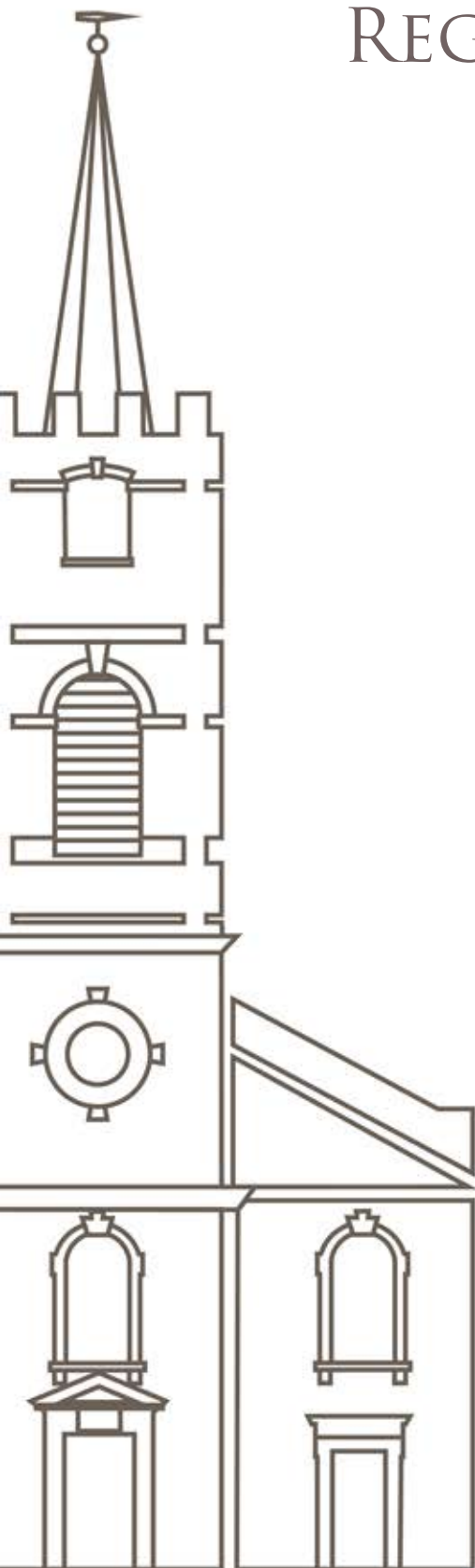


THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

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out the Works mentioned in this report

11. That Robert Hesketh Esq^r No 7 Royal Exchange London be suggested to the Trustees as the Architect to be employed for carrying out the alterations enlargements and decorations of the Church on the understanding that the Trustees retain the power of referring any question to a consulting Architect.

And lastly

The Sub Committee suggest that with the exception of preliminary expenses no expenditure be incurred by the Trustees until all the necessary funds are forthcoming.

Copy of Mr. Hesketh's letter.

To the Trustees of Saint Johns Church Hampstead
Gentlemen

In accordance with the instructions received from a Committee of your body which I attended yesterday and having reference to the joint report made by Mr. Gilbert Scott and myself on 5th February 1848 with regard to the safety of the Tower I beg further to report as follows.

As we then apprehended, the downward movement of the Tower has continued during the last two years, and various new cracks and fractures and considerable extensions of the old ones are very observable and with reference to the questions that were put to me

1st I am of opinion that considerable danger is to be apprehended from the continuous subsidence of the Tower.

2nd That it is certainly not advisable to incur the considerable cost and inconvenience of underpinning

Hesketh Mr
Report by

the Tower which would require to be substantially shored up during the operations, the excavations and shoring occupying the staircase wings and part of the interior of the Church. I therefore consider it advisable that the Tower should be taken down.

3^{rdly} The Staircase wings on either side of the Tower have not only been dragged downwards by the Tower, but the foundations of the Walls are elsewhere defective, and cracks and fractures appear therein besides those caused by the subsidence of the Tower. The floors, steps and landings are also considerably out of level. The taking down of the Tower would necessarily involve a partial rebuilding of the Staircase wings and it is obviously desirable that they too should be wholly taken down together with the Tower.

I am, Gentlemen

Your obed^t Servant
R Hesketh

4th May 1841.

It was moved by Mr. Barber

Seconded by P. Cooper Rose, and
Resolved

That the report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Barber

Seconded by Mr. Leach, and
Resolved

That the sub-committee be instructed to confer with Robert Hesketh Esq^r upon the plans which it may be desirable to adopt and obtain his estimate for the several items of expenditure referred

to in the Report particularly distinguishing the cost of pulling down and reconstructing the Tower and Spire.

Law

20th July 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 holden at the Vicarage in High Street Hampstead on Thursday the twentieth day of July 1871 at 5 o'clock in the evening precisely.

Present

The Rev^d Charlton Lane M.A. The Vicar of the Parish in the Chair

Samuel Barber Esq^r } Churchwardens
Mr. Henry Milton }

Richard Howell Leach Esq^r

George Chater Esq^r

Dr. Henry Cooper Rose

Manley Hopkins Esq^r

Thomas Toller Esq^r

William Rivington Esq^r

Mr. James Ashenden

„ J. G. Pearce

„ Charles Walker

The Rev^d G. J. Brewster Curate, also attended as Visitor.

