations. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

A letter was read from Mr. A. H. Browett, applying for permission to erect an ornamental lamp at the Coach and Horses Inn, Pittville. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height and projection.

9—Approach Road to Destructor and Electric Works—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan and scheme for the re-construction of this road by means of sleepers laid longitudinally and rail plates upon them to form a track for the wheels of the vehicles passing along the road, the cost of which he estimated at about £650. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for consideration at a joint meeting with the Lighting Committee.

10—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending 26th September, 1901, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—High Street 252 super yards ; Suffolk Road 2,000 super yards ; Suffolk Parade 1,445 super yards ; Gloucester Road 640 super yards ; Leckhampton Road 11,667 super yards ; Prestbury Road 2,500 super yards.

Patching—St. Margaret's Road, Hewlett Road, Winchcomb Street, Promenade, High Street, Manchester Street, St. George's Road, Queen's Parade, Leckhampton Road, Clarence Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Promenade (Millgrit) 350 super yards, Suffolk Road 320 super yards, Lower Mill Lane, Carlton Street, 1,147 super yards, Lansdown Crescent—back of, Lansdown Parade 2,556 super yards, Western Road 2,775 super yards.

Patching—Keynsham Street, St. Anne's Terrace, Hewlett Street, Princes Street.

Private Improvements—Lower Mill Lane finished, Footpath in front of Glenlee, Malvern Road finished, Oxford Passage proceeding.

The Footpath in Tangent Alley had been relaid with asphalte, 500 super yards.

The hedge round Fullwood Park had been pruned.

One gully had been put in at Harp Hill.

Kerb, Crossing, Channel, and Paving -Hewlett Road, Winchcomb Street, Lansdown Crescent, Gloucester Road, Malvern Road, Queen's Road, Lower High Street, Stanhope Street, Grosvenor Street, Cleveland Street, Swindon Road, Montpellier Exchange, High Street, Albert Street, Western Road, Clarence Street, St. Luke's Road, Old Bath Road, Albion Street, St. George's Road, Lansdown Road, Bath Road, Fairfield Road, Suffolk Parade, Queen's Parade, Sandford Terrace, Priory Street, St. George's Place, Regent Street.

Trees Pruned—Spa Road, Vittoria Walk, Montpellier Parade, Montpellier Street, Moorend Road, Pittville Circus, Lansdown Road, Alexandra Street.

Slab Factory—The machinery had been started and was being worked slowly for a few days to get the men into training.

Forage—The Tenders for Forage had expired.

Ashes Collection smut Disposal—1,048 loads collected, 941 loads weighing 863-tons 3-cwt. consumed by the Destructor. Resolved, To advertise for a twelve months' supply of Forage, other than hay, and to offer to purchase as hitherto of the Public Health Committee from the Sewage Farms the hay required for the next twelve months.

11—Shelburne Road Fencing—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain Tenders by advertisement for the fencing to be erected by the Corporation pursuant to the agreement with the Authorities of the Dean Close School.

12—Roadway in Lansdown Crescent—In reply to a letter from Mr. G. W. Newman, Resolved, To inform him that the work of repairing this road is in progress.

13-Seats Leckhampton Road—In reply to a letter from Mrs. Tuttle, suggesting that seats should be placed near the Omnibus Terminus in the Leckhampton Road and in The Park along the roads leading to the Town. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Tuttle that arrangements have already been made for placing several seats in the roads referred to.

14-Tender for seats--A letter was read from Mr. F. C. Stranger, Hon. Sec of the Cheltenham Ironmongers' Association, enquiring why the recent order for seats supplied by Messrs. Boulton & Paul was given without the opportunity having been afforded the trade of tendering for them, and reminding the Council of their resolution to advertise for tenders when an estimated expenditure of £20 is decided upon. Resolved, To thank Mr. Stranger for his letter, which on the next occasion shall receive due consideration.

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15-Trees in St. George's Road--A Letter was read from Dr. Stanley Wilde, complaining of the overgrowth of the trees in St. George's Road, and of the injury to health caused thereby. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to carry out the improvement of the trees suggested to him by the Committee at the last View Meeting.

16-Hatherley Road Private Improvement Works--A Letter from the Rev. W. D. Challice was read, complaining of having to pay towards the cost of re-gravelling the footpath in Hatherley Road in accordance with his own suggestion in lieu of paving with granolithic, but still remaining liable to pay for the paving in the future if called upon. Resolved, To inform Mr. Challice that he has not been called upon to pay anything for the re-gravelling or the relaying of the old edging and channelling which was fit for further use, but for the cost of the new edging and channelling only for which he would not be called upon to pay again in the future.

17—Encroachment in Wellesley Road, Pittville—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to give notice to Mr. Jones, the owner of some stabling in the Wellesley Road, Pittville, who had extended the walls of the building with boarding so as to encroach very considerably upon the roadway or footpath of the street, to remove the encroachment within 48 hours, and in default of his so doing to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notice and to levy a penalty for the offence and the expenses of removing the encroachment.

18—Wooden Building in Leckhampton Road—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to give notice to Mr. J. E. Bendall to remove the wood framing of the house being erected by him in the Leckhampton road within two months and to replace same with brickwork.

19—Rose and Crown Passage—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to take up the existing paving in this passage and replace same with tar macadam.

20—Cab Stand in Clarence Street—Resolved, To comply with the request of the General Purposes and Watch Committee as regards the reconstruction and change of position of the existing stand, but to defer consideration of their request to construct a stand for a single carriage near the corner of Messrs. Engall & Co.'s premises for deliberation.

21—Apportionments of Private Improvement Works. —Footpath west side of St. Paul's Lane, Footpath in Lower Mill Lane, and Road-way, &c. west side of St. John's Schools leading to the Old Swan Inn Yard.—The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out these Works amounted respectively to £74 9s. 9d., £107 0s. 8d., and £54, which said sums were, as to the sums of £74 9s. 9d., and £107 0s. 8d., respectively due from the several owners according to their various frontages. Resolved, That the apportionments referred to as being made according to frontage be approved, but that in settling the apportionment of the cost of carrying out the Private Improvement Works in the street west side of St. John's Schools, regard be had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by Messrs, Hopwood's Nurseries, the Old Swan Inn Yard and Premises, and the St. John's Schools from such works, and that the apportionment be settled as follows, viz :—

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| Mr. W. P. Hume, Owner of the Nurseries .. | .. | .. | £22 3 9 |
| The Anglo-Bavarian Brewery Co., Ltd., Owners of the Old Swan Inn | | | £26 16 3 |
| The Corporation in respect of the Schools .. | .. | .. | £ 5 0 0 |

and that Notices of such Apportionments and of demand be served on the Owners affected.

22— Plan of House in Rosehill Street—A letter was read from the Rev. A. Armitage, stating that he understood his plans would be passed if he would endorse them with an undertaking that all offensive matter should be removed, and that he was quite willing to comply with this, but, notwithstanding, he had again received a note saying his plans were not passed, and he would be glad to have an explanation. Resolved, To request the Borough Surveyor to see Mr. Armitage and explain the matter to him.

23—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz. :—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1441 | Trustees of the Children's Hospital | New Hospital at Harp Hill |
| 1446 | J. T. Ireland | Wing for smoke room, &c., at Gloucester House |
| 1447 | T. W. Smith | Two semi-detached Villas in Hayward's Road |
| 1448 | Andrew Page | Two semi-detached houses in Gloucester Road |
| 1449 | Beetham and Clark | New shop front at No. 22, Promenade Villas |

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| 1450 | Mr. Briggs | .. | .. | Bay windows at Ardmore House, and The Lawn, Park Place |
| 1451 | Col. N. P. Fowell | | .. | Additions to Pendower, Fairmount Road, St. Mark's |
| 1452 | W. F. Gibbon | | .. | Pair of semi-detached Villas, Eldorado Road |
| 1453 | J. Collenette | | .. | Detached Villa, Fairmount Road, St. Marks. |
| 1454 | J. M. Bellamy and J. D. Bendall | | | Five semi-detached Villas, Naunton Lane. |
| 1455 | Hawling and Richards | | .. | Pair of semi-detached Villas, Montpellier Drive. |
| 1456 | Mrs. Smith | | | New w.c. at No. 1, Francis Street, Bath Road. |
| 1457 | J. Quinn | | | New Bath Rooms and w.c's at Nos. 2 and 3, Oriol Villas |
| 1458 | E. T. Budge | | | Cottage on land in Sandford Mill Road at back of Sycamore House, Old Bath Road |
| 1459 | A. C. Bruce Pryce | | | Building in Grounds at Abbeyholme |

Resolved, That Nos. 1454 and 1459 be not approved, and that the other plans above specified be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of October, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Lawrence and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Proposed Extensions of Light Railway—The following letter was read from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, Solicitors for the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company :—

Cheltenham, 19th September, 1901.

CHELTENHAM & DISTRICT LIGHT RAILWAY.

Dear Sir,

We are instructed by the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company to inform you that they have received numerous applications from residents in Charlton Kings and Leckhampton for the extension of the Light Railway to those Districts, and at the former place a resolution in favour of the extension has been adopted at a Public Meeting.

The Company is prepared to apply to the Light Railway Commissioners for the necessary Orders if assured of the support and approval of your Committee and of the Town Council. The question of the routes within the Borough Boundaries they would leave to your Committee to decide, but they would suggest that they should be as follows :—

To Charlton Kings.--Starting from the Midland Railway Bridge on the Tewkesbury Road straight up the High Street and London Road to the Holy Apostles' Church, which we believe is where the Borough Boundary ends.

To Leckhampton.—The same line from the bottom of the High Street branching off down Cambray and by way of Bath Street into the Bath Road, thence straight up past the College. If desired, Mr. T. Nevins, the Chairman, would be happy to confer with your Committee at any time upon the subject. We shall be obliged if you will kindly bring the matter before your Committee at your earliest convenience.

We are, yours faithfully,

The Chairman, Tramways Committee (Signed) WINTERBOTHAMS & GURNEY. c/o Town Clerk.

Resolved, That the Council consider that the extension of the Light Railway to Charlton Kings and Leckhampton is desirable in the interests of the inhabitants of the Town, but that before giving any reply to Messrs. Winterbothams' letter, Mr. Nevins be asked to meet this Committee.

Also Resolved, That the Light Railway Company be asked to affix their seal to the Agreement, a draft of which was sent to Mr. Nevins in the early part of last year, prior to the granting of the first Order.

2—Byelaws—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Gloucestershire County Council, forwarding draft of byelaws proposed to be made by the County Council with regard to that part of the Light Railway which is outside the Borough of Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Byelaws be printed and a copy thereof sent to each member of the Committee, and that the Town Clerk do communicate with the Board of Trade to ascertain from them what regulations they have made, or propose to make, with regard to the Light Railway, and as to the Byelaws to be made by the Town Council.

3—Fatal Accident—A letter was read from Mr. Dale Marshall, on the subject of the steps, in his opinion, necessary to be taken to prevent the recurrence of accidents at the point where a car left the rails in Southam with fatal results some time since. Resolved, That the writer be thanked for his suggestions, but that he be informed that the point referred to is not within the jurisdiction of the Town Council.

4 -Irregularity, &c. of Service—A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Parker, of Tresco, Hewlett Road, complaining of the irregularity and unpunctuality of the service provided by the Light Railway, and asking that steps should be taken to remedy the same. Resolved, That the attention of the Light Railway Company be called to the numerous complaints made of the same nature as Mr. Parker's and that they be informed that the Council hope immediate steps will be taken to rectify the matter and that a time-table will be provided and kept to.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of September, 1901-Present
Alderman Col. Rogers; Councillors Baker, Bence, Lawrence and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)-

1-Chairman-- In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Rickerby was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

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2 —Winter Garden—Resolved, That the electric current be laid on forthwith to the two lamp pillars on the entrance walk and to the office at the turnstiles at an estimated cost, inclusive of fittings for the light, of about £60.

3-Deposit of Burrow's Illustrated Guide to Cheltenham in Railway Waiting Rooms—Letters were read from the Great Western, the Midland and South-Western Junction and the Midland Railway Companies offering to place these Guides in the waiting rooms of their principal stations subject as regards the offer of the Midland Railway Company to the insertion of a notice as to train arrangements, cheap tickets, &c. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to thank the Companies for their offers, to forward the number of copies of the Guide required in each case, to have the notices required by the Midland Railway Company printed and inserted in the Guides sent to them ; also to write to the London and North-Western and the London and South-Western Railway Companies requesting them to place copies of the Guide in the waiting rooms of the principal stations on their lines.

4-Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had held three meetings, viz., on the 9th, 13th and 20th instants. That with regard to the engagement of the White Viennese Band for two concerts on the 23rd instant approved by the Council, the Concert Director reported that Mr. McCrea, through whom the engagement was made, alleged that it was for the whole week and that he was to receive 65 per cent. instead of 60 per cent. of the takings. That the Sub-Committee had instructed the Town Clerk to write to Mr. McCrea informing him that they did not admit the correctness of his statements. That Mr. McCrea still persisted in his contention, and, with the approval of the Mayor, the Town Clerk had by way of compromise offered him the following terms, which he had accepted, viz.: The engagement to be for the whole week, the Corporation to receive 35 per cent. of the takings (with the exception of the receipts for the sale of programmes, which were to be divided equally), and to do all the local advertising and printing and provide the necessary staff and lighting, and that they had resolved to approve the Town Clerk's action. That as regards the entertainments during British Medical Association week, they had resolved to charge the British Medical Association for the 480 delegates admitted to the concerts at the Montpellier Gardens on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of August last at the rate of 3d. each (half-price, making a total of £6). Resolved, That the proceedings and resolutions of the Entertainments Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

Also Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to make arrangements for lectures and other entertainments at the Winter Garden during the winter.

5—Advertising—Resolved, Not to accede to an offer from Messrs. Bruton and Co., of No. 133, Upper Thames Street, London, to undertake the advertising of the town by means of pictorial posters.

Resolved, To accede to a suggestion made by Messrs. H. J. Harding and Co., of Somerset Hall, Bath, that the Committee should receive a representative from them to furnish particulars of a proposal to publish a Railway Route Guide to Cheltenham on behalf of the Corporation similar to one they were about to publish on behalf of the Bath Corporation, the production of which they would undertake, relying upon advertisements to cover the cost of same, and to invite him to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved, To request Mr. H. Hermann Herz, of 12, Oberwasset Street, Berlin, to furnish a copy of the Guide-book through Europe in which he suggests the desirability of inserting an advertisement of the town, and also to supply more evident particulars of his terms for same.

6—Band Stand at Pittville near Pump Room—Resolved, To accept a tender from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey to transfer this band stand to another site for £25.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of September, 1901—

Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward, Lawrence, Moles, Parsonage, Preston, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)

1— Chairman—In the absence through illness of the Chairman, Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Town Hall-A Letter was read from the Local Government Board, enclosing their sanction to a Loan of £35,000 for the erection of a Town Hall and their consent under Section 93 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the appropriation of a part of the Winter Garden as a site for the Town Hall. The letter also stated that the application for the

sanction and consent had been complied with on the distinct understanding that the Town Council took all responsibility for any difficulty which might arise in consequence of the restrictive covenants originally attached to the conveyance of the land, and that the Board would now proceed to issue an Order investing the Council with the powers of a Parish Council under Section 8 (1) (a) and (i) of the Local Government Act, 1894, to provide a building for meetings.

Mr. Waller, Architect, attended this meeting and stated that the plans and specifications would be sufficiently advanced for the Quantity Surveyor to have them in about three weeks time. The work of the Quantity Surveyor would take a fortnight, but tenders for the erection of the building could be advertised for in about four weeks time. Resolved, That the work mentioned by Mr. Waller be proceeded with at once and that the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor be left to him.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of October, 1901—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Brown, R. Davies, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (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

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1901 | | |
| Sept. 1st | 200 Volts. | 208 Volts. |
| 17th | " | " |
| 25th | " | " |

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

| ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY. | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|--|
| 1901 | | | |
| Sept. 1st | 15.50 candles | 1901 | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. |
| " 17th | 16.65 " | Sept. | |
| " 23rd | 16.78 " | 16th-17th | 11.02 |
| " 30th | 17.34 " | 20th-21st | 11.65 |
| Average | 16.57 " | Average | 11.38 |

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows, viz. : —Ordinary lamps with 4.25 ft. burners, 4.2646 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 incandescent burners, 5.043 cubic feet ; ordinary lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, 3.917 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished, 2 metered, 6 unmetered; incandescent lamps extinguished 14, and 5 burning dimly.

