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DEDICATORY SERVICES.

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The Rotherham Hospital and Dispensary was opened for the reception of patients on Saturday afternoon last, in the presence of a very large and most respectable assemblage, many of whom were ladies. Among those present were James Yates, Esq., J.P., and D.L.; R. Bentley Shaw-Yates, Esq., Dr. Falding, Rev. R. Mosley, M.A., Rev. C. J. Hamilton, M.A., Rev. J. H. Norton, Rev. G. Whitehead, Rev. W. Blazeby, B.A., Rev. J. Bonser, Rev. W. T. Armstrong, Rev. W. S. Evans, Rev. P. C. Barker, M.A., LL.B., Rev. W. J. Gates, Ald. Guest, Ald. Morgan, Dr. Shearman, Dr. Foete, Mr. Councillor Harrison, Mr. Councillor Wells, Mr. J. Barras, Mr. W. May, Mr. J. Law, Mr. H. Davy, Mr. H. Hart, Mr. J. Haywood, Mr. G. B. Willis, Mr. W. Unwin, &c., &c. At the time the opening proceedings were taking place, the bells of the parish Church were rung in honour of the event. The service and after meeting were held in the Male Ward, in the western wing of the building. This large room was crowded, and at one time numbers were unable to get further than the outside corridor. James Yates, Esq., J.P., and D.L., the President of the General Committee, occupied the



chair. The Rev. J. H. Norton, gave out the opening hymn, which was then sung by those present, led by the Church Choir, and Dr. Sewell, who accompanied on the harmonium. The Rev. C. J. Hamilton, then read selected portions of Scripture, after which the Rev. R. Mosley, offered prayer. The Old Hundredth Psalm—"All people that on earth do dwell,"—was given out by the Rev. W. J. Gates, and this having been sung the religious part of the opening meeting was brought to a close.

JAMES YATES, Esq., in the course of his opening address, said, that speaking on behalf of the Provisional, General, and Special Committees, and of the friends and supporters of the institution, he thought he might safely say that they were now met under circumstances which called for their warm congratulations to each other, and thanks to Almighty God. (Hear, hear.) A great and good work was now accomplished. The anxious wishes for eight or nine years, of not a few, and the willing labours of others for several years past, had been rewarded by the general sympathy and support of all classes in the neighbourhood. All classes had most cheerfully and generously so contributed to the funds as to enable the committee to pronounce the Rotherham Hospital and Dispensary in a fit state from that day forward for the reception of patients. (Cheers.) The Committee felt that they might safely say that there was no other building in the country which was better planned for hospital purposes than that building. (Hear, hear). The arrangements were such as would ensure thorough attention and comfort to each poor unfortunate individual who might be brought within those walls. The house-surgeon, they were aware, held a most important position, and the honorary medical staff had recommended a gentleman for that post, in whom they had the greatest confidence. He might be pardoned here for referring to some reports which had been stated in regard to this matter. Some people had asserted that the committee had been a little extravagant in the salary they had given to the house-surgeon. Now, the committee had felt it their duty to make the appointment at such a salary, in order that full confidence might be inspired in the minds of the unfortunate, suffering patients. He put it to them—Would they, if



a young, inexperienced man were appointed as surgeon, have that confidence they would wish to feel in their medical man, if they were to be taken to the Hospital? On the other hand, if a skilful and experienced man were appointed they would have confidence in him, and would say that they had just as good an opportunity of receiving skilful treatment at the Hospital as anywhere. (Hear, hear.) The public could take it for granted that to such as were so unfortunate in accidents as to be sent to the hospital, or to those that went there for other causes, all would be done that could possibly be done. (Cheers.) He considered they had been most successful in the election of a suitable person as matron. The matron, who was to be at the Institution on Monday, came to them with the highest testimonials and credentials as to ability, character, and kindly disposition. The other part of the household, as they were aware, would consist of the house surgeon and nurses. They had had several applications from respectable women, who were strongly recommended for the post of nurses. They had not then, but he hoped that in the course of a day or two they would select one. There was one thing that he thought he ought to refer to, and that was that there had been some little dissatisfaction with regard to the Dispensary. He hoped that would soon pass away, for the committees had full confidence in stating that the Dispensary patients would be well attended to in all their varied circumstances both within the walls of the institution and at their own homes when necessary. He was exceedingly sorry that he was not able to lay before them a correct statement of their financial condition. He was very much disappointed, for he had hoped that he would have been able to have laid before them a clear statement with regard to financial matters. The architect—to whom great praise was due for the efficient manner in which the building had been carried out—had been so busy that he had not had time to get his accounts out. There would be some extras no doubt, and they were unable to state their precise position. However, so far as they could ascertain, he believed he should be right in stating that all they would require in completing that noble work would be from £500 to £1000. That referred to the erection of the building only, and he would now proceed to speak of



