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Mechanics' Institute, Dumfries
13 October 1882.

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The adjourned Annual Meeting was held at Eight o'clock, when there were Thirty three Members present. Dr Gilchrist occupied the Chair.

A Draft of the Minutes of last Meeting having been read. Was Corrected

~~Exception was taken to that part of the Minute bearing that Mr Samuel Chrystie was re-elected Assistant Secretary on the ground that such was not the case. The Minute was however approved of in the above particular.~~

~~A part of the Draft Minute which bore that the appointment of Mr [illegible] Joint Secretary "was opposed by Mr Watson and Mr [illegible], and in consequence "of [illegible] by the latter, and of the general line of the "opposition offered to the continuance of himself and Mr "[illegible] Joint Secretaries, Mr [illegible] would "[illegible] office of Joint Secretary," was objected to on the ground of its being too descriptive, and it [illegible] by [illegible] that the [illegible] be [illegible]~~

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Those lines were deleted by order of the Meeting held on the 3 of Nov, because of their being superfluous matter
J Rutherford Sec
13 Nov 1882

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The Report or Minute of Meeting of Committee held this Evening having been read Mr. Watson moved, seconded by Mr. J. Wilson that it be approved of.

Mr. Moodie moved as an amendment that Meetings be called in future by advertisement in two of the Dumfries Newspapers, and the Kirkcudbrightshire Advertiser. The amendment having been seconded, was put to the Meeting & outvoted.

Mr Thuckell having begged the indulgence of the Meeting while he made a personal statement regarding an attack which had been made on him in his official capacity of Secretary, by a Member of the Society, in the columns of the Dumfries "Standard", Mr. Moodie moved seconded by Mr. Service that Mr Thuckell be heard. An amendment however to the effect that he be not heard was carried by a majority.

A letter was read from Sheriff Hope, regretting his inability to Accept the Office of Vice President to which he was elected at last Meeting /

Meeting. On the motion of Mr Watson seconded by Mr. Wilson it was unanimously resolved to appoint Mr. Mc Andrew, New Galloway, as a Vice President.

Mr. Watson read a correspondence which had passed between Mr. Wilson & Mr. Service as to delivery by the latter to the former of the Books &c belonging to the Society in his possession. Thereafter by mutual arrangement between Mr. Wilson and Mr Truckell they both resigned their offices as Joint Secretaries ~~and~~ On the motion of Mr Watson seconded by Mr. Wilson unanimously Mr. Rutherford of Jardington was elected Secretary in their stead.

Mr Wilson made a statement regarding a proposed course of Lectures in connection with the Society, and Mr Truckell read a letter he had received from Mr Reid, Bank of Scotland, on the same subject suggesting a course of Lectures from the "Combe Trust." After discussion it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Thride to remit the matter to the Committee for consideration.

The Secy was instructed to ascertain the conditions on which the Combe Lectures were to be had.

Mr. Wilson moved seconded by Mr Chrystie that the place of meeting in future be the Freemasons' Hall, Black Horse Close. Mr. Moodie moved seconded by Mr. Service that the Meetings be held as at present in the Mechanics' Institute. The motion was carried by a majority.

Mr. James Lennox moved that the

Annual

Annual Membership fee be increased to 5/- with no entrance fee. Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Moodie that the Membership fee remain as at present. The amendment was carried.

Mr Wm. Dickie, "Standard" Office, & Miss Chrystie, Buccleuch St, were elected Members, the lady's nomination being carried by acclamation.

It was agreed that the Society's Trans:actions be got ready for publication, & published so soon as the state of the funds will permit.

(Transactions)

Auditor

Mr. J W Kerr was unanimously re-elected Auditor.

The Secretaries laid on the Table a copy of the List of Foreign Correspondents of the Smithsonian Institution, New York, which had been presented to the Society by that Institution.

A letter was read from Mr G Hamilton of Ardendee as to his becoming a Life Member of the Society, & the question of having paid life members was remitted to the Committee.

A vote of thanks was awarded to the Chairman.