5—Lighting of Wellesley and Fairview Roads and Carlton and Grosvenor Streets Resolved, To adjourn for view the consideration of letters received from Mr. N. W. Olive, Mr. T. Gibbons and Councillor Bence, advocating an improvement of the lighting of these streets.

5—Lighting of Oriel Road and Road at back of Elkstone House, Bath Road - Resolved, To take into consideration the question of providing improved lighting in these roads at the next View Meeting.

7—Lighting with Electric Light of St. George's Parade, Suffolk Road, and Queen's Parade—In reply to letters received from Mr. E. J. W. Greenway, Councillor Hayward, and Councillor Parsonage, Resolved, To inform them that the electric lighting of these thoroughfares will be dealt with in due course, as soon as other work now on hand has been disposed of.

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8—Extension of Cable to Lamp Pillars in Entrance Walk at Winter Gardens—Resolved, To instruct the Electrical Engineer to accede to the request of the Town Improvement Committee.

9— Extension of Main to House opposite Holy Apostles' Church, Charlton Kings—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter from Col. G. V. Hamilton, requesting an extension of the main as above mentioned.

10-Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work had progressed satisfactorily during the past month ; that the new stack, turbo-alternator No. 1 and Ferranti switchboard were in use ; and that 531 customers with the equivalent of 32,900 eight-candle-power lamps were now connected to the mains.

That he recommended acceptance of Messrs. E. Green & Sun's tender for a new high-pressure economiser at £614 8s.—less £100 for old small economiser taken in part payment.

That extensions in Spa Buildings and Kensington Avenue were required, at costs of £50 and £85 respectively, and that he recommended approval of these extensions.

He recommended that Mr. Bastin be given the title of Electric Works Accountant, and be empowered to sign the published accounts for the department, as it had become quite impossible for the Engineer any longer to personally check these accounts throughout.

That he recommended that two additional trimming ladders, at a cost of £28 each be ordered, to cope with the street lighting extensions authorised and in hand. Resolved, That the report be approved and the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer adopted.

11—Economiser Chamber at Electric Works—The Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. Collins and Godfrey had failed to make this Chamber water-tight, and the wet still percolated through the floor and up the walls. Resolved, To give notice to Messrs. Collins and Godfrey that the work must be satisfactorily completed within a week, and to inform them that if they fail to do this the Borough Surveyor has received instructions to have the work done, and the Council will hold them responsible for the cost thereof and of any damage otherwise sustained by their default.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th day of September, 1901—Present: Councillors Baker, Bennett, M. Davis, Preston, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)-

1—Report of the waterworks Engineer—The Waterworks Engineer reported that on the 23rd instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 63 gallons per minute, the average for the last three years being 59 gallons and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 18,873,000 gallons.

On the 24th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 1bft. 2iin. in depth, and the contents 37,816,976 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then 118,800 gallons, giving a total storage of 56,689,976 gallons, or about 58 days' supply.

An application had been made by the representatives of Prestbury Parish for an extension of the mains in the village, but more particularly along the road known as Mill Lane and Whiteshill, but most of the houses in Mill Lane were above the level to which the seater would flow by gravitation even at night. There was, however, a good stream flowing from the upper part of this lane from a spring which did not appear to vary very materially, and which he was informed took its rise on property of Mr. E. M. Paget, who was willing for such portion of it to be collected as might be necessary for the purpose. Resolved, To request the Rural District Council to inform the Committee if they are prepared to guarantee a return of 10 per cent. on the cost of a complete scheme for the supply of seater to the whole village, as a supply to the cottages in Mill Lane and Whiteshill only would necessitate laying a separate main from the Hewletts Reservoir which would be very costly and the Committee consider the cost of a complete scheme would be more economical.

2-- Defective Lead Piping—With reference to the report of the quality of the lead pipe heretofore supplied to the Corporation and Builders in Cheltenham by Messrs. Rowe Bros. and Co., Limited, a letter from the Company was read admitting that the defects complained of were due entirely to errors in the process of manufacture and stating that they had taken measures to prevent a recurrence of these irregularities, and trusted the Committee would accept their assurance that the most special attention should be given to the lead pipe which is sent into the town, and that they had entire confidence that there would be no repetition of recent trouble. Resolved, That the Company having admitted that the defects are due to the process of manufacture the Council will not pursue the matter further, provided that the Company will refund the cost of Messrs. Vaughan Hughes and Warmington's report and analysis.

3—Appeal's—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 17th day of September, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, Moles, Parsonage, Preston, H. Waghorne and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-New Municipal Offices—Resolved, That the Directors of Lloyds Bank, Ltd., be requested to extend the option of purchase of their Bank premises on the North-East side of the High Street, Cheltenham, at the sum of £8000, given to the 30th inst. for a further period of three months. That

in the meantime steps be taken to ascertain in what manner and to what extent the property can be utilised for the erection of Municipal Offices, and that the Committee be authorised to obtain the aid and assistance of Mr. H. W. Chatters for this purpose.

2--Driver's Licence--Resolved, Not to accede to an application of Josiah Jones for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

3—Hackney Carriage License—Resolved, Not to accede to an application of Josiah Jones for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of September, 1901--Present :
Councillors Baker, Davis, Hayward, Moles, Parsonage, Preston and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)---

4—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor J. Waghorne was appointed chairman at this meeting.

5—Swine Fever—Superintendent Hopkins reported that there had been no fresh outbreak of swine fever in the Borough since his last report.

6—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—This Committee recommended that a sliding carriage telescopic fire escape of the latest improved pattern and in accordance with a specification and photograph which had been furnished, be purchased from Messrs. Merryweather and Sons for £80, and that the present fire escape be painted and stationed in or near the Upper Bath Road in a position where it could be available at any time.

They also recommended that the Fire Brigade Station be fitted up for electric light and supplied with current the whole installation to be controlled by one switch in addition to the usual individual switches. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

7—Drivers' Licences—Resolved, To grant the following applications for Drivers' Licences, viz.: from Charles Rogers, Fern Villa, Queen's Road; John Jennings, 7, Queen's Retreat ; Frank Hoare, King's Head Cottage, High Street ; George Harding, 13, Henrietta Street ; John Evans, 13, Bath Parade ; and Charles William Wills, 5, Brecon Terrace; and to adjourn consideration of a similar application received from Fred Cook of High Street, Prestbury.

The Inspector reported that Thomas Roach had been five times, Arthur Gardner three times, Nelson Foster Brown twice and William Philip Jones three times convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye Laws within 12 months. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to give notice to Roach, Gardner and Jones to appear at the next meeting of the Committee to show cause why their licences should not be revoked.

8—Carriage Stand in Clarence Street—Resolved, To request the Street and Highway' Committee to re-form the existing stand nearer the lamp for two carriages, and to join a new one for one carriage

in Clarence Street as near as expedient to the junction with the Promenade and the corner of Messrs. Engall and Co.'s premises.

9—Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, To accede to applications for the following transfers of Hackney Carriage Licences on sales of the licensed vehicles, viz. :—One-horse fly, No. 34, from Newman Gibbard to Charles William Wills and one-horse fly, No. 29, from John Ball to Charles Rogers.

10—Chief Assistant to the Borough Surveyor - Resolved, To approve the appointment by the Borough Surveyor of Mr. Henry John White (senior engineering assistant to the City and Water Engineer of the Borough of Oxford) as his chief assistant.

11—Clock for Town Call—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of communications received from Messrs. J. W. Benson, Ltd. ; W. Potts and Sons; and J. B. Joyce and Co. with reference to the supply of a clock for the proposed new Town Hall.

12—Sites for New Municipal Offices—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of letters received from Messrs. Cornelius and Boulter, and Mr. S. B. Dix, offering terms of sale of the Imperial Rooms and Nos. 7 and 8 North Street respectively as sites for the proposed new Municipal Offices.

13—Clock at Municipal Offices—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain tenders from Turret Clock Builders for the repair of the clock at the Municipal Offices.

14—Housing of the Working Classes Act—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trade and Labour Council with which he enclosed a copy of a letter he had written to Mr. Agg Gardner, suggesting that he should sell land to the Corporation at a price which would enable them to execute the powers conferred by Part 3 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, without the same being a burden on the rates of the Borough, and also a letter from Mr. Agg Gardner in reply that if he received an application from the Town Council with reference to the matter he would give it full consideration.

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15-Petroleum Licences—Resolved, To accede to the applications which had been received for renewal of petroleum licences, subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied that the several premises remained in a fit and proper condition for storage.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of October, 1901—Present The Mayor : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Parsonage, Preston, Moles and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

16—Indemnity against Claims for Accidents by the Corporation Employees—Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 23rd of July last, that an insurance of indemnity to the Corporation against claims for accidents by their employees be

effected with the Royal Exchange Assurance Co. with respect to the whole of the employees of the Corporation as therein mentioned, be rescinded.

17—General Insurance—Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to take into consideration as soon as possible the question of establishing a self-insurance fund to cover all risks to their various properties from fire or otherwise, and claims by their employees for injuries sustained by them in the course of their employment.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of September, 1901—Present Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Hayward and Moles (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Chairman)—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that up to the 5th instant the receipts and payments had been as follows, viz.:—Receipts £431 11s. 1d., and Payments £297 15s. 1d.

Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up an estimate of the cost of providing a method of regulating the temperature of the air in the Swimming Bath.

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that up to the 5th instant the receipts and payments had been as follows, viz.,—Receipts £286 10s. 4d., and Payments £238 19s. 9d. Resolved, To request the Lighting Committee to inform this Committee upon what terms they would extend the electric supply cable to enable them to have the Alstone Baths lit with electric light.

4—Visitors—Resolved, To appoint Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown and Hayward visitors for the ensuing month.

5—Nuisance from Fires at the East Ward Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Mr W. E. Ford complaining of nuisance caused by the smoke of burning rubbish at this ground. Resolved, To inform Mr. Ford that the Borough Surveyor has given instructions for abatement of the cause of complaint.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of September, 1901—Present Alderman Rogers; Councillors Baker, Bennett and Hayward, (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

6—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

7-Inspection of Baths and Grounds---The Committee visited the Montpellier and Alstone Baths, Naunton Park, Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, and inspected the various works, and gave instructions as to some minor matters requiring attention. They found the Baths very clean and the Recreation Grounds in good order.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of October, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, R. Davies, Hayward and Moles (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

8--Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

9—Montpellier Baths—The Superintendent presented a report from which it appeared as follows ;—

The First Class Baths—The two slipper baths with sprays and shower had been in equal request though the demand had been poor.

At a charge of 1s 6d during the past four months the average demand had been 23 per month, the highest being 26 in August and the lowest 16 in May.

There was no demand for the deep immersion baths, they having been only used four times during the year.

The Second Class Baths—These three baths had been fairly successful, and on some days during the year more business would have been done if there had been more of them. For the last four months at a charge of 9d. the average per month had been 144, the highest being 159 for July and the lowest being 130 in June.

The Third Class Baths—The three slipper baths did very well, and customers had often to be refused. The average for the month per year had been 216, the highest being 371 for July and the lowest 145 in February. The three spray baths had been very little patronised, not having been used more than 50 times during the year.

Family or Plunge Bath—This bath had only been let 30 ½ hours during the year, though he and Mrs. Brains had found it very useful for tuition in swimming to children.

Brine Baths could now be supplied at any time, but though there had been several enquiries there had not been any customers.

Swimming Bath—The attendance of swimmers, especially ladies, during the summer months had been very good. On numerous occasions the dressing accommodation had been insufficient. May, June and July had been the best months owing to the attendance from the Ladies' College and other schools. During the busy months an extra ladies' day had been provided each week for the Ladies' College, but with regard to this arrangement he had to report that inconvenience was caused by two

ladies who attended on all the three ladies' days at the busiest hours to teach swimming, each one by means of a rope obstructing both sides of the bath and thereby driving away the lady swimmers.

Another inconvenience was caused by reserving the bath in the middle of gentlemen's days for private schools and thereby disappointing a lot of swimmers who did not come again.

The hours for keeping the baths open and the prices to be charged for the several kinds of baths were revised, and it was Resolved,

That the Superintendent, with the assistance of the Town Clerk, be instructed to draw up a time table in accordance with the directions now given to be submitted for approval by this Committee at their next meeting.

That the swimming bath in future be not reserved for any boys' schools, and

That no teaching of swimming with appliances other than by the Superintendent and Mrs. Braint be permitted except on Tuesdays.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of September, 1901—Present: Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1—Report of the Superintendent—The Superintendent reported that the grave screw-jacks were out of repair, and that he had received a letter from Mrs. Steventon complaining that some edging stones which she had had placed round the grave space 2749 Sec. P belonging to her had been removed, and requesting that they should be replaced, to which he had replied that he could find no traces of any such stones. and they must have been removed some time ago. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain two new grave screw-jacks, and to call his attention to the necessity of repairing and rolling the roads at the Cemetery.

2—Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz., Headstones to Edwin Agg, Emily Caines, Marie Craddock, William and Martha Piggott, Colonel E. P. T. Goldsmith, Sarah Annie and W. S. Beddard, Walter Puckmore Winstone, Headstone and Kerb to Emma Townsend and Hannah Harvie.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of October, 1901-Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Lawrence, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)-

1—Fire Insurance—Letters were read from the Fine Art and General Insurance Company and Mr. W. H. Horsley, agent for the Royal Insurance Company, on the subject of the insurances made by the Corporation against loss or damage by fire. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to report on the insurances effected by the Corporation, with particulars of the properties, the amounts for which they are insured, the rate of premium and the Offices.

2-Loans-The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had arranged a loan of £600 from Miss Hester Mary Coxwell Rogers at 3 ¼ per cent., repayable on 6 months' notice by either party—the commission to Lloyds Bank (¼ per cent.) to include Stamp Duty on the Debenture. The amount could be applied to the £9650 loan for the Winter Garden. He also reported that it would be necessary to invest the Sinking and Loans Funds (£6,903 9s. 6d.), which he thought could now be done advantageously, as Loans were in request by other public bodies. Resolved, That a Debenture for £600 be sealed and issued accordingly.

3—Corporation Stock—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Accountant to report to this Committee on the subject of an issue of Stock, as to the amount of the same, and other particulars necessary to the consideration of the matter by this Committee.

4—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £18,305 16s. 3d., leaving outstanding £1,455 16s. 6d.

5—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received, £9,725 1s. 7d., leaving outstanding £1,698 14s. 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 £12541 15s. 0d., 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 August last | £53,903 7 3 |
| Paid since that date | £12,543 9 0 |
| | £66,446 16 3 |
| Received since the 27th August (including Loan of £600) | £ 9,358 2 9 |
| Overdrawn | £57,088 13 6 |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure | £ 4,594 6 6 |
| Electric Lighting, Water, and other Capital Accounts | <u>£52,494 7 0</u> |
| | £57,088 13 6 |

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21th day of September, 1901. Present Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Hayward and Preston ; The Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. A. C. Turberville, and Messrs. A. Beckingsale and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that £6 72s. 11d. had been received during the past month, and that the following presentations had been made to the Library, viz.:—

| | Vol. |
|------------------------------------|------|
| The Baron de Ferrieres | 1 |
| The Board of Education | 1 |
| The Board of Trade | 2 |
| The Trustees of the British Museum | 1 |
| J. Ward, | 1 |
| Captain, Welch, R.N. | 2 |

He also read a report he had prepared with reference to his visit to Plymouth to attend the Conference of the Library Association last month. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to Mr. Jones for his exhaustive and interesting report.