its furnishing. From a statement that their old friend Dr. Shearman—(cheers)—had put into his hands, it appeared that great success had attended the raising of a furnishing fund. (Hear, hear.) This fund was for the purpose of furnishing the various rooms in the building, and also to arrange and plant the grounds. They were all aware that in the carrying out of this matter the doctor had been nobly assisted by the ladies. (Cheers.) From March, 1870, to March, 1872, the amount collected by the ladies had been £344 14s. 10d.—(cheers)—and Dr. Shearman had received himself, during that period, £396 13s. 0d. (Cheers). Then there was realised by the bazaar—with the getting up and furnishing of which they knew how much the ladies had to do—the sum of £1015 19s. 6d.—(loud cheers)—making a total of £1,757 7s. 4d. (Renewed cheering.) Of this had been expended in the fitting up of cupboards, closets, window blinds, &c., the laying out of the grounds, and the purchase of surgical instruments, about £1,300, leaving a balance in hand of about £450. (Cheers.) With this balance, Dr. Shearman proposed to erect a mortuary, which was an immediate necessity, and a laundry; and he also hoped to be able to pay for a piece of land adjoining the Hospital property, which would give an opening from the grounds of the Hospital into the upper part of Wellgate. He ought also to state that £50 had been paid from this fund to the current expenses account of the Hospital. The amount collected and paid to the building fund by Dr. Shearman, in addition to the munificent legacy by Miss Nightingale, was £1920. (Cheers.) Ald. Morgan was the treasurer of the current expenses account, and he had received as subscriptions, £296 10s. 0d. (Cheers.) He had already paid for house expenses £30 2s. 6d; leaving a balance in his hands of £266 7s. 6d. (Cheers). That was all he could tell them in reference to their financial position. He might say that the committee had the fullest confidence, from their past experience, that the sympathy and support of the general public would be continued until the £500 to £1,000 required was forthcoming. Some persons might probably say that too much money was being expended—much more than was first calculated upon—and that the committee had been extravagant. The



committee were conscious of many weaknesses and failings, but they had done their best, not merely with a regard to the present time, but also looking forward for the requirements of the future. (Cheers.) The population would no doubt increase, and the building was so planned that the number of wards might be increased. They must understand that the building was not fully carried out in accordance with the original plans. The centre ward—which was on the plans—had not been built, but the land was clear, and the only thing to connect it with the main building when it was built would be to make a connecting doorway. The committee, in his opinion, would be warranted in taking in almost any number of patients, provided support could be obtained. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. JOHN BARRAS, the honorary secretary of the institution, was then called upon to read a report, giving an account of the history of the institution from the first movement for its establishment. The report which had been compiled from the minutes of the various committees by the honorary secretary was as appended:—  
 “The committee have to report that the suggestion for the establishment of an Infirmary in connection with the existing Dispensary was first attempted to be carried into effect at the commencement of the year 1863. The need for such an institution had long been felt, and the means of accomplishing it seemed fair, as Mr. Yates offered ground for a site in Masbro' (near the Midland Railway.) A public meeting was called, Earl Fitzwilliam was kind enough to attend and preside, and although his lordship, with his usual liberality, promised to assist if it were formed, he doubted much if the neighbourhood could support such an institution, and if a sufficient number of competent medical men could be found willing to provide the assistance necessary. This fear seemed to prevail, and the anxious promoters of the meeting were obliged to patiently wait for a change of opinion. About four years afterwards, a sad accident occurred at the Midland Iron Works. The sufferings of the poor injured workmen it was thought were increased for want of such accommodation as their homes did not provide, and which only a well-arranged hospital with kind and competent nurses could furnish. A public meeting was held in 1867, Lord Fitzwilliam again presiding. His



