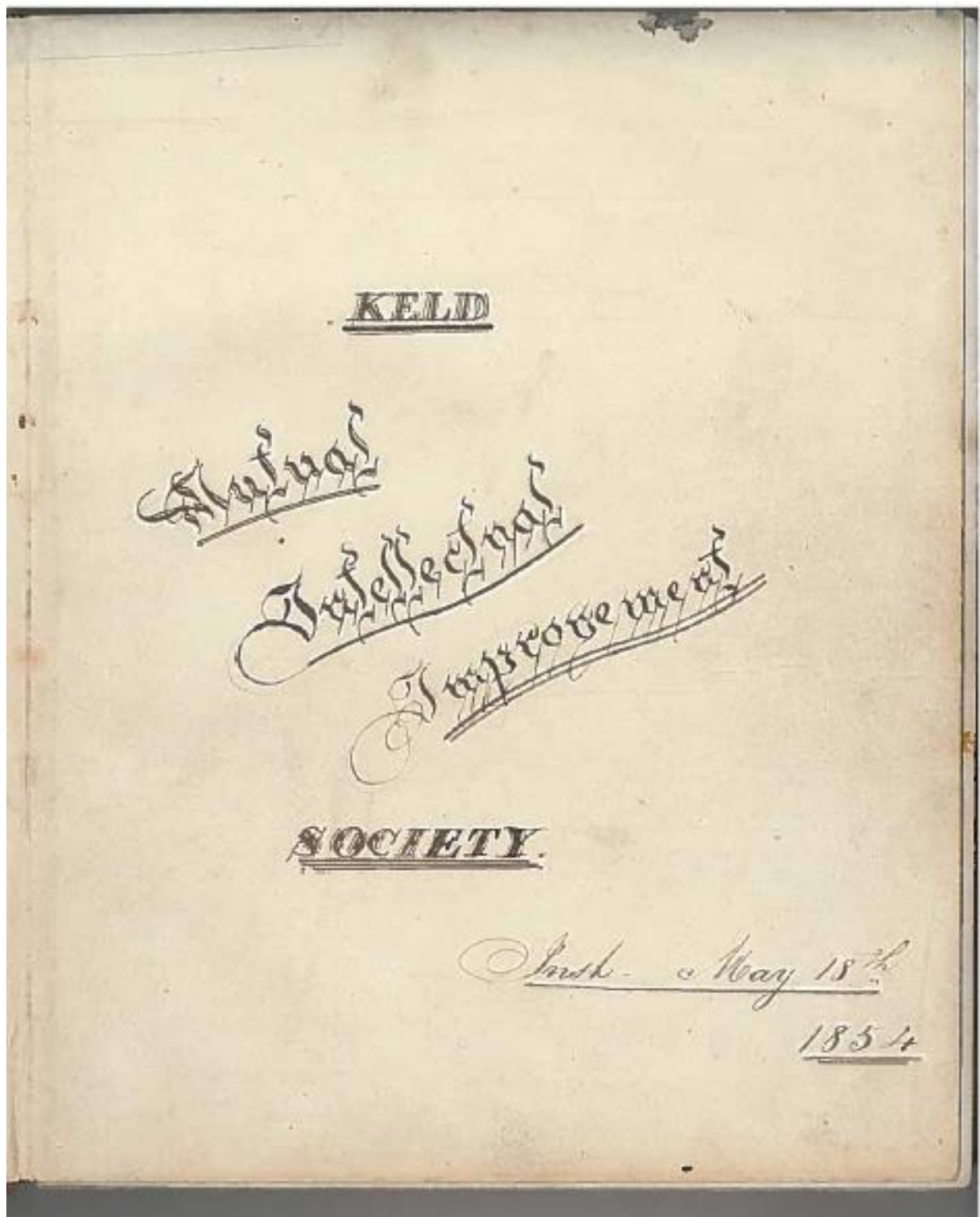


**Keld Mutual Intellectual Improvement Society Minute Book 1854**



The  
Rules and Order  
of the  
Society  
with  
a list of  
Members

Rule. 5.

That Wednesday night in each week, be the time to receive Members when any member present may propose candidates, that shall be received by consent of a majority of members present.

( 2 )

That an entrance fee of two Shillings and six pence, be paid at the time of admittance, and a monthly subscription of sixpence, be paid in advance on the second Wednesday in each month, All monthly subscriptions to be paid within a week of the time when due or forfeit the privilege of the Room till paid.

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That an entrance fee of two shillings and sixpence be paid on the time of admittance, but that this payment of this fee shall entitle the subscriber to the privileges of the Institute for the first quarter, the payment for every quarter afterwards to be 1.6. - All payments to be done in advance.

That all fees, subscriptions and Fines  
go into one general fund to be used  
only for the purchasing of Books  
Newspapers and Periodicals, Paying  
Postage &c for the Society, cleaning  
Heating, and Lighting the Room.

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only for the purchasing of Books  
Newspapers and Periodicals, Paying  
Postage &c for the Society, Cleaning  
Heating, and Lighting the Room.

( 4 )

That on the second Wednesday night in each month any member may propose any Book, Paper, or Periodical ~~to be~~ to be purchased, but no purchase shall be made but by the consent of a Majority of Members present.

Such notice to be given in writing, & to be entered in a book kept for the purpose at least one month before the purchase is made, & no purchase to be made but by the consent of a majority of Members present, & specially called for that purpose - command for that effect.