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

Read a letter from Mr. R. Palgrave dated 17th July instant regretting his inability to attend the Meeting, and also stating that as he was shortly to leave Hampstead he desired his name to be taken off the List of Trustees.

Mr. R. Hesketh, Architect, attended and produced his Plans and Estimate for the proposed alterations in the Parish Church.
The following is a copy of his Summary of Approximate Estimate:-

Tower, complete	2300	-	-		
Apse & Chancel Walls	1076	-	-		
Gallery Alterations	400	-	-		
Re-seating the Church throughout	1020	-	-		
Harcarst additions	300	-	-		
Perch at East end	60	-	-		
Lighting & ventilation see report July 4 th 1870	175	-	-		
New Pulpit say	100	-	-	5431	-
Decorations	400	-	-		
Contingencies	371	-	-		
Architect, Commission &c	300	-	-	1071	-
				<u>£ 6502</u>	-

It was moved by Mr. Walker
Seconded by Mr. Toller, and
Resolved,

That these plans and estimate be referred to the Sub-Committee to report to the general body of the Trustees.

It was moved by Mr. Toller
Seconded by Mr. Chater, and
Resolved,

Trustees retirement of
That a Return be made to the Trustees at the next Meeting of the several Trustees, if any, who on the 24th June last became disqualified to act under the 4th Section of the Local Church Act. *Done.*

26th July 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 holden at the Vicarage in High Street, Hampstead, on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of July 1871, at five o'clock in the evening precisely.

Present
The Rev^d Charlton Lane M.A. The Vicar of the Parish in the Chair.
Samuel Barber Esq^r Churchwardens
Mr. Henry Milton
Richard Howell Leach Esq^r
Thomas Toller Esq^r

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 £387.10. - and that £1300 Exchequer Bills were then in the hands of the Bankers on account of the Trust.

The several Bills, Salaries and Accounts due at Midsummer last amounting together to £164. - were examined and ordered to be paid.

The Collector's Account for the Half Year's Poor Rents due to the Trustees at Lady Day last was examined whereby it appeared that the Half years rents amounted to £252. 2. 3 which

sum had been collected and paid to the Bankers

(LMS)

13th Dec^r 1871.

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Substantive 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 thirteenth day of December 1871 at 5 o'clock in the evening—

Present

The Rev^d Charles Lane M.A. Chairman
 Samuel Barber Esq^r Churchwarden
 Manley Hopkins Esq^r
 Thomas Toller Esq^r
 Mr Henry Corrick
 „ James Whenden
 „ Charles Walker

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

The Chairman opened proceedings by reading extracts from the previous Minutes of Meetings, and he then read the following Report of the Sub Committee appointed to consider the alterations, enlargement and decorations of the parish Church—

To the Trustees of the Parish Church of Saint John Hampstead

Sub Committee
 Report of
 The Sub Committee appointed by the Trustees, and consisting of the following Members: The Vicar, The Assured Rector Curate, Samuel Barber Esq^r and Mr Henry Milton Churchwardens, George Chater Esq^r, Richard Howell Leach Esq^r, Manley Hopkins Esq^r, Edward Gellie Esq^r and William Keungfau Esq^r beg to report that in accordance with

the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Trustees they have considered carefully Plans and Schemata -- prepared by Mr. Coketh for the alterations enlargement and decorations of the Church which plans and estimates are herewith submitted, but before finally giving a Report upon them the Sub-Committee would state that they have received a suggestion from some leading -- inhabitants of Ampstead, and members of the congregation attending the Parish Church, and which they cannot -- but consider to merit the consideration of the Trustees. The suggestion is as follows.

That they beg to represent to the Sub-Committee that instead of rebuilding the Tower, adding an spire and making other alterations to the present Church as has been suggested, at a cost of more than £6000 it is desirable to build a new Church on or near the same site after designs shall have been obtained from eminent Architects, and that the Parishioners should be consulted on the subject.

The Members of the Sub-Committee during the above suggestion to be deserving consideration on the part of the Trustees, hesitate to complete their report and beg to lay the above suggestion before the Trustees.

Resolved

That this Meeting be adjourned to this day week at eight o'clock in the evening and the Clerk do summon the Meeting accordingly, and the meeting take the object of the Meeting to be consider and determine on the expediency of building a new Church, in the place of the present Parish Church in accordance with suggestions made to the Trustees.

W. A. M.

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 holden at the Parsonage in High Street Hampstead on Wednesday the twentieth day of December 1871 at 5 o'clock in the evening.

Present

The Rev^d Charles Law M^r Chairman
 Samuel Barber Esq^r } Churchwardens
 Mr. Henry Milton }
 John Gimney Howe Esq^r
 Richard Howell Leach Esq^r
 Manby Hopkins Esq^r
 Thomas Husband Esq^r
 Edward Geth Esq^r
 Mr. J. G. Pease
 J. Ashenden
 The Rev^d G. S. Herklets Assistant Licensed Curate also attended.