Free Masons Hall
High St. Dumfries
3rd Nov 1882

A Meeting of the Committee was held in the above Hall, at 7 O Clock,
Present, Dr. Gilchrist in the Chair;
Messrs J. Wilson; J. Watson; R. Adamson;
P. Stobbie; J. Lemon; J. Mc. Meekan;
J. C hrystie; & J Rutherford Secy.

The Secy submitted the Minute of last general Meeting, it was agreed that its accuracy should be questioned when read.

On the Motion of Mr. Watson it was agreed, that we should have life Members, on their payment of ~~£3~~. 3. 0.

Secretary & Treasurer intimated, that the actual State of the funds was £8. 1 - 9in debt;

Secy submitted the Rev R. Grahams proposal relating to assisting him in the excavations at Lochmaben Castle, when the Committee were of opinion, that Considering the State of our funds at the present time, it would not be advisable to Cooperate with him this year,

Dr Gilchrist submitted letters from Dr Sharp; Mr Mc Dowal; & Mr Gray; Containing promises of Papers to be read at the Society

Secy also submitted a number of letters he had received from Members promising papers &c.,

Secy also laid before the meeting letters from the Secy of the "Combe Trust" giving terms on which the "Combe lectures are granted. Consideration of which was allowed to stand over till next Meeting,

Mr Wilson moved that we have a Conversazione on the first Friday of January which was also allowed to stand over till next Meeting.

The Committee agreed that a Course of intermediate lectures be given throughout the Winter Session, on the 3 Friday each month. The first by the Chairman on the 17th inst. Secy was instructed to get a notice of the same inserted in the Dumfries "Standard" & "Herald" Newspapers of the preceding Wednesday, and also to get a list of the Same transmitted for Circulation amongst the Members.

Free Masons Hall
High Street Dumfries
5 Nov 1882

The Second Monthly Meeting of the Session took place in the above Hall at 8 P.M. 27 Members present Dr Gilchrist in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last and the adjourned Meeting was read, Mr Watson moved that that part of the Minutes of the adjourned Meeting, refering to a draft of the minutes of the former Meeting be deleted,

The Secy was instructed to do so stating the reason why on the Margin, and also to notice the same in the Minutes of this Meeting,

The following new Members were duly elected. Miss Robb Castle St. Miss May Robb Castle St; Dr Richardson Creighton R. Institution. Mr Bruce Do, Mr Jas Bruce Do Mrs Wilson Norfolk Terrace, Miss Muir Linwood, Mr Robt Bruce Wallace St St Michals Mr John Thomson Irish St; Mr Samuel Dickie Glasgow St; Mr Brown Headmaster English St Schools, Arthur Bennett Esq F.L.S. 107 High St Croydon as a Corresponding member,

New Members

Mr. Davidson Summerville, exhibited a beatiful "Ammonite" from Whitby, and a very perfect crow head from Knockgray Carsphairn,

Mr. Rutherford exhibited a Celt found at Jerry Cleuch Linwald The Chairman said that it was thorn stone and not at all a common stone.

Mr. Thynde remarked that amongst the Cottagers in Shetland "Celts" were very common, but they are very loath to part with them believing them to be lucky,

The Chairman gave notice that at next meeting he would move that the Society admit "Life Members" at £3 - 3 - 0 each.

Life Members £3-3-0

Secretary gave notice that at next meeting he would move that the name of the Society for the future shall be "The Dumfries shire & Galloway Scientific, Natural History & Antiquarian Society,

Secy read replys to his letters enquiring respecting the "Combe lectures" which was remitted to the Committee),

Secy called the attention of the meeting to several encouraging letters he had received, promising papers &c amongst which was one from Mr Armistead Douglas Hall promising a Lecture on "Fish & Fish hatching" which will be given on the 19th Inst, also an invitation from him to the members of the Society to go down to Douglas Hall & see the fishery, when the hatching is in process,

Election from A. Bennett Esq F.L.S. Croydon, offering to send to the Society for distribution a packet of Characeæ and also to assist any of the members at anytime in naming "Potamogeton, Characeæ and other pond weeds

Secy intimated that the first of the Course of intermediate lectures would be given by the Chairman on Friday evening the 17th inst at 8 P.M. Subject— "Natures tiny workmen"

Secy reported that he had along with the Treasurer examined the Treasurers balance Sheet for last year and found that instead of their being a balance of
(Debt) £2 - 8 - 3 in the Society's favour as reported at the Annual meeting, we were £8 - 1 - 9 in debt.