Lordship's opinions were then so far altered that he promised that if the people of the neighborhood would properly respond, he would commence a subscription with £500. This was followed by Miss Nightingale's munificent legacy of £1000, a sum of £678 from the Earl of Effingham and his son Lord Howard, and what gave greater encouragement than all these gifts, a very liberal, prompt, and voluntary offer on the part of the employes at several large works. All this seemed to *require* the committee by all means to push forward the good work. Since that time the committee have laboured very earnestly and very unanimously. A building has been raised in a situation believed to be better suited than any other in the neighbourhood—its arrangement has met with universal commendation from all who have visited it, both medical men and others, and it is this day intended to be thrown open to all who may, by accident or misfortune, need its shelter and assistance. To the present time the committee have been provided with funds necessary for carrying on their work, but now a further effort is required to pay off present liabilities and complete the building. For its support when open the committee rely upon the same spirit of liberality that has already been evinced, believing that the same good feeling which prompted men to build will induce them to maintain."

The CHAIRMAN then moved "That the thanks of this meeting be given to the president, vice-presidents, and patrons, for the use of their names, and to all donors, individuals, as well as congregations, associations, and bodies of workmen, for the general and willing support given to the building fund." (Cheers)

Ald. GUEST. in seconding the resolution, said that many motives of congratulation and many feelings of thankfulness must affect their minds and hearts that day. They had first to notice the progress and improvement which had taken place. That which was but recently a grassy hill side, terminating in a mass of old ruinous buildings, at once a deformity and a disgrace to one of the principal entrances of the borough town of Rotherham, was now crowned with a noble edifice, whose least claim was that it was as striking an ornament and credit to the place, as the previous condition of its site was a disgrace and a deformity. But it was transcendently



more than a mere ornament. It was an edifice devoted by the goodwill of the town and neighbourhood to the most beneficent uses. (Hear, hear.) The vast manufacturing and mining operations that were carried on in this district were subject to very serious and sometimes very deplorably extensive accidents, and the purposes for which this institution had been built were, under the blessing of God, to give back to the maimed the restored use of their limbs, to give health to the helpless sick, to save, by timely and efficient nursing and skilful treatment, from premature and preventible death, the disabled breadwinners of disconsolate families. (Loud cheers.) He asked them to consider well the importance and extent of the advantages intended to be connected with the erection of that noble building. Many a useful life had, in times past, been lost, and many families had been reduced from comparative comfort to destitution and distress, by the injured husband having to be conveyed to the nearest Infirmary, at Sheffield, and on arriving there being in so prostrate a condition as to render impossible the performance of operations by which the valuable life might have been saved. (Hear, hear.) This long enduring and dark reproach upon the neighbourhood, he thanked God, had now been removed. Let them just contemplate for a moment the circumstances in which the unfortunate sufferer from any bad accident, from fractured limb or fire damp, or any other cause, would now find himself placed. If he had to be taken to his own home, and there be attended by the club doctor, or the medical man connected with the works where he was employed, he could only occasionally be visited by him. The best nursing of the best wife must of necessity be interrupted and interfered with by domestic cares, and with a young family perfect quietness, so desirable in most cases, was quite impossible. The food, too often, was of an improper kind, and given in ill-regulated quantities, and the close, confined air of the small bed-room of a cottage home was very often anything but conducive to present comfort or speedy restoration to health and strength. Such, at best, were the ordinary but most insufficient resources of the workman's own dwelling. But, on the other hand, on being conveyed to the Hospital, he became one of the occupants of a large and lofty apartment, had the constant