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

The Chairman then proceeded to read extracts from the Minutes of previous Meetings of the Trustees, and he also read the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the alterations, enlargement and decorations of the Parish Church which was read at the last Meeting of the Trustees. The subject of the report of the Sub-Committee was then fully discussed by the Trustees then present; after which it was finally

Resolved,

That the question as to the expediency of pulling down the present Church and erecting a new one instead of altering the present Church, be referred back to the Sub-Committee to consult with such Parishoners and Friends as they might deem advisable with a view to obtain further information as to the wishes of the Parishoners, and that the Sub-Committee be requested to report to the Trustees when they should find the matter sufficiently advanced for their further consideration.

TRANS

10th April 1872

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 Tearage in High Street Hampstead on Wednesday the tenth day of April 1872 at eight o'clock in the evening.

Present

The Reverend Charles Lane Chairman
 Samuel Barber Esq^r
 M^r Henry Milton } Churchwardens
 Richard Howell Leach Esq^r
 Manley Hopkins Esq^r
 Edward Geth Esq^r
 Reginald Haber Prance Esq^r
 M^r Henry Cornick
 Charles Walker
 James Ashenden
 J. G. Parse
 Lincoln Pease
 The Rev^d J. G. Brewster also attended

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

Trustees
 Election of

The Chairman read the names of the following gentlemen who had been appointed new Trustees viz R. D. Barber Esq^r R. H. Prance Esq^r and M^r J. Stone.

Received
 Resignation of

a letter from M^r J. Smith resigning his appointment as

Organist, on the 26th June next.

Resolved

That Mr. Hopkins, Mr. A. Hock and Mr. Bell be requested in conjunction with the Clergy and Churchwardens to obtain applications from Organists for the situation vacated by Mr. Smith; and that the above Committee be authorized (if they see fit) to recommend an increase in the Organist's Salary.

Recd. Report of the Sub-Committee for the alteration enlargement and decoration of the Church, drawn up in accordance with Resolution passed at the Meeting held on the 3rd instant of its proceedings since the last Meeting of the Trustees, which was as follows:

Sub-Committee
Report of

To the Trustees of the Parish Church of St. Ann Hampstead

The Members of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Trustees and consisting of the following Members viz

The Vicar
The Assistant Licensed Curate
Samuel Barber Esq^r Churchwardens
Mr. Henry Mallet
Richard G. Leach Esq^r
Manby Hopkins Esq^r
Edward Goltz Esq^r
William Warrington Esq^r

beg to report that in accordance with the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Trustees held on the 26th December last they have considered the suggestion of pulling down the present Church and building a new one instead of altering the present Church and having fully conferred with the parishioners beg to report that they

have come to the conclusion that such a course is not practicable.

The Committee have therefore reverted to the Resolution of the Trustees of the 3rd July 1771 by which the Plans and Estimates of Mr. Hasketh were referred to the Committee to report upon and having taken the same into consideration they beg to report that they are not entirely satisfied therewith. After much discussion they finally resolved to enquire of Mr. Hasketh and of two other Architects Mr. F. Cockrell and Mr. A. H. Blomfield whether they would without further expense to the Trustees send in new plans for the alteration and improvement of the present Church. To this enquiry they have received the following replies.

1 Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square
London
29th March 1772.

Dear Sir,

I regret to say that an unusual pressure of business, would render it impossible for me under any conditions to enter into the competition to which your Committee are good enough to invite me; I venture however to add that the clause which imposes on the Competitors the task of preparing at their own expense a set of plans and estimates which must necessarily from the nature of the case be unusually costly and laborious would prevent me from competing even if I were at leisure and is not likely I fear to call forth a favorable response from any Architect whose time is of the slightest value. I trust the Committee will excuse me for making this remark but I feel sure that if they wish to get the benefit of the experience and knowledge

of two or three Architects of established reputation it will be well worth their while to offer each Competitor a reasonable remuneration for his labor.

Begging that you will convey my thanks to the Committee for the invitation.

I remain dear Sir, faithfully yours
(signed) Arthur W. Blomfield
Esq. In pursuance the Instructions

C. F. Lane Esq.

18. Manchester Square. W.
27th March 1872

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter just received containing a resolution of the Sub-Committee of the Trustees of Hampstead Church. I have to answer 1. That you have omitted to state the names of the other Architects invited to compete. 2. It is proposed that the Designs should be prepared at the Architects own expense. I would point out that the labor of preparing designs for an alteration more especially as regards the Estimate is immensely greater than that of preparing original designs.

Also that the fresh Competitors are invited to undertake at their own cost the same labour which Mr. Hesketh has already performed on Commission. 3. Considering the difficulty of the task and the various solutions of which the problem admits, the instructions appear somewhat too definite, and are calculated to cramp the invention of the designer.

I submit therefore that an adequate sum should be awarded to each Competitor to cover expenses disbursed.

Should the Committee accede to this I shall be glad to submit my view upon the 3rd point at greater length.

I am, Yours faithfully
(signed) Fred. P. Cockrell
C. F. Lane Esq.

7 Royal Exchange. E.C.
3rd April 1872

Dear Sir,

I now write to say in reply to the invitation of the Committee for enlarging the Church of St. John Hampstead that I shall have pleasure in revising the plans formerly sent in on the terms of your letter and accompanying resolutions of the Committee.