( 5 )

~~That once in every Quarter a meeting  
be appointed for the disposing of Books  
Papers &c. where any Book or Paper may  
by the consent of a majority of Members  
present be sold to the best advantage,  
all proceeds of such sales to go to the  
general fund,  
& Notice of this meeting to be put  
up in the Room for three weeks previous~~

~~That any newspapers or periodicals not  
required That once in every Quarter a  
meeting be appointed for the sale of such  
Newspapers or Periodicals, as may not be  
required to be kept in the Institute, but  
the sale to be made either as the consent  
of a majority of Members present may think  
fit to dispose of: the proceeds of such sales  
to go to the general fund. & Notice of this  
meeting to be put up three weeks previous to be put  
up in the room for three weeks previous.~~

( 6 )

That the Room be open for the use of  
Members from two O'clock till half  
past nine O'clock P. M. excepting  
Sundays, The time of the regular session  
in the Spring term and the regular  
meeting once a month on the Tuesday  
evenings.

( 7 )

That proper order and becoming behavior be observed in the Room and nothing be allowed offensive to Members present or contrary to the rules of propriety, the following evils to be strictly avoided, - Argument, Swearing, Bad Language, Evil Speaking, Smoking Tobacco, or the use of intoxicating liquors in any way, No member to be allowed to remain in the room under the influence of strong drink for offending in any of the above, a fine of six pence to be imposed, to be paid immediately, or the offending party to leave the Room and bring his fine the first time he returns.

( 8 )

That at proper times free discussion  
may be introduced, avoiding Religious  
Controversy, except in defence of the  
principles of the Christian Faith.  
That all discussion be dropped at the  
request of a Majority of Members  
present, that no one read aloud but  
by general consent, That when desired  
by a majority one be requested to  
read aloud for the benefit of others.

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That the Society be presided over by  
a President, Treasurer and Secretary  
to be chosen by the Society and re-elected  
~~every half year~~ <sup>annually</sup> when each member  
shall have a vote, Three weeks notice  
to be given of the Meeting for the Election  
of Officers by a notice to be put up in  
the room, at which meeting all accounts  
shall be examined.

( 10 )

That the Quarterly sum of Two Shillings  
and sixpence be allowed for cleaning the  
the Room Lighting Sticks &c, all coals  
Candles &c to be provided by the Society  
That the ~~settlement~~ of all disputes,  
and transactions of all business be  
settled by a majority of Members present.

That the cleaning, & bedding, & heating the rooms  
be provided for by the members, & all  
necessary arrangements for the purpose be made  
by a majority of Members present at the  
~~Meeting called for this purpose~~ Annual  
Meeting - and that all disputes & transactions of  
business be settled by a majority of Members  
present -

That any member withdrawing shall  
perfect all claims on the Society's  
Books or Funds. ~~And that every~~  
member shall be liable to the Society  
in respect of any money or property  
which he has advanced or deposited  
to the Society, and shall be liable to  
repay the same.

That any member who has advanced  
money or property to the Society  
shall be liable to repay the same  
at all times.

470 Rees's Encyclopaedia  
(12)

That all the Books belonging to the Society (except the Dictionary, and the Books used in Classes) along with those obtained from the Yorkshire Union Generative Village Library, constitute a lending Library, free for the use of Members,

That Saturday night in each week between eight and half past eight O'clock P. M. be the time to change the Books.

That no Book shall be out of the Room more than one week at a time the Rule to be one week out of, and one week in the Room alternating a fine of three pence per week to be imposed for keeping the Book longer than the time specified, and should any Member permit a Book to be hurt while in his possession the Librarian shall charge the said person with a fine equal to the damages they think the Book may have sustained.

Also that no member be allowed to lend the Book to any other person during



the time he has it out of the Library,  
for such offence a fine of six pence to  
be imposed.

And should any Member be Legally  
charged with any of the above fines and  
refuse to pay the same, the offending party  
to forfeit the use of the Library until paid.

Annual Meeting, of the Field  
Mutual Improvement Society, held  
in the Literary Institute, November  
23<sup>d</sup> 1866.

The following officers were duly elected.

President. Rev. James Wilkinson.  
Secretary. Mr Joseph Spruell  
Treasurer. " John Wilson.  
Librarians. { " John Alderson.  
                  { " Ralph Alderson.

The Treasurer's account examined & passed.  
\$5 voted to be expended in the purchase  
of books, and a resolution passed respecting  
the publications to be taken for the ensuing  
year.

Meeting held in the Literary Institute,  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1866.

The Rev. Geo. G. Waddington elected president  
in the place of the Rev James Wilkinson, deceased

Agreed that the Rules should be revised  
and corrected. —————

January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1867

Meeting held in the reading room  
of the Literary Institute, on Thursday  
evening, January, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1867—

Proposed by Mr J. [unclear], & seconded by Mr  
Edmund Coates, that "minutes of all impor-  
-tant meetings, be duly recorded in the Secretary's  
book, including the meetings held on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
1866, and Decr 31<sup>st</sup> 1866.

Remark. In answer to a question it  
was stated, that after expending £5 in  
the purchase of books, and also after paying  
for the daily Leeds Mercury, for half a year  
in advance, the treasurer's account leaves a  
balance of nearly £2 in favour of the society.

