

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

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A Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by election of the Churchwardens and held at the Vestry of the Church of Saint John

15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1868.

Hampstead on Friday the thirteenth day of November 1868 at a quarter before nine o'clock in the Evening to consider and sanction the expense of a New Boiler and Heating Apparatus. —

Present

Richard Howell Esqre Churchwarden  
in the Chair  
W. James Etenden Churchwarden  
The Revend Charles Margrave Harvey M.A.  
Assistant Licensed Curate  
Julius Ballot Esqre  
Henry Hopkins Esqre  
Samuel Barber Esqre

Richard Howell Esqre was elected Chairman

The Churchwardens stated that in consequence of complaints having been made they had inspected the Heating Apparatus of the Church and found that the Boiler leaked and was worn out and they therefore asked W. John Douglas the Surveyor to report thereon and advise the best course to be adopted. He had inspected the works and confirmed the opinion of the Churchwardens and advised Tenders

for  
Boiler  
Apparatus

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to be invited for a New Boiler and all necessary apparatus for well and effectually heating and warming the Church. The Churchwardens had accordingly invited Tenders and received a tender from Mr Keith in the following terms.

73 High Street  
Hampstead

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 68.

Sir,

In answer to your letter inviting me to tender for a New wrought Iron Saddle Boiler and necessary Apparatus for heating the Parish Church I respectfully submit my charge for the same. Having examined the old work I find the Boiler entirely useless - all the joints and elbows in the furnace pit are defective and will require to be very carefully broken apart so as to prevent injury to the pipes laid in the Church being all connected in one the only method of separating and preserving the pipes by fire heat cannot in this case be applied therefore new must be substituted.

I would take down old work and furnish a new wrought Iron Boiler full the size of the present one and all necessary pipes and elbows and fix the same in a sound and workmanlike manner for the sum of Fourteen pounds. As regards fire years Warranty you Sir are perfectly aware that if the joints are sound the first day they will harden and improve every day after - so I cannot hesitate to grant the five years.

I would not think of enclosing or breaking up any of the work till I had fully charged the Boiler and Pipes with water and you had examined and certified.

Mr. Hart's charge for the brickworks would be  
Four pounds extra which will include the taking  
down of the work already done by order.

I am Sir  
Yrs obediently  
Robt. Ruth.

To

John Douglas Esq.

I was moved by The Reverend Charles Newgrave Starkey  
and seconded by Samuel Barber Esquire  
Resolved unanimously

That the Churchwardens be and they were  
therby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding  
£18 inclusive of all expenses in the erection of a  
New Boiler with Damper such credit being given  
for the old iron of the old Boiler & Apparatus as  
the Churchwardens considered proper.

The following letter, herein pasted fixed from Mr. Douglas  
(Surveyor) of this day's date was read - having reference to the  
question of the Boiler, & to cracks or settlements in the Church Tower.  
was read.

Yours At. Vicar

~~3~~ PARISH OF ST. JOHN HAMSTEAD, MIDDLESEX, N.W.

Surveyor's Office, — No. 10, New End,

Harrow 13<sup>th</sup> 1868

Dear Sir

I enclose you Mr. Robert Ruth's Letter, in  
answer to my letter, inviting him and Mr. Cornick to furnish  
me with ~~Quotations~~ for Boiler &c for the Parish Church. —

~~The price~~ seems fair and reasonable, but although  
the boiler and fittings may be useful as regards running the  
church, yet they are worth something as old material, which  
Mr Ruth does not seem to take into account.

In reconsidering this matter I think a damper  
would be of great use to the boiler. A great saving of fuel  
would be effected, by having more control over the fire, and  
may be done, without any increase to Mr Ruth's Quotations.

I have examined the cracks or settlements, still  
going on in the church tower. There are several cracks but I  
am not satisfied whether they are settlements or shrinkage of the new  
plaster, or cement placed there some time ago. In order  
to determine this, it may be necessary to employ some of

the tradesmen in the place. Will you kindly inform  
me whom I shall employ, should I find it necessary.  
It will only be to cut out old plaster and restore  
it again.