I am, dear Sir

Yours truly
(signed) R. Hesketh

C. F. Lane Esq.

All which your Committee submit to the Trustees for further instructions.

(signed) Charles Lane
Chairman

It was moved by Mr. Goffe
Seconded by Mr. Hopkins, and
Resolved

That the Sub-Committee notwithstanding the resolution &c. of 5th June 1871, be authorized to call in another Architect or other Architects as well as Mr. Hesketh Esq., to compete for the contemplated works, and to offer premiums not exceeding in the whole 100 Guineas.

Resolved

That the Sub-Committee do obtain plans from the

Architects, and consider them, and report thereon to the Trustees at a special Meeting to be convened for that purpose.

Resolved

That in addition to the Works contemplated to the edifice of the Church the Organ be cleaned and enlarged and adapted to the new position it will occupy: and that the Committee for the appointment of an Organist obtain from Mr. Willis an estimate of the expense and lay the same before the Trustees for their approval.

Resolved

That the Sub-Committee be augmented by the appointment of ^{Walter} W. D. Baxter Esq. and Mr. Stone.

(Lane)

Sub-Committee
appointed of
a Member

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John Hanptshead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and holder at the Workhouse, New End, in Hanptshead on Thursday the eleventh day of July 1872.

Present

The Rev. Charles Lane M.A. Chairman
The Rev. G. W. Kerblot, Vicar, Licensed Curate
Samuel Barber Esq. Churchwarden
Richard Howell Esq. Churchwarden
Thomas Toller Esq.
Mr. Charles Walker
J. G. Pearce
The Rev. J. G. Brewster also attended

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

Read Report of the Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting of the Trustees to receive applications for the vacant appointment of Organist as follows:-

"The Committee appointed for the selection and recommendation of an Organist in place of Mr. Seymour Smith Esq. to report that on Friday the 10th day of May 1872 at half past eight o'clock in the evening they met and resolved as follows:-

There were present

The Rev. Charles Lane M.A. Chairman
Samuel Barber Esq. Churchwarden

"Manley Hopkins Esq^r:"

"Alfred A Pollock Esq^r:"

"Alfred Bell Esq^r:"

"The Rev^d Gerard. A. Herklets

"The Rev^d G. S. Brewster

"The Chairman read the applications and testimonials received from gentlemen wishing to become candidates for the office of Organist and after careful consideration the following names were selected viz: Mr Geo. Fred^t Geausout, Mr. G. T. Lewis, Mr. G. S. Taughan & Mr. Wistley Richards and Mr. G. Young.

"It was moved by Mr. Barber

"Seconded by Mr. Hopkins and

Resolved

"That the Organist selected be allowed the free use of the Organ for the instruction of his own private pupils that he reside in the parish, and that the Organ Blower be appointed and remunerated by the Trustees.-

Resolved

"That the Clerk be and he was thereby instructed to inform the 5 gentlemen of their having been selected as approved candidates and to invite them to meet this Committee at the Vicarage at 2.30 p.m. on Friday the 24th inst. thence to proceed to the Church for the purpose of competing for the vacant Organistship.-

"That on Friday the 24th inst the following members of the Committee viz

"The Rev^d G. Lane Chairman

"Samuel Barber Esq^r Churchwarden

"Manley Hopkins Esq^r:"

"Alfred A. Pollock Esq^r:"

"The Rev^d G. A. Herklets

"The Rev^d G. S. Brewster

"met the above named selected Candidates and adjourned to the Church. The Candidates being at their own desire placed in the Vestry, they arranged among themselves as to the order in which each Candidate should proceed to the Organ and play; the children of the Choir being in the gallery and the Committee in the body of the Church. The following was by common consent the music to be performed as tests of qualification 1st The Tenor, a double Chant. 2nd a hymn. 3rd a soft, and 4th a loud voluntary.-

"The Committee were unanimous in selecting the Candidate who played in the 2nd turn, and on all parties adjourning to the Vestry the Candidates were informed of their decision. The fourth player being Mr. G. T. Geausout the Committee beg hereby to recommend that gentleman for election by the Trustees, he having expressed his willingness to abide by the requisitions of the Committee.-

"(signed) Charlton Lane."

Resolved

"That the Report be adopted and the appointment of Mr. Geausout as Organist confirmed.-

Resolved

"That the salary of the new Organist be fixed at £70 per annum commencing from the date of his appointment.

Resolved

Organ Blower "That Mr. William Reeves be and he was thereby appointed of appointed Organ Blower at a Salary of 6 Guineas per annum.

"The several Bills Salaries and Accounts due at Midsummer last amounting to £147.11.- were examined and ordered to be paid.-

The Collectors account for the half years pew rents due to the Trustees at Lady Day last was examined & whereby it appeared that the half years rents amounted to £ 253. 10. - all of which (with the exception of £ 3. 3. due by Mr. Richards) had been collected and paid to the Bankers. The amount of the arrears for the preceding half year £ 7. 12. - had also been collected and paid. -

Cheques for the payments ordered to be made were drawn and signed by the Chairman and two other Trustees. -

The Bankers Pass Book was laid before the Chairman whereby it appeared that the balance in hand amounted to £ 410. 6. 6

There were £ 1300 Exchequer Bites now in the hands of the Bankers on account of the Trust. -

Lant

27th Jan'y 1873

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 High Street Hampstead on Monday the Twenty seventh day of January 1873 at eight o'clock in the evening precisely.