2—Branch Reading Room—A letter was read from Mr. W. Mann, Hon. Sec. of the Local Committee at Leckhampton, requesting this Committee to supply to the Branch Room certain periodicals specified the week or month after they have run their course at the Chief Library, also to arrange for the Room to be open from 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. instead of from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m. as at present. Resolved, To instruct the Librarian to supply such of the periodicals when the same can be spared to the Branch Room as now indicated to him and any others not required for binding and reference, and to inform Mr. Mann that this Committee regret they are unable to accede to the application of the Local Committee as to opening the Branch Room from 2 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. each day.

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they had resolved to recommend as follows viz.:—

That the three sets of inner entrance doors be cleansed, stained, and varnished.

That a 23-round ladder be purchased, half the cost of which would be paid by the Art Gallery Committee.

That the list of new books submitted be approved, and purchased at a cost of about £30.

That the list of worn-out books be approved, and replaced at a cost of about £35.

That Lectures and Exhibitions be given in the Art Gallery during the coming winter.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of October, 1901—Present: Alderman Haddon Councillors Bennett, Moles, Parsonage and Preston (Councillor Preston 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 44 schools, from which 1047 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 74 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 7 meetings ; that in parents had been prosecuted, and 18 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. :—Ada Clapham, Maud Hale, Edith Hale, Rose Steger, Sam Marsh, Olive Aignworth, Hubert Taylor, Elsie Morris, Alice Tovey, Harriett Woodward, George Miller, Espardo Hopkins, Philip Bowles, Ivy Carter, Herbert Ballinger, and Eliza Newton.

3—Coltham Fields Infants' School—A letter from the Board of Education was read, stating that this School had been placed on the List of Elementary Day Schools in receipt of Parliamentary Grants, and would be recognised by the Board as providing accommodation for 84 Infants.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

24th October, 1901.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Art Gallery, Clarence Street, on Monday, the 28th day of October instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE—and rescind Resolution to Minute No 4 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 10th of September last approved by the Council re Land at back of Central Depot.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

MINERAL WATERS AND MEDICAL BATHS COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE

THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

2. * To admit to the Honorary Freedom of the Borough Miss Dorothea Beale.

* At 4 p.m. Robes to be worn then.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. Brydges,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 28th day of October, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of October, 1901-Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors Davis, Davies, Gurney and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

1-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, 1 of Erysipelas, and 4 of Diphtheria; that the 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and two 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 10 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

2-Nuisance from Drains, &c, at The Sun Inn, High Street, No. 338, High Street, No. 9, Witcombe Place, The Shakespeare Inn, High Street, No. 33, Gloucester Place, The Carlton Bar, Bath Road, No. 274, High Street, Albert House, Albion Street, No. 10, Cambray, No. 21, Rodney Terrace, No. 2, Spa Buildings, No. 3, Southampton Place, No. 5. Sherborne Place, No. 20, Cambray and No. 78, Duke 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.

3-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 5, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road, No 1, Wakefield Court, No. 5, Portman Terrace, No. 9, Witcombe Place, Nu. 18, Albert Place, St. Paul's, No. 3, Spread Eagle Terrace, Albert House, Albion Street, No. 18, Francis Street, Nos. 2 and 3, Clare Garden Cottages, No. 3, Lamb's Retreat, and No. 5, Sherborne Place-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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.

4-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order-Resolved, Not to accede to an application of George Rutland to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk at No. 32, Tivoli Street.

5-Insanitary Property at No. 9, Witcombe Place, No. 18, Albert Street, St. Paul's, No. 282, High Street, No. 3, Clare Garden Cottages, No. 3, Lamb's Retreat, and No. 5, Sherborne 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, walls, floors, 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.

6-Houses let in Lodgings The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 34, Promenade, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-named be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of occupants and the names of lessees.

7-Overcrowding at No. 3, Clare Garden 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.

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8-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having seater 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- Urinals at The Sun Inn and Bakers' Arms, High Street, and the Carlton Bar, Bath Road—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 defects of structure and want of water supply. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the respective premises to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient and continuous supply of water for flushing, and carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

11- Farms Sub-Committee—This Committee reported that on the 8th inst. they had visited the three farms, and it was Resolved to offer for sale to the Highways Department 180 bushels of beans, 30 quarters of oats, about 8 tons of wheat straw, and as much hay as required at £4 5s. 0d. per ton, other fodder at market prices.

That Hay Furlong be divided into one field for ploughing and two for irrigation, instead of three as proposed, and that the fence and gate which would have been required for the latter method of division be utilised for dividing Long Hill into two fields, the line of division to cross the field at the north of existing gate from the Stoke Orchard road.

That in consequence of Gardner, the Foreman in charge of the Barn Farm, having ridden and injured a horse which had been sent there for tack and of the unsatisfactory manner in which he had discharged his duties, the Farm Bailiff was (subject to the approval of this Committee) instructed to give him a fortnight's notice to leave and to arrange for another man to perform his duties.

That they recommended the purchase of horsegear for the Chaff Machine and Root Pulper at the Barn Farm in readiness for the winter, and that Mr. Corbett be requested to at once remove the Engine and Boiler left by him. Resolved, That the resolutions, recommendations and proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

12--Quarterly Returns of Infectious Disease—A letter was read from the Local Government Board with which was enclosed a copy of the return, which had been compiled from the Quarterly Returns of Infectious Disease for the quarter ended 29th of June last, which had been received from 91 out of the 99 large towns, and enquiring whether the Council on further consideration of the matter were willing to authorise the publication of the figures relating to this Borough. Resolved, That the Council do not see any reason to depart from the resolution to Minute No. II of the proceedings of this Committee of the 9th of April last, that as the Medical Officer of Health already received a printed weekly list of infectious cases notified in the principal towns a quarterly list would be of no further use.

13---Sewer between Lansdown Place and Lansdown Crescent—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, with which they forwarded a copy of a letter which they had received from Gen. Babbage, in which he stated that a new sewer had been constructed by the Council in lieu of a sewer then existing under the road at the back of his house, "Mayfield," the cost of which had been charged to a loan which had been sanctioned by the Board, but that the then existing sewer was not vested in the Council, as it was a sewer made for private profit. That his house drains had been connected by the Council with the new sewer, and he contended they had committed a trespass by re-constructing the sewer without calling on the owner to re-construct it under Sec. 40 of the Local Act of 1852, and without giving him notice that his drains had been disconnected from the old and joined to the new sewer, and he considered that as the action of the Council had relieved the Sewer Owner of the liability to repair and re construct the sewer it was only fair they should relieve him of the rent charge which he had to pay for the use of the old sewer ; and the Board enquired whether the work was done in pursuance of an arrangement under which the property in the sewer was transferred to the Council, and if not in what circumstances the work was undertaken by them, to which the Town Clerk had replied that the sewer in question had always been treated and dealt with by the Corporation as a sewer vested in them. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

14-Damage at No. 1, St. George's Parade—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to settle a claim received from Mr. W. Finch for loss of coal, owing to a portion of the premises above-mentioned having slipped into the Chelt in consequence of the operations of the Corporation in that stream.

15- Pollution of the Chelt—A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council with which he forwarded a copy of a letter from the Local Government Board with reference to complaints which had been received from the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Rural District Councils and the Parish Council of Staverton respecting the treatment of the sewage of the town of Cheltenham, in which it was stated that the Board had pointed out to the complainants that the Board were not empowered to take proceedings under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876, but that under Sec. 14 of the Local Government Act, 1888, the County Council has the power. Also copies of letters from the Clerk to the Staverton Parish Council and the Chairman of the Uckington Parish Meeting, urging the County Council to take steps to cause the Corporation of Cheltenham to cease polluting the Hatherley Brook and the Chelt, and if necessary to enforce the provisions of the above-named Section. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to reply that the subject matter of the complaints is receiving the serious consideration of the Committee, and a recommendation as to what should be done to increase the efficiency of the sewage outfall will be made to the Town Council at an early date.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of October, 1901-Present: Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Gurney, Parsonage, and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

16-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 4 of Diphtheria ; that 3 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 the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was to of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

17--Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 1, Orchard Cottages, Nos. 3 and 8, Orchard Place, Nos. 76, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 81, Stanhope Street, No. 17, Francis Street, Vine Cottage, Brunswick Street, No. 24, Brunswick Street, No. 6, Newent Place, and No. 2, Keighley 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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

18-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Victoria Cottages, Tewkesbury Road, No. 4, York Place, No. 4, Brunswick Place, No. 1, St. George's Parade, No. 65, Upper Park Street, and No. 6, Montpellier Walk-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.

19-Overcrowding at No. 2, Columbia 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--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 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-Urinals at The Red Lion Inn, High Street, The Regent Ale and Porter Stores, Regent Place, and The Brunswick Arms-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such a condition as to be a nuisance or injurious to health owing to defects of structure, &c. Resolved, that Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to carry out such structural works of amendment, &c., as shall be specified as necessary for that purpose.

23-Insanitary Property at Cumberland House and Cumberland Villa, Grove Street, Nos. 43 and 63, Rutland Street, Regent House, Regent Place, Nos. 3, 5 and 6, Orchard Place, Nos. 1 to 4, Julian Terrace, Nos. 12, 13, 22 and 24, Brunswick Street, Wellington House, Tewkesbury Road, Vine Cottage, Brunswick Street, and Nos 1 and 1a, Regent 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, walls, pavings, w.c's, sinks, &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 - Houses let in Lodgings--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 2, 3 and 4, Crescent Terrace, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them, within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Byelaw No 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

25-Cleansing and Disinfecting at No 37, Russell Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing and disinfecting of this house, or part thereof, would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion notice be served on the owner and occupier to cleanse and disinfect the house within the time specified in such notice.

26-Notices not Complied with-Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with notices to carry out sanitary requirements, a list of which was handed in by the Medical Officer of Health at this meeting.

27 - Sewage Treatment and Pollution of Streams-With reference to letters received from the County Council and by them from the Staverton Parish Council and the Chairman of the Uckington Parish Meeting relating to the treatment by the Council of the sewage from the Borough and the alleged pollution of the Hatherley Brook and the Chelt, the Town Clerk read the draft of letter which he proposed to write to the County Council in reply. Resolved, That the same be approved.

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Building plans---Resolved, To approve the following plans of proposed buildings as regards drainage and other sanitary matters viz:-

| No. of Plan | Name | Description |
|-------------|---------------------|---|
| 1462 | Rev. A. Armitage | Pair of cottages in Rosehill Street. |
| 1463 | Charles Mackay | Dwelling house above yard at Portland Street Mews |
| 1464 | Bellamy and Kendall | Five semi-detached villas, Naunton Lane |
| 1465 | F. W. Strange | Pair of semi-detached villas, Kensington Avenue, Glencairn Estate |
| 1466 | A. E. Hill | Pair of semi-detached villas, Glencairn Park Estate |
| 1467 | G. Moore | Pair of semi-detached villas, Glencairn Park Estate. |

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of October, 1901—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne Councillors Baker, Brown, Davis, Hayward, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—View—At the View at the Depot preceding this Meeting there were present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, and Councillors Baker, Brown, Davis and Parsonage, and it was Resolved, To record that the Committee were glad to find an improvement in the state of the Depot Yard ; also that instructions be given that the planks be put under cover and taken into the Stores, allowance being made to Sewerage Capital Account for those belonging thereto ; that the empty oil casks be sold to the Farms Sub-Committee at cost price ; that the Committee meet again at the Depot on Saturday afternoon to inspect the horses, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to dispose by Auction of all old materials not required.

2 —Land at Back of Central Depot—A letter from Mr. Forty was read, asking the Committee either to sell him this piece of land occupied by him at present with Portmore Lodge, or to allow him to continue as tenant at a reasonable rental, as he had recently spent a considerable sum of money in planting the land and building a new bridge over the Chelt. Resolved, To rescind the resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 10th ulto., and to allow Mr. Forty to remain tenant of the land at a rental of £2 2s. 0d. per annum, subject to six months' notice to determine his tenancy at any time. provided that Mr. Forty will undertake to keep the land in good order and condition and will do nothing thereon to cause pollution of the stream.

3 —Tenders—A letter from Messrs. Gwinnell & Co. was read, suggesting that tenders should be invited for the supply (for say 6 or 12 months) of the cement which will be required in the manufacture of the concrete slabs for paving and for general use by the Corporation ; also that tenders should be invited for the supply of Pipes, Bricks, Macadam, and Gravel instead of the same being obtained direct from the Manufacturers, as they had no hesitation in stating that a considerable saving would be effected if this plan were adopted in regard to the whole of the Corporation supplies. Resolved, To thank Messrs. Gwinnell & Co. for their letter, and to inform them, that their suggestions shall receive due consideration.

4—Pillar Letter Box in Montpellier Parade--Resolved, To accede to an application from the Postmaster for permission to place a Pillar Letter Bo.. the edge of the path in Montpellier Parade on the West side, about midway up the Parade.

5-Damage by Traction Engines—The Chairman having reported that considerable damage was being caused to roads in the Borough, owing to Messrs. G. F. Butcher, of Westgate Bridge, Gloucester, making use of traction engines for hauling bricks from Tuffley to Charlton Kings, Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to give notice to all the parties in any way liable that in due course a claim will be made for damages for extraordinary traffic.

6—Street Projection—A letter from Mr. A. G. Sanders was read, applying on behalf of Mr. W. W. Kendall, High Street, for permission to fix outside the shop front an electric lamp similar to those in use by most drapers in the town. Resolved, To accede to the application subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council as to height and projection.

7- Paving in front of No. 22, Lypiatt Street-- -Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mr. A. J. Howell, suggesting that this paving should be repaired as it was in a dangerous condition.

8-Private Improvement Works in Street West side of St. John's Schools—Resolved, To adjourn for a view of the locality consideration of a protest made by Mr. W. P. Hume with regard to the amount apportioned to be paid by him of the cost of executing these works, and to invite Mr. Hume to meet the Committee at their next View Meeting.

9 -Tenders for Forage—The following tenders were received for the supply of forage for twelve months from the 1st of December next, viz.

| | Black Oats per quarter, | White Oats per quarter. | English Beans per bushel. | Wheat Bran per cwt. | Linseed per bushel | Wheat Straw per ton |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Elijah Snowsell | No. 1 22s 6d, | 22s | 4s 4 ½d | 5s- | 8s | 60s |
| | No. 2 21s | 21s 6d | | | | |
| Ride & Co | No. 1 23s 6d | 22s | 4s 7 ½d | 5s 3d | 8s 6d | 65s |
| | No. 2 20s | | | | | |
| Jas. Holder & Co., Tewkesbury | 22s 6d | 23s 6d | 4s 7 ½d | 5s | 9s | - |
| J. L. Brookes, Uckington | - | - | 4s 6d | - | - | 55s |
| Thos. Comely, Notgrove | - | - | - | - | - | 60s |

Resolved, That Mr. Snowsell's tender be accepted for Black Oats at 21s Beans at 4s 4 ½d, Bran at 5s and Linseed at 8s-, and that Mr. Brookes' tender be accepted for Straw at 55s

10-Hay—Resolved, To offer to purchase from the Corporation Farms the Hay required by the Highways Department for twelve months from the 1st of December next at £4 5s. od. Per ton.
Plans—The Borough surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received or proposed new buildings, viz.:—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|------------------|---|
| 1460 | Charles Mackay | Building over yard at Portland Mews |
| 1461 | A. E. Hill | Pair of semi-detached villas, Glencairn Park Road |
| 1462 | Rev. A. Armitage | Pair of cottages in Rosehill Street |

Resolved, That consideration of No. 1460 be adjourned, that as regards position and construction No. 1461 be disapproved, and No. 1462 be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 19th day of October, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Hayward and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

12—Horses—The Committee met at the Central Depot and inspected the horses. Resolved, That the chestnut horse “ Duke “ be sent to the Sewage Farm and one horse from the Farm be taken to the Central Depot.

13—Lane at back of Pittville Parade—Resolved, That the lane at the back of Pittville Parade be repaired with Wickwar stone.