I am

Dear Sir

yours truly

R. W. Leach Esq<sup>r</sup> John Douglas.  
Oak Hill Park  
Hampstead.

Dear Mr. Leach  
Hampstead.

At a Meeting of the Trustees  
for carrying into execution the Act for  
providing the Inhabitants of the Parish  
of Saint John Hampstead with  
increased accommodation for attending  
Divine Service convened by direction of  
the Minister and held at the Parsonage  
in High Street Hampstead on Tuesday  
the nineteenth day of January 1869 at  
Eight o'clock in the Evening precisely.

Present

The Revd Charles James M.A. Vicar of  
the Parish in the Church.

The Revd Charles Musgrave Cavey M.A.  
Assistant Licensed Curate

Richard Howell Leach Esq  
W. James Bonham . . . } Churchwardens  
George Chater Esq  
William Rivington Esq  
H. Charles Walker

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed  
by the Chairman.

The Bankers Pass Book was laid before the Chairman  
whereby it appeared that the balance in hand amounted  
to £576<sup>13</sup>. 3.

The Collector's Account for the half year to December due  
to the Trustees at Michaelmas last was examined whereby  
it appeared that the half years rents amounted to £275. 3. 6.  
of which sum £238. 15. 6 had been collected and paid  
to the Bankers leaving £36. 8. uncollected on such half

years rents with an arrear of £20. 15. 6 due as follows

Due. £20	Mr. Lovell
.55	Mr. Whitman
120	Mr. Elder
.39	Mr. Seward
101	Mr. Scathey
10.	Miss Cumphy
.44	Mr. Rian
.32	Mr. Lee
.99	Mr. Nuttly
	Nuttly, Nichols 1187

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The several Bills Salaries and Accounts due at Christmas last amounting together £248. 1. 1 were examined and ordered to be paid such sum including £11.10. payable to the representatives of Mr. Ann Wrigley deceased for one years interest due 5<sup>th</sup> February next on £300. - the balance due to her for principal of loan with £10. - being one twentieth part (18<sup>th</sup> instalment) of the loan leaving £26 principal money remaining unpaid on the original loan of £200. -

The Chairman stated that Mr. Bell a member of the congregation had expressed his desire to put up a Memorial Window <sup>in my window on the Gallery on the South side</sup> to the memory of his friend and connection Mr. Buerlesen and he had designed a Window for this purpose which design the Chairman produced and also stated that he himself was desirous of putting up a window of similar design in the middle window in the Gallery on the south side and would also place stained glass in the tops of the remaining three windows in order that in the event of other persons placing windows in the other

three windows similar designs might be carried out

*Resolved*

That the offer of Mr. Bell and the Chairman be and the same were heartily accepted with the grateful thanks of the Trustees.

It was proposed by the Chairman

Seconded by George Charles Egg and

*Resolved unanimously*

That this Meeting cannot but take this opportunity of recording their regret at the loss sustained by the Trustees through the retirement of their late Clerk Thomas Toller Egg and their sense of the kindness faithfulness and zeal with which during forty years he had discharged the duties of his office and that the Chairman be requested to convey to Mr. Toller this expression of their sentiments.

Chques for the payments ordered to be made at this meeting were signed by the Chairman and two other members of the Board.

(*Mr. A. W.*)

Buerlesen & Co.  
Memorial Window

A. Meeting of the Trustees  
for carrying into execution the  
Act for providing the Inhabitants of  
the Parish of Saint John,  
Hampstead with increased  
accommodation for attending Divine  
Service convened by direction of  
the Minister and held at the  
Parish Church in High Street Hampstead  
on Monday the nineteenth day of  
July 1869 at eight o'clock in the  
Evening precisely.

