

ACCOUNT.

31st January, 1915.

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						£	s.	d.			
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By Subscriptions :											
Members	1,101	3	8			
Associate Members	40	19	11			
Associates	18	8	9			
Graduates	10	18	9			
Companions	54	13	9			
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						£1,226	4	10			
.. Less Subscriptions in Advance—											
Members..	88	15	0			
Associate Members	4	2	6			
Associates	2	5	10			
Graduates	0	13	9			
Companions	1	18	6			
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.. Interest :											
Consols 2½%	22	9	3			
Transvaal 3% Stock	5	12	6			
Local Loans	13	18	3			
India 3% Stock	11	2	6			
Metropolitan Water Board 3% Stock	11	5	8			
Deposit	5	5	11			
Caledonian Railway 4% Stock	9	4	7			
New South Wales 4% Stock	15	3	7			
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.. Transactions Section									15	16	7
.. Advertisements									158	7	0
.. General Revenue :											
Telephone	0	6	0			
Billiards	1	1	4			
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.. Experimental Department :											
Donation				2	0	0

 £1,400 2 5

ANNUAL DINNER ACCOUNT.

Dr.		£ s. d.		Cr.
1915			1914.	£ s. d.
Jan 31.	To Tickets unpaid and irrecoverable	2 12 6	Jan. 31. By Balance from last Account	14 13 10
„	„ Balance carried to Balance Sheet	12 1 4		
		<u>£14 13 10</u>		<u>£14 13 10</u>

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

Dr.		£ s. d.		Cr.
1915.			1914.	£ s. d.
Jan. 31.	To Books Purchased	3 15 6	Jan. 31. By Balance from last Account	13 0 6
„	„ Balance	19 2 0	1915.	
		<u>£22 17 6</u>	Jan. 31. „ Donations	<u>9 17 0</u>
		<u>£22 17 6</u>		<u>£22 17 6</u>

Mr. A. H. MATHER (Hon. Treasurer), submitted the balance sheet and after reading the report of the chartered accountants, continued: I should like to make an apology for not being in a position to place the printed accounts in your hands earlier. As you know, we have been deprived of the services of the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Norman Stewart, who has joined His Majesty's Forces (Seaforth Highlanders). He is now in training with the battalion in Surrey and was granted leave of absence on full pay, a concession of which I am sure you will all approve; this accounts for part of the delay. Then the accountants have taken longer than usual, their staff having also been reduced for similar reasons, so that I trust you will excuse the delay. The chartered accountants refer to the differences between the subscriptions of this year and last year. The subscriptions, although the membership is larger, have decreased. This is due to the larger proportion of arrears. Owing to the war the location of many of the members is altered; the postal service from abroad is also delayed, but I think that it can be taken that the bulk of the arrears will be sent in later.

With regard to the accounts, a few points may be noted, which will show that the funds of the Institute are in a very good condition. During the year we have increased our investments from £1,975 to £2,963, an increase of nearly £1,000. The interest received on these investments amounts to £94 2s. 3d., as compared with £81 13s. 0d. from last year. This in itself is a very satisfactory feature, as it has been possible to invest this money without curtailing in any way the work of the Institute. At one or two points it has been possible to reduce expenses; the cost of the transactions is over £100 less than in the previous year, principally owing to there being a smaller number of illustrations in this year's papers than in the previous year. The illustrations form a very expensive part of the Transactions.

The balance of the dinner account carried forward from last year amounts to £12 1s. 4d. This is being carried forward as a reserve for a future occasion, when we may be able to again hold our annual dinner.

The balance of the revenue accounts of £394 4s. 11d. is a very satisfactory result for the year's working, and this, instead of being invested as we have done usually, will be devoted towards the payment of part of the cost of the new buildings.