14—Motors—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the use of motors for street watering and for general purposes.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of October, 1901—Present The Mayor : Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward, Lawrence and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1-Chairman In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Rickerby was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Railway Route Guide to Cheltenham At the invitation of the Committee a representative of Messrs. H. J. Harding & Co., Ltd., of Bath, attended and was received by the Committee, and explained that his firm were willing to compile, publish and circulate 25,000 copies of the Guide if the Corporation would guarantee 12 pages of advertisements at per page. Resolved, That Messrs. Harding & Co. be thanked for having sent their representative to see the Committee, but the Council at present are not prepared to entertain the proposal.

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3-Burrow's Illustrated Guide—Letters were read from Mr. E. J. Burrow, suggesting the advisability of publishing a small hand-book to go by penny post for wholesale distribution, using his copyright pictures from the larger book, and that he could supply 5,000 of the books for £40. The letterpress to be an abridged summary of that in the larger book. He stated that he had sold 4,000 of the 1s books in two months. Resolved, to inform Mr. Burrow that the Committee are not prepared to entertain his suggestion at the present time, but that if he will bring it before them again in about six months' time they will then consider it.

Resolved. To instruct the Town Clerk to communicate with the Managers of the Railway Hotels of the: Midland, Great Western, and Midland and South Western Junction Railway Companies with a view to the distribution of copies of the Guide in the reading rooms of the Hotels, and also with Mr. Malerbi, the Traffic Manager of the London and South Western Junction Railway, to ascertain if he could arrange for copies of the Guides to be placed in the reading rooms of the Ocean Liners and other steam ships touching at Southampton.

4—Lodge at Essex Lodge Entrance at Pittville--A letter from the Local Government Board was read, with reference to the application for sanction to borrow a sum not exceeding £350 for the erection of this Lodge, requesting that the Board should be furnished with plans, sections, and detailed estimates of the cost of the proposed works. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to comply with the request as soon as possible.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND MEDICAL BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th day of October, 1901—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bennett, R. Davies, Hayward and Parsonage (Councillor R. Davies in the chair)—

1—Mineral Waters and Medical Baths--Dr. Garrett having read a report he had prepared upon the Mineral Waters and a project for the establishment of Medical Baths and a special place for Medical Treatment, Resolved, That the same be printed, and a copy sent to each member of the Council prior to the Statutory Meeting of the New Council on the 9th of November next.

2—Jurisdiction of the Committee--Resolved, To recommend to the Council that the control and management of the Montpellier and A:stone Baths and of all arrangements for dispensing the Mineral Waters belonging to the Corporation be vested in this Committee, which henceforth shall be called The Mineral Waters and Baths Committee.

3- - Plans of New Lodge at Pittville—Resolved, To approve the arrangements shown for dispensing the Mineral Waters.

R DAVIES,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of October, 1901—Present Councillors Baker, Parsonage and Preston (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2 - Inspection of Markets—A letter from the Board of Agriculture was read, calling attention to the desirability of effective veterinary supervision over all public sales of swine within the Borough, and to the provisions of the Swine Fever Order

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of 1901. which aims at the cleansing and disinfection at least once in every seven days of premises used for the temporary detention of Swine prior or subsequent to their being exposed for sale in a Market or Sale yard. The provisions as to cleansing and disinfection are also applied to the premises of every pig dealer, and to the vans, carts, crates, &c., and other appliances used by a pig dealer in connection with his trade. Resolved, To forward the letter to Mr. F. W. Taylor, the Veterinary Inspector of the Borough under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and to call the attention of the Medical Officer of Health to the provisions of the Order above-mentioned relating to the cleansing and disinfection of premises used for the detention of Swine.

3—Bus Licence—An application having been received from Mrs E. Martin, of the Midland Temperance Hotel, for a licence to ply for hire with an Omnibus between the Midland Station and the North end of the Promenade or Pittville Gates, which she would run every 15 or 30 minutes, at 1d. fare to the Colonnade and 2d. to the Pittville Gates, Resolved, To enquire if Mrs. Martin is aware that the Omnibus Co. is still running an Omnibus from the Colonnade to the Midland Railway Station, and to inform her that the Council are of opinion that one Omnibus would be quite inadequate for the service she proposes.

4—Drivers more than once Convicted —Pursuant to the resolution of this Committee at their last meeting, the following Licensed Drivers, who had been more than once convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within twelve months, appeared to show cause why, their licences should not be revoked, viz.:—Thomas Roach and Arthur Gardner, who were cautioned as to their future behaviour, and William P. Jones, with regard to whom it was Resolved, To defer consideration of the case until the next meeting of the Committee.

5--Report of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee—This Committee reported that they had had meetings on the 26th of September last and on the 21st inst., when there were present on both occasions Alderman Haddon, Councillor Hayward, The Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson, and on the second occasion The Mayor.

Curator's Report—The Curator reported that up to the 26th of September last there had been 6994 visits made to the Gallery since the last meeting.

That the contents of the four cases received on Loan from the South Kensington Museum had been exchanged for objects on Metal Work, Woodwork, and Embroideries on July 24th, 6 Oil Paintings were received to replace the 6 returned, and the entire loan had been insured for the sum of £1652 16s. 6d.

That the second Historical Series of Water-Colour Paintings was received from South Kensington Museum on August 15th, and they would remain on Exhibition until October 31st. They were insured for £1300.

That a selection of 146 Museum Specimens had been made from the Prehistoric Stone and Flint Implements in accordance with the wishes of the donor, Cornelius E. Cardew, Esq. They had been temporarily placed on Exhibition in a glass case in the Reference Library.

That the portrait by J. Downman, lent by Mr. G. H. Bayley, had been returned at his request on July 8th.

That the 7 Oil Paintings, lent by Rev. W. H. Isaacs, were returned on August the 31st.

That two applications had been made to copy pictures.

That the following gifts had been made to the Museum, viz., Anonymous —7 Bronze Tokens, 2 Silver Tokens, and 7 Bronze Greek Coins.

That the sum of £2 4s. 10d. had been received for the Sale of Catalogues.

That a letter had been received from the Board of Education, stating that a sum of £1500 had been taken in their estimates as a grant towards and in the purchase of Objects by Local Museums in connection with the Board or established under the Public Libraries Act, and in case this Committee desired to take advantage of the aid thus offered they would have to make an application. Resolved. To recommend as follows, viz.:--That the Curator be instructed to make application for a grant to the extent of £25 for the purchase of Objects, and that he be requested to ascertain from the Board if they would be prepared to recommend what should be purchased, or whether it would be desirable to send someone on behalf of the Committee to make a selection, to enable the Curator to fill up the list of Objects which it is desired to purchase and which has to accompany the application.

That the proposal of the Public Library Committee that this Committee should pay half the cost of a ladder for use in the Library and the Gallery be agreed to.

That Alderman Haddon and the Curator be authorised to obtain a Visitors' Book and a desk for the same, the latter to be also used for storing Catalogues, Labels, &c.

That the use of the Gallery be granted to the Public Library Committee for four illustrated lectures to be delivered by Lecturers from South Kensington upon Art, and that half the cost of the lectures be defrayed by this Committee.

That an iron gate be fixed in the doorway in Chester Walk and locked each night, and that a tender from R. E. & C. Marshall to supply and fix same for £9 10s. 0d. be accepted.

That the Curator be directed to apply to the Board of Education at South Kensington to know if they would send another set of pictures on loan in exchange for those now on loan from them; and

That while disclaiming any responsibility or liability a claim for 10s 6d, made by Mr. H. A. Howman, be paid for the loss of an sunshade deposited in the stand at the Gallery by his wife at the request of the Custodian when entering to visit the Gallery, and which was missing when she left it.

Resolved, That the resolutions and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted except as regards the acceptance of a tendon for providing and fixing an iron gate in the entrance from Chester Walk, the consideration of which be adjourned for further information from the Sub-Committee.

6-Telephone Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that they had had a meeting on the 1st inst, when there were present Councillors Baker, Hayward, Parsonage and Preston.

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Councillor Hayward having informed the Committee what he had ascertained as to the terms upon which the National Telephone Company had in some towns been granted Underground Wayleaves and as to what had been done in other towns with regard to the establishment of Municipal Telephone Exchanges, it was Resolved, To recommend that Mr. A. R. Bennett be employed to advise the Council at a fee of £21, together with railway fares and other out-of-pocket expenses, with regard to the establishment in Cheltenham of a Municipal Telephone Undertaking by the Council for the Cheltenham Telephone Area. Resolved, That the recommendation above-mentioned be approved and adopted.

7- Lansdown Place—Resolved, 'co instruct the Borough Surveyor to fix name plates at each end of this street.

8--Telephone between Town Clerk's Office and the Art Gallery--The Town Clerk having suggested the convenience of a telephone connection with his office on the occasions of the meetings of the Council in the Art Gallery, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make arrangements for the installation of a private connection.

9- Pawnbroker's Certificate—Resolved, To accede to an application of Mr. H. Higgins, of No. 326, High Street, for renewal of his certificate authorising the grant to him of a licence to carry on the business of Pawnbroker.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of October, 1901—Present Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Davies, and Moles (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman. Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Montpellier Baths—The Time Table and Tariff having been settled, Resolved. To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have same printed for distribution and publication at the Baths.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of October, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Bennett, R. Davies, and Hayward (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

3- Chairman— In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

4—Montpellier Baths— The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £470 8s. 7d., and the amount paid, exclusive of interest and sinking fund, was £337 19s. 3d.

5—Alstone Baths —The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £308 4s. 10d., and the amount paid, exclusive of interest and sinking fund, was £286 16s. 0d. Resolved, That these Baths be closed during the months of October to March inclusive, except as follow; viz.: —The cleansing baths to be open on Fridays after noon, on Saturdays for the whole day, and on Sundays from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

6-Gifts to Recreation Grounds --Resolved, to send the thanks of the Council to the Central Tennis Club through Mr. Pates, Secretary to the Club, for the gift of 16 Tennis Balls to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and to insert a paragraph advertisement in the "Echo" inviting similar gifts for use at the Recreation Grounds.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of October, 1901—Present : Councillors Hayward and Preston ; The Baron de Ferrieres, The Rev. F. Evans, and Messrs. Evan Butler, Cresswell, and Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that £3 17s. 9d. had been received during the past month, and that the following presentations had been made to the Library, viz.:—

| | Vol |
|------------------------|-----|
| The Baron de Ferrieres | 4 |
| Sir Brook Kay, Bart. | 1 |
| Mr. J. C. Hopkins | 1 |

2—School of Art Notice Board--Resolved, To call the attention of the Governors of the Grammar School to the dilapidated condition of this Board, and to suggest that it should be re-painted and lettered at a cost of about £3 10s. 0d. That if the Governors concur in this suggestion, this Committee will be glad to know if they will have it carried out or authorise this Committee to carry it out for them.

3- Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended that three new gas mantles and chimneys be provided for the Leckhampton Branch, and that Mrs. Brooks be appointed cleaner at the Leckhampton Branch at 3s 6d per week wages. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Saturday, the 9th day of November, 1901.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of October, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Street Projections--Resolved, To accede to an application received from the Public Benefit Boot Company to fix half a dozen small lamps outside the front of No. 379, High Street, subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height and projection, and if advertising lamps that they be kept alight until 10 o'clock each night.

2----Grafton Road—In reply to a letter from Major-General Cox complaining of the state of this road, Resolved, To inform him that the work of repairing the road is in progress.

3—Private Improvement Works in Ewlyn Road—A letter from Mr. J. Weaver was read objecting to the apportionment of the cost of the private improvement works in the Ewlyn Road in respect of the frontage thereto of his property known as No. 1, Fairfield Villas on the following grounds, viz., That Ewlyn Road is a side road only to his premises and leads to houses recently built for which the road was made ; that in laying out some land for building, Mr. Dix, the owner of the land, altered the level of the road by taking away a portion of the metal to the Langdon Road close by, leaving the Ewlyn Road in very bad condition ; that the road is a necessity to the other abutting owners, but only of secondary service to himself, and in settling the apportionment regard should have been had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by the premises belonging to himself and the other abutting owners respectively. Resolved, To inform Mr. Weaver that the Committee regret they are now unable to make any variation of the apportionment as between himself and the other abutting owners.

A letter from Mr. S. B. Dix was read objecting to the apportionment on the following grounds, viz., That the street or road was not a street within the meaning of the Act; that the cost was excessive, and proper care was not exercised in the supervision ; that he was not served with notice to repair ; that as regards crossing adjoining Yewdale, he had no land upon which the crossing abutted, as he received no consideration from the users of the (branch) road for the use thereof and they were under contract to keep the road in repair.

He also objected generally that the works were carried out carelessly, extravagantly, and wastefully, and also that he was not liable in any case. Resolved, That the Council sees no reason to vary the apportionment.

4-Terminal Charges of the Great Western Railway Company—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 11th of June last, a letter from the Great Western Railway Company was read stating that the rates charged upon traffic forwarded to Cheltenham for the Corporation do not include the services of loading and unloading, and that under those circumstances, and having regard to the fact that the Company by an exceptional arrangement practically bore the cost of construction of that portion of the siding situate upon the Company's land, the Company were unable to accede to the request of the Corporation that a rebate should be made for such services. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to reply that the claim is not made in respect of the services above mentioned, but that the Corporation consider that they are entitled to an allowance in respect of the saving to the Company in not having to provide the accommodation which they would have to provide if the Corporation had no siding of their own.

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5—Asphalt near The Cleeve, Hewlett Road—A letter was read from Mrs. S. M. Marshall calling attention to the broken state of the asphalt close to her garden gate damaged by the erection of the electric light lamp post. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Marshall that the asphalt will be repaired as soon as the cable has been laid and the connections made.

6—Trees in front of New Club—A letter was read from Messrs. Heath and Son on behalf of the Committee of the New Club, requesting that the branches of the trees overhanging the lawn in front of the Club should be cut. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Heath and Son that the Borough Surveyor has had instructions to do what is necessary to comply with their request.

7-Paving in Gloucester Road near No. 5, Malvern View Villas—A letter was read from Mr. F. Jenkins complaining of the Borough Surveyor having enquired of him if he had anything to say why proceedings should not be taken against him for having opened up the paving in the Gloucester Road. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and to inform Mr. Jenkins that he had no right to open up the footpath without notice or permission.

8---Road at back of Needwood House, Clarence Square—In reply to a letter from Mrs. Webb, Resolved, To inform her that the work promised to be done in this road has been completed.

9--Tree near Saxham—A letter from Mrs. Parr was read asking that the branches of the tree on the left side of the drive up to the front door of her house might be cut away. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Parr that the Borough Surveyor has been instructed to do what is necessary to comply with her request.

10--Old Bath Road Improvement—A letter was read from Messrs. Bubb and Co. with which they forwarded the copy of an Agreement made between Messrs. H. Jordan, J. Villar and S. W. Jordan of the one part and Mr. H. W. Holliday of the other part relating to the widening of this road and restrictive building covenants to affect land belonging to them abutting thereon. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned

11— Private Improvement Works in Street West Side of St. John's Schools—With reference to the protest received from Mr. W. P. Hume with regard to the amount apportioned to be paid by him of the cost of executing these works, Resolved, That the resolution to Minute No. 21 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 30th of September last be varied as follows, viz., that the amount to be paid by Mr Hume in respect of the Nurseries be £12 3s. 9d. instead of £22 3s. 9d., and the amount to be charged to the Corporation in respect of the Schools be £15 instead of £5.

12-Private Improvement Works Charged to the Corporation--Resolved, To request the Finance Committee in future in settling the estimates to allocate a sum to this Committee to cover the cost of Private Improvement Works which have to be borne by the Corporation.

13—Fire Escape—Resolved, That the site for the existing Fire Escape be in the Leckhampton Road adjacent to the enclosure in front of the Norwood Arms.

14—Stile on Hatherley Side of Reddings Railway Crossing - A letter from the Clerk to the Badgeworth Parish Council was read calling attention to the inconvenient construction of the stile erected by the Great Western Railway Company on the Hatherley side of the Reddings crossing. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to call the attention of the Joint Committee of the Great Western and Midland Railway Companies to the matter.