Proposed by Mr Joseph Terry,

Seconded by Mr John Alderson,

that "we endeavour to purchase the buildings  
and ground adjoining the institute, & belonging  
to Michael Wiseman, & Wm. Wiseman, & that  
we also endeavour to make the enlargements &  
improvements of the Institute, &c &c, as now  
recommended, & on the plans proposed—

Signed: Geo. G. Maddington. Chairman

Note: The resolutions recorded on the previous page, after being duly considered, & formally proposed and seconded were carried unanimously January, 3d, 1867. Geo. G. Waddington.

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July 15<sup>th</sup> 1867

At a meeting specially convened for the purpose, and after ample notice had been given the following revised rules were unanimously & cordially agreed upon

Revised Rules of the Kild Mutual Improvement Society, or Literary Institute.

Rule I

That Wednesday night in each week be the time to receive members, when any member present may propose candidates, who shall be received by consent of a majority of members present.

Rule II

That an entrance fee of two shillings

and difference be paid at the time of admittance, but that the payment of this fee shall entitle the subscriber to the privileges of the Institute for the first quarter, the payment for every quarter afterwards to be 1. 6<sup>d</sup>. All payments to be due in advance.

### Rule III

That all fees, subscriptions, and fines go into one general fund to be used only for the purchasing of books, newspapers, and periodicals, paying postage &c for the Society, cleaning, heating, & lighting the rooms —

### Rule IV

That on the second night in each Wednesday night in each month, any member may propose any book, paper, or periodical, to be purchased. Such notice to be given in writing, and to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, at least one month before the purchase is ~~made~~ made or decided upon, and that no purchase be made without the consent of a majority of members present.

and especially covered for that purpose.

### Rule V

That once in every quarter a meeting be appointed for the sale of such newspapers or periodicals as a majority of members present may think fit to dispose of. The proceeds of such sales to go to the general fund. A notice of this meeting to be put up in the room for three weeks previous.

### Rule VI

That the rooms be open for the use of members from two o'clock till half past nine o'clock on every day except Sundays.

### Rule VII

That proper order, and becoming behaviour be observed in the room, and nothing be allowed offensive to members present, or contrary to the rules of propriety - the following evils to be strictly avoided; argument in the rooms, swearing,

bad language, evil speaking, smoking tobacco, or the use of intoxicating ~~drinks~~ liquors in any way. No member to be allowed to remain in the room under the influence of strong drink. For offending in any of the above instances, a fine of \$100 to be imposed, to be paid immediately, or the offending party, to leave the room and bring his fine the first time he returns.

### Rule VIII

That at proper times, such as committee meetings or meetings for business, free discussion may be allowed on subjects relating to the Institute, but that on all occasions, religious controversy and political debate shall be avoided. No one to read aloud, or engage in conversation, so as to disturb others who are reading or engaged in study or class-work of any kind. Conversation however may be allowed when it is agreeable to all who are present, and one person may read aloud for the benefit of others when desired to do so by those present and when he is not thereby interrupting

any who may wish to read, or attend to any other study.

#### Rule IX.

The officers of the society shall be a president, a treasurer, <sup>librarian</sup> and secretary, to be elected annually at a meeting duly convened for that purpose. Three weeks notice to be given of the meeting, each member shall have a vote, and all accounts shall be examined.

#### Rule X.

That the cleaning, lighting, & heating the rooms be provided for by the members, and all necessary arrangements for this purpose be made by a majority of members present at the annual meeting, and that all disputes & transactions of business be settled by a majority of members present.

#### Rule XI.

That any member withdrawing shall forfeit all claims on the society's books or funds, &c.

#### Rule XII.

That all the books belonging to the Society, (except the Dictionary, or Reiss's Encyclopaedia,



It books used in classes) constitute a lending library free for the use of members. —  
That Saturday night in each week between eight o'clock & half past eight, be the time to change the books & that no book shall be out of the room more than 3 weeks at a time. A fine of threepence per week to be imposed for keeping the book longer than the time specified unless a reasonable & satisfactory reason be assigned to the Librarian for its being kept longer, and should any member permit a book to be injured while in his possession, the Librarian shall charge the said person with a fine equal to the damages they think the book may have sustained. Also that no member be allowed to lend the book to any other person during the time he has it out of the library. For such offence a fine of sixpence to be imposed, and should any member be legally charged with any of the above fines and refuse to pay the same, the offending party to forfeit the use of the library until paid.

### Rule XIII

That any person who may give a donation

of £10 shall be entered in the list of members  
as a "Life Member" if desired by the donor to  
be so entered, such life member to have the  
same privilege as an ordinary member  
during any visit to this neighbourhood,  
or residence in the locality, and any person  
giving a donation of £1 shall be entered  
as an ordinary member for 12 months dating  
from the time of his subscription - if the donor  
desires to be so entered.

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1867  
1867  
Geo. Waddington.  
Chairman of the meeting at  
which the above rules were passed

Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 1864 —

At a meeting of the members of the  
Keld Literary Institute, held in the  
Reading Room of the Institute, and  
numerously attended, the following  
resolutions were passed. —

I. That Messrs Geo. Alderson, of Poy  
House; William Metcalfe, of Keld;  
James Peacocke, of Skensh Head;  
Joseph Tyrrell, of Keld; and the  
Rev. Geo. G. Waddington, be the building  
committee.

Proposed by Edmund Coates.

Seconded by George Sawcett.