There is no special report from the City Premises' Committee, but I may say that since the close of the financial year, the work of the Committee has been completed and the whole management of the fund and the premises is now invested in the Council of the Institute. The balance of the City Premises' Fund on the 31st January, 1915, amounted to over £230, and since that date, subscriptions amounting to over £120 have been received. The fund itself is not closed, as there is still a certain amount required to complete the cost of the premises, and the Council will be as grateful at receiving subscriptions to-day, as the original Committee would have been. I think the members have been kept fairly well posted with regard to the amounts received for the new premises and as regards the remaining liabilities. I might say that about £1,500 is still required to cover the total outlay. £1,000 of this sum is now due to the builders. This is being met by the first instalment of the loan which has been arranged with the bank, and by the balance of last year's working accounts of the Institute. The final payment of £500 is not required until six months after taking possession of the premises. The old premises at Stratford have been let on a repairing lease with option of purchase at a price which, if carried through, will more than cover the present outstanding balance and the cost of the new premises.

The absence of the Assistant Secretary has necessitated some extra expenditure for clerical work, which, under the circumstances, I am sure you will not object to.

The CHAIRMAN: The reports we have just listened to are, I think, very satisfactory; it rests with the members to move their adoption. It is gratifying to know that we can pay off the debt on these premises with our present assets.

Mr. MILTON: I do not wish to throw cold water on the encouraging words of the Chairman, but, I must remark that to pay off the debt in the manner proposed, means that you have got to take away the funds that the Institute has been accumulating year by year. We wanted to raise the whole amount required for these City Premises by our special effort, but we have not succeeded by about £1,500. Now, we have been working as an Institute for many years, and it does seem a pity to appropriate for this purpose the capital which has been slowly accumulated as a reserve to enable our Institute to meet unfore-

seen liabilities in the future. We still think that members should use every effort to get the £1,500 without having to encroach on these accumulated funds.

The CHAIRMAN: It was not my intention to say that we did not want any more subscriptions.

Mr. HAWTHORN: It is a source of great satisfaction to us all that we can hold our first meeting in the new premises without a load of debt which we cannot at once meet. Arrangements have been made so that our premises at Stratford may be sold, and meantime we have more than sufficient assets to clear what is owing.

Mr. R. LESLIE: As Chairman of the City Premises' Committee, I quite agree with Mr. Hawthorn that the premises at Stratford will be let for a certain amount, and that amount of rent will meet what we have to pay the bank as overdraft. I also agree with Mr. Hawthorn in saying that we are not in debt, but at the same time we must bear in mind that the principle we have before us is that we wish to raise the whole of the money clear of the Institute funds. This we have failed to do to some extent. But I feel fairly certain that if everyone does his little bit of pushing, that the members of the Institute of Marine Engineers will collect the £1,500 wanted, and that we will get on independent of the money invested. It only means everyone putting their shoulder to the wheel and trying to clear the £1,500 right off, thus leaving the building at Stratford free to let or to sell. If sold we can then invest the money, and add to the present investments.

The CHAIRMAN: Does any member wish to say anything more?

Mr. J. DEWRANCE: I have much pleasure in moving the adoption of the reports. It has been extremely gratifying to the members of the Institute to feel that they have acquired these magnificent premises. To be able to argue that we are, or are not, in debt is a good sign. I am sure that many of our friends in the shipping line have been doing so well during the recent year that they ought to give us a good helping hand. With regard to membership, I think that this extremely busy time has militated against increase in the membership, but I feel that it is incumbent on present members to bring in as many of their friends as they can, and make the number up to

2,000, and I hope that by the time we hold the next annual meeting this will have been done. With regard to the papers read there are a number which are of the very greatest interest to marine engineers, and everybody must feel great benefit from the reading and discussion of papers. I hope that these meetings in the future will be more numerous and even better attended than they have been in the past owing to the more central position of the Institute. Those who hear the papers read must learn a good deal from them, and those who write them also derived benefit. The investigations and researches necessary to write one of these papers has an improving effect upon those who write them. I have much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the reports.

Mr. J. R. RUTHVEN: I have pleasure in seconding the adoption of the reports.

