

City of Leeds Training College.

Name *W. Avey*
Testimonial Fund

Subject *Minutes*

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- ① Mrs J. H. Brown
- ② Miss A. Crawshaw.
- ③ Miss E. Gray.

④ ~~Mr. J. P. Holgate.~~

⑤ ~~Mr. H. J. Joad.~~

Mr G. E. Wilkinson. (Treasurer)

Mr M. J. Woodhouse (Hon. Sec.).

① Miss M. Birks (11-13) 82, Cardigan Road, Leeds.

(~~Miss A. Brindle (30-32).~~) —

② Mr E. J. Carr (22-24) 28 St. Peter's Mount, Bramley, Leeds.

③ Mr. A. Cox. (20-22)

(~~Mr. J. J. Cummings (28-32).~~) —

④ Mrs L. Glegg (10-12) "Windsor" Spin Hill Lane, Cookridge, Leeds.

⑤ Miss A. E. Howarth (22-24) 83, Headingley Mount, Leeds.

⑥ Mrs. A. Jennings (15-17) 34, Newlaithes Gardens, Horsforth, Leeds.

⑦ Mr H. V. Laurie (23-25).

⑧ Mr W. H. Perkins.

⑨ Miss Fraser

⑩ Mrs Lambert.

⑪ Miss Wood.

⑫ Mr Whitehead.

Joint Committee of Staff & Old Students.

Testimonial to Dr. Aisey.

May 1932.

FIRST MEETING.

Macaulay Hall. 29th. April, 1932.

Present: Mr. Holgate (in the chair): Mrs. Brown, Miss Crawshaw, Miss Gray: Messrs. Carr, Glegg, Laurie, Todd and Woodhouse.

Mr. Woodhouse was elected Hon. Secretary of the Committee.

Mr. Holgate introduced the business of the Committee which had been summoned for the purpose of discussing Dr. Avey's forthcoming retirement, and outlined the proceedings of the Staff Sub. Committee which had met in the College on Friday, 22nd April.

The following resolutions were carried:-

- That the Joint Presidents of the Students' Representative Council become ex officio members of this committee.
- That the President & Secretary of the Leeds Old Boys' Club be also ex officio members of the committee.
- That a fund be raised for the purpose of securing

a portrait of Dr. Ailey: the portrait to be presented to the College.

That one of the means adopted should be that of addressing a circular letter to the Old Students & Staff.

A tentative circular, drawn up by Miss Crawshaw and the Secretary, was then considered and its form discussed at some length. (A copy of this letter appears on the opposite page). A few modifications were suggested and it was ultimately agreed that the whole letter be redrafted by Miss Crawshaw and the Secretary in accordance with the modifications stated, and that it should be submitted in its revised form to the Committee at their next meeting.

The points which were to receive particular attention were, - (i) the introduction of a paragraph stressing the significance of such a portrait in building up a tradition in the College.

Beckett Park,

LEEDS.

Dear Sir or Madam,

- (a) You may be aware that Dr. Airey will retire from the College at Easter, 1933. He has held with distinction both to himself and to the College the position of Principal for the last fourteen years.

- (b) The Staff and Old Students' Association have expressed a desire to testify to their appreciation of Dr. Airey's services to the College by some memorial which will be a personal testimonial to Dr. Airey and at the same time a permanent record of his association with the College,- an association which has been marked by high ideals of service and scholarship, and by devotion to the interests of the College and of the Old Students.

- (c) They have decided that a most appropriate form of memorial would be a portrait of Dr. Airey, to be placed in the College Hall, side by side with that of Mr. Parsons, the first Principal of the College.

- (d) A Committee has been formed to raise a fund for this purpose, (and subscriptions of any amount will be gratefully accepted by _____, who is acting as Treasurer. As it is desirable that an early start be made subscriptions should be sent as soon as possible.

- (e) A list of the names of subscribers will be given to Dr. Airey without any mention of the amount subscribed.

(ii) the modification of paragraph (e) to include an intimation to the effect that a bound volume containing the names of the contributors would be presented to Dr. Arvey.

(iii) a modification of paragraph (d) to appeal to all Old Students to subscribe and to make clear that contributions, large or small would be welcomed.

Mr. Islegg suggested that one member of the Old Students' Association in each of the larger centres be asked to collect contributions from members of the area, and Mr. Islegg expressed his willingness to obtain the names of likely Old Students before the next meeting.