Carried unanimously. —

~~II. Proposed by Rev. Geo. G. Waddington  
seconded by Mr Joseph Tyrrell  
that the librarians of the institute  
John Alderson & Ralph Alderson  
be the doorkeep (see further)~~

II. That the president, treasurer, secretary,  
and all the members of the institute  
be a committee to carry out the arrange-  
ments for the tea-party on Monday  
next. Proposed by Rev. G. G. Waddington  
Seconded by Mr Joseph Tyrrell -  
Carried unanimously

III. That the doorkeepers be the librarians,  
(John Alderson & Ralph Alderson,  
and that they receive the tickets of  
those who enter the tent.

Proposed by J. Tyrrell -  
Seconded by James Percival -  
Carried unanimously

Persons to fix the tent & tables, &c

Joseph Tyrrell.

Joseph Coates.

Christr Kearbow.

John Coates.

Edward Reynoldson.

Henry Metcalfe.

John Alderson.

Edmund Coates.

Ralph Alderson, &c

Augt 1867

Kisdon Force Sea party &c —  
— Keld. —

The Literary Institute. On Monday last, a sea party was held on Birk Hill, near Kisdon Force, on behalf of the Keld Literary Institute. The weather was all that could be desired. The prospect of the adjacent hills was unusually fine, and the alternate lights and shadows brought out the beauties of the varied & extensive landscapes in a manner which called forth the admiration of the hundreds of visitors, who scattered on mountain sides, or in the valleys, or ~~over~~ surveying the numerous waterfalls which abound in the rocky bed of the Swale, or amusing themselves on the rock immediately overhanging the principal waterfall, spent several hours in enjoying the glorious scenery which everywhere met the eye, and the strains of music which added greatly to the pleasure of the day. The Gunnside & Reeth Bands were in attendance all the afternoon, & played satisfactorily. Tea was provided in a large tent belonging to the Richmond Temperance Society.

About 5-70 persons sat down to tea. In the evening a public meeting was held in the tent, when Geo. A. Robinson, Esq of Hill House, Reeth, presided. The meeting was addressed by the Chairman, and also by the Revs Geo. G. Waddington, of Reeth; R. W. Broomfield, and Matthew White, of Reeth; J. P. Nicholson, Curate of Muker; and J. Watkinson, of Gammeside. After passing a vote of thanks to the Ladies who presided at the tables, & especially to those friends who had furnished tables gratuitously, the meeting united in a song of praise to the Great and Glorious giver of every good & perfect gift; and the company returned to their various places of abode highly gratified with the proceedings and results of the day.

G. G. M.

P.S. After paying all expenses, the tea-party left a balance of £8.11.11 in favour of the Literary Institute.

see Ripon & Richmond Chronicle  
for Aug 1867

Minutes of the thirteenth Annual Meeting  
of the Mutual Improvement Society, Kells  
held on the 23rd Nov. 1867.

On account of the large number of  
members present the usual Tea was held  
in the adjoining School room

In the absence of (Rev. G. G. Waddington)  
the president, Mr. William Melcuff was voted  
to be Chairman - the financial statement  
shows after an expenditure of 14 £. 11s. 0d. in  
purchase of Books &c. - a balance in favor  
of the Society of 4 £. 8s. 3d.

On the motion of Mr W. Melcuff  
seconded by Mr James Peacock & supported by  
Mr Edmund Cooke - the following resolution was  
unanimously adopted

That the members of this Society wish  
to place on record their sincere thanks to the  
Rev. G. G. Waddington for his valuable services cheerfully  
rendered to the improvement of the young men's  
minds during the winter & his services in  
connection with the improvement of the Institute

The following officers were duly elected for the  
ensuing year

President.	Rev G. G. Waddington
Secretary.	Mr. Joseph Jymeth
Treasurer.	Mr. Jno. Wilson
Librarian	{ " Jno. Alderson
	{ " Ralph Alderson

Treasurer's account examined & passed

Leads necessary to be taken for the ensuing  
year, also *Month Observer*, *Bookst.*  
*Workman*, *Chambers Journal*, *Cassell's*  
*Magazine*, & *Good Words*



Annual Meeting of the Keld  
Mutual Improvement Society held on  
the 21st. November 1868.

The Usual tea meeting was held in the  
New Room

Rev J. Woodland the president in the Chair  
The treasurer's account examined & passed

The following officers were elected

President.	Rev. J. Woodland
Secretary	H. Fancett
Treasurer	J. Wilson
Librarians	Jno. Alderson
	Ralph Alderson

Resolution

II - That a vote of thanks be given  
to Mr. Joseph Tyrrell for the efficient manner  
in which he has acted as Secy. and assistant-  
secretary for a number of years; also <sup>for his</sup> -  
earnest endeavours to promote the success of  
the society since it was instituted in  
1854.

Moved by E. Coates

Seconded by J. Wilson

Carried unanimously

11. That five shillings be given to the United Kingdom Alliance as an acknowledgment for receiving the Alliance News for the past year.

Proposed by John Alderson  
Seconded by C. W. Coates

Carried

Agreed to have the following papers May 4<sup>th</sup> following year  
Texas Mercury, Penwith Observer,  
British Workman & five magazines  
the following subsequently agreed to, viz -  
Sunday Magazine, God's World, Argosy,  
Chambers' Journal, Cassell's Magazine

Several persons having offered to clean the Rooms, it was decided by the ballot

May Watson having a majority, was duly declared to be the cleaner for a year - sum 3/4

Annual Meeting, held on the 19<sup>th</sup>  
of Nov. 1869.

A good attendance of members  
present - tea held in the New Room.