*Present*  
Rev. Mr. Charlton Lane M.A. Vicar of  
the Parish in the Chair.  
The Revd Charles Musgrave Harvey M.A.  
Assistant Licensed Clerical  
Wm. James Atherton Churchwarden  
David Powell Esqre  
Mantey Hopkins Esqre  
Samuel Becker Esqre

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed  
by the Chairman

The Bankers Pass Book was laid before the Chairman  
whereby it appeared that the balance in hand amounted  
to £32. 18. 3 and that £700 in Exchequer Bills  
were then in the hands of the Bankers on account of  
the Trust

The Collector's Account for the Half year's Rec Rents  
due to the Trustees at Lady Day last was examined  
whereby it appeared that the half years rents amounted

to £258. 18. which sum had been collected and paid  
to the Bankers and that the arrears of Rec Rents due at  
Michaelmas last amounted to £1. 5. which sum  
had been collected and paid into the Bankers and that  
the only arrears outstanding were as follows:

Rec. No 47 Mr. Biggs . . . .	£3. 3. -
" 99 Mr. Ratty . . . .	2. 0. -
both which amounts were due in 1867.      £5. 3. -	

The several Bills, Salaries and Accounts due at  
Midsummer last amounting together to £161. 14. Were  
examined and called to be paid.

Read a letter from Mr. Toller the Clerk Clerk to the Trustees  
directed to the Chairman in answer to a letter written  
by the Chairman in accordance with the wishes of the  
Trustees expressed at their last Meeting  
Bell Walk, Hampstead

20<sup>th</sup> January 1869

My Dear Mr. Lane - I have received your kind letter  
concerning a copy of the resolution of the Trustees  
of Hampstead Church at the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of  
January instant in reference to my retirement from the  
Office of Clerk to the Trustees and I beg to request that  
you will convey to the Trustees my hearty thanks for  
the very handsome terms in which my services are  
acknowledged, and to express my sense of obligation  
for the courtesy and forbearance uniformly shown to  
me by every member of the Trust during my long  
continuance in Office.

Yours, My dear Mr. Lane  
Yours faithfully  
Rev. Charlton Lane M.A.      Mr. Toller

The Chairman stated that a subscription had been set on foot to put up a Memorial window to the Memorial window Memory of the late Revd John Tyre and that it was proposed to place such window in the end window in the gallery on the South side and that it should be of similar design to the two windows already put up in the gallery and that it was desired to obtain the consent of the Trustees to such window being placed on the gallery.

*Resolved*

That there be and the same was then voted to have such Memorial window put up to the memory of the late Revd John Tyre in the end window in the gallery and that it be of similar design to the two already placed there, and in accordance with the views of the Chairman.

Chargess for the payments ordered to be made at this meeting were signed by the Chairman and two other members of the Trust.

C<sup>m</sup>rs

2nd Nov 1869

Mr. Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at the Vicarage in High Street Hampstead on Tuesday the second day of November 1869 at eight o'clock in the evening precisely

Present

The Revd Charlton Lane M.A. Vicar of the Parish in the Chair  
The Revd Gerard A. Stoblets  
Assistant Licensed Curate  
Richard Howell Esq  
Mr James Ashenden Churchwardens  
George Chater Esq  
Samuel Barker Esq  
Thomas Husband Esq  
Charles Walker Esq  
Julius Talbot Avery Esq  
Mr Henry Cornick  
The Revd Charles Langmore Harvey late  
assistant Clerical Curate also attended

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman

Sixten Appointed  
The Chairman reported that George Charles having reluctantly vacated his office of Sexton, Readle and Bellinger he as Vicar had appointed Mr Langmore

*Parish Clerk to the office of Sexton*

The Chairman also stated that there were two candidates for the office of Verger viz Thomas Adams and Thomas Hart each of which candidates were strongly recommended.

The Chairman then read the duties of the Verger which had been settled by the meeting of the Trustees held on the twentysecond day of July 1867 and which were as follows.