The following resolutions were also carried:

That Mr Wilkinson be asked to act as Treasurer of the Committee.

That an advertisement be drawn up, to be submitted

to the Committee for consideration, with a view to its insertion in the "Teachers World" and the "Schoolmaster".

That Miss Paine & Mr Holgate be empowered to make arrangements for clerical assistance in connection with the forwarding of circulars.

That the next Committee meeting be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, 6th. May.

H. T. Todd
6/5/32.

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It is thought that a most appropriate form of memorial would be a portrait of Dr. Airey, to be placed in the College Hall, side by side with that of Mr. Parsons, the first Principal of the College: thus carrying out the original idea of Staff and Old Students, - that the College should contain portraits of all its Principals, - and in this way building up a tradition which, it is hoped, will persist throughout future generations.

A Committee, whose names appear below, has been formed to raise a fund for this purpose. No particular sum is suggested but the Committee would urge that all Old Students and members of Staff should subscribe. Contributions, large or small, will be welcomed, and will be received by Mr. Wilkinson, who is acting as Treasurer. As it is desirable that an early start be made, subscriptions should be sent as soon as possible.

A bound copy of the names of subscribers will be presented to Dr. Airey, without any mention of the amount subscribed.

G. GLEGG. (1910 - 1912.)
A. JENNINGS. (1915 - 1917.)
E. E. HOWARTH. (1922 - 1924.)
H. V. LAURIE. (1923 - 1925.)
E. T. CARR. (1922 - 1924.)
A. COX. (1920 - 1922.)
M. BINKS. (1911 - 1913.)
A. BRINDLE. (1930 - 1932.)
J. T. CUMMINGS. (1928 - 1932.)

M. E. PAINE. (Chairman)
J. L. BROWN.
A. CRAWSHAW.
E. GRAY.
T. P. HOLGATE.
H. T. TODD.
G. E. WILKINSON. (Hon. Treas.)
M. T. WOODHOUSE. (Hon. Sec.)

I enclose £ : : , as subscription towards the testimonial fund for Dr. Airey.

Date.....

Signed.....

Address.....

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SECOND MEETING.

Leighton Hall.

6th. May, 1932.

Present: Mr. Dodd (in the chair), Miss Birks, Miss Crowshaw, Miss Gray, Miss Howarth, Messrs. East, Cox, Cummings, Glegg, Holgate, Wilkinson & the Secretary.

The minutes of the first meeting were read and approved, and it was moved & carried that Mr. Perkins be coopted as a member of the committee.

It was moved & carried that Miss Paine be asked to act as chairman of the committee.

The amended circular letter, a copy of which appears on the opposite page, was then discussed and approved in broad outline. It was moved & carried that the letter be referred for final drafting to a committee consisting of Miss Crowshaw, the Treasurer & the Secretary, and

it was recommended that a paragraph be added, drawing the attention of Old Students to the difficulty of obtaining correct addresses and requesting recipients of the circular to hand on the information to any whom they knew had not received it.

It was further agreed that the letter be printed as expeditiously as possible, the Secretary to use his own discretion as to the number of circulars to be printed.

|| It was also agreed that the Treasurer & Secretary be empowered to make any arrangements considered desirable by them, to facilitate the collection of subscriptions. (In this connection Mr. Glegg supplied the Secretary with a list of Old Students who might, if necessary, be willing to act as district collectors, as indicated in the minutes of the first meeting).

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The Teachers' World.

NEWS BREVITIES

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The New Schoolmaster.

RETIREMENT OF PRINCIPAL JOHN AIREY.

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It is the intention of past and present students of the College to commemorate his fine work by placing his portrait in the College Hall, and a movement is on foot to secure funds for that purpose.

The Secretary was also requested to bear in mind the possibility of using certain local newspapers for the purpose of including in their news columns information relating to Dr. Airey's retirement. Local journals of Teachers (e.g. *The Leeds Teacher*) were also to be considered in the same connection.

A tentative newspaper advertisement was submitted by the Secretary for discussion, and it was agreed that Miss Gray be asked to assist in the framing of the advertisement.

It was moved & carried that the Secretary make enquiries with regard to the cost of one, two & three insertions in the various periodicals, and that he should use his own discretion as to the number of such insertions. He was also requested to send

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with each advertisement a personal paragraph with a request that the Editor should consider it for publication.