Mr. J. T. MILTON: Mr. Dewrance was kind enough to refer to the papers we have had during the year. He has stated that anyone who sets himself to write soon finds how little he knows. Mr. Dewrance is one of the first authorities in subjects connected with bronze and gun metals, and I think it would be a good thing if he would realise, it might help to increase even his own great knowledge by giving us a paper on the subject.

Mr. JOHN CLARK: A very pleasing duty has been entrusted to me, and I rise with great pleasure to endeavour to discharge it to the best of my ability, that is to move a vote of thanks to our retiring President, Sir Archibald Denny, for the faithful manner in which he has presided over the Institute for the past year. The record of his past term of office has been quite an eventful one in the history of the Institute, as it has been marked by great progress and success, which, I am sure you will all agree, that the present building we now occupy indicates. In selecting Sir Archibald Denny to the Presidency during the past year, and securing his gracious consent to serve another year as President, we have been most fortunate and happy in our choice, as we have not only secured a gentleman greatly distinguished in the shipbuilding profession to which we, as marine engineers, are so closely allied, but also a man beloved by all who have had the privilege of coming into contact with him, for his genial manner and the true and earnest endeavours shown for the advancement of industry and commerce. We shall not readily forget the address he gave us at the inauguration of the new premises in January last, and

the suggestive hints he then put forth in the interests of the engineers. The awards he inaugurated, for instance, to encourage research in practical work, shows the warm interest he takes in the welfare of the Institute personally. This remark applies equally to all members of the Denny family regarding whom I regret my limited vocabulary makes it impossible for me to express the true sentiments and feelings of the members of the Institute, how much we are indebted to the Denny family for all they have contributed towards the welfare and support of the Institute. We have only to recall the name of the late Dr. Denny to our minds (one of our early Presidents) whose name will remain revered in this Institute as having inaugurated the gold medal, which so many members of the Institute compete for yearly and of which it is such a distinguished honour to be the possessor. I consider we have much on which to congratulate ourselves in having so notable a family, give so much of their time and energy to promote the interests of our Institute, particularly as we know the active and busy life which they are all engaged in. I fear I am taking up much more time than is desirable, as there is so much other business to get through, so I will now conclude. I have very much pleasure in moving that we record a very hearty vote of thanks to our President, Sir Archibald Denny, and wish him long life and prosperity, and we shall all feel glad to welcome him back in our midst again to continue as our President for another year.

Mr. J. CLARK: It gives me very great pleasure to second the vote of thanks to our retiring President. I claim a little consideration from my hearers, for I feel that the gentleman who should have seconded this would have done it very much better than I am able to do. Our presidents always give us of their best, and the least we can do is to give them our best thanks. At the same time, I am perhaps not out of order in recalling a remark of Mr. James Denny when he occupied the President's chair. The point has remained with me, and it was to the effect that we did not take enough out of our presidents. On many occasions it would help the Institute if it were possible to secure the presence of our President at some of our ordinary meetings. Mr. James Denny's suggestion is not to be lost sight of. Mr. Clark has spoken of Sir Archibald Denny in connection with some of the work he has done here and elsewhere, and I agree most heartily that we can congratulate ourselves on having such a President. Sir Archibald has given us his opinion and views very fully on the value of research work,

and I am hopeful that this will bear fruit in the near future. I have much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks.

MR. JAS. M. DEWAR: I am sure that we all welcome the opportunity of expressing our regard and appreciation for our Office Bearers and Members of Council for the services they have rendered to the Institute; we have had a very pleasing report from our Hon. Secretary and our Hon. Treasurer, and these Office Bearers and the Council have fulfilled their duties in the most thorough way. I venture to hope that any little handicap which may still exist in connection with the premises will be relieved during the year, and that a happy change of circumstances by the end of the present year will be brought about, so that the ordinary duties of life will be considerably lightened. An important service has been rendered by those who have ungrudgingly given of their own private time and labour to further the work of the Institute. I have much pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the Office Bearers and Council of the Institute.

