

I am taking these two Volumes together as Volume II got lost about half way through. A new book, Volume III was then used. Later Volume II re-surfaced and was then used up after Volume III. There is no mention of how the book came to vanish, or of where it was found. I have put the photocopies in chronological order.

There does not seem to be much "story" in these ten years. Also the splendid Scrap Book came to an end so there were no more cuttings to fill in details. The Minutes give a business-like account of a well-run, well organised Society. Nevertheless, the "sins of omission" cause endless frustration. Dates and months are meticulously noted but seldom include the year. Often the names of Secretary and Treasurer are omitted, and only the titles used. Points often raised at meetings are seldom mentioned again so one can only guess at the solution. Other times the solution is firmly stated without mention of the original point. I have made an endless list of lecture titles - over 600 excluding the many about King's Lynn. They sound so interesting and I should have loved to have heard them. There are Treasurer's Reports, mostly showing a balance of £60 or £70 in hand. The prices of everything in those days seem so unreal nowadays - or are our prices unreal? The occasional house repair to Welwick House is mentioned. "Stiffness in the Lecture Room" and arrangements were made to get the windows opened. Then "draughts were complained of".

They had a fairly steady membership of about 220. As ever, some of the members omitted to pay their subscriptions so one finds occasional mention of reminder circulars being sent out. I have found no comprehensive lists of members, though there must have been some at the time. Names of members who had not paid for two years were said to have been removed from the membership list. Cambridge Extension lectures were arranged over a number of years. Many of these were held in the High School Hall (rent free) and tickets were sold. Members paid 6/- and Scholars 3/- if their names were on school registers.

One series of lectures is mentioned as having cost £42. There seems to have been a small deficit after each series, despite a usual attendance of over one hundred who had paid.

Various pieces of photographic equipment were purchased from time to time, though usually the price was not mentioned. They had a piano fund and eventually a Hopkinson piano was purchased for £65 in 1920, (secondhand I believe). Recently I came across a Mr. Leask, now residing in Hillington Square. He used to tune the piano and remembered the instrument, but not its make. A piano stool was purchased for 10/- in 1922. (I wonder what they used in the meantime?). Then, moving with the times, came the great day in 1924 when permission to erect an aerial mast over Welwick House was given, so that members could "play their wireless sets" there. I wonder what they were like? Surely not portables yet! In December 1921 Mr. Cockle purchased a Lantern Outfit for the sum of £7.10.0, (with a blow through jet, sheet and stand). How alarming this sounds! The hire of slides is mentioned @ £1.15.0 but there is nothing of the quantity or the subjects.

That is really all of note to be found in Volumes II and III.