It was finally moved & carried that advertisements be sent to "Child Education" & the "New Schoolmaster" in addition to the two periodicals approved in the first meeting.

Mary E. Paine 14.10.1932.

THIRD MEETING.

Macaulay Hall.

14th. October, 1932.

Present: Miss Paine (in the chair), Mrs Brown, Mrs Jennings, Miss Binks, Miss Grawshaw, Miss Gray: Messrs Cose, Glegg, Laurie, Todd, Wilkinson & the Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the Secretary gave a brief report on the work done since the last meeting.

He stated that 4,000 circular letters had been printed and of these approximately 3,500 had been sent out to Old Students, an attempt having been made to send the letter to every Old Student. He added that about 250 letters had also been sent to the Senior Students who left the College in July of this year.

It was reported that advertisements had been sent to the Schoolmaster, the New Schoolmaster, and the Teachers' World, and that in each case

The paper had published a brief personal report. No action had been taken with regard to reports in the local newspapers as Dr. Avey had already been interviewed by official reporters and articles had been independently published.

The Treasurer then made a brief statement on the financial position, indicating that subscriptions amounting to approximately £80 had been received and that the expenditure up to date was roughly £20.

It was agreed that Miss Fraser & Mr. Lambert be asked to attend the next meeting of the Committee by virtue of their ^{positions} on the College S.R.C.

Miss Paine kindly consented to address the present students of the college and make an appeal to them on behalf of the Testimonial Fund.

It was agreed that an appeal be also made from the platform at the General Meeting during

the Old Students' Reunion and that, in addition, two tables be placed inside the hall in order that subscriptions could be received. Miss Gray kindly consented to supply the Committee with two posters drawing attention to the Appeal Fund; and Mrs Brown, Mrs Jennings, Mr. Cox & the Treasurer & Secretary agreed to assist in receiving the subscriptions at the tables.

It was further agreed that Miss Paine be asked to find out whether the Education Committee were prepared to frame the finished portrait.

The Secretary then read the correspondence, which was concerned with the selection of an artist, and after discussion it was decided that the matter be deferred till the next meeting of the Committee, which, it was agreed, should be held after the Reunion, on Nov. 25th.

H. T. Todd
4 Feb., 1933.

FOURTH MEETING.

Held in the College

4th February 1933.

PRESENT. Mr. Doan (in the chair) Mrs Brown, Miss Gawshaw, Miss Binks, Miss Gray, Miss Fraser, Miss Howarth, Messrs Cox, Glegg, Lambert, Laurie, Perkins, Whitehead, Wilkinson & the Secretary. (An apology for absence was received from Miss Wood).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and arising from the minutes ^{it was} ~~stated~~ stated by Mr Perkins that the question of framing the portrait had not been mentioned to the Education Committee but that he would do so in an unofficial capacity.

The Treasurer made a brief statement on the position of the fund to date, indicating that subscriptions amounting roughly to £136 had been received, which, after the deduction of expenses would leave a balance in hand of about £116. The fund was not closed as subscription continued to be received though much more slowly than at first.

Mr Cox asked whether this balance was regarded as

adequate and the Chairman emphasised the fact that there was no reason why efforts to obtain further subscriptions should be relaxed.

The Committee then proceeded to the business of selecting an artist. The Secretary proposed that a sum of 100 guineas be put aside as a maximum for the painting of the portrait. Miss Gray seconded the proposition, and a discussion followed in the course of which a suggestion was made that the amount be reduced. The original proposition was carried.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain before the next meeting of the Committee estimates from one or two photographers of the cost of reproducing the portrait, and Miss Gray was asked to make inquiries concerning the cost of the book of subscribers' names.

It was stated that Mr. Howard Somerville who had executed the painting of the portrait of Mr. Parsons was too ill to undertake further commissions and the

following names were mentioned for further enquiry:-

Messrs. Bresaly, Galloway, Halliday, Heyland, Moore,
Masnicky.

It was moved and carried that a sub-committee be formed to make further investigations with regard to a suitable artist and to report to the full committee. The following were elected to the sub-committee :-

Miss Gray	Messrs. Cox.
" Howarth.	Wilkenson
	Woodhouse.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the committee in the College on Saturday 4th. March.

W. T. Todd
16/2/33.

FIFTH MEETING.