*Duties and Services of the Verger and Bellringer  
as Officers of the Church*

*Sexton or Verger*

Attends all Sunday and Weekday Services including the services in Advent and Lent  
Attends upon the officiating Clergyman, lights and keeps up and puts out the fires in Vestry Room and outside the Church, and attends to ventilation, cleans the gas fittings, lights and extinguishes the gas, and sees that the lights burn efficiently. Keeps order in the Church and Yard during the services—opens and locks up the Church and Church yard  
Attends the Churchwardens with and for the Communion Plate. Cleans and dusts twice a year the Pulpit and Lectern. Winds up the Church Clock twice a week  
Rings the Church Bell for all Sunday and weekday services. Dips up and cleans occasionally the enclosed ground in Vicars Court

After reading the Applications of Thomas Adams and Thomas Hart and the testimonials of each applicant it was unanimously

*Resolved*

That Thomas Adams having been recommended

by the Vicar and Churchwardens be and he was thereby elected to fill the office of Sexton, Beadle and Bellringer at a Salary of £35 per annum.

Mr Thomas Adams was called in and informed by the Chairman of his election to the above office when the above duties were read over to him whereupon he expressed his very grateful assent.

*Resolved*

That William Langmaid be appointed to do all outdoor work connected with the Trust except such as mentioned amongst the duties of Mr Thomas Adams and that the salary for such duties and also as Churchyard Sexton be £5 per annum commencing from the date of his appointment of Sexton by the Vicar

*Resolved*

That Mr Hart be paid the sum of £10 10s— for his services for the time that he acted as Verger

*(Signature)*

26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1870

At a Meeting of the Trustees  
for carrying into execution the Act for  
providing the Inhabitants of the Parish  
of St. John Hampstead with  
increased accommodation for attending  
Divine Service convened by direction of  
the Minister and held at the Vicarage  
in High Street Hampstead on Wednesday  
the twenty sixth day of January 1870  
at eight o'clock in the evening previously  
Present

The Rev<sup>r</sup> Charlton Lane M.A. Vicar of the  
Parish Church in the Chair  
The Rev<sup>r</sup> Gerald Andrew Heckle M.A.  
Assistant Licensed Curate  
W<sup>r</sup> James Ashenden Churchwarden  
George Chater Esq  
Mantley Hopkins Esq  
Samuel Barber Esq  
Charles Walker Esq  
Henry Rose Esq M.D.  
Mr. Henry Milten

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed  
by the Chairman.

The Bankers Pass Book was laid before the Chairman  
whereby it appeared that the balance in hand amounted  
to £704. 16. 7 and that £700 Exchequer Bills were then  
in the hands of the Bankers on account of the Trust

The Collectors Account for the Half years Rent due  
at Michaelmas last was examined whereby it appeared

that the half years Rent amounted to £252. 18. - which  
sum had been collected and paid to the Bankers and  
that the only arrears outstanding were as follows  
Rec No 47 Mr. Beggs . . . . . 3. 3. -  
+ + 49 Mr. Peatty . . . . . 2. - a  
both which amounts were due in 1867 £5. 3. -

The several Bills, Salvoes and Accounts due at Christmas  
last amounting together to £156. 17. 11 were examined  
and ordered to be paid such sum including £1. - payable  
to the Representatives of Mr. Ann Herfield deceased for one  
years interest due 5<sup>th</sup> February next on £20 the balance  
due to her for principal of loan with £10 being one 20<sup>th</sup> -  
part (19<sup>th</sup> instalment) of the loan leaving £10 principal  
money remaining unpaid on the original loan of £200.