15- Apportionments of the Cost of Private Improvement Works in Marle Hill Road and Oxford Passage—The Borough Surveyor re-reported that the cost of carrying out these Works amounted respectively to £156 3s. 11d. and £68 6s. 5d., and which said sums were due from the respective owners according to their several frontages. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that notices of such apportionments and of demand be served on the owners affected.

16—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways --The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending October 24th, 1901, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—High Street, opposite Messrs. Lance and Co.'s, opposite New Bank, opposite Belle Vue Hotel, 2,095 super yards ; Pittville Street, 934 super yards ; Norwood Road, 1,500 super yards.

Patching—Ambrose Street, Gloucester Road, Lansdown Road, Queen's Road, Sandfield Road, High Street, Alston, Lane, Queen's Parade, Queen's Circus, Western Road, Promenade, and London Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Slone—Lansdown Crescent (proceeding), St. Paul's Lane. Patching—Parabola Road, Lansdown Road, Lower Park Street, Henrietta Street, Malvern Road, Princes Street, Worcester Street, Sherborne Place, Victoria Place.

Private Improvements—Oxford Passage finished.

Trees Pruned In—Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place, Sydenham Villas, Keynsham Road (proceeding), Oakfield Street, Montpellier Parade, Montpellier Terrace, near Glenlee.

Kerb, Crossing, Channel, and Paving —Mitre Street, Clarence Street, Fairview Road, Winchcomb Street, North Street, Lansdown Road, St. Margaret's Road, Queen's Parade, Suffolk Parade, Grafton Road, Sandford Road, Oriol Road, Tivoli Road, Queen's Road, Lower High Street, Gloucester Road, Sandford Street, Hewlett Road, Promenade, Rose and Crown Passage, Royal Well Place, St. George's Place, Andover Road, Imperial Square, St. George's Road, Regent Street, Rodney Road, Ormond Place.

Oxford Passage—The old paving had been taken up and replaced with tar macadam.

Ashes collection and Disposal-941 loads collected, 870 loads weighing 815 tons 14 cwt. 2 qrs. consumed at the Destructor.

Slab Factory—During the last fortnight the men had made slabs of all the sizes for which the machine was arranged, and were then making very good slabs at the rate of about 350feet per day. Some slight difficulty had been experienced in making the kerb blocks, consequent upon the fact that the manufacturers had not before adapted the machinery to such large blocks. They were then making a new part to meet the difficulty.

17—Building Plans —Resolved, To approve the following plans of proposed buildings as regards position and construction, viz.:—

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|---------------------|--|
| 1463 | Charles Mackay | Dwelling house above yard at Portland Street Mews |
| 1464 | Bellamy and Bendall | Five semi-detached villas, Naunton Lane. |
| 1465 | F. W. Strange | Pair of semi-detached villas, Kensington Avenue, Glencairn Estate. |
| 1466 | A. E. Hill | Pair of semi-detached villas, Glencairn Park Estate. |

1467 G. Moore Pair of semi-detached villas, Glencairn Park Estate.
1468 Mr. Perks Bath-room at rear of No. 10, Lansdown Terrace.
WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of October, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lawrence and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Existing Line of the Light Railway—Mr. Nevins, the Chairman of the Light Railway Company, attended the meeting and agreed as a condition precedent to the consent of the Council being given to the proposed extension of the line to Charlton Kings and Leckhampton that he would put the existing track into such a condition as should be required by the Committee, and it was Resolved to instruct the Borough Surveyor and Electrical Engineer to report as to what works of amendment and alteration the Company should be required to carry out. Mr. Nevins also agreed conditional as above mentioned to certain modifications of the fares now charged and to construct additional lines and passing places to improve the service.

2—Extensions—The terms relating to the extensions themselves upon which the Council would consent thereto were then discussed with Mr. Nevins and agreed upon, and it was Resolved, That a draft be prepared of an Agreement to be entered into by the Council and the Company embodying the terms referred to both as regards the existing line and the extensions to be submitted to this Committee for approval at their next meeting.

J. WAG HORNE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Thursday, the 31st day of October, 1901—Present The Mayor; Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Lawrence, Parsonage, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, The Mayor was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

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2-Town Hall The following Tenders were received for the erection of the Town Hall, viz. :—

| No. | Name | Estimate No. 1 | | Estimate No. 2 | | Estimate No. 3 | | Total | | Time months |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|-------|----------------|---------|----------------|-------------|----------|------|----------------|
| | | £ | s. d. | £ s. | d | £ s. d. | £ s | d. | | |
| 1 | Williamson & Co. | Nottingham | 25825 | 0 0 | 4500 | 0 | 2121 0 0 | 28396 0 | 0 .. | 18 |
| 2 | Bowers & Co. | Hereford | 26262 | 0 0 | 494 10. | 0 | 2038 10 0 | 28795 0 | 0 .. | 33 |
| 3 | Collins & Godfrey | Tewkesbury. | 26867 | 0 0 | 455 0 | 0 | 1988 0 0 | 29310 0 | 0 .. | 23 |
| 4 | Beavon, A. J. | Bristol | 27300 | 0 0 | 550 0 | 0 | 1970 0 0 | 29820 0 | 0 .. | 12 |
| 5 | Warburton S. | Manchester | 27500 | 0 0 | 410 0 | 0 | 2040 0 0 | 29950 0 | 0 .. | 18 |
| 6 | Willcock & Co. | Wolverh'pt'n | 27960 | 0 0 | 556 17 | 0 | 2259 0 0 | 30795 17 | 0 .. | 24 |
| 7 | Estcourt & Sons | Gloucester .. | 28175 | 0 0 | 530 0 | 0 | 2200 0 0 | 30905 0 | 0 .. | 26 |
| 8 | Maple & Co., Ltd. | London | 28400 | 0 0 | 522 0 | 0 | 2070 0 0 | 30992 0 | 0 .. | 15 |
| 9 | Parnell & Son | Rugby.. | 28622 | 0 0 | 455 0 | 0 | 2143 0 0 | 31220 0 | 0 .. | 18 |
| 10 | Hodson & Son | Nottingham .. | 28810 | 0 0 | 528 0 | 0 | 2080 0 0 | 31418 0 | 0 .. | 24 |
| 11 | Broad, Thos | Malvern | 29536 | 0 0 | 423 18 | 10 | 1471 5 4 | 3(431 0 | 0 .. | 24 |
| 12 | Hughes, Merton R | Birmingham.. | 28850 | 0 0 | 500 0 | 0 | 2160 0 0 | 31510 0 | 0 .. | 24 |
| 13 | Bloxham, W. J. | Banbury . | 30000 | 0 0 | 500 0 | 0 | 2300 0 | 32800 0 | 0 .. | 20 |
| 14 | Patrick, J. & M. | London .. | 30563 | 0 0 | 450 0 | 0 | 1800 0 0 | 32813 0 | 0 .. | 18 |
| 15 | Jones, Wm. | Gloucester .. | 29980 | 0 0 | 560 0 | 0 | 2570 0 0 | 33110 0 | 0 .. | 30 |
| 16 | Gibbs, H. W. | Kings Heath .. | 30500 | 0 0 | 500 0 | 0 | 2200 0 0 | 33200 0 | 0 .. | 22 |
| 17 | Norris & Son | Ascot .. | 31493 | 0 0 | 725 0 | 0 | 2000 0 0 .. | 34218 0 | 0 .. | 18 |
| 18 | Pollard, H. W. | Bridgwater .. | 31923 | 0 0 | 633 0 | 0 | 2015 0 0 .. | 34571 0 | 0 .. | 21 |
| 19 | King & Sons | Gloucester . | 33530 | 0 0 | 670 0 | 0 | 2287 0 0 .. | 36487 0 | 0 .. | 30 |

Resolved, That the Tenders be adjourned for further consideration.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 1901—

Present; The Mayor ; Aldermen Colonel Rogers and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Parsonage, Hayward, Gurney, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair).

3—Town Hall—Mr. Waller attended this Meeting. Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Collins and Godfrey be accepted subject to their undertaking to complete the work within 20 months, security to the satisfaction of the Committees being given for the due performance of the contract, and the penalty for non-completion in Clause 24 of the form of contract to be altered to £100 a week.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of October, 1901—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday: Baker, Brown and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

Electrical Inspector's Report— The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month as follows ;--

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1901 | | |
| Oct. 9th ... | 200 Volts. | 210 Volts. |
| " 17th.. | " | " |
| " 23rd | " | " |

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

| 1901 | | 1901 | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. |
|----------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Oct. 9th | 16.81 candles | Oct. 9th—10 th | 9.93 |
| " 17th | 15.18 " | | |
| " 23rd | <u>15.86 "</u> | | |
| | Average .. 15.95 | Average. | |

3— Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows, viz. :—Ordinary lamps with 4.25 ft. burners, 4.2926 cubic feet; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 incandescent burners, 4.733 cubic feet ; ordinary lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, 3.555 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was; produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished, 2 metered, 3 unmetered, and 2 burning dimly ; and it incandescent lamps extinguished.

5—Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that the steam trials of No. 2 turbo-alternator were very satisfactory, and that this machine was then in course of erection at the Works; also that all other work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had progressed satisfactorily.

Applications for electric supply to The Uplands, Malvern Road, and to a house to be built in the Hatherley Road just beyond Hatherley Court had been received the costs of these extensions would be £45 and £105. A small extension in the Promenade to connect the distributing main behind the Long Garden direct with Imperial Square sub-station had been necessary, and, to save cutting a second trench across the Promenade, he had laid this cable with the authorised arc lighting mains; the cost was £30.

He recommended that they approve the extension required for giving electric supply to The Uplands, and that they approve the Hatherley Road extension subject to Mr. Phelps guaranteeing a minimum revenue of £20 annually for three years.

Application for supply through a special meter had been received from Messrs. Triggs and Co., who rent an office on the premises of one of the customers at 11, Promenade. The number of lamps was only 3, and the cost of installing a second meter on these premises would be about £6, or £8 10s if a second demand indicator was also fixed. He recommended that in regard to cases of this kind meters to sub-tenants should not be provided free of charge but that a small meter rent of 2s per

quarter for the energy meter and 1s per quarter for the demand indicator should be charged to any such customer.

With reference to Messrs. Collins and Godfrey's letter of the 12th inst. in which they stated that they considered that the leaky pump was responsible for all the moisture, that their workmen failed to find any leakage arising from their work, and that it was only when the pump was in use that the water collected, but that they would be pleased to meet the Committee on the spot, he was of opinion that the principal leakage then occurred from or under (it is impossible to say which) the cast iron tank. This tank was considerably strained when the floor lifted underneath it, and until next summer it would be impossible to give up the line of the condensing plant for a sufficient time to repair the floor underneath the tank, or the joints in the bottom of the tank, as the case might be. For this leakage, from whichever cause, the construction of the chamber was undoubtedly responsible; it was most when the pumps were in use because the vibration set up in the tank periodically gave an outlet to the water underneath it.

He considered that, in view of the large quantity of water all round the chamber and the impossibility of then rebuilding the chamber properly, it would be best to excavate round the outside walls and fill in with broken stone, brick, or equivalent, above a bottom drain connected to the present drain to the Chelt. Further, he thought that the floor surface should be made plane with a slight drop to the sump; the floor surface then allowed the collection of water in pools. When this had been done he could fix a small wall pump in the engine room and easily keep the sump clear of water and the condensing chamber floor fairly dry.

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Resolved, That the action of the Electrical Engineer in making the extension to connect the distributing main behind the Long Garden in the Promenade direct with the sub-station in Imperial Square be approved. That his recommendations with regard to the extensions to The Uplands and in the Hatherley Road be approved and adopted, except that Mr. Phelps be offered the alternative of guaranteeing a minimum of £12 annually for 5 years. That his recommendation as to meter charges to be made to sub-consumers be approved and adopted, and That with regard to the condensing chamber, consideration of the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer be adjourned and Messrs. Collins and Godfrey be informed that the Committee will arrange to meet them on the spot as suggested in their letter.

6—Lighting of The Park—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mrs. Tuttle calling attention to the desirability of improving the lighting of The Park by increasing the number of gas lamps and fitting them with incandescent burners.

7—Electric Power Bill—The Town Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Town Clerk of Gloucester with reference to the action which should be adopted by the Corporations of Cheltenham and Gloucester with regard to the promotion by a syndicate of a Bill in Parliament to enable them to supply electric energy over an area which comprised the Forest of Dean, the Stroud Valley, and the Boroughs and Rural Districts of Gloucester and Cheltenham. That the Town Clerk of Gloucester had written to the promoters' solicitors stating that his Corporation would feel bound to oppose any Bill for obtaining powers over an area including or affecting Gloucester or its immediate neighbourhood, and suggesting that the promoters should limit their area so as not to include

Gloucester, by which the promoters would only have to deal with those interested in the Forest of Dean and the Stroud Valley districts, for whose benefit the scheme was presumably formulated, but if experience should show that the promoters would be able to supply electricity in bulk to the Corporations of Gloucester and Cheltenham at a lower price or otherwise more advantageously than the Corporations could provide it themselves, the Corporations might at any time reconsider the matter and if deemed advisable assent to or concur in an application for extending the area over which powers were given in the first instance.

To which letter the Town Clerk of Gloucester had, with the approval of the Chairman of this Committee, added a postscript that the Corporation of Cheltenham would concur in the views expressed therein.

In reply to this, a letter was received by the Town Clerk of Gloucester from the solicitors to the promoters a copy of which they had sent to the Town Clerk informing him that the promoters intended to accept a recommendation made to them that for the present the areas of the Corporations and Rural Districts of either Gloucester or Cheltenham should not be included within the limits of the area of supply to be comprised in their scheme. Resolved, That this Council is in full accord with the Council of the City of Gloucester in the action they have taken in the matter.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of October, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Report of the Waterworks Engineer—The Waterworks Engineer reported that on the 24th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 52 gallons per minute, the average for the last three years being 48 gallons and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 17,726,656 gallons.

On the 23rd instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 14ft. in depth, and the contents 22,129,662 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then 108,796 gallons, giving a total storage of 41,816,368 gallons, or about 48 days' supply.

That an application had been received for a supply to two houses in Swindon Road near the South end of the Midland Railway Bridge. This would involve an extension of the main at a cost of about £20, and the revenue would cover the statutory return.

That the Electric Light Department had a boiler for sale at the price of £210, and having regard to its value he recommended its purchase for use at Tewkesbury Works. There was ample space and one additional boiler would be a great convenience and assist in preventing smoke.

Resolved, That the extension of the main in the Swindon Road above referred to be carried out, and that subject to the Chairman and Water Engineer being satisfied as to the condition of the boiler and

with the last report of the Inspector of the Boiler Insurance Company thereon, the Lighting Committee be offered £200 for the boiler.

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2-Alterations at Salts Farm louse —A letter was read from Mr. James Villar claiming on behalf of Miss Raisher compensation for the inconvenience and expense she had been put to in having to leave the farm hoops owl premises which she rented of the Corporation, the tenancy of which expired on the 29th ulto., the premises having been taken possession of on the 9th of July last, when the roofs were pulled off and building works had been going on ever since, so that it was impossible for her to live in the premises, and as there was rent due from her on the 29th ulto., he suggested that she should be allowed a portion of it to compensate her. Resolved, To inform Mr. Villar that having regard to the arrangements under which Miss Raisher desired to determine her tenancy and which were acceded to at her own request, the Council consider she has no ground for making any claim for compensation,

3-Appeals—The appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted,

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of October, 1901— Present : The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1— Edging Stones to Crave Space 2749, Sec. P—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter from Mrs. Steventon was read, stating that kerb stones were placed round the grave space with the approval of the authorities and that they had been removed, and she asked for them to be replaced, that evidently there had been a mistake and she asked for its rectification. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Steventon that after making inquiry the Board have been unable to find that any stones have been round the grave space referred to for the past 20 years or more.

2— Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz., Headstones to Mary Burt Folliott, William Henry Lacey William and Sarah Maslin, Joseph Mill Cook, Albert Winter, William Flock, and John William Flock, Appointment to Elinor Evans.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of October, 1901—Present : Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Parsonage and Lawrence (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1-Annual Statement of Accounts—In reply to a letter received from the Rev. J. Lochhead and thirteen other ratepayers, expressing their opinion that it was of importance to have the Annual Statement of Accounts of the Corporation audited and circulated at the earliest date practicable, and requesting the Council in future to have their accounts audited and published for circulation early in July each year, so that before the November elections the finances of the town may be brought to the notice of the electors. Resolved, That the Committee are satisfied that the Borough Accountant has prepared and published the Abstract of Accounts this year with the greatest expedition possible, considering the complex and voluminous nature of the statistics. They are, however, sanguine that through the greater promptitude with which the necessary accounts are now furnished by the Trading Departments, the Borough Accountant will be enabled to publish the abstract at a much earlier date in future.

The Committee would, moreover, point out to the writers that a full abstract of the receipts and payments in respect of the rates appears in the Public Press every year in April or May prior to the Budget Meeting.

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2-Corporation Insurance --The Borough Accountant presented a Statement of the Policies of Insurance effected by the Council with various Companies, specifying the amounts thereof and the premiums payable, which amounted in the aggregate to £163 15s. 6d. per annum. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter to enable each member of the Committee to peruse the Statement, and that the same be passed on from one to another in turn for that purpose.

3—Allotments Collector --The Borough Accountant reported that Mr. R. H. Smith, the Collector of the East Ward Allotments Rents had failed, and that he appeared to have collected about £6 19s. 6d.

4—Security of Officials--Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be requested to obtain the guarantee of a Society to be approved by the Committee to the extent of £500, the premium to be paid by the Council, and that in future the security to be required front any official of the Council whose duties may involve the disposal of any moneys of the Corporation, shall be the guarantee of an approved Society, and the premiums for the same shall be paid by the Council.

5—Investment of Sinking Fund--Resolved, Subject to approval by the Town Clerk of the security to lend from £8,000 to £10,000 to the Corporation of the Borough of Rotherham at 3 5/8 per cent. interest.

6—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th October on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £3,209 16s. 4d., leaving outstanding £17,733 18s. 11d.

7--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 £13,137 12s. 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 1st October last | £57,088 13 6 | |
| Paid since that date | <u>£17,311 10 7</u> | |
| | £74,400 4 1 | |
| Received since that date | <u>£ 8,464 1 8</u> | |
| | £65,936 2 5 | |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure | | £ 5,097 1 4 |
| Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts | | <u>£60,839 1 1</u> |
| | | £65,936 2 5 |

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of October, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; and Councillor Preston (Councillor Preston 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 41 schools, from which 739 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 90 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 8 meetings ; that 16 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 under the Bye-Laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. :— Joseph Haines, Emily Griffin, Willie McCarthy, Elsie Walkley, Florrie Aston, Herbert Green, Lilly Nash, James Hall, Reginald Clapton, Ethel Onione, and Albert Driver. Also Resolved, That proceedings be taken against the employers of Joseph Haines.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 2nd day of December, 1901.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of November, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--Chairman--Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting the following cases of infectious disease had been notified, viz, 7 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Erysipelas ; that the cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria had all been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of Corporation cases then in the Delancey Hospital was 9 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

3 - Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 37, Russell Street, Windsor Lodge, Prestbury Road, No. 4, Stoneville Street, No. 11, Great Western Terrace, Brunswick Cottage, Malthouse Lane, No. 18, Albert Street, St. Paul's, No. 31, Worcester Street, and Nos. 10, 12 and 20, Courtenay Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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.

4- -Nuisance from Drains, &c, at No. 25, Albert Place, No. 41, Rosehill Street, and Nos. 3 and 5, Courtenay 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.

5 - Insanitary Property at Nos. 19 and 37, Russell Street, No. 27, Sherborne Street, Windsor Lodge, Prestbury Road, No.4, Stoneville Street, No. 25, St. Paul's Street, South, No. 38, Waterloo Street, Hereford Cottage, No. 32, Naunton Crescent, and No. 10, Courtenay 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, yard paving, and rain water pipes, &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.

6--Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 8, Victoria Place, Fairview—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the cleansing and disinfecting of this house, or part thereof, would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion notice be served on the owner or owners and occupier to cleanse and disinfect the house within the time specified in such notice.

7—Insufficient w.c. Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances having reported that at Nos. 32 and 33, Waterloo Street and Nos. 1 and 2, Rehoboth Place, Swindon Road, there was only one w.c. for the four houses in which there were 19 occupants, Resolved, That it appearing to the Council by the report of their Inspector of Nuisances that three of the houses above-mentioned are without a sufficient water closet, Notice under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner or respective owners thereof within a time therein Nu, to provide a sufficient water closet for each house.

8—Smoke Nuisance—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had observed dense black smoke issuing from the chimney of the Union Workhouse in such a quantity as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Board of Guardians requiring them to abate the nuisance forthwith.

9—Assistant Inspector—A letter from Mr. H. J. Morgan, one of the Assistant Inspectors in the Health Department, was read, stating that he had been appointed by the Derby Corporation as District Sanitary Inspector in that Borough, and that in consequence he resigned his post and desired to cease his duties here as soon as convenient. Resolved, To instruct the Medical Officer to arrange with Mr. Morgan as to the termination of his engagement, and to express the satisfaction of the Council with the manner in which he has performed his duties, and to congratulate him upon his appointment to Derby.

Also Resolved, To authorise the Medical Officer of Health to engage an Assistant Inspector in place of Mr. Morgan at a salary commencing at 10s per week to increase annually 2s per week up to a maximum of 20s per week.

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 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.

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—Farms Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Skillicorne and Councillors M. Davis, Lawrence and Parsonage do constitute the Farms Sub-Committee.

13--Sewage Disposal—A letter from the Clerk to the County Council was read, giving formal notice under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876, in pursuance of a resolution of the County Council, passed at a meeting held on the 21st of October, that if within six months from the 21st October, 1901, effective steps are not taken by the Cheltenham Corporation to remedy the nuisance caused by their sewage flowing into the Hatherley Brook and the Chelt proceedings in the matter would be

taken under that Act by the County Council in pursuance of Sec. 14 of the Local Government Act, 1888.

The Borough Surveyor having stated that his report would be ready in two or three weeks, Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending completion by the Borough Surveyor of his report, and to instruct the Town Clerk to send to the Staverton Parish Council a copy of his letter to the County Council of date the 28th October.

A letter from Mr. J. Buckle, of Charlton Kings, was read, offering to take the sewage from the mouth of the sewer, and to undertake to irrigate hundreds of acres of land per year, and for £100 a year he would undertake to purify the Chelt and attend to the sewage.

14-Lighting of Mortuary—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have facilities provided for gas lighting inside the Mortuary and outside the entrance thereto.

15-Sewer in Hayward's Road—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of an application from Mr. T. W. Smith, of Exmouth Street, to provide an extension of a sewer in Hayward's Road to receive the drainage from 23 houses about to be erected on the Cheltenham side of it.

16-Damage to No. 1, St. George's Parade from Chelt Works—A letter from the Rev. J. E. Walker was read, calling attention to the damage done to the offices of the local branch of the R.S.P.C.A., the foundations of which had been weakened by the Chelt works, rendering it necessary to shore up the wall of the house. The drainage had also been interfered with. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to do whatever is necessary to rectify any injury that has been done to the property.

17— Chelt Clearing—Tile Borough Surveyor reported that in connection with the provision of crossings and storm overflows in the main sewer near Royal Crescent it had been found that the sand and debris had accumulated to a considerable extent, and there was then about 2ft. in thickness in some parts of the Chelt more than when the work was contemplated.

It had also been discovered that the water had scoured the soil from under the walls to a serious and even dangerous extent, so that for a length of fifty feet the arch supporting the roadway was dependent entirely upon the adhesion of the mortar, the side wall being suspended from the springing of the arch instead of supporting it.

The portion of the road under which the arch was defective had been closed for traffic, a portion of the dangerous wall had been underpinned and arrangements had been made for carrying on the work of strengthening the remainder, the cost of which would be considerable, but he was not then able to give any reliable estimate of the amount.

The Committee having paid a visit of inspection, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to proceed forthwith with the work of strengthening the wall of the arch as mentioned in the report.

18—Building Plans—The following plans of proposed new buildings were laid before the Committee:—

| No. of plan. | Name. | Description |
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| 1469 | G. B. Dale | Pair of semi-detached Cottages at bottom of Gordon Road. |
| 1470 | T. W. Smith | Six houses in Hayward's Road. |

Resolved, That No. 1469 be not approved, but that as regards drainage and other sanitary matters No. 1470 be approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of November, 1901—Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, King-Harman, Lawrence, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

19—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the number of cases of infectious disease notified since the last meeting had been as follows, viz.:—5 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever ; that the cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria had all been sent into the Delancey Hospital and that the number of Corporation cases then in the Delancey Hospital were 12 of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria.

20--- House without a Proper Water Supply, viz., Western Lawn, St. George's Road—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 18th instant, that the above remises were without a proper supply of water, 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 to the owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

21—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 19, York Street, 52, Rutland Street, 12, Columbia Street 345 High Street, Portland Inn, Sherborne Street, and 49, St. James's 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.

22-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. .5, Union Street and Nos. 20 and 21 St. Ann's Terrace—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

23-Insanitary Property at Nos. 15 and 62, Rutland Street, 5 and 7, Lower Park Street, 5, Union Street, 46, St. James's Street, 11, York Street, 49, Sherborne Street, and Cottage at back of No. 47, Sherborne 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 house roofs, walls, floors, yard pavings, &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-- Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Manchester Street, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Byelaw No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

25—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.

26—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.

27—Notice not Complied with—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings against the owner of Wellington House, Tewkesbury Road, to compel compliance with a notice served on him to repair the leaky roof of such house.

28--Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 3, Portland Cottages and No. 5, Union Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting, and purifying of these houses, or parts thereof, would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion notice be served on the owner and occupier to cleanse and disinfect the house within the time specified in such notice.

29-Urinals at The Portland Inn, Sherborne Street, and Brewers' Arms, St Paul's Street, South—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such a state as to be a nuisance owing to want of proper water supply and defects of structure Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient continuous water supply for properly flushing the Urinals, and carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

30—Overcrowded Workshop—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a Workshop at Ormond House, Montpellier, had been found to be overcrowded, although the occupier had been previously informed of the number of workmen which the capacity of the room allowed. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied pursuant to Sec. 1 (1) of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1895, and Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the nuisance forthwith, and to instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with it without further notice if necessary.

31-Sewer behind Paragon Buildings—The following tenders were received for the re-construction of this sewer, viz.:—

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| Joe Riley | £102 3 0 |
| Charles Young .. | £105 10 0 |
| Mark Williams & Co. . | £123 14 0 |
| William Cresswell | £125 0 0 |

Resolved, That Mr. Riley's tender be accepted.

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32-Bridge over Chelt at Hayden Farm—A letter was read from Mr. H. Arkell, of Butler's Court, calling attention to the want of repair of this bridge, and intimating that if the Committee thought fit he could get a contract to repair it for about £7. Resolved, That the Council are of opinion that being a public path they are under no liability to repair the bridge, hut, without prejudice, they will contribute £5 towards the cost if Mr. Arkell will undertake to have the repairs thoroughly carried out.

33—Sewer in Hayward's Road--A letter was read from Mr. T. W. Smith, of Exmouth Street, applying to the Council to extend the Sewer in Hayward's Road to receive the drainage of 23 houses about to be erected on the Cheltenham side of it. Resolved, That the application be acceded to provided that the Charlton Kings Urban District Council will agree to the following arrangement, viz., in consideration of their allowing the proposed extension to be connected with the Sewer belonging to them, extending from the London Road nearly half-way along Hayward's Road, this Council will, at their own cost, lay an equal length of sewer along the road from the point where the Charlton Kings Sewer terminates, after which the full length of the two sewers shall be considered as one jointly belonging to the two Authorities with which the houses built, or to be built, on either side of the road may be connected ; but each Authority to maintain and keep in repair the portion of the Sewer which was laid by it.

34--Horse Gear for Chaff Cutting, &C.—The following tenders were received for the horse gear required at the Barn Farm, viz. :—

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| Meats & Co., Limited .. | £13 17 6 |
| R. A. Lister & Co., Limited. | £14 0 0 |
| Kell & Co. | £15 10 0 |
| Executors of J. Fisher .. | £20 7 0 |

Resolved, To accept the tender of Messrs. Meats & Co., Limited, provided they will supply the intermediate motion delineated by the drawing accompanying the tenders without extra cost, but otherwise to accept the tender of Messrs. R. A. Lister & Co., Limited.

35— Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they had visited the Farms on the 13th instant and had given instructions for the cattle sheds at Haydon Knoll to be thoroughly disinfected and limewashed before receiving cattle for the winter. They recommended the purchase of 5 tons of sharps for feeding purposes at Barn Farm. That H. Brace had succeeded T. Gardner as man in charge. That they recommended the immediate erection of horse gear for chaff

machine, &c., &c., and the purchase of a root pulper. They also specified certain repairs requiring attention in order that sheds might be ready to receive cattle for the winter. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

36— Sewer through Brooklyn, Great Western Road—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 19th of July last, the Borough Surveyor reported he had not been able to arrange terms of settlement of the claim made by Mr. Ballinger for damage caused by sewerage works on this property. Resolved, To offer £10 without prejudice.

37- Attorney-General and another v. the Corporation—A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, Solicitors, was read, stating that the Attorney-General would not be satisfied without being shown that steps had been taken and improvements carried out which actually result in the abating of the nuisance, and suggesting that a full letter should be written detailing what was being done. The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft of a letter which he proposed to write to Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney in reply. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

38—Sewage Disposal—A letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council was read, with which he forwarded a copy of a resolution passed by that Authority, that they considered the report of Col. Jones if acted upon would not remove but would very likely increase the nuisance complained of.

39--Building Plans—Resolved, To approve the following plans of proposed new buildings as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, viz. :—

| No. of Plan | Name | Description |
|-------------|---------------|--|
| 1469 | G. B. Dale | Pair of semi-detached Cottages at bottom end of Gordon Road. |
| 1471 | G. H. Roberts | Four Cottages in Winstonian Terrace, All Saints. |

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward, Parsonage, Packer and Lawrence (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Chairman Resolved. That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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2--Stores Sub-Committee --Resolved, That the following members be reappointed as a Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year: viz.:—Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker and Parsonage.

3—Land at Back of Central Depot—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 15th ult., a letter from Mr. Forty was read accepting the terms of the resolution mentioned. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do prepare an agreement accordingly for execution by Mr. Forty.

4—Street Projections--A Letter from Messrs. Steel Bros. was read asking the consent of the Council to the fixing of three wrought iron brackets for electric light lamps from the fascia of Mr. Kimber's shop, 114, High Street, and also to the fixing of a similar bracket on the fascia or wall of their own premises at Nos. 14 and 15, Montpellier Arcade. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the usual conditions.

5 —Proposed Erection of Pillar Letter Box, London Road—A Letter was read from the Postmaster applying for permission to place a pillar letter box near the Holy Apostles Church, at the corner where Hayward's Road joins the London Road. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

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

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------|--|
| 1469 | G. B. Dale | Pair of semi-detached Cottages, bottom of Gordon Road. |
| 1470 | T. W. Smith | Six Houses, Hayward's Road. |

Resolved, That Plan No. 1469 be not approved, and that No. 1470 be approved as regards position and construction.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of November, 1901—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillor Baker, Bendall, Parsonage, Hayward and Lawrence Councillor Baker in the chair)—

7—View—The following members attended the view meeting on the previous Friday, viz., Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker. Bendall, Lawrence, Packer and Parsonage.

8—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that signs had been put up on the previous day by a representative of Messrs. E. T. Ward & Son, Coal and Oil Merchants, Stroud, at Nos. 141 and 273, High Street, and that he had reason to believe similar ones had been fixed in other parts of the town, but he had not then had sufficient time to locate them. Resolved, That the Street Inspector be instructed to order the removal forthwith of the signs referred to and of any others put up by or on behalf of Messrs. Ward & Son without the permission of the Committee elsewhere in the town as soon as he becomes aware of them.