The Rev. J. Woollard the President on the Chair  
the Treasurer's account, which shows a  
balance of £1 5.11. d. 3. in favor of the Society  
passed.

The following were elected for the  
ensuing year.

President	—	Rev. Jas. Woollard
Secretary	—	Geo. Fawcett
Treasurer	—	John Wilson
Librarians	—	{ Mrs. Alderson Henry Metcalfe

The Leeds Mercury (daily), Leeds Observer,  
Alliance News to be Station for the next year,  
also the British Workman & three interesting  
Magazines

Ruth Mitealf's offer for cleaning & lighting  
the rooms for one year accepted —  
sum 34/-

Annual Meeting of the Keld Mutual  
Improvement Society held on the  
Literary Institute, November 18<sup>th</sup> 1870.  
the following officers were elected.

President	—	Rev. Jas. Woodard
Secretary	—	George Fawcett
Treasurer	—	John Wilson
Librarians	—	{ Henry Mitealf Edmund Coates

The Treasurer's account examined &  
passed.

5£ voted to be expended in purchasing  
new books, Leeds Mercury (daily), Christian  
World, and Alliance News, newspapers to be  
ordered for next year, also British Workman,  
Chambers's Journal, Gentlemen's Journal, & Good Words.  
Margaret Rubin was appointed to clean & light the  
rooms at the sum of £2.

Annual Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of November 1881.

Mr Edmund Coates in the chair.  
The treasurer's account shows a balance  
in hand of £4. 19. 6<sup>d</sup>.

The following officers  
were duly elected.

Rev. J. Balme - President. John Pukin, Secretary  
G. Sawett, assistant Secy. J. W. Taylor  
treasurer, and Ed<sup>d</sup> Coates and Christopher  
Metcalfe Librarians.

Newspapers to be taken - Leeds Mercury (daily)  
& Graphic Magazines - Chambers Journal,  
Good Words, Leisure Hour & British Workman

a List of Members of the

No	Names	When entered	Remarks
1	Rev. S. Wilkinson	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1854	Left the Society
2	J. A. Jackson	"	Left
3	Ralph Mutsaers	"	Left the Society
4	Thomas Sawcett	"	Left the Society
5	Joseph Sygwill	"	Left the Society
6	C. M. Mideman	"	Left the Society
7	John Scott	"	Left the Society
8	William Mideman	"	Left the Society
9	Thomas Cherry	"	Left the Society
10	Thomas Brown	"	Left
11	Richard Scott	"	Left the Society
12	John Taylor	"	Left
13	Richard Scott	Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> 1854	"
14	John Mutsaers	Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup> 1854	"
15	Miles Alderson	"	Left
16	Henry Mutsaers	"	"
17	Anthony Scott	"	Left
18	John Wilson	"	"
19	John Alderson, Thorns	Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup> 1855	Left the Society
20	Ralph Alderson	"	Left

# Mutual Improvement Society.

No	Names	When entered	= Remarks
21	John Alderson, Field.	Sep. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1855	Left
22	Thomas Alderson	Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1855	Left the Society.
23	George Alderson	. 27 <sup>th</sup> , 1856	Left the Society.
24	James Mullins	Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
25	George Alton		
26	William Alton		
27	Henry Metcalfe, Mill		
28	Thomas Pearce	Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup> , 1856	Left the Society
29	Thomas Metcalfe	.. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Left the Society
30	Christopher Pearce	. 18 <sup>th</sup>	
31	Henry Taylor	April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 1857	Left the Society.
32	James Lewis	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	
33	George Clarke	Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 1858	
34	Thomas Alderson	Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup> , 1858	Left the Society
35	Richard Parry	Sep. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1859.	
36	William Sawcett	Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1859.	
37	George Sawcett	Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1859	
38	Charles Alderson	"	
39	Charles Raiksbaw	"	
40	William Metcalfe	"	

A list of Members of the

No	Names	When entered	Remarks
	George Alderson		
41	James Throck	Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> 1860	Left
42	Thomas McCalfe	Nov 30 <sup>th</sup> - - -	
43	Edward Alderson	Nov 30 - - -	
44	Edmund Coates		
45	J. A. Scott		
46	James Alderson		
47	Thomas Alderson		Left
48	Richard Alderson		
49	Jos. Coates		Left the Society
50	E. W. Coates		
51	Geo. Coates		
52	Gas Sawett		Left
53	Simon Sawett		
54	John S. Kearton		Left
55	Henry Metcalfe		
56	Richard Metcalfe		
57	Chris Peacock		
58	John Peacock		
59	Robert Pulkis		
60	James Pulkis		
	John A. Sawett		



Mutual Improvement Society (continued)

No	Names	When entered	Remarks
61	G. Scott		
62	Joseph Woodlurd		Honorary Member
63	William Metcalfe	Dec. 26th 1868	Left
64	J. G. Goodchild	Sept. 17th 1869	Left the Society
65	John Caspikok	Jan 17th "	Left the Society
66	James Alderson, Tom	Jan. 17th "	Left " "
67	W. B. Smith	Dec. 17th "	
68	John Hensler	" " "	
69	Thomas Alderson, ben	" " 30	
70	Thomas J. Reynoldson	Jan 8th 1870	
71	John Metcalfe	Feb. 26th	
72	J. C. Goodchild	Aug 5th	Left
73	Simon Metcalfe	Oct 6th	Left
74	James Parrington	Nov 7th	
75	Thomas Metcalfe	Nov 11th	
76	J. P. Nicholas		Honorary Member
77	Robert Kistner Junior	Dec 11th 1870	Left
78	Richard Clarke	Dec. 16th 1870	
79	M <sup>r</sup> Park	April 18th 1871	Left
80	W. J. Severan	June 22nd 1871	
	Walderson	Dec. 6. 1870	
	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr	" " 1870	