attention of a nurse trained to the careful and skilful treatment of the exigencies of his case, had all the requisite apparatus and appliances which might be required, and had just the description of food most suitable to the support of his strength and to the promotion of his recovery. Moreover, the touch of an electric bell would bring to his bedside the medical attendant, whose office it was to minister to his need. When the exercise of proper care and professional skill had mainly accomplished the desired end, and fresh air and moderate exercise were required, there would be in fine weather the open hill side, and when the weather was inclement there would be the long corridors, which could be used for the same purpose, and there would also be the comparative home comfort and quiet of the convalescent ward, where the entire restoration of health and strength might be ordinarily effected. (Hear, hear.) In making these statements he did not desire to magnify the merits of the undertaking, or to make any vaunt of what was intended for the benefit of their fellow men, for to God be all the praise. But he wished them to realise in their minds how comprehensive and complete was the care intended to be bestowed on such of their unfortunate fellow creatures who might need it, and how much greater it was than even wealth and station could command. The gentlemen whose mansions adorned the eminences surrounding the town could not command such advantages. (Hear, hear.) The Earls Fitzwilliam and Effingham, who had so nobly helped them, could not, by touching an electric bell at any hour of the day or night, have the same attention, in all respects, as would the patients in the wards of the Hospital. When Communism, or any other devilism sought to set the workmen of this neighbourhood at enmity with the institutions or exalted persons of the country, he hoped the answer would be, "No, we know better. When any important aid is needed their hands are as open as the day to melting charity, and as to other matters we have learnt how to take care of ourselves." (Hear, hear.) The crowning excellence of this institution, however, was that it was a solid, substantial, unmistakeable, exemplification of concordant Christian zeal and love. (Applause.) He often asked himself the question, when it is proclaimed that the Commune is Atheistic, where can we look for and



find, in the United Kingdom, or on the continent of Europe, one instance where the professors and promulgators of sedition and unbelief, say for the last century, have given an evidence of their love for their fellow men like this?" No, all the myriad worshippers of the goddess of Reason, and the Godless and Christless crew who have lived unloved, and died unlamented during that period of time, had not, with all their vaunted fraternity, shewn it as it had been practically shown that day. (Loud applause.) He rejoiced at the contrast. As Christian men they might, and must have different denominational views, but when any plain, practical, unpolemical evidence and example of the genuine principle of Christianity was required, as in this instance, these minor differences died away, as did darkness before the day, and the scattered rays converged into one bright, broad, indivisible, and effulgent manifestation of united Christian love, which, irrespective of persons as the sunlight, shone on both the evil and the good. (Cheers.)

"He prayeth best who loveth best  
All things both great and small,  
For the dear God who loveth us,  
He made and loveth all."

The top stone had been brought on with rejoicing, the Hospital was open, and the workmen of the town and neighbourhood, to their high honour, had done their part. (Cheers.) It could not for a moment be supposed that that which had been so nobly raised would be ignobly and insufficiently supported. (Hear, hear.) He had heard doubts expressed, but he, for his own part, had never yet entertained one. (Cheers.) Let all such doubts become dumb before their ready, spontaneous, sufficient, and sustained contributions; let the grandeur of the object crush all grovelling and petty objections; and without misgivings, mumurings, or too fine measuring as to how much, or how little, let an honest, hearty, uncavilling earnestness distinguish the future as it had the past, and their success would be complete, and the support of the noble institution sure. (Loud applause.)

The resolution was then carried unnnimously.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "That the thanks of this meeting be given to the ladies' committee and to Dr. Shearman, for their assiduous labours in connection



with the bazaar and the fund for furnishing the Hospital, preparing the grounds, &c." (Applause.)

Dr. FALDING, in seconding the resolution, said that the important duty of carrying out the furnishing of the Hospital and the surrounding grounds, so that the comfort of the patients might be secured, had been entrusted to Dr. Shearman and the ladies whom he had called to his aid, and they had come forward as they always did in a good cause, to the utmost of their ability. (Cheers.) They had carried out their trust well, and they deserved every credit for it. (Hear, hear.) They knew that in preparing a hospital for the reception of patients, a great deal of care and judgment had to be exercised in making one's self acquainted with the most recent improvements in other and similar institutions. There had to be considered what were the most suitable implements and apparatus for the performance of surgical operations; what were the best and latest improvements in regard to such accommodation as would tend to soothe the feelings and quiet the nerves of the patients who had undergone operations, in order that they might have the best possible chance of recovering under the medical treatment they were receiving? He understood that gentlemen well qualified to judge had come from a distance to go over the building, and they had not only observed that the furnishing arrangements were complete, but had gone away greatly delighted, and more than abundantly satisfied with the conviction that the utmost pains had been taken in furnishing the Hospital in the best possible manner. (Applause.) Another matter of very great importance had occupied the attention of the committee. They felt that in a neighbourhood like this, where serious accidents were happening, great medical skill, experience, and promptitude were required, they must secure the services of the best medical men they could secure, and that all the officers of the institution should be, if not absolutely the best, still the best that they could procure here. He was quite sure that a great deal of anxious thought had been expended upon this matter, and that the committee had been desirous, without any bias or prejudice in any way, of securing the services of the man who was best qualified, and who produced the best testimonials. (Hear, hear.) Upon their choice depended, to a great extent, the lives,