MR. A. ROBERTSON: It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity of seconding this proposal, more especially as we meet on a very auspicious occasion, the first annual meeting in the new premises. This tends to throw the Office Bearers and Council more particularly into the limelight than they have previously been in affairs connected with the Institute. As you know, this Institute has been fortunate in having at the head of its affairs, men who possessed the thorough business knowledge requisite to carry it on. We have men who are fitted in every way to carry on the affairs of the Institute in the future as in the past, and we feel we can trust the work in their hands, if we can look forward in the future to having the same satisfactory state of things, we shall all have occasion to feel deeply thankful. I have great pleasure in seconding the vote.

MR. GEORGE ADAMS: The fact of my rising to respond to this vote of thanks will bring home to your minds very powerfully the announcement previously made as to the loss sustained by the death of Mr. Joseph Hallett, who was Chairman of Council. That fact, of course was known to you, but it is more particularly emphasised, when the duties and responsibilities devolve on the Vice-Chairman. It is the inevitable law of nature that these losses and changes must come about as time moves on, and we cannot say anything beyond that. Mr. Hallett, as you know, held the office of Chairman during a most momentous period in the development of the Institute. More

especially in connection with this building, the Vice-Chairman was closely associated with him, and had ample opportunity of seeing the many sides of Mr. Hallett's work in pushing forward the details towards completion and everyone must realise the amount of time he gave in the interests of the Institute. The Members of Council and the Office Bearers were voted by the members into their respective offices, and it is a satisfaction to know, at the end of the year, that they fulfilled their obligations not only towards those who are present, but to that greater number who are away at sea, serving the Empire in different parts of the world. It has been the endeavour of all to do their duty towards the members, to see that the funds are well and wisely expended, and that their interests are studied. You have heard of what Lord Fisher has done in connection with the Royal Navy, and the position of the engineers in the Service, and must also see that, in the future, things will be different with marine engineers as a body, because of this action. The present crisis has brought the marine engineer into prominence, and I think I may say that there has never been a time when the mercantile engineer could have shown his abilities to better advantage, so that the nation, as a whole, can recognise the value of the engineer's training to the country and also to the Empire, whether in the Royal or in the Merchant Navy. I thank you on behalf of the members of Council and Office Bearers for your vote of thanks.

Mr. MATHER: I rise to propose a vote of thanks to the honorary auditors, Mr. J. Clark and Mr. Robertson, who have been ready at any moment to come and assist in this work, when called upon during the year. They have made suggestions of value to us in keeping the accounts and money of the Institute in proper form, and these suggestions have been much appreciated.

Mr. HAWTHORN: When one comes to realise the amount of labour there is in going through the details of the accounts, one must be struck with the amount of work to be tabulated to make the details clear. I have much pleasure in seconding this vote of thanks.

Mr. R. LESLIE: It gives me much pleasure to ask you to agree to passing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Archer, our Hon. Solicitor. He has done a great deal of extra work in connection with the City premises, as there were various matters of detail connected with the Institute's new premises which had to be handled from a legal aspect. Mr. Archer has done this

good work well, and saved us much expense and worry, and has seen that all has been carried out in a correct and orderly manner. I am therefore very pleased to propose this vote of thanks.

Mr. G. S. RANGDALE: I have very great pleasure in endorsing this vote of thanks, and wish to make a proposal that Mr. Archer be re-elected for the coming year as Hon. Solicitor.

Mr. P. SMITH: I rise to propose a vote of thanks to the City Premises' Committee. They have shown the deepest interest in the work they undertook—a splendid work carried out in the face of great difficulties. I couple the name of Mr. Leslie with this vote, it was a pet theory of his for years, to have City premises and now the result is attained. Our best thanks are due to the Committee for the work which they have done.

