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Jan 2'14.

1.

At the meeting of the Council held on Friday, January 2, 1914,
at 5 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Acting Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of December 17 are confirmed and signed by
the Chairman. With regard to that under the heading of
Chinese Education, the Chairman states that Mr Nieh's suggestions
as to the curriculum of the proposed school in the Eastern District
were to be referred to the Chinese Educational Committee as well as
to the Permanent Educational Committee; and this course has been
adopted. With regard to
Chinese Government Detectives. Mr Figge states that Admiral Tseng's
detectives should be described as having been associated with a recent
murder in the Settlement, the reference to bombs etc being omitted.
Mr Figge's enquiries have awaited receipt of further information
through the Captain Superintendent of the French Police, but this is
not yet forthcoming, and the French Authorities are believed to be
averse to publication.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of
December 19 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of December 19 are
submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Shanghai Library Committee of December 19
are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of
December 23, are submitted and confirmed.

Police Report for November. A letter from the Consular Body transmits
a communication from the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs, relating
to the Report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for November,
published in the Municipal Gazette of December 11. The Special Envoy
complains of subtleties of wording which seem to reflect upon the

methods or objects of the local officials. It is evident that Mr Yang's impression is due to misunderstanding of the Report, for the Captain Superintendent's comments mention only political parties: he makes no reference to the Government officials, except in the course of quoting a detective report. No reply appears to be necessary to Mr Yang's letter, but the Chairman undertakes to ascertain whether the Consular Body awaits a reply from the Council on the subject.

Chinese Government Decoration.

The Chairman has received a printed notification from Admiral Tseng Ju-cheng, offering him the Military Decoration of the First Class for assisting military operations at Shanghai during last summer, and the Chairman, having consulted H.M. Consul General, reads a draft reply making reference to the fact that without the assent of H.M. Minister he cannot accept the decoration, but worded to express his feeling that the decoration should not be refused outright. Mr White-Cooper submits an alternative draft for the second paragraph, expressing appreciation of the decoration as an honour conferred. The members prefer Mr White-Cooper's draft, but the Chairman undertakes to submit these alternative replies to H.M. Consul General, and to be guided by his choice.

Taxation beyond Limits.

The reply to Mr Toeg's letter on the subject of the 6 per cent Rate paid on property south of the Great Western Road has been submitted, and Mr Ezra does not favour making any mention of Settlement Extension as a solution of the question. After a brief discussion the members concur in his view.

Mental Ward.

With regard to the case of Mr A. Diesing, an inmate of the Mental Ward, as to whom an application for repatriation was made to the Consul General for Germany some months ago, a reply was received from Dr Knipping that Diesing does not stand under German protection, and that neither protection nor support can be given him by German officials or by the German Consulate General. In commenting upon this reply the Health Officer has submitted a form signed by Mr von Buri in June 1911 accepting responsibility to pay £3 per day, and promising to provide any judicial order that might be required by the law, and to remove the patient from the Home if still remaining after six months. Mr Figge states that this was a private arrangement between Mr von Buri, Dr von Schub and others, but after some consideration agrees that the form to which the Health Officer refers, might be verbally brought to the notice of the German Consul General in order to ascertain what view he takes thereof and this will accordingly be done.

Olympia Cinematograph.

The Chairman recounts the course of negotiations which have taken place between himself and the Spanish Consul General and the result of a meeting which was arranged on December 29, when the requirements of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, as to the construction of the building were discussed, somewhat modified, and agreed to.

Tenders for Hose.

In response to an application by the Waterworks Company and other tenderers, the extension of the date for receipt of tenders for hose for the Fire Brigade until January 8 is authorised.

Public Band.

The Conductor in a Report submitted describes the unusually arduous nature of the musicians' work during the last week, and recommends that the concert appointed for the forthcoming Sunday be omitted: the members are not in favour of this suggested departure from the ordinary routine, and the Conductor's suggestion is not entertained.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

E. L. P.

Chairman.

F. Macdonald
Acting Secretary.