A list of members of the

No	Name	When entered	Remarks
81	Thomas Wilson, son	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1871	
82	Benjamin Coates	" 11 <sup>th</sup> 1871	
83	Thos W. Taylor	" 11 <sup>th</sup> 1871	
84	James Luedow	" 11 <sup>th</sup> 1871	
85	William Ruckin	" 11 <sup>th</sup> 1871	
86	Robert Ruckin, S. Ward	" 11 <sup>th</sup> 1871	

1898 Annual Meeting -

The Annual Meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
The President in the Chair.

The minutes of past year adopted. also the  
Financial Report - which showed a Bal in hand  
of £2. 7. 6. afterwards corrected to £2. 9. 2

The Officers for next year were elected: -

President Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Crombie

Vice Pres. Mr Rob<sup>d</sup> Clarke

Treasurer Mr J. Bents Park Es.

Secretary Mr Cooper Metcalfe.

Librarians Messrs Rich<sup>d</sup> Metcalfe & Guy Reynolds

Papers closed: -

Leads Mercury weekly Sub. for one year

Lit Bets. for one year Rich<sup>d</sup> Cromwell one yr.

Cottages & Artizan 3 months -

Monthlies - Chambers Journal. Good Words  
& Pontists Workman.

The Secretary was authorized to provide  
a new Oil Bottle.

Librarians reported 6 Vols. missing

Sale of papers amounted to 11/8  
No acceptable tender for lifting & cleaning having  
been given. no appointment was made the

matter being left with the President & Secretary.

Wm Crowlitz, President

Half yearly meeting

was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. President  
in the Chair.

Sale of papers. Lit Bits 1/2 -

Daily Mercury unsold - Resolved not to be sold  
at less than 2/8 for half year.

Weekly Supt. 1/0.

Wm Crowlitz, President

Annual Meeting 1894.

The Annual Meeting was held on the  
24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 18 members present (including 5  
Junior) President in the Chair.

The Minutes of last Annual & half yearly  
meeting were read and adopted. Also the  
Financial report which showed a balance  
in hand of £2 - 18 - 7/2

Officers were elected as follows.

President. Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Crowlitz; Treasurer, Mr Rich<sup>d</sup>  
Clarke; Secretary, Mr John Leato Park House;  
Librarian, Mr Cooper Metcalfe; Messrs Rich<sup>d</sup> Metcalfe & Simon Veltman

Mr. Alderson of Rose Cottages having offered to light, fire & clean the Rooms for 12 months for £2.3.0. her offer was accepted.

The Secretary reported 19 members on the roll, and 6 juniors.

The Librarian reported 7 vols missing from the Library.

The following papers were chosen:—

Daily Leeds Mercury for whole year.

Weekly - Leeds M. weekly Sept. " "

" " Lib Bets " "

" " The Penny Illustrated. for 6 months

" " Farm & Home " "

Monthly. Chambers Journal for year

" " Strand Magazine . 6 months

" " Bristol Workman for year

It was resolved to have the Rooms repapered in spring. & to have the front door painted (framed).

In consequence of complaints of unbecoming conduct in the Rooms & of books being taken from the Library contrary to the rules. It was resolved that the rules on these points be written

and place in the room. and that the fines  
for transgressing the same be strictly enforced.

Papers sold as under:-

Leeds Mercury daily for half year	4/6	J. Scott
" " weekly Sept	1/3	J. Reymondson
Let it Be	2/1	G. W. Barker
Penny Illustrated	1/7	Rick <sup>d</sup> Meate
Farm & Home	1/4	Thos. Metcalf
Chambers Journal	Vol. 1/6	Ralph Meate
Good Words	Vol. 2/-	Chas. Alderson
British Workman for year	6 <sup>d</sup>	" "
Cleveland Mercury odd papers	3 <sup>d</sup>	Cooper Metcalf
	<u>15/0</u>	

half yearly meeting June 25-95

There were four members present. + two Jmrs.  
President in the Chair.

Sale of papers

Leeds Mercury to be in room for one  
offer at least 3/- for it.

Sept J. Reymondson 1/3

Let it Be Cooper Metcalf 1/-

Med Cleveland paper to be taken  
the last yr of year also Farm & Home

### Annual Meeting 1895.

The Annual Meeting was held on Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.  
10 members present; the President in the chair.

The Minutes of last Annual, & Half yearly Meetings  
were read and adopted. also the Financial Report  
to which showed a bal of £. 18/6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

The Secretary reported 16 full members & 2  
Juniors on the Roll. Two Vols missing.

### Election of Officers for 1896.

Pres. Rev Wm Crocker; Vice Pres. Mr Rich<sup>d</sup> Clarke;

Treas. Mr John Sesto park house; Secy. Mr Cooper Metcalf

Librarians - Simon Kilburn & Thos. F. Coates.

Mrs Alderson's tender to Let<sup>t</sup>. Clean & keep  
the rooms for £2.3.0 was accepted.

The following Papers were shown.