Read a letter from Mr. W<sup>r</sup> Gribble Vestry Clerk dated the 15<sup>th</sup> -  
January instant stating that at a Vestry Meeting held on the  
7<sup>th</sup> instant the undermentioned Inhabitants of the Parish were  
elected Trustees of Hampstead Church in the place of the  
one third in number of the elected Trustees who retired  
in rotation on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1869

W <sup>r</sup> Samuel Barber	} Re-elected	
John Guiney Heath		
Thomas Husband		
John Smith Sen <sup>r</sup>	} In the place of John Storax M.D.	
Thomas Totter		
Henry Cooper Rose		David Powell
Henry Milten		James Kent (deceased)

*James Milten*

At a Meeting of the Trustees  
for carrying into execution the Act for  
providing the Inhabitants of the ~  
Parish of Saint John Hampstead  
with increased accommodation for ~  
attending Divine Service convened by  
direction of the Minister and helden at  
the Vicarage in High Street Hampstead  
on Wednesday the twentieth day of ~  
July 1870 at eight o'clock in the evening  
precisely

Present

The Revd Charlton Lane, M.A. Vicar of  
the Parish in the Chair

Samuel Barber Esq<sup>u</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Henry Trelton } Churchwardens

George Chaker Esq<sup>u</sup>

William Rivington Esq<sup>u</sup>

Richard Howell Leach Esq<sup>u</sup>

Manley Hopkins Esq<sup>u</sup>

Edward Lott Esq<sup>u</sup>

Reginald Palgrave Esq<sup>u</sup>

Thomas Toller Esq<sup>u</sup>

D<sup>r</sup> Henry Cooper Rose

M<sup>r</sup> Charles Parker

\* James Ashenden

The Revd D<sup>r</sup> G. Brewster Durake

also attended.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed  
by the Chairman.

The Bankers Pass Book was laid before the Chairman

whereby it appeared that the balance in hand amounted  
to £ 487<sup>0</sup> - - 6 and <sup>also</sup> that £ 700 Exchequer Bills were then  
in the hands of the Bankers on account of the Trust.

The Collector's Account for the Half Years Pew Rent due  
to the Trustees at Lady Day last was examined whereby  
it appeared that the Half Years rents amounted to ~  
£ 257<sup>0</sup> 8<sup>0</sup> - which sum had been collected and paid to  
the Bankers and that the only arrears outstanding were  
as follows:

Pew No 47 Mr. Biggs	£ 3 <sup>0</sup> 3 <sup>0</sup> -
" 49 " Reilly	£ 2 <sup>0</sup> - - -
	£ 5 <sup>0</sup> 3 <sup>0</sup> -

both which amounts were due in 1867.

Resolved

That these amounts be written off the arrears as bad debts  
and not be entered again in the Minutes

The several Bills Salaries and Accounts due at ~  
Midsummer last amounting together to £ 165<sup>1</sup>. 3<sup>0</sup> were  
examined and ordered to be paid

Resolved

That the Local Guardians be requested to refund the  
amount paid by the Trustees to M<sup>r</sup> Ann Hinfield's ~  
Representatives the amount of her instalments and interest  
on the unpaid balance. -

It was proposed by M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Barber, and  
seconded by M<sup>r</sup> George Chaker

Resolved

That the sum of £ 5 as a gratuity be paid to M<sup>r</sup> Leader  
for his services in having practised the children for  
some time past in the Choir but no further claim to be made  
in respect of such services. -

Organ  
refers to

The Chairman read some correspondence with the Organist and Organ Builders that had taken place with reference to the Organ at the Church from which it appeared that it required cleaning and some improvements in the Organ were also suggested.

It was moved by Mr. Rivington

Seconded by Mr. Leach, and

Resolved

That the matter be referred to the Vicar, Churchwardens and Clerks with power to them to incur an expense not exceeding £25 for cleaning the Organ.

The Chairman brought forward the following subject  
~~Pulpit alterations~~ the sounding Board above the Pulpit - the height of the Pulpit and also the form of the Reading Desk and after much discussion

It was moved by Mr. Stanley Hopkins

Seconded by Mr. Leach, and

Resolved unanimously

That the sounding Board above the Pulpit be removed and that the Pulpit be lowered and that the Reading Desk be altered in accordance with the suggestions made by the Chairman ~~and that the expense be considered at the next meeting of the Trustees~~ and that a Committee consisting of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Mr. Golle be formed to carry out the above alterations.