Present.

The Rev. C. Lane M.A. Vicar of the Parish in the Chair. -

Mr. Henry Milton Churchwarden

Richard Powell Lench Esq.^r

Edward Gatto Esq.^r

D. Cooper. Rose

Mr. G. Pearce

The Rev. G. Brewster 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 £ 422. 11. 8 and that £ 1300 Exchequer Bills were then in the hands of the Bankers on account of the Trust. -

The Collectors ^{account} for the half Years pew Rents due to the Trustees at Michaelmas last was examined whereby it appeared that the half years rents amounted

to £ 249. 17. 6 of which sum £ 243. 17. 6 had been collected and paid to the Bankers leaving £ 9. 3. - uncollected on each half years rents with an arrear from the last half year of £ 3. 3. -

The several Bills, Salaries and Accounts due at Christmas last amounting together to £ 165. 3. 3 were examined and ordered to be paid.

Resolved.

That in consequence of the present irregular manner in which Tradesmen employed by the Trustees send in their Bills the Clerk be and he was thereby directed to give them a weeks notice before any general Meeting to send in their Accounts for inspection by the Churchwardens.

Read a Letter dated 24th instant from Mr. G. L. Gausseut Organist of the parish Church requesting that his Account might be settled quarterly instead of half yearly as at present.

Resolved

That the Incumbent and Churchwardens be authorized to draw Cheques quarterly for the Organists Salary and for the Salaries of the other Officers employed by the Trustees.

It was moved by Mr. Deach

Seconded by Mr. Milton and

Resolved

That the Clerk be and he was thereby requested to invest £ 400 part of monies in hand in the purchase of Exchequer Bills to be added to the amount already standing to the credit of the Trust.

Cheques for the payments ordered to be made at this Meeting were drawn and signed by the Chairman and another Justice.

Chas. Viner

22nd July 1873.

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for promoting the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Ann Hampstead with an increased accommodation for attending Divine Service, convened by direction of the Committee and holden at the Village High School Hampstead on Tuesday the twenty second day of July 1873 at five o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

Present

The Rev. Wm. Harton M.A. Vicar
of the Parish in the Chair.
Mr Henry Milton Churchwarden
Richard Howell Esquire
Thomas Frier Esquire
D. Henry Cooper - Vice
Mr Charles Walker
James Johnston
C. G. Pearce

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

The Clerk produced the Bankers Note showing the purchase of £100 Exchange Bills purchased in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Trustees and the cost of such purchase amounted to £115-0-7 There were therefore in the hands of the Bankers £1700 Exchange Bills on account of the Trust.

The Bankers pass Book was laid before the Chairman whereby it appeared that the balance in hand amounted to £300-3-3

The Collectors Account for the half years Rent due to the Trustees at Lady Day last was examined whereby it appeared that the half years Rents amounted to £228-11- of which sum £222-8- had been collected and paid to the Bankers leaving £6-3- uncollected on such half years Rents with arrears from the last half year amounting to £9-3-.

The several Bills Salaries and Accounts due at Midsummer last amounting together to £12-19-11 were examined and ordered to be paid.

The Clerk stated that the Salaries for the quarter ended 25th March last had already been paid in conformity with the resolution in that behalf passed at the last Meeting of the Trustees.

Resolved

That the Clerk do and he was thereby requested to invest £100 part of monies in hand in the purchase of Exchange Bills to be added to the amount already standing to the credit of the Trust.

Read a letter dated 26th ult. from Mr G. E. Gausson - Organist requesting the return of his Testimonials.

Resolved

That the Clerk do and he was thereby directed to return the Testimonials to Mr Gausson.

It appearing that a Resolution which had been passed at the last Meeting expressing regret at Mr. Lane's retiring from the Incumbency had not, through error, been entered on the Minutes.

It was proposed by Mr. Leach
Recorded by Dr. Cooper Rose and
Resolved.

That the Resolution be entered on the Minutes of the present Meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. Leach
Recorded by Mr. Goble and carried unanimously.

Vote
Retirement of

The Vicar having announced to the Trustees his intention of shortly retiring from this Incumbency, the Trustees desire to record their deep regret at the loss the Parish will sustain thereby, and their sense of the blessing his earnest ministrations and teaching have been to the congregation of the Parish Church - the energetic promoter of all works of charity and usefulness and of peace and goodwill throughout the neighbourhood, the Vicar has delivered himself to all.

The Trustees sincerely hope that the steps he has thought it right to take may prove beneficial to his health and conduce to his comfort and happiness and they gratefully and affectionately bid him farewell.

Vouchers for the payments ordered to be made at this Meeting were drawn and signed by the Chairman and another Trustee.

J. B. Burnaby

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 High Street Hampstead on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of November 1873 at five o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

26th Nov^r 1873.