the limbs, and the comfort of many a hard working man who might meet with some serious accident while following his daily occupation. Involved in these, too, were the interests of the family dependent upon his earnings. In this matter of life and limb, and the happiness of families, the utmost care and caution must be exercised, and he believed that this consideration—this disinterested attention had been paid and would continue to be paid at that place. (Cheers.) He seconded the vote of thanks with all his heart, to those who had expended so much time, and zeal, and energy in furnishing the institution, and he was glad they had succeeded so well. (Cheers.) When the ladies took a thing in hand they always succeeded. (Laughter and applause.) The committee of gentlemen had done well with regard to the building, and yet they had not altogether succeeded, for they still owed some £500 or £1000. The ladies and Dr. Shearman, on the other hand, took in hand the furnishing of the institution, and they had not only done that, but had some hundreds of pounds to spare (Cheers.) He urged them not to give up their labour of love now they had done so well. (Hear, hear.) A great deal yet remainnd to be done with regard to the institution, and he was quite sure the ladies would always be ready to help in some suitable way. (Loud cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN said he trusted the ladies would form themselves into one general committee, and keep the neighbourhood alive by calling with their smiling faces for periodical subscriptions; and he begged to append to the vote of thanks a request to that effect. (Cheers.)

The resolution was passed with acclamation.

Dr. SHEARMAN, in replying for himself and on behalf of the ladies' committee, complained that although one lady and himself had put all the furnishing apparatus in their proper places, no one had taken the trouble to go and inspect them. Without looking at the things they could not tell what had been done, and he expressed a wish that those present before leaving the building, would visit the wards and see for themselves how they had been fitted up. (Hear, hear.) He hoped nothing had been forgotten that was necessary to make the poor diseased and maimed men and women as comfortable as it was possible to make them. (Hear, hear.) They had



had no little difficulty in getting the things for so little money, and he was afraid he had got into very bad odour with all the tradesmen in the neighbourhood, for he had never failed to take off a pretty large per centage as discount whenever he could get hold of it. (Laughter and applause.) Without that they could never have done what they had. (Cheers.) They must remember that they had not only furnished the Hospital. There was not a cupboard or a shelf in the building when they took the matter in hand, and they had had to fit it up with innumerable cupboards, closets and shelves. The blinds alone cost £180. That seemed a large amount, but if they made an examination they would find that each blind had been put up on the most scientific principle, and would last longer than any of their own. (Laughter and applause.) He would ask one favour of his colleagues, the ladies, and that was that they should go on collecting, as long as they could find people ready to give them their pence. He knew from his own experience that large numbers of people would contribute regularly if they were called upon periodically, and he was confident that by that means an income to the Hospital of £200 per annum could easily be raised. (Cheers.) He wished he could do it all for them. (Laughter.) He would do so if he could, but he had not so pleasant a face as a young lady. (Laughter and applause.) He did not think they would be refused if they once made application. (Hear, hear.) He hoped they would begin with their periodical canvass for subscriptions, and that they would endeavour to get all the support they could for that God-like institution, (Loud cheers.)

The Rev. W. BLAZEY was next called upon to propose a vote of thanks to the workmen for their contributions. (Cheers.) He remarked that it was a gratifying fact that all classes of the community had united in contributing to this noble institution. (Hear, hear.) It had not been established through the munificence of any individual or association, but all classes and all denominations had joined together to raise it as a means of alleviating the suffering and saving the life of those whom misfortune brought to avail themselves of its advantages. (Cheers.) He referred to the manner in which cathedrals and other like buildings had been erected in the olden time, the nobleman, the squire, the farmer,