Resolved, To accede to the application of Mr. Joseph Ayres, Hairdresser, to hang a lamp outside his premises No. 6, Bennington Street, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

9—Tender—A letter from Messrs. Gwinnell and Co. was read with which they sent a copy of their letter referred to in Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 15th of October

last, which they suggested might have been lost sight of, and consequently desired again to bring to the notice of the Committee. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for a month to enable the Borough Surveyor to test samples of cement which had been sent to him from local tradesmen.

10- Private Improvement Works in Ewlyn Road—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 28th of October last and the resolution thereto, a further letter from Mr. Weaver was read appealing to the Council to re-consider their decision having regard to the facts stated by him and to the hardship occasioned to him in consequence of the apportionment having been made in respect of frontage of the respective properties abutting upon the road without regard being had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by any premises from the works. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

11—Private Improvement Works in Street West side of St. John's Schools—With reference to the resolutions to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 28th ulto., a letter from Mr. Hume was read expressing his disappointment that the amount apportioned to be paid by bins had only been reduced by £10 and before paying he asked for a written agreement that the road should be taken over by the Corporation. Resolved, To inform Mr. Hume that the Council are not prepared to accede to his request.

12- Montpellier Parade and Vittoria Walk—In reply to a letter from Mrs. Margrett enquiring when the Improvement work, in these streets would be proceeded with, Resolved, To inform her that the works will be carried out by the Corporation as soon as the necessary financial arrangements have been made, as these streets are included in Schedule F of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, and therefore repairable by the Corporation.

13 --Suffolk Road Improvement—In reply to a letter from Messrs. Beachcroft, Thompson & Co., Solicitors for Mr. Owen's; Trustees, Resolved, That the order for £125 signed in April last be sent to them in payment of the purchase money and costs of the purchase of the strip of land formerly part of the garden of Roderic House.

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14-Lansdown Crescent Road—A letter was read from Mr. G. Newman calling attention to the fact that the repair of the mid of this road near Messrs. Waite and Kite's had not been carried out. Resolved, To inform Mr. Newman that the work would have been completed had it not been for the illness of several residents in the immediate neighbourhood, and that it will be now proceeded with without delay.

15 — Road back of Bayshill Terrace—A letter from Mr T. Lewis was read calling attention to the bad state of this road, which was injuring his trade, his customers refusing to come to his house, the road being so dirty. Resolved, That the Committee regret that Mr. Lewis has been caused any inconvenience, and to inform him that the road shall be put in order forthwith, the sewerage works being now completed.

16--Trees in front of No. 3, Ashling Villas—A letter was read from Mrs. Nest asking that one of two large trees in front of her house should be removed. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Nest that the trees have been pruned and lopped, which the Committee think will abate the nuisance she complains of.

17---Corporation Veterinary Surgeon—Resolved, To reappoint Mr. F. W. Taylor as the Corporation veterinary surgeon for one year from the 31st proximo.

18—Malvern Road—Resolved. To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the necessary name plates affixed in this road.

19-Road and Footpath back of Lansdown Place--A letter was read from Councillor M. Davis stating that the residents in Lansdown Place complained of the state of this road and footpath, and that it was especially bad between Nos. 2 & 13. Resolved, That as this was a street included in Schedule 1, to the Cheltenham Improvement Act of 1852 and consequently thereafter to be repaired by the Commissioners, Mr. Davis be informed that the improvements required will be carried out with others in streets comprised in the said Schedule when the necessary financial arrangements can be made.

20- Fencing in Shelburne Road—The following tenders were received for 280 yards of the iron railing and two gates required for the fencing in this road, including necessary concrete and erection, as follows, viz.:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-----|----|----|
| Messrs. Hill and Smith .. | 107 | 6 | 8 |
| Mr. John Edgar Chandler . | 115 | 7 | 6 |
| Mr. Robert Strang .. | 119 | 18 | 9 |
| Messrs. Bayliss, Jones and Bayliss, Limited | 137 | 15 | 0 |
| “ W. Letheren and Sons .. | 138 | 0 | 0 |
| “ R. E. and C. Marshall | 148 | 0 | 0 |
| “ F. and R. Edbrooke | 175 | 0 | 0 |

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Hill and Smith be accepted

21—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending November 22nd, 1901, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone--Great Norwood Street.

Patching—High Street, St. George's Road, Gloucester Road, Henrietta Street, Stanhope Street, Bath Road, Montpellier Street, Clarence Street, St. James's Square, Manchester Street, Montpellier Terrace, Tewkesbury Road, Montpellier (by Gordon Lamp), London Road, Vittoria Walk.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Back of Clarence Street, Imperial Square (by Queen's Hotel), Lansdown Parade, Lansdown Crescent, Douro Road, Montpellier Terrace, Christ Church Road, Hewlett Street, Gratton Street.

Patching—Back Montpellier Terrace, Worcester Street, Townsend Street, Queen Street, Swindon Road, Well Place, St. George's Place, Upper Park Street, Overton Road.

Trees Pruned—Keynsham Road, St. George's Road, Promenade, College Road.

Trees Cut Down—Three lime trees in St. George's Road.

Kerb, Crossing, Channel, and Paring—Grosvenor Place South, Regent Street, Great Norwood Street, St. George's Place, Rodney Terrace, Cambray, Spa Road, Oriel Road, Park Place, Trafalgar Street, Hewlett Street, Duke Street, Bach Road, St. Paul's Street North, High Street, Upper Park Street, Queen's Parade, Wellington Street, Suffolk Square, Malvern Road, Lypiatt Terrace, Trafalgar Street (with asphalte).

The following footpaths had been made good with asphalte, following the electric light cable laying :—Cambray, Regent Street, Keynsham Road, Suffolk Road, Sandford Road, Malvern Road and Tivoli Place.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—Loads collected rosy, loads consumed 566, weighing 945 tons 3 cwts. 2 qrs.

Slabs made 2730 feet super. and 132 feet of kerb.

22-Whaddon Lane Private Improvement Works—A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 23rd day of November, 1901 of the Works required to be done to the above Street, was read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary Plans, Sections, and Estimates be prepared, and Notice 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 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.

23-- Building plan—Resolved, As regards situation and construction to approve the following plan of a proposed new building, viz. :

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
|--------------|-------------|--|
| 1472 | John Tilley | Outhouse with w.c. and pump at back of the Wellington Mews, Wellington Street. |

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, 1901 Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Packer, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor J. Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, 1901—Present The Mayor : Councillors Baker, Bence, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Rickerby be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of November, 1901—Present : Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Lawrence, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

2-Athletic Society—Resolved. To accede to an application from the Athletic Society to grant them the use of Montpellier Gardens, on Easter Monday next, for their athletic sports as heretofore upon the same terms as last year.

3-- Entertainments Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Packer and Rickerby do form this Sub-Committee.

4--Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they had held three meetings :—on the 3rd and the 26 ulto. and the 18th instant. That with regard to the services of the Concert Director they had Resolved, That the Entertainments Sub-Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of Mr. Gilding's successful management of the Corporation Entertainments during the past season. The fact that the number of subscribers to the Montpellier Gardens during the season had more than doubled the estimated number, and that 17,543 visits had been made by holders of Subscribers' tickets to the entertainments was evidence of their popularity. That they had arranged for the holding of popular lectures in the Winter Garden, on October the 21st and 28th, and the 4th and 11th insts. on sharing terms as follows, viz., 60 per cent. of the takings to be received by Messrs. Baring Bios., the Agents, and 40 per cent. to be received by the Corporation. That the proceeds of the lectures had resulted in a small balance in hand of about Lie. That they had also engaged the Royal Strolling Players upon the same terms for December the 26th, 27th, and 28th. Resolved, That the proceedings and resolutions of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

5—Sunday Concerts—Resolved, That the Entertainments Sub-Committee be instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the revival of Sunday Sacred Concerts.

6—Licence for letting Chairs on Hire—Resolved, Not to accede to an application from Mr. M. W. Shanly, of West Hampstead, to grant him a licence to supply and let chairs on hire in the borough, as the Committee consider the Council have sufficient chairs of their own to meet the demand.

7— Illustrated Guides to Cheltenham—A letter was read from Mr. J. M. Malerbi, District Traffic Superintendent of the Midland and South Western Junction Railway, at Southampton, stating that 93 of these guides had been distributed with steamship lines at Southampton, and that they would be put on all liners and boats at that Port ; four had been placed in the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Office, and one each in the South Western and Radley's Hotels, and one in the Office of the Midland Railway Co. Resolved, that the Council desire to express their best thanks to Mr. Malerbi for his very generous assistance in the matter.

Resolved, Also to express the thanks of the Council to the General Manager of the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Co. for having placed a copy of the guide in the Company's Refreshment Rooms, at Swindon and Marlborough ; and to Mr. Towle, the Manager of the Midland Railway Hotels, for having placed a copy of the guide in each of the Reading Rooms of six of their Hotels.

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8-Advertising Boards-- Resolved, To vary the first resolution to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of the 22nd of April last, prohibiting the exhibition of advertising boards or posters on the railings of the Winter Garden, or on the premises, except two at the entrance, as follows, viz : to substitute the number four for the number two, the boards to be as adjacent as possible to each other, and that all posting thereon be carried out only by the Caretaker as the Winter Garden.

9 -Balls at Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan and scheme for adaptation of the Winter Garden for use for halls during the ensuing and following seasons by means of moveable partitions, the cost of which he estimated at about £70. The Borough Surveyor undertook to consult the Committee of the New Club as to the proposed arrangements, and, subject to any modifications they might suggest, it was Resolved, That the plan and scheme be carried out.

Also Resolved, That the charge for the use of the building for balls be used at £20 for each ball exclusive of the cost of lighting.

10—Greenhouse on Land back of St. Aryan's, Pittville —The Borough Surveyor having reported that a greenhouse had been erected on this land within a few feet of the Eastern boundary of it, Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to inform the owner that this is an infringement of the restrictive building covenants, under which the land was sold by order of the Court of Chancery in the year 1845, and to call upon him to remove the building as soon as possible.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of November, 1901—Present : The Mayor; Alder-men Haddon, Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence. Hayward, Lawrence, Lomb, Packer, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stroud, H. Waghorne and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor J. Waghorne be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Town Hall—Contract--The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft of the Contract with Messrs. Collins and Godfrey, Resolved, That the same be approved subject to the deposit of deeds of property to the value of £1,500, which be fixed as the amount of the liquidated damages in the event of failure by the Contractors to perform the Contract, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed of the engrossment.

Further, That the period within which the contract is to be carried out be deemed to run from the and proximo by which date the Contractors will have possession of the site and the plans, drawings and specifications necessary to enable them to commence operations.

Heating and Ventilation—Resolved. To authorise Mr. Waller to obtain from about half-a-dozen firms competitive schemes for the heating and ventilation of the building, with estimate of the cost, and to report thereon to the Committee.

Lighting—Resolved, To instruct Mr. Waller to arrange for lighting of the building with electricity and a subsidiary installation for lighting by gas in emergency and for cooking and ventilation.

Clerk of the Works Resolved, To approve the appointment by Mr. Waller of Mr. William Wiggall as Clerk of the Works at a salary of 4 guineas a week.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, 1901—Present : ; Councillors Baker, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage, Stroud and J. Waghorne.

1-Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. T. BRIDGES,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of November, 1901. Present— The Mayor, Alderman Norman: Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Hayward, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)---

2—Electrical Inspector's Report— The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month as follows

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

| Date. | Legal Standard. | Test at Manchester Street |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1901 | | |
| Oct. 31st | 200 Volts. | 210 Volts. |
| Nov. 16th | “ | “ |

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| 1901 | | 1901 | Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. |
| Oct. 31st | 16.22 candles | | Oct. 30th-31st |
| Nov. 13th.. | <u>16.88</u> “ | | 12.17 |
| | Average 16.55 “ | | |

4—Gas Inspector's Report— The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows, viz. : —Ordinary lamps with 4.25 ft. burners, 4.2123 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 incandescent burners, 4.447 cubic feet ; ordinary lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, 3.4985 cubic feet.

5—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished, 7 metered, 32 unmetered, and 3 burning dimly ; and to incandescent lamps extinguished.

6—Gas Lighting at All Saints' Church—In reply to a letter from Colonel Griffith complaining of the inferior quality of the gaslight at All Saints. Church, for some weeks past and requesting this Council to exert their influence with the Gas Company to remedy their gross neglect to furnish a proper supply of gas, Resolved, To inform Colonel Griffith that as the pressure and quality have been up to the legal standard, the Council have no power to act as he suggests.

7 --Street Lighting—A letter was read from the Clerks to the Gas Company reminding the Committee that they had discussed in August, 1900, with the Directors of the Company the subject of substituting No. 3 Incandescent Burners in the whole or part of the street gas lamps in the Borough for the 4.25 ft. burners. The Company had recently fitted some lamps in St. George's Road with a new pattern shadowless lantern and incandescent burners, and recommended and offered these for adoption generally upon the same terms as at present charged for the No. 3 incandescent burners, which. with the price of gas at 2s 6d per 1000 cubic feet less 5 per cent. discount, amount, with lighting, extinguishing, repairs, and maintenance, to £3 12s. 9d. each per annum, provided the Council would undertake to continue the use of the shadowless lanterns for a period of five years from the date of their erection. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter to enable the members of the Committee to inspect the lamps referred to in St George's Road.

8-Lighting of Passage from Lansdown Terrace to Parabola Road—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter from Surgeon-General Ringer calling attention to the necessity for the better lighting of this passage for the Committee to view the locality.

9--Sale of Boiler to the Water Committee--Resolved, To inform the Water Committee that this Committee are unable to accept their offer of £200 for the boiler as contained in the resolution to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of that Committee at their last meeting, as since it had been offered at that price to the Rippingille Stove Company the scale had been taken nut of the boiler and it bad been otherwise thoroughly cleaned.

10 —Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had progressed satisfactorily during the past month.

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The number of customers then connected was 538, and the equivalent number of 8-candle-power lamps was 33,900 ; these numbers were nearly 18 and 26 per cent. greater than at the corresponding period last year.

Applications had been received from four intending customers in the Tewkesbury Road for supply to a present total of 62 8-c.p. lamps. It would be necessary before next Autumn to make a substation near the Gas Works, in order to supplement supply to customers between Ambrose Street and the Gas Works, at a cost of about £270, and the additional cost of the mains to supply the applicants in the Tewkesbury Road would be £180—or, if the furthest applicant (12 8-c.p. lamps at the Railway Inn) was disregarded, ego. The probable revenue from the nearest three customers would be from £15 to £18 and from the furthest customer about £8 per annum. When these extensions are carried out an application would be made for supply to 60 8-c.p. lamps in the Swindon Road, the extension for which would cost £90. He recommended that these extensions be carried out and included in the next application to the Local Government Board, but that the carrying out of them be postponed for six months.

He laid before the Committee quotations for a boiler feed-pump as follows, viz.:—

| | Quotation £ s d | Comparative Price | Steam Consumption |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Blake & Knowles, Limited | £156 0 0 | £46 0 0 | 0.6 lbs. |
| Weir, G. & J., Limited | 213 15 0 | £50 11 0 | 0.57 lbs. |
| Worthington Co., Limited | 260 0 0 | £60 0 6 | 0.5 lbs. |
| Weir, G. & J., Limited | 153 15 0 | £93 7 0 | 0.78 lbs. |
| Mather & Platt, Limited | 205 0 0 | £205 0 0 | 0.9 lbs. |
| Mirlees, Watson Co., Limited | 415 0 0 | £315 0 0 | 0.7 lbs. |

This pump would deliver 6000 gallons per hour and was in substitution for the electrically driven feed-pump sanctioned on November 12th last year as part of the £20,100 loan. He recommended acceptance of Messrs. Blake & Knowles' tender at £156, subject to the bonus and penalty clause of his specification.

