



LOCAL BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting was held at the New Hall, on Monday evening, and was attended by the following members:- Mr. A. J. Keary, chairman, and Messrs. Dowding, J. H. Brinkworth, Belcher, Alexander, Bishop, Collen, and E. Brinkworth. The clerk submitted a statement of accounts for the past year ending Lady day. The statement of accounts were approved, ordered to be published and circulated. This being the annual meeting of the board, the retiring members of last year who have been re-elected without opposition, took the necessary declaration, and upon the proposition of Mr. Rixson, seconded by Mr. Collen, Mr. Keary was unanimously re-elected chairman. The various committees having been appointed, the chairman next submitted an analysis by Dr. Voelcker of a sample of water from the new well in Westmead, the general result of which is that the water is perfectly wholesome for drinking and domestic purposes. The chairman regarded the report as being very satisfactory, as it put an end to the groundless fears of many persons who thought the water would be polluted by the gas works and river water, &c. The object of the analysis was merely for a temporary purpose, and after the boring of the well has been completed another analysis of the water obtained from that depth will have to be made. Mr. Belcher drew the attention of the meeting to the necessity of fencing round the well. It was afterwards decided to put a rough fence, and to leave it to the General Purposes Committee. A report of a sub-committee appointed to inspect the public lamps was read, from which it appeared that very few of them required repairs, the expense of which would be but a few shillings. It also suggested that a lamp should be fixed to light the entrance to Springfield Buildings, there being 17 houses in that row, and no lamp. Mr. J. H. Brinkworth suggested that another lamp should be fixed in St. Paul's Street; the property there had greatly increased, was of a superior class, and rated accordingly. Ultimately it was agreed to make a public lamp of the one over the gates of St. Paul's Churchyard, to remove the public lamp close by, and to put an additional light in St. Paul's Street, and also one at the entrance of Springfield Buildings, the selection of the site to be left to Messrs. J. H. Brinkworth, Dowding, and Alexander. The surveyor was ordered to procure a supply of carbolic acid for disinfecting purposes, to asphalt the piece of ground upon which the bulls are led on market days, and to clear out the bed of the river.

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