~~Sub Committee~~  
afternoon meeting

Resolved

That a Sub Committee be formed consisting of the following Vicar, Clerks, Churchwardens, Messieurs Chater -

July 70

Rivington, Hopkins, Golle and Leach the quorum to consist of five to consider all the above matters and take such opinions thereon as they may deem desirable.

Read a letter from Mr. William Grubbs Vicar Clerk dated 12<sup>th</sup> July instant stating that at a Vestry Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant

Trustees  
election of

the undermentioned inhabitants of the Parish were elected Trustees under the Local Act known as the Church Act

Mr. Edward Golle in the place of

Mr. Bartholomew Cleppan deceased.

Mr. Reginald Palgrave in the place of

Mr. Francis Lowe who had left the Parish.

Resolved

Exchequer Bills  
purchase of

That I see Exchequer Bills be purchased and that the Bankers be requested to make the required investment.

Cheques for payments ordered to be made at this Meeting were signed by the Chairman and two other Members of the Trust.

(R.W.E.)

At a Meeting of the Trustees  
for carrying into execution the Act for  
providing the Inhabitants of the  
Parish of St. John Hampstead  
with increased accommodation for  
attending Divine Service convened by  
direction of the Minister and Holden  
at the Vicarage, in High Street, ~  
Hampstead on Tuesday the thirty  
first day of January 1871 at eight  
o'clock in the evening precisely

*Present*

The Reverend Charlton Lane M.A.  
Rector of the Parish in the Chair  
The Reverend Gerald Andrew Herklotz  
Assistant Licensed Curate  
Samuel Barber Esq.  
Mr. Henry Hilton } Churchwardens  
William Rivington Esq.  
George Chater Esq.  
D. Cooper Rose  
Mr. James Ashenden

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed  
by the Chairman.

The Bankers Pass Book was laid before the Chairman  
whereby it appeared that the balance in hand amounted  
to £193. 9. 10.-

Exchequer Bills. The Clerk produced the Broker's Note showing the  
purchase of £400 Exchequer Bills purchased in accordance with the Resolution passed at the last Meeting

of the Trustees and the cost of such purchase amounted  
to £402. 13. 3.- There were therefore in the hands of the  
Bankers £100 Exchequer Bills on account of the Trust.

It was proposed by Mr. William Rivington  
Seconded by Mr. George Chater, and  
Resolved

That the sum of £5 as a gratuity be paid to Mr. Leader  
Leader M.A. National School Master for his services in having taught  
the children in the Choir for the past half year.-

The Collector's account for the Half Year's Pew Rent  
due to the Trustees at Michaelmas last was examined  
whereby it appeared that the Half Year's Rent  
amounted to £234. 19. 6 which sum had been  
collected and paid to the Bankers.-

The several Bills, Salaries and Accounts due at  
Midsummer last amounting together to £212. 3. 1  
were examined and ordered to be paid.

*Resolved*

That the Local Guardians be requested to refund  
the amounts paid by the Trustees to Mrs. Ann  
Herklotz Representative the amount of instalments of  
her Loan and interest on the unpaid balances.

The Chairman stated that the Sub Committee  
appointed at the last Meeting of the Trustees to consider  
the question of cleaning and improving the Organ had  
been in communication with the Organist who stated that  
for a year the cleaning and improvements need not be  
made, and that the Committee thought it not desirable  
to incur any expence at the present time.-

*Sub Committee  
Report by*

The Chairman also stated that the Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting of the Trustees to consider the removal of the sounding Board above the Pulpit and also the form of the Reading Desk had met and after discussion it was decided not to carry out the resolution as other alterations in the Church being contemplated it was thought better not to decide on the alterations at that time.-

The Chairman also stated that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the subject of the cleaning beautifying preparing and improving the Church had not met when it was

*Resolved*

That this Sub Committee do meet early in April to consider the matters referred to them..