Mr. W. McLAREN: I second this vote of thanks—it is more than a vote of thanks—it is a vote of confidence that was placed in the gentlemen forming this Committee. We are sorry one of them has passed away, it is a call we must all obey sooner or later. The City Premises' Committee have our confidence and our thanks for what they have accomplished.

The CHAIRMAN: I may say here that I cannot claim to have done a great deal of work myself as a member of this Committee, but many members of the Committee worked hard, and we all have desired to make this Institute a success, worthy of the profession of marine engineers. There may be people who do not quite appreciate marine engineers or understand the importance of their work, but when they see a building such as this and realise the value of the work carried on by the Institute, it may have a beneficial effect. I remember that Mr. Leslie was always a strong advocate for acquiring City premises, but we could not see how we were going to meet the financial side of the transaction, as we examined many sites and buildings years ago, without reaching anything definite. The scheme was dropped for a time, and then revived three or four years ago. The result we now have is very satisfactory compared with the cost. It was long before we got a site we could look at, and we are indebted to Mr. Rosenthal, I think, for obtaining this site. I am sure that the Committee is highly pleased, and no one could be better pleased than Mr. Leslie, the Chairman of the Committee, for he always persisted that it could be done. It is not only the present I am thinking about, but the future, and we have something to be proud of in having given this building to posterity.

Recommendations and suggestions are now invited from members. This opportunity has been placed on the programme for many years. It gives every member a right to rise and ask for information on any subject connected with the Institute, and I think it a very useful item. A member may have an idea that improvements could be made in the conduct of the work; now is his opportunity to speak.

Mr. J. R. RUTHVEN: When I first came to these premises I was greatly struck with them—everything was beautiful. Then I was taken down into the basement, and learned that there was a project of sub-letting this; I think it is a very wrong thing to entertain the idea of having anyone on the premises but ourselves. All the rooms are occupied, but I see there is no suitable proper workshop or drawing office. My recommendation is that we should keep the basement for our own use and not let a part of the premises.

Mr. P. SMITH: I should like to make a suggestion that we might do something more to assist young engineers in finding situations. I have met junior engineers who, when they were asked: "What does the Institute do for you?" answered, "Nothing." Other societies do much for their members; solicitor's advice is available for their benefit, and a lot of good has been done in that way. I do not suggest more than that there should be a record kept of young men of good character and good experience, who want situations. There is of course plenty of work now, but in a few years' time, it may be the reverse. It would require one of the members of Council, who would take that under his supervision. I have been made the medium for securing young engineers for a small steamship company, and I got the first man from the Institute in Stratford, and naturally thought I could apply there at any time. Cards with the ages and qualifications of engineers wanting appointments were placed on a board for that purpose. In one case, an appointment was made for one to come to the Institute and meet me. But some time afterwards I got a letter saying he was very sorry, but was away and would call when he came back. He ought to have informed the Institute that he had obtained a situation. All such candidates, as soon as they get an appointment, should communicate with the Institute, and inform them of the fact. I have been much disappointed that the Institute has not been more available for the securing of situations for its members.

Mr. HAWTHORN: As convener of the junior section, I have the young engineers under my wing. The board referred to is

already here in the hall. The Institute was instrumental in the appointing the chief engineer for the Antarctic expedition ship, and I believe we are frequently asked to recommend engineers, and do respond to this appeal whenever it is in our power to do so. Perhaps we have not sufficiently advertised the fact that we do secure situations for young men.

The HON. SECRETARY: By request of the Chairman, I rise to supplement Mr. Hawthorn's remarks. We have been, as an Institute, instrumental in recommending a large number of junior engineers to situations which they have filled creditably, as a good many outside and inside our membership can testify. I am surprised that there is an impression that we have been neglectful of our juniors and of our opportunities. What Mr. Hawthorn has mentioned regarding our recommendation of the chief engineer for the Shackleton Expedition is an instance to show that we have been asked to recommend engineers for special work. We have been invited from time to time, for many years past, to recommend engineers for appointments, when such are available, so that the knowledge that the Institute recommends engineers, extends beyond the actual membership of the Institute, and it certainly ought to be within the knowledge of our members that the Institute does help in this way. The notice board for cards giving names and references of applicants is a very old institution, and even now is placed in the entrance hall of our new premises.