Present

The Rev. Gerard Beaumont-Burnaby
Vicar of the Parish in the Chair.
Mr. Henry Milton Churchwarden
Richard Howell Leach Esq.
Manley Hopkins Esq.
Reginald Heber France Esq.
Mr. Charles Walker
John Gardner Parson
The Rev. Lightfoot also attended.

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

The Clerk produced the Brokers Note showing the purchase of £100 Exchequer Bills purchased in accordance with the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Trustees and the cost of such purchase amounted to £100. 8. 8. There were therefore in the hands of the Bankers £1000 Exchequer Bills on account of the Trust.

Read a letter from Mr. Talbot Airey dated 22nd October

1873 in which he stated that the Churchyard Wall at the east side of his premises was in so bad a state that he was afraid it would fall down and that he hoped it was for the Trustees to repair it. — The Clerk reported that he had ascertained from the Minute Book that the last occasion on which the wall was repaired was in the year 1861 and the Clerk produced the Receipt of Mrs Elizabeth Smith for £18 for the moiety of the Repair of the wall which was as follows;

1862 August 25th Received of the Trustees of Hampstead Church pursuant to a Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Trustees held on the 9th day of July 1861 the sum of Eighteen Pounds being the amount agreed to be paid by them to me towards the cost of rebuilding a portion of the old Brick wall on the East or Churchyard side of the Pleasure Grounds of Trognal Hall and I accept such sum without prejudice to the Trustees with respect to the future repairs of such wall it having been clearly understood by myself and the Trustees and I acknowledge to have admitted the fact that such wall belonged exclusively to the Owner of the Estate called Trognal Hall and was not a party wall.

£18s. —

Witness

Arthur Smith

Elizabeth Smith

Stamp

The Resolutions and proceedings entered in the Minute Book with regard to the Repair of the Wall in 1860 and 1861 were then read and discussed and ultimately

It was moved by Mr. Leach
seconded by Mr. Pearce and
Resolved

That the Clerk do and he was thereby requested to write to Mr. Talbot Airey that the Trustees had caused investigation to be made into the rights pertaining to this wall and to the course pursued by the Trustees on the last occasion on which it was repaired and that both from what occurred on that occasion and from the facts generally they were of opinion that he was responsible for the maintenance of the wall.

That it is their wish to act in a truly friendly manner and they instructed the Clerk to send him a copy of the above receipt given by Mrs Elizabeth Smith and further to state that the Trustees would be willing to take into consideration anything Mr. Talbot Airey might have to offer in opposition to their views.

Resolved

Sub-committee That Mr. Burnaby do fill the place of the Reverend Charlton Lane on the Sub-committee.

Edward Burnaby

8th Dec^r 1873.

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 holden at the Vicarage High Street Hampstead on Monday the eighth day of December 1873 at half past five o'clock in the afternoon -

Present

The Rev^d Herard, Vicar of the Parish in the Chair.
 Mr Henry Milton, Churchwarden.
 Richard Howell Leach Esquire
 Manley Hopkins Esquire
 Frederick Hill Esquire
 Mr Charles Walker
 " James Ashenden
 " John Gardiner Pearce
 " George Birek
 " Simon Stone

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

Read a Letter from Mr Julius Talbot Airey dated 29th November last protesting against the Churchyard wall being considered his and desiring proof of the evidence which led the Trustees to consider this and pointing out various particulars which he thought were conclusive against the Trustees.

Wall on west side of Ch. part

Read a Letter from Mr J. T. Airey dated 2nd instant stating that while he adhered to his position with regard to the wall he should have a buttress erected against it in its weakest point but it must not be considered as an admission on his part that the wall was his.

Wall

Read a Letter from Mr J. T. Airey dated 5th instant stating that the buttress was completed but desiring the weight of earth on the Churchyard side to be removed as it was the accumulation of that earth which caused the wall to fall in.

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After much discussion and reference to the Minutes

It was moved by Mr Milton
 Seconded by Mr Leach and
 Resolved,

That the District Surveyor Mr Lowe be requested to Report to the Trustees as to the present state of the wall, - whether it would stand through the winter and whether any ground of the Churchyard could be removed safely without disturbing the Graves.

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Mr Milton ^{or Mr Stone were} requested to accompany Mr Lowe when he made the Survey of the property.

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The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Julius Talbot Airey that the Trustees were considering the questions raised by him with a view to their being settled in a friendly manner.

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Resolved

That the Clerk do examine the documents relating to the Trust and Report to the Trustees anything therein contained as to the Ownership of the wall.

Edward B. Burnaby

16th Dec^r 1873

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 High Street Hampstead on Tuesday the sixteenth day of December 1873 at half past five o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

Present

The Rev. Gerard Beaumont Burnaby
Vicar of the Parish in the Chair.
Mr. Henry Milton - Churchwarden
Richard Howell Leach Esquire
Manley Hopkins Esquire
Mr. Charles Walker
" James Ashenden
" Simon Stone

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

Read a letter from The Reverend Charlton Lane the late Vicar dated 9th instant which was as follows.