The Chairman then read an excellent paper on Corals & Corallines, illustrated by a large number of diagrams.

On the motion of Mr Watson the Chairman received the thanks of the Society for his Communication.

Mr Hastings read a very interesting paper on the rare Birds of the Season which had Come under his notice. a vote of thanks was awarded Mr Hastings on the Motion of Mr McLean.

Free Masons Hall

High Street

17th Nov 82

The Committee of management met in the above Hall at 7 P.M. Dr Gilchrist presiding.

Present; The Chairman, Messrs Lennon. Wilson Watson. Robb. Chrystie. Lennot & Mc Mc Kin. & the Secretary

The Minutes of last meeting were read and agreed to.

The meeting agreed that we hold a Conver=
=Sazonie on the first Friday of January, and appoi=
=nted as a Sub Committee to carry out the Same, Messrs Wilson Robb. Watson, J. Grierson. the Chairman & Secy Secretary Convener,

(Conversazione)

That Notice of the Same be given at this and the Dec Meeting, and that Members be requested to Contribute to its success both by way of using their influence amongst their friends and sending articles for exhibition,

(Ladies Subscriptions)

On the Motion of Mr Lennon it was agreed to Recommend to the Social that the Ladies who had been, or may be elected Members should be Charged no entrance fee.

A Sub Committee Consisting of Messrs Wilson, Watson & the Secy's was appointed to arrange the Societys papers and destroy those of no value.

On the Motion of Mr. Wilson, the Secy was instructed to write to the Secy of the Cryptogamic Society asking if they intended visiting Dumfries next Summer

On the Same evening at 8 O'Clock Dr. Gilchrist delivered the first of the Course of intermediate lectures in Connexion with the Society. 39 Members present 24. Gent. 10 Ladies. The Subject of the Lecture was "Natures Living Workmen" Illustrated by numerous diagrams, on the motion of Mr. Noble a unanimous vote of thanks was awarded to the Lecturer, Mr. Wilson occupied the Chair

Free Masons Hall

1st December 1882

A Meeting of Committee took place in the above Hall at 7 O'Clock present Messrs McAndrew, Wilson, Watson, Lennon, McMeekin Chryste, & Rutherford. Mr McAndrew occupied the Chair.

Secy submitted Letter from Rev W. Graham asking Subscriptions from Members of the society to defray the expense of clearing out Fosse at Lochmaben,

Letter from "Combe Trust" Secretary giving full particulars regarding the Cost of Combe lectures. when it was agreed on the motion of Mr Rutherford seconded by Mr Wilson that we take no further action in the matter at the present.

Secy submitted a letter from Mr Service asking to have his name withdrawn from the Course of intermediate lectures to be given by the members during the session.

Sub Committee appointed at last meeting reported that as instr=ucted they had gone over the papers of the society - and had destroyed a number which were of no value, and that the remainder required still to be arranged.

Secy was instructed to write to Mr Service asking him if he could furnish the Committee with Minutes of Field meetings for 1881, or any other particulars

of field meetings which would assist the Sub Committee who would be appointed to get ready the transactions for the press.

Treasurer was instructed to get 250 Circulars printed for his use in getting in the subscriptions.

Transactions 1/- each

It was agreed that the Transactions in hand should be offered to the Members at 1/- each and that the adresses of the Sub Sir W. Jardine be given to the Members gratis.

Secy to procure Newspapers

Mr Wilson moved that the Secy get Copies each of the Dumfries "Herald" & "Standard" Containing the reports of the Societies meetings, to be paid for by, and returned as the property of the Society, which was agreed to.

Free Masons Hall

1 December 1882

The third Monthly Meeting of the session took place in the above Hall at 8 O'clock Mr McAndrew presiding, 42 Members present.