Mr. SMITH: I do not wish to cast any reflection on anybody, but Mr. Hawthorn knows perfectly well that the Institute does not supply all the men wanted. There is no proper system of registration; you want to have a system which will supply you not only with the names, but also with the qualifications of the young men; it would be a great boon to shipowners, and to shipbuilders and engineers. Of course these remarks apply mainly to small companies, and I am sure that it would also be a boon to the young men themselves.

Mr. HAWTHORN: I wish to emphasise the fact that we do so, and have done so for the last 20 years. The cards filled in by the applicants state their qualifications. The young man referred to by Mr. Smith should certainly have given notice that he had obtained a job and gone away. That was not the fault of the Institute.

Mr. B. P. FIELDEN: I agree with Mr. Smith that the Institute of Marine Engineers should be made more attractive for

the young engineers, and that certificated engineers should receive the protection of the Institute.

In the course of a year numbers of applications for positions on vessels come to me, but I do not remember having one where an applicant has stated he was a Member or Graduate of the Institute of Marine Engineers, and I think this state of affairs should not exist.

Mr. GEO. ADAMS: Enquiries are often put through to members of the Council, or other members, to recommend engineers for appointments. I think it is because of their association with this Institute. We supply engineers when we can, and I myself have recommended many young fellows when invited to do so.

Mr. TIMPSON: I support Mr. Smith's view, although what Mr. Hawthorn and Mr. Adamson have said is quite true, we ought to make this a more prominent feature. We should help our members all we can, and any assistance within the scope of the Institute should be given to those wanting employment, in fact we want to make the Institute a real centre for the marine engineer with particular attention to the interests of those associated with us.

The CHAIRMAN: The same question was raised some years ago in order to make the Institute a medium for obtaining appointments. It was then considered by some members to be undesirable to press the subject too far, or to give it too much prominence.

Mr. J. T. MILTON: It seems to me that the fault lies chiefly with the young men who do not put their names down. A prominent notice might be put in the monthly issue of Transactions. The younger members would then know that such a scheme is in existence. At present, I believe, the greater number of the young men do not know that they can put their names on the notice board.

The CHAIRMAN: I suggest that the Council should make it known more generally that the Institute is ready to recommend young members for situations, and it is very desirable that the young men should have an opportunity of making their wants known.

Mr. HAWTHORN: I endorse Mr. Milton's suggestion, and would ask whether it would be out of place to print a form,

which could be filled in by candidates for posts, and which could be forwarded to would-be employers when inquiries were received.

Mr. MILTON: There is one very important point which I wish to emphasise, and that is that it should be incumbent on candidates to let us know as soon as they have obtained a situation.

Mr. R. BALFOUR: Much has been said of the young engineer, I should like to say a word for the certificated engineer, for the man who, from time to time, through no fault of his own, finds himself without work. It behoves us to do something also for the older members, as well as for the young engineers.

Mr. B. P. FIELDEN: I am also of opinion that this would be a very useful measure, and I suggest that if forms are to be filled up it should be mentioned that the candidate is a member of the Institute of Marine Engineers. I would also not forget the engineer who has not got a certificate, but would give every assistance and encouragement to our graduates to help them to get on and to make a good start.

The CHAIRMAN: I make the proposal that the Hon. Secretary be asked to place the two proposals on the Agenda for the Council meeting with regard to both the junior and the senior engineer. We are all engineers, and wish to do all we can to further the interests of our own profession. I therefore propose that it be placed before the Council; also that it is desirable to take steps to enable young men without certificates to work up and obtain them, and then become full members of the Institute.