Daily. Leeds Mercury. for the year

Weekly. " " Weekly Supp. for the year

" Let Pits " " "

" Farm & Home for 9 months

" Mid Cumberland Herald. to be continued for the year

Monthly. Chambers Journal for year

" Strand Magazine " "

" British Workman " "

It was resolved to have the Large

Worn examined to see if water can be kept out;  
and if found he is bound to have it cleaned & painted  
in spring. Also that a fire be put on occasionally.

There was a suggestion to have a members supper  
after the next year. & the following were chosen to see  
if such can be held. Rev W Croucher, <sup>Wm</sup> Chris. Metcalfe  
Cooper Metcalfe, John Scott, J & Coates, Wm Alderson  
& Rilkens & John Reynolds. They to meet on Sat  
30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.

Newspapers &c sold as under:-

Leeds Mercury for 1/2 year	John Scott	£ - 3 - 0
Weekly Supt	Cooper Metcalfe	" - 1 - 0
Six Bits	W. Alderson	" - 1 - 9
Farm & Home 3 quarters	Rev W Croucher	" - 1 - 9
Mid Cumberland Herald 1/2 year	Jos & Coates	" - 1 - 1
Portsmouth workman for year	Cooper Metcalfe	" - 4 - 6
Chambers Journal, Vol.	Chris. Metcalfe	" - 1 - 6
Good news, "	Jos. Thornborough	" - 2 - 1
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	Wm Croucher President	£ - 12 - 8

Half yearly meeting  
June 27<sup>th</sup> 1896.

There were 10 members present. The  
president in the chair.

Papers were sold as follows.



Leeds Mercury for 1/2 yr ending Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> John Scott - 3/-  
 Weekly Supt. " " " " " " John Reynolds 1/1  
 Lib. Acts " " " " " " Cooper Metcalf 1/2  
 Mid. Cumb<sup>d</sup>. Herald for last yr. J<sup>r</sup> Thornborrow 1/2

It was decided to get the Mid Cumberland Herald  
 for the last yr of the year and that the Secty get  
 samples of 4 papers to choose one from at the  
 Annual Meeting. The Secty was also instructed to get  
 the Lamp repaired.

Wm Croucher Pres<sup>t</sup>

Annual Meeting. 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1896.

There were 11 members present. The  
 President was the Chairman.

The minutes of the Annual & half yearly meetings  
 were read and adopted, also the Financial  
 Report which showed a bal. of £ 2. 4. 0.

Librarians reported 4 vols missing from the library.

There were 14 full members & 4 Juniors on roll.

The following officebearers were elected:-

Pres. - Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Croucher; Secy - Mr Rick & Clarke

Treas. - Mr John Scott; Libr. - Mr Cooper Metcalf

Libr. Messrs Simon Kilburn & Tho<sup>s</sup> J. Coates.

The officebearers as above to the Executive.

Miss M. J. Almon was chosen by ballot vote to light & clean the room for the year. Salary £2.2.0.

The following papers &c were chosen.

Daily Leeds Mercury, with Weekly Sept for the year.

Weekly Lib Lib for the year.

" Mid Cumberland Herald, for 6 months

" Monthly Chambers Journal for year

" Strand Magazine -

" Portents Workman -

The Secretary was instructed to write for samples of papers or magazines to choose another from. Also to get the chairs which are out of order repaired.

It was also agreed to hold a general meeting on the 2nd Saturday of 1897, to consider ways & means for the purchase of a few new books.

Papers & magazines sold as under

Leeds Mercury for 1/2 year.	Mr John Scott	3/-
" Weekly Sept. " "	" Cooper & Co	1/6.
Lib Lib " "	" John Scott.	2/5.
Mid Cumb. Herald " "	" J. Thornbrow.	1/3.
Port Workman one year	J. Waggott.	9d.
Cham. <sup>Journal</sup> Magazine " "	" John Scott	1/11.
Strand Mag. " "	" H. & Coates	2/4.
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		7s-5

## Annual Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1898

On this date the Annual Meeting of the Institute was held  
a goodly attendance - & the President in the Chair

The minutes of former Annual & half yearly meetings were  
read and adopted. Also the Financial Report which  
showed a balance in hand of 24/0<sup>2</sup>. The Librarian  
reported a present of new books from G. A. Scott, Esq. of  
Fenchus Farm, Loughby, Bucks. a vote of thanks was  
accorded to Mr Scott for the same.

No. of members on the Roll. 13. + 4 Juniors.

Election of office bearers - Pres. Rev. Wm. Crowther  
Vice Pres. Mr Rich<sup>d</sup>. Clarke. Treas. Mr G. Scott; Secy. Mr  
Cooper Metcalfe. Librarian Messrs S. Kilburn & R. Rutter  
The above officers are the Executive.

Miss Mary Jane Alderson's tender for Lecturing during  
spring the room was accepted. viz £2-2-0.

The following papers were chosen. Daily - Leeds Mercury  
weekly - Leeds Mercury weekly Capt. Lett's - for one  
year. Mid Cumberland Herald - for six months - Monthly  
Chambers Journal, Strand Magazine & Punch both  
for one year.

Papers & Magazines sold as follows -

Leeds Mercury for 1/2 year Mr John Scott 3/-

	covered fund	
Leds Mercury weekly	Supt. 1/2 year	Mr S. Kelburne 3/-
Let Bets	" " " "	" " 2/3
Mid Cumberland Herald	" " " "	Mr Cooper 1/-
British Workman	one year	" D. Thornburn 7/-
Chamber's Journal	" " " "	C Metcalfe 2/2
Strand Magazine	" " " "	" " 2/8
3 months	" "	" " 3/-
		5 <sup>0</sup>
		13/10

Half yearly meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June 1898.