The minutes of last meeting were read, and approved of, When the following new members were duly elected. Messrs Calderhead Burgh surveyor, Johnston Draper, Armistead Douglas Hall Mr Dunbar High St Dr I. Connal Wilson Thornhill Miss Laing 9 Catherine St. Miss Johnstone Catherine St Miss McNaughton Laurie Knowe Maxwelltown Mr Lait Tweed Merchant Dumfries. Miss Gillis King St Maxwelltown, & Mr W. Anderson Netherwood

(No enrollment Fee for Ladies)

Mr Wilson moved that the following recommendation from the Committee be adopted — viz that the Ladies who have been, or may be, elected members of the Society, Shall be Charged no enrollment fee, which was agreed to,

(Life Members £2 - 2 - each)

In the absence of Dr Gilchrist. Mr Wilson moved that the Society admit life Members at £3 - 3 - 0 each which was seconded by Mr S. Chrystie, Mr Moodie moved as an amendment that £2 = 2 = 0 be Charged for life Members. The Motion was withdrawn. and the amendment was agreed to unanimously,

S Secy in accordance with notice given at the previous Meeting moved that the Name of the Society for the future shall be the Dumfriesshire & Galloway Scientific Natural History and Antiquarian Society, which was agreed to.

(Name)

The following Specimens were laid on the table - Copy of Edinburg Courant dated 1705, piece of polished Limestone conglomerate by Mr. McMeekin.

Donation

Piece of the first Steam Ship, large ammonite, Coralline and several other fossils by Mr. Todd.

Mr. McAndrew read a paper entitled, "Notes on the Characeae, with special reference to the British Species." Contributed by Mr. A. Bennett F.L.S. Croydon, Corresponding member.

Notes on "The Characeae"

on the motion of Mr. Shaw, the Secy was instructed to transmit to Mr. Bennett, a vote of thanks from the Society for his paper.

Mr. McAndrew then read a paper on the "Parmeliae of the Stewartry" Illustrated with a number of Specimens" on the motion of Mr. Wilson, a hearty vote of thanks was awarded Mr. McAndrew.

Parmeliae of the Stewartry

"Place Names of Nithsdale"

Mr Shaw read a paper on the "Place names of Nithsdale" on the motion of Mr McAndrew a vote of thanks was awarded Mr Shaw for his able paper

"Deils dyke west of the Dee"

Mr Brown read a paper on the "Deils Dyke west of the Dee" on the motion of Mr Rutherford a vote of thanks was awarded Mr Brown.

Free Mason's Hall

15th Dec 1882

A Meeting of Committee took place in the above Hall at 7.30. present Dr Gilchrist in the Chair, Messrs Robb, McMeekin, Stobbie, Adamson, & Secy,

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved of

Secy submitted a letter from Revd W Graham Trinity offering a lecture on Antiquities &c of Lochmaben. Secy was instructed to write Mr Graham and ask him if the middle of April would suit him and what time his lecture will occupy.

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On the same evening Dr. Gilchrist in the Chair Wm. Rutherford. (Hon Secy) gave a lecture, on "Atmospheric Electricity" Illustrated with experiments. being the second of the intermediate Course given by the Members. On the motion of Dr. W. Culloch a hearty vote of thanks was given to Wm. Rutherford for his interesting and instructive lecture, 48 Members present.

Atmospheric Electricity

Grey Friars Hall Irish St.
5th January 1883.

The Fourth Monthly meeting of the Society was held in the above Hall as a "Conversazione," when a large Collection of objects of interest. Illustrating, Archæology, and the different branches of Natural Science, were exhibited. The exhibition was opened at Two O'Clock by Provost Lennox, who addressed the meeting on the objects and work of the Society, during the two hours of the afternoon which the exhibition was open a large number of persons visited the Hall

Conversazione

The Hall was again opened at 7 O'Clock when it was crowed with visitors in a very short time. Dr. Gilchrist Presiding,

Secy read the minutes of last meeting which were approved of,

Dr. Gilchrist then addressed the meeting on the Aims & Claims of the Society,

After which the following Ladies & Gentlemen were duly elected Members, Provost Lennox, Mr. S. M. Brown, Revd. I. D. McKinnon, Revd. I. Cooper, Dr. A. Davidson, Thornhill, Mr. Fingland, Thornhill, Miss Aitken, Dumfries, Miss M. Aitken, Mr. W. I. Laurie, Mr. Armstrong, Revd. G. W. Looley, Mrs. Looley, Mons M. De Proski, Dr. I. Sloan Esq. of Barbeth.