*Dear
Retirement of*

To the Trustees of the Parish Church Hampstead
My dear Friends

Accept my cordial thanks for the copy of the Resolution passed on the 27th of January last. The announcement (of resignation of Incumbency) to which the Resolution refers in such gratifying terms

was made under the full expectation that my incumbency would not extend to the following half yearly meeting in July. - The delay - which causes me to receive the Resolution at this later period does not in any degree diminish the value and the comfort of such an expression of your kind sentiments towards me.

I shall preserve this Testimonial, as bringing vividly to mind the many kind greetings - kind faces and kind acts which have gladdened the decline of a long and happily active professional life. - That the Blessing of the Most High may rest on the dear and all friends Clerical and Lay who may be associated with him in promoting the work of the Lord at Hampstead, is and will be the sincere prayer of your affectionate Brother in Christ

Charlton Lane

Read Report from Mr. Stone dated 13th Dec: 1873 which was as follows:-

To the Church Trustees Hampstead
Gentlemen,

In pursuance to your instructions I have inspected the wall of the Parish Church Yard adjoining Mr. & Mrs. Stone's property called Frogmal Hill Estate.

I have to report

- 1st That I do not consider the wall imminently dangerous.
- 2nd That I consider that it would last through

*Wall on west side of Ch. Yard.

the books provided it was shored up where required
3rd I do not consider that in order to relieve the local ground to any appreciable extent could be removed without disturbing the Graves immediately adjoining thereon.

In conclusion I would suggest that no works of a structural nature be undertaken during the winter months as great care and expedition will be required to be exercised in its reconstruction to avoid disturbing the Graves before mentioned.

Chas. E. Stone

Surveyor

Wall

The Clerk reported that he had searched amongst the Documents of the Trust and had gone through the Minute Books of the Trustees and that he had not been able to find any direct evidence as to the ownership of the wall adjoining Frogmal Hill Estate, but what little he had been able to find would be rather in favor of the Trustees and that the wall belonged to Mr. Rice.

After much discussion of the matter and it appeared that the ground on the Churchyard side had been raised against the wall
It was moved by Mr. Stone
Seconded by Mr. Lutton and
Resolved

That the Surveyors Report be carried out as far as regards the shoring up of the wall and that in order to meet Mr. Rice in a friendly spirit the Clerk do write to him requesting permission to have the wall shored up as directed by the Surveyor but such action

on the part of the Trustees to be without prejudice to the Ownership of the wall and to any position that the Trustees might hereafter take with regard to it.

Resolved

That should the above permission be given Mr Love be instructed to have the works carried out as suggested by him and that Mr Hart, Builder, be employed for that purpose.

Read a Letter from the Clerk Mr Charles Thomas Lane which was as follows.

16th December 1878.

Gentlemen,

I beg to tender my resignation of the office of Clerk to your Board. I propose that the resignation should take effect at the expiration of one month from the 25th Dec^r inst. In thus resigning my office I should wish to express myself sincerely grateful to you for the kindness and consideration you have always shown me during the time that I have acted as your Clerk.

I am, Gentlemen

Your obed^t Servant

Charles T. Lane

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Clerk -
Resignation of
1878

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 Rectory High Street Hampstead on Wednesday the fourteenth day of January 1874 at half past five o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

14th Jan 1874

Present

The Rev^d Richard Beaumont Barnaby
Rector of the Parish in the Chair.
Mr Henry Milton Churchwarden
The Rev^d Charlton Lane
John Gurney Esquire
Richard Howell Leach Esquire
Manley Tophkins Esquire
V. Dudley Baxter Esquire
John Samuel Fletcher Esquire
Herbert Norman Evans Esquire
Frederick Hill Esquire
Thomas Toller Esquire
D. Henry Cooper - Rose
Mr Henry Cornick
" Charles Walker
" George Buck
" Simon Stone
" James Ashenden
" John Gardner Pearce

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

Read a Letter from Mr Julius Talbot Airey dated 20th December 1873 in reply to the Clerks letter asking — permission for the Trustees to shore up the Brick Hall forming the Eastern boundary of Frogual Hall as follows:

Frogual Hall - Hampstead
20th Dec: 1873.

Dear Sir,

I shall be happy to permit the Trustees of the Hampstead Church to shore up the Brick Hall as they request to be allowed to do (without prejudice to our mutual liabilities and rights) and I hope that every care may be taken in so doing not to injure my trees and shrubs.

I would seem to me that to whomsoever the wall may belong, if it is theirs as I assert the Trustees are bound to keep it up, and if it is mine, so I deny — they are bound not to knock it down — Independently of Mr Smiths admission not being binding on me, I think that the more it is looked into the more it will seem to be inconsistent with the liability which it professes to admit.

I am, Yours obediently,
J. Talbot Airey

Wm Stone Esq^r

Trustee
action of

Read a Letter from the Vestry Clerk dated 9th January inst: stating that at the Vestry Meeting held on the previous evening Mr Herbert Norman Evans of Thurlow Road Hampstead was elected a Church Trustee in the place of Mr Wm Pollock deceased.

The question of the appointment of Clerk to the Trustees in place of Mr Charles Thomas Lane,

Clerk
appointment of
Mr F. J. Moore

who had resigned that office at the last Meeting of the Board was brought before the Meeting and the Chairman stated that there were two applicants for that post namely — Mr Ernest Edward Lake and Mr Frederic John Moore both of this parish Solicitors.