Sale of papers	Leds Mercury 1/2 yr	Mr S. Kelburne	3/-
Weekly Supt.	1/2 year	Mr C Metcalfe	1/-
Let Bets	1/2 " "	Mr Christ Metcalfe	1/8
Mid Cumberland	" " " "	Mr Cooper Metcalfe	6 <sup>0</sup>
			6/2

Mr C Metcalfe was appointed Librarian  
in room of Mr S. Kelburne resigned.

Annual Meeting - 26<sup>th</sup> Novr 1898.

The annual meeting was held on above date  
 Rev Wm Crowdie presiding 10 members present  
 Minutes were read and adopted. also the financial  
 report which showed a balance of 18/6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in hand  
 members on Roll 13. with 5<sup>0</sup> Juniors. State of  
 Library fair. one book had been long missing but it  
 its whereabouts had been discovered.

Election of officers. Pres: Rev. Wm Crowliss Vice Pres.  
Rev. C. Clarke. Treas John Scott. Secy Caspa Metcalf  
Librarians. Frank Metcalf & Robt Rippe. The above  
officers from the Executives.

Mrs. M. J. Aldersons offer to light clean etc for £2.2.0  
was accepted for the year.

Papers chosen -

Daily Leeds Mercury for one year  
Weekly Leeds Mercury Sept. - - -  
" Lib Bits - - -  
" Mid Cumbria Herald - - -  
Monthly. Chambers Journal. Strand Magazine & British  
Workman all for one year.

It was agreed to let the Co-operative Holiday  
Assoc. have the use of both rooms during the  
holiday season - for 20/- for the 5 weeks.

Agreed to place a box in the room for visitors  
subscriptions

Sale of papers -

Leeds Mercury 1/2 year 8/- Scott 3/- Weekly Sept 1/2 year 8/- Reynold's 1/6  
Lib Bits 1/2 year 1/9. Mid Cumbria 2 years 8/- Reynold's 1/3  
Chambers Journal. Christ. Metcalf 1/- Strand 8/- Scott 1/-  
Brit. Workman 6/- Frincaor. Caspa Metcalf 1/- Total sale 11/-

Passed 18<sup>th</sup> May 1889

Wm Crowliss

Chas. Rippe

Half yearly Meeting  
18<sup>th</sup> May 1899.

The Minutes were read and adopted.  
It was agreed to let the Holiday Assoc. have the  
use of the rooms for 3 weeks beyond the 5<sup>th</sup> agreed  
on at the Annual Meeting at the same rate of 5/- per  
week.

Mr Croucher stated that the Secretary of the  
Holiday Assoc. desired to have the rooms  
cleaned & repaired, & that the Assoc. would  
pay half the cost. The meeting agreed to  
accept this offer, & directed that Mr. Ho  
Metcalfe should be consulted as to the  
cost of painting the rear room with Cal-  
curion; repairing the plaster over the fireplace  
in the far room & cleaning the walls, also of  
painting all the windows outside & inside.

It was also agreed to provide blinds  
for the far room windows.

Papers sold:— Leeds Mercury John Lest 3/-  
Weekly Sept. John Reynoldson 4/- Mid. Count John  
Reynoldson 4/- Int. B. John Brown 2/3.

There were 10 members present Mr Croucher  
in the Chair.

## Annual Meeting

25 November 1899

The Annual Meeting was held on the above date, in the absence of the President.

John W. Reynoldson in the Chair  
Minutes read and adopted, also the  
Financial Report, which showed a Balance  
of £ 1-16-10 Members present 7 and  
3 Juniors. Total members on Roll. 15 and  
3 Juniors. One Book wanting called (Old  
curiosity Shop)

Election of Officers by Richard Clarke,  
Secy. Cooper Metcalfe, Treas. Thos. Farrington,  
Librarian; Frank Metcalfe, & Michael Rusing  
The Above Officers form the Executive

Decided by Ballot Miss Elizabeth Alderson  
to have the cleaning <sup>and lightening</sup> for one year for the Sum  
of £ 2-0 (Papers Chosen)

Leeds Mercury Daily, Weekly Supplement,

Tit Bits, Mid Cumberland Weekly, all for one  
Year. Graphic for one Quarter. Magazine's  
Chambers Journal & Strand for one Year  
(Papers Sold)

Leeds Mercury Daily. John Scott. 3-0

Weekly Supplement	J. W. Reynoldson	- 1-3
Tid Bits	- - - John Scott	-- 2-3
Mid Cumberland	J. W. Reynoldson	- 1-4
Graphics for one Quarter	S. Fawcett	3-6
Strand Magazine for one Year.		1-7
Chambers Journal.	Thos Parrington	2-1
Old odd. Magazine's sold for		2-11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total of Sale		<u>17-11<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Members Meeting Held Feby. 25/00  
 Mr Henry Bacey in the Chair.

Members present 16.

Moved that we have the Graphic for the next quarter.

Moved that Mr Thos. Metcalfe sweep the reading room chimney & to be paid accordingly.

Moved that the rules be written out & posted up in the room for the guidance of members.

Moved that Mr Bacey write Mr P. for subscriptions &c

Moved we have another Daily paper for the next quarter. That it be the Yorkshire Post.

The friends present collecting for same.

Graphic Sold to Mr C Metcalfe 3/6

Yorkshire Post Sold to Mr Hine 2/6

Henry Bacey