Secy announced the following donations to the Society, from Major Bowden Petrified Palm, Sharks tooth, Gun flint from the Lower London, Nodule of Flint enclosing Echinus, & Several Specimens of Whitby Jet,

At 8 O'Clock Mr. I. G. Starke addressed the meeting on Archaeology, its width & importance,

Dr. Grierson Thornhill followed with some very suitable remarks, on the Study of Nature and its advantages,

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before the close of the meeting at 10 O'clock. On the motion of Dr. Gilchrist a vote of thanks was awarded Provost Lennox for his inaugural address. The following votes of thanks were afterwards given On the motion of Mr. Neilson, to those who had contributed to the exhibition, To the Committee in recognition of their trouble in getting up the Conversazione. By Revd. I. Thyrde, To the public who had patronized the exhibition in such large numbers. By Mr. Wilson And to the Speakers who had addressed the Meeting, proposed By Revd. I. B. Johnstone,

Conversazione

Free Masons Hall

19th January 1883.

Committee Meeting took place at 7 O'Clock present Dr. Gilchrist Presiding, Messrs Roble Wm. Meekin, Chrystie, Wilson, Semnot, & the Secy. Secy intimated that the Revd N. Graham of Trinity Edinburgh would give a Lecture on Lochmaben on the 20th of April, in place of the one formerly promised, but which had been withdrawn by Mr. Service, Secy gave the meeting the Titles and Authors of the papers to be read at the Feby Ordinary Meeting. After which it was agreed that Mr. Farquharson and Dr. Richardson. C. R. I. will read papers at the March Ordinary Meeting.

The expenses of the Conversazione held next occupyed the meeting which were reckoned as follows.

Rent of Hall & fires 8/6, Tables from Mechanics Hall 1/- = 0. 18. 6

Candles 9/9. Porterage 12/2. Hall Keeper perquisite 2/6 0 - 19. 5

Extra printing estimated at 13/6 0. 13. 6

2. 11. 5

Dr. Gilchrist said he would pay the 14/2 porterage ~~out~~ himself. and it was agreed to recommend that the Society pay the extra printing, which left a balance of £1 - 3 - 9, which will be discharged by Subscription among the Committee and members of the Society who may choose to assist;

(Balance of Conversazione)

It was agreed that Dr. Gilchrist look over the parcel of Characeae presented for distribution by Mr. Bennett and that all duplicates be distributed and the remainder kept for Reference,

On the motion of Mr. McMeekin it was resolved that 1/- each shall be charged for Copies of the "Flora", to members or others,

(Flora 1/- each)

Mr. Wilson moved that a Subcommittee be appointed to look over the Society's papers and get them ready for the publication of the Transactions.

(Transaction Committee)

on the motion of Mr. Wilson

Dr. Gilchrist, Mr. Robb & the Secy were appointed.

On the same evening at 8 O'Clock after which Mr. J. Armistead of Douglas Hall Dalbeattie delivered an interesting instructive lecture on "Fish Culture" 41 Members were present. Dr. Gilchrist occupyed the Chair.

Mr. McDowall's paper preceded Mr. Armistead's Lecture

× Mr. McDowall read a paper on the "Auld Brig" shewing that it never had any more arches than nine.

Votes of thanks were awarded Mr. McDowall & Mr. Armistead

J. Wilson Vice President.

Free Masons Hall

2 Feby 1883

A Committee meeting took place in the above Hall at 7 P.M. Present Messrs Wilson, Watson, Chrystie, Stobbe, Robb, Lennon & the Secretary, Mr. Wilson presiding,

On the motion of Mr. Robb it was agreed to add Mr. Wilson's name to the Subcommittee appointed at last meeting, to prepare the Society's papers for Publication.