Caedmon Hall.

16th February 1933.

PRESENT. Mrs Dodd (in the chair), Mrs Brown, Mrs Jennings, Miss Brink, Miss Crawshaw, Miss Gray, Miss Fraser, Miss Wood, Messrs Cosc, Glegg, Perkins, Wilkenson & the Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Howarth, & Messrs Lambert, Laurie & Whitehead.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed, & Mrs Perkins stated that the Education Committee would be agreeable to frame the portrait of Dr. Avey when completed.

The Secretary then announced the unanimous recommendation of the sub-committee - that the committee open negotiations with Mr. Howard Somerville for the painting of the portrait.

A resolution to this effect moved by Miss Crawshaw,

seconded by Mrs Brown & supported by Mr. Glegg was carried unanimously & the Secretary was instructed to write to the artist stating that 100 guineas could be offered for the execution of the commission.

Miss Gray reported that the cost of producing the book of names would be about £1 for a hundred names. The Secretary stated that estimates for a whole plate photographic reproduction of the portrait had been submitted by Messrs Bacon & Connergan, - the former for 2 or 3 guineas, the latter for half a guinea.

After some discussion it was agreed that Dr. Arvey be presented with a book containing a photographic reproduction of the picture together with an address from Past & Present members of Staff, & Old & Present Students; a list of names of subscribers being drawn up separately.

It was agreed that the officers of the committee

be appointed to draw up the address, and that
the full committee meet to discuss it on 9th March.

W. T. T.
9/Mar/33

SIXTH MEETING.

Priestley Hall.

9th March 1933.

Present: Mr Dodd (in the chair), Miss Gawshaw, Miss Gray, Miss Howard, Miss Fraser, Mrs Jennings; Messrs Coxe, Glegg, Lambert, Wilkinson & the Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Brown, Miss Wood, & Messrs Laurie, Perkins & Whitehead.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary announced that Mr Howard Somerville had agreed to paint the portrait at a tentative figure (£100 guineas). It was agreed that Dr. Aisley be requested to wear his academic robes for the painting.

The Committee considered the draft address prepared by the sub-committee, a copy of which appears on the opposite page. Some modifications were made and the revised address approved.

Miss Gray reported that she had made enquiries

with reference to the production of the presentation book, stating that the cost (excluding goldwork & the photograph) would be approximately £7-10-0.

[This was made up as follows:-

Vellum cover material £2-10-0.

Vellum paper (8 pp. @ 7/6) £3-0-0.

200 words @ £1 per 100. £2-0-0.]

She submitted for the consideration of the Committee specimens of the work of two artists, and was empowered to proceed to negotiate with one of the artists:-

Miss Brown - for the production of the book; the Secretary to make enquiries of Mr Howard Somerville regarding the photographic reproduction.

W. T. Todd
20/10/33.

SEVENTH MEETING

Leigh-on-Hale

20th. October 1933.

PRESENT: Mr Dodd (in the chair) Miss Simpson, Mrs Brown, Mrs Jennings, Miss Gray, Miss Gawshaw, Miss Wood, Miss Binks, Mr Rich, Mr Lambert, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Glegg, Mr Whitehead & the Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Fraser & Mr. Laurie.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary gave a brief report on the work which had been completed since the last meeting.

(This included (i) the completion of the portrait and its removal to the Leeds City Art Gallery.

and (ii) the completion of the presentation book including the photographic reproduction of the portrait.

The Treasurer then submitted his report which showed an income of £146..16..9, and a balance in hand of £3..15..7 after all current expenses had been paid.

It was agreed that the Secretary send to Dr. Ainsy a cheque for

£10. 10. 0 as a contribution towards the expenses which he had incurred in connection with the sittings in London.

It was further agreed that a banquet be presented to Mrs. Avey, Mrs. Brown & Miss Wood being elected to purchase the banquet, and Miss Simpson to make the presentation.

After some discussion it was decided to ask Mr^a Cox to speak at the presentation to Dr. Avey, and failing him that Mr. Laurie be asked to do so. Mr. G. E. Wilkinson was elected to speak as representative of the staff and to make the presentation.

Details of procedure were next discussed & the Secretary was asked to make suitable arrangements for the hanging of the portrait before the meeting.

Miss Rawson & Mr. W. Taylor were elected auditors of the accounts.

H. T. Todd
24 Feb. 1934