It was moved by Mr. Barber  
seconded by Mr. Chater, and

*Resolved*

That as soon as the Representatives of Mr. Ann Winfield be repaid by the Local Guardians £200 Exchequer Bills be purchased out of the Balance in the hands of the Bankers and that the Bankers be requested to make such purchase.

(*Mr. Barber*)

19<sup>th</sup>. April 1871.

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at the Vicarage in High Street Hampstead on Wednesday the nineteenth day of April 1871 at eight o'clock in the evening precisely.

*Present*

The Revd. Charlton Lane M.A. Vicar of the Parish in the Chair

The Revd. G. A. Herklot Assistant Licensed Curate

Samuel Barber Esq.<sup>r</sup>

Mr. Henry Hilton Churchwardens

Richard Howell Leach Esq.<sup>r</sup>

William Rivington Esq.<sup>r</sup>

Henry Hopkins Esq.<sup>r</sup>

Alfred A. Pollock Esq.<sup>r</sup>

D. Henry Cooper Rose

John Samuel Fletcher Esq.<sup>r</sup>

Edward Goffe Esq.<sup>r</sup>

Thomas Toller Esq.<sup>r</sup>

Mr. James Ashenden

Charles Holter

The Revd. J. G. Brewster, Curate also attended.-

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.-

The Clerk stated that as the amounts due from the Local Govenments amounting to £33.- had only unpaid on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant the purchase of the £200 Exchequer Bills had not been made but would be made shortly.-

The Bankers Pass Book was laid before the Chairman whereby it appeared that the Balance in hand amounted to £319. 10 and that there were in the hands of the Bankers £100 Exchequer Bills on account of the Trust.-

*Moved*  
Trustee  
Section of

a letter from Mr. P. Griffiths, Town Clerk dated 15<sup>th</sup> instant stating that Mr. John Samuel Fletcher of East End Hampstead was also a trustee and the 11<sup>th</sup> instant elected a Trustee under the Local Church Act on the place of Mr. Charles Toller deceased.-

*Sub Committee*  
Report by  
The Chairman stated that the Sub-Committee appointed at the Meeting of the Trustees on the 30<sup>th</sup> July last to consider the cleaning, beautifying and repairing the Church had met and had received some valuable suggestions from Mr. Goffe one of the Trustees who had kindly drawn out Schems and Plans relating to the Church which he thought the Trustees should be acquainted with.-

Mr. Goffe produced his plans and explained and read his Schems the heads of which were as follows:-

1. To take steps if possible to remove beams in vaults or cover area over vaulting with concrete.-
2. To renew the church roof as far as possible old materials with new ones.-
3. To remove the galleries and construct a new gallery at <sup>the</sup> end of the church -
4. To take down the old Tower and Spire and construct Transept Chancel and spire.
5. To clean and improve Organ and place it in north Transept

6. Construct Galleries for children in the two Transepts.
7. Construct new Tower and Spire.
8. Rearrange the ventilation - Heating Lighting, providing for the latter Sunlights and suitable Chancal Light.
9. To cleanse and decorate vaulting and Columns and Gothic fan tracery.
10. To separate Staircase to West Gallery and separate Staircase to Transept Galleries

After much discussion it was

*Resolved*

That the question of the Vaults was referred back to the Sub-Committee to report to the Trustees thereon having regard to Mr. Hesketh's Report on the matter made some time since.

*It was moved by Mr. Hopkins*  
*Seconded by Mr. Barber, and*  
*Resolved*

That in the opinion of this Meeting it is desirable that some alterations enlargement and decoration of the Parish Church of Saint John Hampstead should be undertaken and that the existing Sub-Committee be requested to consider and report on the cost of the works and plans and suggest the names & names of one or more Architects and the means of procuring the necessary funds.-

(Signed)

5<sup>th</sup> June 1871.

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at the Vicarage in High Street Hampstead on Monday the fifth day of June 1871 at eight o'clock in the evening present.