(Mr. Wilson added to Transaction Committee)

Secy was instructed to again write to Dr. Buchanan White asking if the Cryptogamic Society intend visiting Dumfries next Sept.

It was agreed to leave the matter of the Balance of 23/9 (in Connexion with Conversazione expenses) over to next meeting.

Mr. Wilson moved that Mr. S. Chrystie be appointed to assist Mr. Adamson in Collecting the Subscriptions, the motion was agreed to,

(Mr. S. Chrystie to assist Mr. Adamson)

It was resolved that the members of the Society visit Mr. Armistead's Fishery on Saturday the 17th inst.

Free Masons Hall
2 Feby 1883

The Fifth ordinary monthly meeting of the Society was held in the above Hall at 8 P.M. Mr Wilson occupyed the Chair. There were 25 Members present.

Secy read the minutes of last meeting which were approved of.

The following new members were duly elected,

Miss Burnett High St, Mr W. Tweddle High St, Mr Joseph Elder Inaville House, Mr D. Fenton Miss Murray Dunbar Terrace, Messrs John Milligan, James Adams, Gilruth, R. Maxwell & John Symons

Secy exhibited a Cormorant which had been shot by him at Jardington on the previous Tuesday,

Miss Gregan exhibited Three Copies of the Psalter dated 1580, 1623, & 1642,

Dr Sharp Thornhill exhibited 11 Cases of Splendid Beetles, which were greatly admired,

Mr McDowall then read a very able paper entitled, "Old Land Taxes of Scotland. with Special reference to the old Kirkcudbright Shire valuation Roll of 1682,

Mr Watt in a few suitable remarks. Moved a vote of thanks to Mr McDowall for his valuable paper.

Old Land Taxes of Scotland

Donations:- Fifteenth Annual Report of the Transactions of the Peabody Museum of American Archaeology & Ethnology 1882; Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences No. 7. 8 & 9. 1881 Lists of Duplicates & Lists of Deficiencies of the New York Academy of Sciences 1880 & 1881; No. 2. 3. 4 & 5 of the Transactions of the New York Academy of Sciences Vol I Sessions 1881 & 82; Copy of the Transactions of the Berthshire Society of Natural Science 1882

"Points of Interest on the Natural History of Islands"

Dr. Sharp of Eccles House, then read a paper "On Some points of Interest in the Natural History of Islands". On the motion of Mr. Lennon a vote of thanks was awarded ~~Mr.~~ Dr. Sharp.

Secretary then intimated that the Committee had agreed to accept Mr. Armistead's invitation to visit "The Fishery" at Kinharvie, on Saturday the 17th inst. If that day would suit Mr. Armistead.

Mr. McLean moved ~~that~~ that an advertisment be inserted in each of the Local papers, on Saturday the 10th, Stateing the time of Starting and mode of Conveyence, And that members who purposed going, must give the Secy notice three days before. This was agreed to,

Free Masons Hall

16th February ~~19th January~~ 1883

The Fourth Intermediate Lecture of the Session was delivered this evening By Dr. Grierson Thornhill, On the "Brain and Nervous System", which was of a very instructive Character, being illustrated by dissections of Human & Animal Brain. And a number of Splendid diagrams.

The Rev. G. W. ~~Mr.~~ Tooley after a few appropriate remarks moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Grierson, which was unanimously accorded.

Mr. Wilson V.P. occupied the Chair and 33 members were present.

Saturday 17th Feby 1882.
At 12.20. Len of
The Members met at the Railway Station to
proceed ~~by train~~ to Killywhan Station by train
then walk to Mr Armisteads Fishery at
Kinharvie. The day being very wet and
Stormy, Some of the members objected to that
way of going, when to accomodate them it was
agreed to Hire a bus and drive. But on
Coming into Dumfries it was found that neither a
Bus or other Covered Conveyance was to be had,
It was then agreed to pospond the visit, on
Account of the Roughness of the weather and no
Covered Conveyance to be had. Messrs Wilson
Mc Meekan & Symington went down by the
Two train, as a deputation from the Society to
acquaint Mr Armistead of how matters stood,
and apologise for the disappointment Caused him by
the Society.