the knight, and the labourer, all uniting in aiding the erection of the abbey or the church by the best means in their power. Towards the erection of this edifice the workmen of the district had contributed about £1400—(cheers)—and he calculated that every working man in the neighbourhood—supposing of course that all workmen contributed equally—had given no less than two days' work towards its erection. (Renewed cheers.) In one large works, where some 340 men and boys were employed, the noble sum of £252 had been given—(cheers)—or something like 15s. per head. Was not that a credit to any body of workmen? (Loud cheers.) The gift of £1400 was enhanced in value by its voluntary and spontaneous character; for it had not come by compulsion, cajolery, or any unworthy influence whatever. Freewill offerings were always the best. He thought there was every reason to believe that those who had so nobly contributed towards the erection of that noble pile, would still continue to assist in providing the sinews of war—a war, not for killing hundreds and thousands, but a warfare to bind up the wounded, heal the broken-hearted, to save life, and relieve every sort of suffering, and to wage arms against every form of disease. (Hear, hear.) The success of their endeavours might be considered guaranteed, when not one person, or even a hundred, were engaged in this work, but when some thousands appreciated its value and importance in an intelligent and generous spirit. Would it be too much to ask that the working men of the district should contribute half the yearly income, seeing that it was they who would chiefly participate in its advantages? That would be something like each man giving a day's work yearly, and it would probably raise a sum of about £700. The other portion of the community would, no doubt, give the other part of the income. (Hear, hear.) Would it not always be a rich source of reflection to every poor sufferer lying prostrate upon their beds, that not a small measure of his relief and comfort was the provision of his associates in daily toil, and that his own hands, when free to use, did their quota also? As our church was called "All Saints' Church," let that be regarded as everybody's Hospital. (Hear, hear.)

The motion having been carried,



Mr. I. WARBURTON replied on behalf of the working men. After expressing thanks for the manner in which the vote of thanks had been given, he proposed a similar vote to the members of the provisional building committee, the honorary secretary of the building fund, and to all who had taken an interest in promoting the welfare of the institution. (Applause.) He remarked that the working men of the district had a deep interest in the Hospital and Dispensary, and he had not the least doubt that if it were conducted in a proper and efficient way, and there was every prospect that it would, they would continue to give their hearty and substantial support. (Cheers.) Some complaints had been made that the anticipated cost had been exceeded, but he would like to know what building had ever been completed without some extras being found necessary? (Hear, hear.) He considered that people who made such charges were somewhat uncharitable, and thought that great praise was due to those who had so willingly given their labour for the good of the institution without recompense. (Cheers.)

The proposition was carried.

The CHAIRMAN proposed a vote of thanks to the honorary secretary of the building fund, Mr. John Gibbs, the treasurer of the same, and to the architect, Mr. Bakewell, of Leeds.

Dr. SHEARMAN seconded the motion which was supported by

Ald. MORGAN, who in a congratulatory address, remarked that he had travelled through the length and breadth of the land, but had never visited a Hospital where the arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the patients were more complete than in that building. (Hear, hear.) He said the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood had already done well in contributing to the erection of the building, and he called upon them to support it liberally. (Cheers.)

Mr. BAKEWELL and Mr. GIBBS briefly replied.

The Rev. J. H. NORTON then moved, and Mr. Councillor HARRISON seconded, a vote of thanks to Dr. Sewell and the Church Choir for their past and present services in aid of the Hospital.

Dr. SEWELL having responded,



The CHAIRMAN said: Ladies and Gentlemen, I have now formally to announce that the Rotherham Hospital and Dispensary is from this day open for the reception of patients. (Loud Cheers.)

The Rev. C. J. HAMILTON proposed, and the Rev. R. MOSLEY seconded, a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

The motion having been carried the proceedings terminated.

The following statement of the receipts and expenditure on account of the Building Fund of the Hospital up to the 26th April, has been furnished to us by the honorary secretary, Mr. John Barras.—Receipts: Subscriptions to date from individuals and firms, £6,573; workmen, £1,404; collections, &c., £414; sundries, £137; total, £8,528. Expenditure: For land, interest, and valuation, £2,230; contractors, £4,979; architects, £170; clerk of works, £213; architects for prizes, £100; expenses connected with the lying of the first stone, £96; sundry expenses, £229; interest, £36; total, £8,053. This leaves a balance in hand of £475, but there are yet several accounts to be paid, including that of the architects, which has not yet been rendered, and these will amount to a sum, it is anticipated, which will leave a balance due to the treasurer of from £500 to £1000.