He reported that one of the Gloucestershire Dairy Company's carts, said to be No. 2 cart, drove into one of the trimming ladders on Thursday last, November 14th, when the ladder was standing outside Manchester Street Substation, and broke the axle and one of the shafts. He would report the cost of repairs within a few days, but he recommended that notice of claim should be given at once.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer contained in his Report be approved and adopted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, 1901—Present The Mayor Councillors Baker, M. Davis, King-Harman, Packer, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor H. Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of November, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, Packer, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

2---Report of the Waterworks Engineer—The Waterworks Engineer reported that on the 20th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 47.20 gallons per minute, the average for the last three years being 50.92 gallons and the quantity of seater in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 11,876,910 gallons.

On the 20th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 12ft. 9in. in depth, and the contents 20,567,489 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then 131,241 gallons, which gave a total storage of 32,443,399 gallons, or about 36 days' supply.

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On the 14th instant an old fire main in Montpellier Street burst near the Ladies' College. The main is 5in. in diameter and vet seriously deteriorated owing to the action of the salts in the lias clay, and he recommended that the whole of the defective main be taken up and renewed.

On Monday, the 18th inst. the 15in. main which conveys water from Dowdeswell burst opposite the London Inn, Charlton Rings, This main was laid down at the time the Dowdeswell Reservoir was constructed, the pipes had turned and bored joints with cement filling, the iron was uncoated and the metal of very brittle quality. The point where the fracture took pint was at a high level where the pressure was less than elsewhere. The amount of oxidation in the piece of broken pipe showed unmistakably that scraping must be arranged for at an early date, as with the deposit shown the delivery of the pipe would he reduced nearly one-half.

Owing to the large number of new houses built in the Leckhampton District at a level too high to be supplied from Dowdeswell, it would be necessary to supplement the supply to the Leckhampton Reservoir, and this could best be done by extending the existing main from Thirlestaine Road to the Railway Bridge in Charlton Lane, the cost of which would be about £400. This would enable water to be supplied from the pumping main to fill the reservoir or to supply that district direct from Hewletts Reservoirs. At present a fire in the Leckhampton Road would seriously affect the supply to the upper part of the road, Pilley and Charlton Lane, as the storage amounts to only 800,000 gallons, and the net loss per week was about 45,000 gallons.

A supply could be taken to the village of Shurdington by an 8in. main from the existing main near the Borough boundary in Shurdington Road to and through the village to near the Post Office, the cost of which would be about £550, but as the present applicants reside near the north-east end of the village the present outlay would not exceed £300, the necessary income required would be £55 and £30 respectively, according as to whether a part or the whole is required.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Police be requested in future, in the event of a burst in a water main, to give instructions that the police shall at once notify it by telephone to the Turncock at Sandford Pumping Station.

That the recommendation of the Water Engineer to take up and renew the whole of the defective main by the Ladies' College be approved and adopted.

That the extension of the main from Thirlestaine Road to the Railway Bridge in Charlton Lane be carried out, the cost to be included in the application shortly to be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan for repayment of the overdraft on Capital Account, and

That subject to sufficient applications for water supply being received to provide a return of ten per cent. on the outlay, the extension of the main to Shurdington at a cost of £550 be carried out, the cost to be included in the application to be made as above-mentioned.

3—Water Leakages at Tewkesbury—In reply to a letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, Resolved, To submit the names of the undermentioned K.C's. (recommended by the Town Clerk) for the Tewkesbury Town Council to choose the Arbitrator from to settle the question as to whether or not this Council is responsible for leakage of water supplied to the Tewkesbury Corporation, under the provisions of Sec. 85 of The Cheltenham Corporation Water Act of 1878, in consequence of burst mains in that Borough, viz., Mr. C. A. Cripps, Mr. Claude Baggallay, and the Hon. A. Lyttleton, M.P.

4— Defective Lead Piping— With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 26th of Sept. last, that the Council would not pursue the matter further provided the Company would refund the cost of Messrs. Vaughan, Hughes and Warrington's report and analysis, a letter was read from Messrs. Rowe Bros. and Co., Ltd. with which they enclosed a cheque for half the amount, viz., £13 2s. 6d. Resolved, To accept the amount upon the terms referred to in the resolution above mentioned, and to vary the same accordingly.

5--Boiler of Lighting Committee—The Lighting Committee having declined the offer of £200 for this boiler as contained in the Resolution of this Committee to No. 1 of the proceedings at their last meeting, Resolved, That this Committee are not prepared to increase the offer.

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 19th day of November, 1901—Present The Mayor Aldermen Haddon Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stroud, H. Waghorne and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending the 31st of October next.

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2—Fire Brigade—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Parsonage and H. Waghorne be elected to form this Sub-Committee.

Report of the Superintendent—The Superintendent reported that on the 4th instant the Brigade were summoned to a fire at Fern Villa, St. Ann's Road, which caused damage estimated at £150. The expenses of Brigade amounted to £5 6s, the particulars of which had been sent as usual to the Borough Accountant.

He stated that the telephone had not been satisfactory since the establishment of the Light Railway.

He also drew attention to the rotten material which had been used for the men's uniform trousers. Resolved, To refer to the Sub-Committee the subject matter of the last two paragraphs of the report for them to deal with.

3—Electric Lighting of the Fire Brigade Station—The following tenders for wiring the Fire Brigade Station for electric lighting were received, viz., A. G. Sanders £13 5s. 6d., and R. E. and C. Marshall £13 7s. 6d. The Electrical Engineer having been consulted as to certain modifications which Mr. Sanders stated his tender was subject to, Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall be accepted.

4—Drivers' Licences—Resolved, To accede to applications received for drivers' licences from Harry Birchley and Henry John Chandler.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—Pursuant to the resolution of this Committee, Mr. W. P. Jones appeared before the Committee to show cause why his hackney carriage licence should not be revoked, he having been convicted twice within twelve months of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws and the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, and having been heard, Resolved, To caution Mr. Jones that if he is not more careful in the future to observe the provisions of the Bye-Laws and the Act referred to, his licence will be revoked.

6—Census—A letter from the Registrar-General to the Town Clerk was read asking him to revise a statement thereto annexed and to state whether the particulars given appeared to be correct. The

Town Clerk pointed out that as regards the Central and West Wards there was a considerable discrepancy between the figures therein and those of the Census taken by the Corporation in 1897, the figures in the statement showing an apparent decrease in the population of the Wards since then of 697 in the Central and 463 in the West, and he read the draft of a letter which he proposed to write to the Registrar-General on the subject. Resolved, That the same be approved.

7—Iron Gate for Entrance to Art Gallery from Chester Walk—Resolved, To approve and adopt the resolution of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee that an iron gate be fixed in the doorway in Chester Walk and locked each night, and that a tender from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall to supply and fix same for £9 10s. 0d. be accepted.

8—Art Gallery Sub-Committee—Resolved, To reappoint the following members of this Committee to form the Art Gallery Sub-Committee, viz.:—Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Winterbotham and Councillor Hayward, and that the Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson be nominated as consulting members of it as hitherto.

9—Assistant Clerks in Town Clerk's Department--Resolved, To accede to applications from Messrs. W. Long and S. Poulston for increase of their present salaries of 15s each per week, viz., by 2s 6d each per week, with a similar increase at the end of twelve months.

10—Connection of Residence of Borough Surveyor with Telephone Exchange—Resolved, To ascertain from the National Telephone Company the terms upon which they would make this connection.

11—Meetings of Committees. 1902—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 may deem most convenient), viz :—

Friday Mineral Waters and Baths at 4 p.m.

Monday Public Health (Second Meeting) at 11

“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 3.30

Thursday Water at 3.30

Friday Burial Board at 11.30

“Street and Highway (View) at 2,30

(2nd Week):

Monday Street and Highway (Second Meeting) at 3.0

Tuesday Finance at 3.0

Wednesday School Attendance at 4.30

First Public Health committee on Monday at 3 p.m., and First Street and Highway Committee on Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Central Depot, in the week following the one in which the Council Meeting is held. Tramway's and Technical Education Committees when required.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday the 12th day of November, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, R. Davies, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

1-Chairman---Resolved, That Councillor Stroud be appointed Chairman of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday the 19th day of November, 1901—Present : Councillors Baker, Davies, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

2—Montpellier Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £471 7s. 7d., and the amount paid exclusive of interest and sinking fund was £382, 9s. 8d.

3—Alstone Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £315 15s. 5d., and the amount paid exclusive of interest and sinking fund was £349 16s. 8d. Resolved, That these baths be closed during the months of October to March inclusive, except as follows, viz the cleansing baths to be open on Fridays from noon, on Saturdays for the whole day, and on Sundays from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and that the Caretaker be employed, except when the baths are open as aforesaid, in cleansing and painting where necessary and in cleaning out the boilers.

4—Admittance to Alstone Baths of Elementary School Children—Mr. John Davis, Head Master of the Christ Church Higher Grade School, having asked for an interview with the Committee and having explained that the boys from his school had not had the privilege for which the school had been charged, viz: the exclusive use of the swimming bath on Thursday afternoons, from 4 to 5 p.m. owing to a mistake in having admitted free to the covered bath children attending Elementary Schools in the Borough. Resolved, That an allowance of 30s be made off the amount charged for the tickets.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, 1901--Present The Mayor; Alderman ; Councillors Baker, Handley and King-Harman.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Lamb 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 25th day of November, 1901—Present Aldermen Holliday and Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bendall, Handley, King- Harman and Lamb (Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

2— Pigstye Encroachment on Land annexed to Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Herbert, claiming £3 as compensation for the removal by the Corporation of part of a pigstye standing on an allotment occupied by him, which encroached upon the land recently purchased by the Corporation and annexed to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, which he alleged had stood in the same position for between 20 and 30 years, and for having used some of the bricks to support the fence which was being erected for the Corporation. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor to make enquiry as to the use of the bricks as alleged. Resolved, To spend £10 in levelling this ground where required with soil franc the Winter Garden.

3—Visitors—Resolved, That the Visitors for the ensuing month be appointed as follows, viz.:—For the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, Councillors Bendall and Handley; and For the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, Councillors Baker and King-Harman.

ARTHUR LAMB,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Packer, Rickerby and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1—Chairman--Resolved, That Alderman Haddon be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of November, 1901—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Rickerby and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)-

2-Compensation to Parish Clerk under Burial Act of 1900—The Sub-Committee reported that they had adopted as a basis for calculating the amount of compensation to be paid to Mr. Sier, the scale fixed by the Treasury for calculating allowances under Sec. 7 of the Superannuation Act of 1859, viz, to award as many Goths of the officer's emoluments as he had served complete years, with an addition on account of abolition of office not exceeding 10/60ths for an actual service of 20 years or upwards, subject to a deduction of 25 per cent., in case of an officer who had not been required to devote his whole time to the duties of his office. The average amount per annum of the fees received by Mr. Sier, as Parish Clerk, during the last five years had been £45 16s., and he had

completed nearly 29 years service on the 1st of January last on which date the Act came into operation.

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| 29 sixtieths of £45 16s. 0d. is | 22 | 2 | 0 |
| Add 10 " for abolition of office | <u>7</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>8</u> |
| | 29 | 14 | 8 |
| Deduct 25 per cent. for part time | <u>7</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Amount of Annuity . . . | £22 | 9 | 8 |

Mr. Sier was 70 years of age on the 8th of August last, and the Sue-Committee recommended that the compensation to be offered should be an annual amount during the remainder of his life of £22 9s. 8d. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3— Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz., Headstones to Thomas Jones, Bridget Weston Gardiner, William and Anny Lewin, William Stroud and Kate Mather. Monument to Frances O'Brien, Louis Richardson and Captain Harry Seymour Richardson. Granite Slab to grave of Vernon and Georgians Elizabeth Vernon Watkins.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1 -Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Gurney be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of November, Present : Aldermen ; Gurney, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

2---Salaries of Assistants in Borough Accountant's Department—Resolved, To accede to application, received from the Junior Assistants, A. Lewis and G. B. Pearce, for increase of their salaries, and to raise same from £41 12s. and £39 per annum respectively to £50 each per annum.

Resolved, Not to accede to an application from Mr. Routly, the Chief Assistant, for an acceleration of the time fixed by the resolution hereinafter mentioned for the first increment to his salary from the 22nd of September next to the it, as the Council consider he should adhere to the terms upon which

he accepted his appointment, and which the Accountant was authorised by the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the August, 1900, to offer, viz., £100 per annum, rising after two years' service by £10 per annum to £150.

3--Sanitary Requirements at No. 5, St. James's Terrace—With reference to the Resolution of the Public Health Committee to Minute No. 13 of their proceedings of date the 9th of September last, declaring the sum of £13 19s. 8d., due from Mr. Stevens, the owner of this property, for the expense of carrying out sanitary work therein required by the Council, tea be Private Improvement Expenses, a letter from Mrs. Stevens was read, promising to pay 25s every quarter, the first payment to be made on the 20th proximo, and to pay the same regularly until the amount due with interest at 5 per cent. is cleared off. Resolved, To accept the offer and to instruct the Town Clerk to take no steps to enforce the charge on the property so long as the instalments offered are regularly paid.

4-- General District Rate--The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th November, 1901, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £6,511 3s. 9d., leaving outstanding £13,429 16s. 9d.

5— Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th November, toot, on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £3,942 11s., leaving outstanding £7,532 14s.

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 £8,067 2s. 2d., 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 October last | £65,936 2 5 |
| Paid since that date | <u>£12,233 3 6</u> |
| | £78,169 5 11 |
| Received since that date | <u>£13,286 7 3</u> |
| Balance Overdrawn | ££64,882 18 8 |
| Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure | £ 2,373 4 4 |
| Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts | <u>£62,509 14 4</u> |
| | £64,882 18 8 |

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th day of November, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors M. Davis, Gurney, Handley, Hayward and J. Waghorne-

1-- Chairman.—Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. T. BRYDGES,
Town Clerk.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, 1901—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors Hayward, King-Harman and Stroud (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-- Chairman—Resolved, That 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 19th day of November, 1901—Present : Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Bainbridge, Hayward, King Harman, Lamb, Stroud ; Rev. F. Evans, Rev. F. Owen, Messrs. Evan Butler, Palmer and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

2- Librarians Report—The Librarian reported that £4 8s. 0d. had been received during the past month, and that the following presentations had been made to the Library, viz :—G. H. Bayley, 4 volumes ; London University, F. C. Southwell & Co., Board of Trade, and the Baron de Ferrieres each 1 volume.

3-- Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Hayward and King Harman, with the Rev. J. Evans and Rev. J. Owen, be elected to turns the Sub-Committee.

4--Exhibition of Books—Resolved, To approve a suggestions of the Librarians, to hold an Exhibition of Books of Fine Art at the Art Gallery next month, and to obtain a Voluntary Lecturer if possible.

5—Leckhampton Branch Room—Resolved. To authorise Mr. Palmer to have incandescent gas burners substituted for the present burners at this room at a cost not exceeding 16s

6—Notice Board at School of Art—The Governors of the Grammar School having declined to have this board repainted and relettered. Resolved, To request them to have it removed.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of November, 1901—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors Parsonage and Rickerby (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair)—

1—Chairman---Resolved, That Alderman Skillicorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of November, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bainbridge, Lawrence, Parsonage and Rickerby, (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair)—

2—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, from which 685 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 75 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 8 meetings ; that to parents had been prosecuted, and 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. Gertrude Higgs, Frank Payton, Ernest Creed, Albert Creed, Leslie Eden, Lilian Johnson, Annie Llewellyn, Eliza Newton, Grace Allen, William Henry Hopkins, Beatrice Cook and Gilbert Gardner ; and That proceedings under Secs. 6 and 4 of the Acts of 1876 and 1880 as amended by the Act of 1900 be taken against Mrs. Boyle, the wife of E. E. Boyle, and A. W. Dovey for the illegal employment of William Henry Hopkins.

4--- Central Ward Local Committee—Resolved, To appoint the Rev. James A. Owen as member of this Local Committee, and to express the thanks of the Central Committee to him for having offered to act.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.