The Letters and Testimonials from the Candidates were read and considered and ultimately

It was moved by Mr Parse and seconded by Mr Walker

That Mr Frederic John Moore be appointed Clerk to this Board.

And it was then moved by Mr Hopkins and seconded by Mr Stone

That Mr Ernest Edward Lake be appointed Clerk to this Board.

The two motions were then put to the vote of the Meeting separately and it was declared that Mr Frederic John Moore had the majority of votes.

An Appointment was thereupon made out in writing and it was

Resolved unanimously

That the same be and the same was signed by the principal number of Trustees present on behalf of the Board appointing Mr Frederic John Moore, Clerk to this Board for the execution of the above mentioned Act during pleasure.

It was moved by Mr Thomas Toller and seconded by Mr Stanley Hopkins

That a Salary of £40 per annum being the yearly amount received by the late Clerk be allowed and paid to Mr Frederic John Moore as Clerk to the Trustees for the execution of the said Act.

The Motion was put to the vote and carried.

Mr. Parse gave notice that he should move at the next Meeting that the Salary of the Clerk be £60 a year.

The question of the Pew Openers was then raised and it was

Resolved

Pew Openers

That it be referred to the Vicar and Churchwardens to report on the efficiency of the present Pew Openers and make any suggestions with regard to their office or otherwise as they might deem expedient.

The Bankers Pass Book was laid before the Chairman whereby it appeared that the balance in hand amounted to £7289. 1. 2 and that £1000 Exchequer Bills were then in the hands of the Bankers on account of the Trust.

The Collector's Account for the half years pew Rents due to the Trustees at Michaelmas last was examined whereby it appeared that the half years pew Rents amounted to £224. 15. 6 of which sum £200. 15. 6 had been collected and paid to the Bankers leaving £24 uncollected on such half years Rents with arrears from Michaelmas 1842 of £9. 3.

The several Bills, Salaries and Accounts due at Christmas last amounting together to £120. 6. 6 were examined and ordered to be paid.

The Clerk stated that the Salaries for the quarter ended 29th September 1843 amounting together to £48. 6. - had already been paid in conformity with the resolution passed at the Meeting held on the 27th January 1843.

Resolved

That such payments be and they were ^{heretofore} confirmed by the Trustees.

Cheques for the payments ordered to be made at this Meeting were drawn and signed by the Chairman and two of the Trustees.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas Teller

Recorded by Mr. G. Parse and

Resolved

Trustees

That Mr. Harris' Bill be referred to the Vicar and Churchwardens to ascertain ^{what} was due to him, several Bills being produced which the Trustees could not understand.

Finance Committee Appointed

The question of a Finance Committee being appointed to consider the Bills and Accounts of the Trust before each Meeting of the Trustees was considered and after much discussion it was

Resolved

That the Vicar and Churchwardens Mr. Thomas Teller, Mr. Lincoln Stone and Mr. Henry Cornick be appointed such Finance Committee.

Mr. Charles Thomas Lane kindly presented the amount of his last Quarters Salary to the Vicar to be applied in the purchase of Books for the Church.

S. B. Burnaby

At a Meeting of the Trustees for carrying into execution the Act for providing the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Luke in the Hamlets of Hampstead with increased accommodation for attending Divine Service convened by direction of the Minister and held at the Vicarage High Street Hampstead on Wednesday the twelfth day of February 1874 at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

Present

The Rev. Howard Perceval Barnaby
The Vicar of the parish in the Chair.
Mr. Henry Melton Churchwarden
Richard Howell Esquire
Walter Hopkins Esquire
Frederick Hill Esquire
Mr. James Rowland
Simon Stone
George Birch

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

The Chairman stated that an application had been made by the Secretary of the Hampstead British Workmen's Club and Institute for leave to open a window on the North side of the premises known as the Mission Room in Perceval Court and now occupied by the Institute. The Chairman also stated that he had conferred with Mr. Churchwarden Melton as to the application and that in view of the fact that there was not

Perceval Court
Trustees property

likely to be another Meeting of the Trustees for some weeks they had agreed to grant the application of the Secretary subject to the sanction of the Trustees to the action they had taken in the matter and also subject to the following letter (which was then read) being written by the Secretary to the Institute.

Perceval Court, High Street
20th February 1874.

Sir,

The Committee of the above Institute having requested permission to open a window on the North side of the premises in Perceval Court lately known as the Mission Room and now occupied by the Institute such permission has been kindly granted on the understanding that such window is to be closed up when required. From the position of one of the supports of the building it was found impossible as had been intended to make one long window and the Builder advised the opening of two smaller ones on each side of the said support. The undersigned as the Secretary of the said Institute and with the consent of the Committee of Management of the said Institute do hereby acknowledge that it is by permission only and not as of right that such windows are to be opened and undertake and agree at any time when required to close such windows and to reconstitute the Room in its former condition.

Hampstead British
Workmen's Club and
Institute

Faithfully Yours
signed E. H. Bramwell Hon. Sec.