Free Masons Hall
2 March 1883

A Meeting of Committee was held in the above Hall at 7 P. M. present Dr Gilchrist Messrs Wilson Adamson. Lennon & Watson.

In the absence of the secy through indisposition Mr Wilson was appointed to act as secy for the evening. as the assistant secy was also absent through illness,

Minutes of last meeting were read and agreed to,

It was resolved ~~that~~ that the secy be instructed to write Mr Armistead and apologise for failing to visit "The Fishery at Kinharbie as arranged,

On the motion of Mr Wilson it was arranged that a Black Board & pointer should be got for the Society, Mr Wilson was instructed to get them made,

(Black Board)

The Treasurer submitted several accounts from the "Herald office" respecting Flora &c., and as he had sufficient funds in hand he was instructed to pay them and any other accounts presented up to this date,

The Treasurer intimated that several members had not paid their subscriptions for last year, and as he had written and called upon them several times, he was instructed to treat them as lapsed members according to the rule, recommend that

The Committee agreed to ~~have~~ a circular be printed, and sent to several Ladies & Gentlemen in the district introducing the Society to their notice, Dr. Gilchrist, Mr. Wilson & Secy were appointed to draft the Same,

(circular to be sent)

Free Masons Hall
2 March 1883,

The Sixth ordinary monthly meeting of the Session was held this evening at 8 P.M, 40 members were present— Dr. Gilchrist presided occupied the Chair,

The minutes of last meeting were read by Mr. Wilson V.P. And agreed to,

The following new Members were duly elected:— Mr. Oughton, (confectioner) Castle St— & Miss Gilroy Moat House,

Donations

The Annual report of the Bureau of Ethnology, Washington 1879 + 1880, 12 Old Coins presented by Mr Smith Albany place, a vote of thanks was awarded to the donors,

Exhibits;

Several Species of Rocks + Fossils from Egypt by Dr Gilchrist; ~~The Swords which were picked~~ up on the Battlefield of Tel-el-Kebir, including a piece of Conglomerate; alabaster; Sulphate of Lime; petrified palm; Silicious quartz; and a portion of nummulitic limestone rock from the Egyptian mountains; a piece of limestone similar to that of which the Pyramids are built; and a piece of Delicious Slate found in an Egyptian Temple, and supposed to have been used as a Charm,

Mr Watson exhibited a Sword which was picked up on the Battle field of Tel-el-Kebir; A proclamation in Arabic, found in Arabi's tent at Tel-el-Kebir A Copy of a Turkish journal "Et. Lawaib" got in the Kasr-el-Nil palace, On the day the British troops entered Cairo; + a photograph of the Testament carried in the Haversack of William Roome of the Highland Light Infantry, which saved his life by diverting the direction of a bullet which must otherwise have been fatal.

a hearty vote of thanks was awarded the Exhibitors,

"The Flora of Zermatt"

Revd. I. Fraser Colvend. then read a paper on "Alpine Botany" with special referance to the Flora of Zermatt". On the motion of Dr. Gilchrist a vote of thanks was given Mr. Fraser for his very interesting paper.

"Quaint Epitaphs in the district"

Mr. McMeekan read a paper entitled "Quaint Epitaphs in the District"

On the motion of the Chairman a vote of thanks was awarded Mr. McMeekan.

"Introduction to the Study of Mosses"

A valuable paper contributed by Mr. P. Gray London, was read by the Chairman. On "Introduction to the Study of Mosses, Illustrated with Specimens". On the motion of Mr. McDowall seconded by Revd. I. Fraser, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Gray for his valuable paper

(To print Mr. Gray's paper)

A suggestion was made by Mr. Fraser that Mr. Gray's interesting paper should be printed by the Society for circulation, which was referred to the Committee,

(Circulars authorized)

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Revd. G. W. Looley, that the minute of Committee respecting Circulars, be agreed to, which was unanimously carried

A vote of thanks to the Chairman moved by Mr. Watson brought a very interesting meeting to a close.