*Present*

The Revd Charlton Lane, A. C. Vicar of the Parish in the chair  
 The Revd Gerard Andreas Herkels, Assistant Licensed Curate  
 Samuel Barber Esq.  
 Mr Henry Hilton } Churchwardens  
 George Chater Esq.  
 Stanley Hopkins Esq.  
 Richard Howell Leach Esq.  
 Alfred A. Pollock Esq.  
 Dr Henry Cooper Rose  
 Mr Henry Bonwick  
 James Ashenden  
 Charles Walker  
 The Revd J. G. Brewster, Curate also attended.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed by the chairman.

Exchequer Bills purchase of

The Clerk reported that since the last Meeting of the Trustees in accordance with the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Trustees on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January last he had given directions

to the Bankers for the purchase of £ 200 Exchequer Bills out of the balance in their hands which purchase had been made and had cost £ 202. 15. 7 leaving £ 97. 10. 11 on the hands of the Bankers.

There were therefore £ 1300 Exchequer Bills now in the hands of the Bankers on account of the Trust.

*Read*  
*Sub Committee Report*

a Report of the Sub-Committee drawn up in accordance with the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Trustees with reference to the alterations, enlargement and decoration of the Parish church, which was as follows.

*To the Trustees of the Parish church of Saint John Hampstead.*

The Sub Committee appointed by the Trustees and consisting of the following members

The Vicar  
 The Assistant Licensed Curate  
 The Churchwardens  
 George Chater Esq.  
 Richard Howell Leach Esq.  
 Stanley Hopkins Esq.  
 Edward Goffe Esq. and  
 William Rivington Esq.

In accordance with the resolution passed at a Meeting of the Trustees held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April last beg to report as follows.

- That the Members of the Sub Committee have carefully considered the alterations enlargements and decorations of the Parish church the works and plans connected therewith also the name or names of Architects to be employed to carry out the same and the means of procuring the requisite funds and to enable them more fully to consider the

subject they have called in the assistance of Robert Hesketh Esq<sup>r</sup> of Royal Exchange Architect and Surveyor to advise them with regard to the stability of the Tower, and the condition thereof and they append to this report copy of his letter respecting the same.

2. That in accordance with the recommendation contained in the second clause of his letter they would suggest that the Tower be taken down. That a new Tower and Belfry and Spire be erected and that advantage be taken of the removal of the Tower to introduce a Chancel and Spire  
Vc. &c.
3. That in accordance with Mr. Hesketh's opinion the Staircase wings be taken down.
4. That these portions of the church be rebuilt in accordance with plans to be approved by the Trustees.
5. That the Organ be taken down from the West end of the church and removed to the ground floor and at the east end thereof.
6. That the Vestry be removed from its present position and be built in one of the recesses at the West end of the church.
7. That the North and South Galleries be reconstructed and thrown back clear of the columns but retaining 3 ranks of settings by which alterations judiciously made increased light, better ventilation and improved appearance will be obtained - That the West Gallery be also reconstructed so as to stand further back from the columns and the Gallery seats made more commodious and numerous -

which the removal of the Organ as above recommended will admit of. By this alteration that portion of the church which is under the Gallery will be improved alike in respect of light, sound and ventilation.

8. That the whole of the pews upon the ground floor be rearranged and reduced in height and that the unrented pews be fitted with Dwarf Doors.
9. That the Pulpit and Reading Pew be taken down and placed in more convenient positions than they occupy at present.
10. That proper access to the floors and galleries be provided.
11. That Sun lights on the roof be substituted for the present lighting and adequate ventilation and warming be provided -
12. That the church be thoroughly cleansed and appropriately decorated.
13. That with regard to the means of procuring the necessary funds for carrying out the proposed alteration enlargement and decorations the funds in the hands of the Trustees amount to the sum of £1400 or thereabouts and that provided the alterations suggested in this report be carried out two donations of £300 and £300 respectively have been promised. The Sub-Committee suggest that a General Committee composed of the Trustees and others be formed to raise such further funds by voluntary contributions as will be necessary to carry