Mr. JOHN McLAREN: May I suggest that it would add strength to the Institute if we had a patrons' list; the King, or the Prince of Wales might be asked to head that list. This would advertise the Institute and add to its influence. We have vice-presidents and well-known past presidents of influence, but I think we should consider this point beyond. In going over his accounts, Mr. Mather mentioned the Dinner Fund credit. May I suggest that we give £10 of that money to the Building Fund? The marine engineers are doing a great national service in the present crisis, and I hope they will receive more consideration in the future. I hope the Council will do their utmost to get the services of the engineer of the merchant service recognised.

MR. MATHER: Mr. McLaren has raised an interesting point. As there was no dinner last year, and as he being first convener has raised this matter, I would support his proposal even to the full amount of the credit being placed to the Premises' Fund.

The CHAIRMAN: It is moved by Mr. McLaren, and seconded by Mr. Mather, that the dinner credit be placed to the reduction of the Building Fund. I put it to the meeting. It is agreed.

MR. E. W. ROSS: We have examined the voting papers and analysed the results, these are as follows:—The President, Sir Archibald Denny; the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Jas. Adamson; and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Mather.

The following, in alphabetical order, have been elected for the Council:—

Mr. J. Blackett.
 Mr. Thomas McLellan.
 Mr. Alf. Robertson.
 Mr. J. H. Silley.
 Mr. F. M. Timpson.

MR. MILTON: It is my pleasant duty to propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman. I am sure you will all agree with me that he has been a most excellent Chairman. We all recognise the valuable services he has given to the Institute; he has served as member of Council afterwards for some years as Chairman of Council, and has been for very many years a vice-president. He is always willing to come and preside over our meetings. He is a man who by his own industry and push and integrity, has advanced to the very highest rank as an engineer connected with the mercantile marine in the Government service. I propose a vote of thanks to him, not only as Chairman of this meeting, but as one of the most loyal and consistent supporters of the Institute of Marine Engineers.

MR. B. P. FIELDEN: I have pleasure in seconding.

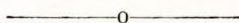
The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I thank you. It is very pleasant to be well thought of by those with whom one is associated in the business of life, and Mr. Milton, out of the kindness of his heart has paid me a very high compliment indeed, which, although I am afraid I have done but little to deserve, I value very much as coming from Mr. Milton, and especially as it

has been so cordially endorsed by you. I must say that the little I have tried to do has always met with a most hearty and ready response, and I am indebted to the members of the Institute for the kindness they have shown to me on all occasions. I also thank Mr. Fielden for so kindly seconding the motion.

I note with great satisfaction that the Council have decided to write a letter to Lord Fisher, thanking him for the great service he has rendered to the profession of marine engineer. We propose to ask Lord Fisher to accept the position of Hon. Member of the Institute; and I feel confident that his Lordship will value the compliment we are desirous of paying him.

Mr. MILTON: A propos of Lord Fisher, it seems to me that it is not desirable to have patrons. If we could also have H.M. the King, or the Prince of Wales as Hon. Members, I think it would do the Institute a great deal of honour, but we do not want patrons.

Mr. J. McLAREN: It has been suggested among the retiring members of Council, that we present a cup to be played for each year on the billiard table. The five retiring members, of whom I am one, have left it with me to make this proposal and to ask your acceptance of the offer now made.



Lloyd's Scholarships.

It is gratifying to report that the holders of the Lloyd's Scholarships have acquitted themselves very satisfactorily at the Glasgow University classes during the past session, each of them having taken first places in several of the subjects.

Mr. G. A. Murray Brown (2nd year) has passed with distinction the examinations, and has obtained the degree of B.Sc. Since then he has devoted himself for military service, and has received a commission in the Royal Engineers (T.).

Mr. C. P. Tanner (first year) has passed his examinations creditably, and is now back to the workshop in the service of Messrs. D. Rowan & Son, Glasgow.

The Awards Committee has much pleasure in receiving such favourable reports.

J.A.